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BONAIRE BRIEFS

- Island News and Hotel Happenings -

Kralendijk, Bonaire – (July 10, 2006) – The Dutch Caribbean island of Bonaire offers something for everyone - families, divers, adventurers and sun seekers. Here is some of the latest news from the Island.

All Around the Island

AB CARRENTAL – AB Carrental is offering specials through December 21, 2006: divers rent a Mazda double cabin pick-up truck for only \$30 per day or \$200 per week or non-divers rent a Kia Picanto, a four-door economy car for just \$27 per day or \$175 per week. Other cars are also available. Email: info@ABcarrental.com, Website: www.ABcarrental.com.

BONAEROCUB – Bonaire now has its own flying club, the BonAeroClub with a Cessna 172, the world's most popular training plane. For non-pilots or those interested in seeing Bonaire from a new perspective, the AeroClub offers sightseeing trips along the coastline of the island. For people interested in becoming a pilot Bonaire has the ideal conditions to learn how to fly and FAA licensed instructors available. Website: www.bonaeroclub.com.

BOWALIE BONAIRE SAILING TRIPS – On July 1, 2006 a new charter yacht began operating on Bonaire. The luxury sailing yacht BOWALIE is a comfortable and well equipped 40 footer ideal for cruising or racing. The yacht will be available for small groups only (maximum eight guests) and will offer full and half day charters and sunset cruises for sailing and snorkeling. Phone: 011-599-786-7619, Email: info@bowalie.com, Website: www.bowalie.com.

BUTTERFLY FARM BONAIRE – This state-of-the-art wind and solar powered 5,000-square-foot Butterfly Greenhouse, which features a visitor center and botanical gardens, is member of the International Association of Butterfly Exhibitions. Japanese Koi and Hummingbirds will also be exhibited. Butterfly Farm Bonaire which is located at Kaminda Lac 101, road to Lac Cai, and scheduled to open in September 2006, will be operated by Bonaire Boating Company NV. Email: info@butterflyhouse.info, Website: www.butterflyhouse.info.

CARIBBEAN GAS TRAINING (CGT) – CGT will now offer a free weekly multimedia seminar titled “Beyond Gravity – An Evening with DIR.” The presentations will take place on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. at Bonaire Dive & Adventure and will cover topics from advanced trim and buoyancy control to DIR gear configuration and team-based emergency response protocols. Phone: 011-599-786-5073, Email: Benji@CaribbeanGasTraining.com, Website: www.CaribbeanGasTraining.com.

DUTCH ANTILLES EXPRESS (DAE) – DAE's flight schedule is now online at www.flydae.com as is information on how to book flights. Phone: 011-599-717-0808, Email: reservations@flydae.com, Website: www.flydae.com.

DIVE FRIENDS BONAIRE – Photo Tours Divers has opened a new dive center at Port Bonaire. A PADI 5 Star Gold Palm operator and official National Geographic Dive Center, the dive center offers daily dive boat departures from the resort's pier, has both air and Nitrox tanks available 24 hours a day, and easy pick-up and drop-off for off property dive excursions. Free Nitrox is provided to all Nitrox Certified Divers. Email: info@dive-friends-bonaire.com, Website: www.dive-friends-bonaire.com.

DONKEY PARADISE SAFARI PARK – Donkey Sanctuary Bonaire has opened a drive-through Safari Park with picnic areas where people can see and feed Bonaire's donkeys. The Park is open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The entrance fee is \$6 per adult and \$3 per child under twelve, with fees going towards caring for the three-hundred donkeys currently in the Sanctuary. Phone: 011-5999-5607607, Website: www.donkeyshelp.com.

FOX DISCOUNT CAR RENTAL – Fox is offering specials through December 15, 2006: rent a pick-up truck double cabin pick-up truck for as low as \$22 per day or \$139 per week (tax not included). Email: info@FoxBonaire.com, Website: www.FoxBonaire.com.

OUTDOOR BONAIRE – Two new activities have been added – top rope climbing on limestone rocks near Seru Largu, and a two-day tour including mangrove kayaking, caving, snorkeling, climbing, and a visit to Washington-Slagbaai National Park where the night is spent in a hammock and a BBQ dinner is provided. Phone: 011-599-791-6272, Email: hans@outdoorbonaire.com, Website: www.outdoorbonaire.com.

TELERIN CAR RENTAL – Telerin Car Rental, Bonaire's twenty-four hour car rental company, is offering a special until December 2006: \$43 all inclusive per day on all passenger cars and double cabin pick-up trucks with power steering and air-conditioning. Phone: 011-599-717-4108, Email: telerin@bonairelive.com.

New Bonaire Websites

BONAIRE AFFAIR – Bonaire Affair's online publication, Bonaire Island Map, which has been co-sponsored by the Tourism Corporation Bonaire, can be found at www.bonaireislandmap.com. The site offers an island map showing the full island and town maps which feature detailed information about Kralendijk and other Bonaire neighborhoods. Locations of hotels, official dive sites, supermarkets, shops are given.

BONAIRE FLAMINGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – The airport's new website, www.flamingoairport.com, provides flight schedules, weather conditions, a printable a map and aerial photos of the airport, tourism information and statistics from the airport, plus a section called "About Bonaire International Airport," featuring information on its history.

BONAIRE GIFT SHOP – Www.bonairegiftshop.com offers a selection of souvenirs and t-shirts plus an extensive stock of wines and liquors available from its Kaya Grandi store. People can put in their order online and request delivery to their hotel or apartment prior to arriving on island.

CARIBBEAN STUFF, LLC – Www.bonairestuff.com currently features over 80 products including the books, DVDs and Bonaire's famous bath salts. Bonaire Stuff also offers licensed BonaireTalk and Bonaire WebCams items.

CARIBBEAN WIND & SUN – [Www.bonairecaribbean.com](http://www.bonairecaribbean.com) contains information on hotels, diving and windsurfing as well as special events. Caribbean Wind & Sun, which can help anyone plan their next trip to Bonaire, is run by Ann Phelan an avid windsurfer and Bonaire resident who has over 19 years experience in Caribbean travel services.

THE RIDING ACADEMY CLUB AT KUNUKU WARAHAMA – Bonaire’s only horseback riding center’s new website, www.ridingacademyclub.com, features information on horseback riding activities and many photos.

BONAIRE WINDSURFCAM – This new webcam provides images from Lac, one of the Caribbean’s top windsurfing spots. Log onto www.bonairewindsurfplace.com/webcam.html to check it out. The Bonaire WindsurfCam is a collaboration of The Windsurf Place and Caribbean WebCams, LLC (CWC).

Delectable Treats – Restaurant News

BAMBU – Bambu offers an International menu with an ocean view and is located at Kaya C.E.B. Hellmund 17. It is open for dinner from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Phone: 011-599-717-4166.

CACTUS BLUE – This restaurant serves everything from ceviche, nachos and fish soup to Jamaican jerk chicken, Caribbean shrimp with sweet potato and burgers, along with an extensive drink menu. The restaurant is located at JA Abraham Blvd 12 and is open for dinner only Monday to Saturday from 5:00 p.m. until late. Phone: 011-599-717-4564.

THE LAST BITE BAKERY – The Last Bite Bakery, Bonaire's gourmet caterer, has opened a bakery shop. The shop sells desserts, quiches, lasagnas and more and is located at Kaya Grandi 70 in Kralendijk. Phone: 011-599-717-3923.

On the Hotel Scene

BONAIRE LAGOEN HILL – Bonaire Lagoen Hill is offering a package that includes seven nights accommodation; six days of unlimited shore diving; and seven days vehicle rental. The package is priced from \$353 per person, based on six people in a three-bedroom cottage. Package prices are valid until December 19, 2006. Email: info@LagoenHill.com, Website: www.LagoenHill.com.

CAPTAIN DON'S HABITAT – The resort is currently renovating its Deluxe Ocean View Rooms to include new furnishings, bedspreads, draperies and bathroom countertops. Additional new room amenities include coffee makers, hair dryers, wall safes large enough to accommodate a standard laptop, and wireless Internet service. The Habitat Cottages will be completely air-conditioned and new closets, furnishings, bedspreads and draperies will be added, and an additional bathroom built. Guests can take advantage of a number of specials through December 2006, including a free night offer, free boat dives, singles and group specials. Phone: 1-800-327-6709, Email: CaptainDon@maduro.com, Website: www.HabitatBonaire.com.

DEEP BLUE VIEW – Beginning August 1, 2006 Deep Blue View in cooperation with Caribbean Gas Training, owned by the only GUE instructor in the West Caribbean, will offer a new and unique dive package featuring GUE dive training. The seven-night package includes accommodations, daily breakfast, seven days rental of pick-up truck, unlimited shore diving, use of tanks, air and weights, GUE DIR fundamentals training including all equipment and Nitrox, the Nature Fee, one BBQ, a Captain's Rum Punch Sunset Trip, airport transfers and sales tax. The package is priced at \$2,580 per couple and is available for stays from August 1, 2006 to December 1, 2007. Email: menno@deepblueview.com, Website: www.deepblueview.com.

DIVERS PARADISE – Divers Paradise is offering a seven-night special including accommodations; six days of unlimited shore diving; plus seven days vehicle rental. Package prices starting at \$383 per person, based on three people in a one-bedroom apartment. Package prices are valid until December 19, 2006. Email: info@DiversParadise.Bonaire.com, Website: www.DiversParadiseBonaire.com.

DIVI FLAMINGO BEACH RESORT & CASINO – Free wireless internet access is now available throughout the entire property and Divi Dive Bonaire has become fully operational for technical diving offering gear rental, the complete Technical Diving International (TDI) instruction program and guided technical dives. The Underwater Warriors Foundation, an organization that was created to promote scuba diving as therapeutic recreation for injured

servicemen & woman, certified their first soldier at the resort in May 2006, John Beville, Sgt. 1st Class U.S. Army, who is paralyzed from a waist down. Phone: 1-800-367-3484, Website: www.diviflamingo.com.

GOLDEN REEF INN & VILLAS – This hotel has introduced an all inclusive dine around program including ten of Bonaire's restaurants. The All Inclusive Plan is priced at \$915 per person and includes seven nights accommodations in a studio or one-bedroom unit, room tax, airport meet and greet, unlimited shore diving with weights, belts, tanks, air and taxes, daily continental breakfast, one lunch and one dinner voucher per person per day (value Nafl 17.00 for lunch and Nafl 35.00 for dinner), rental of a four-door pick-up truck for the week (including taxes and CDW insurance) and Golden Reef Inn t-shirt. A Modified Inclusive Plan including all listed above except lunch voucher is available for \$800 per person. Phone: 1-866-790-REEF, Email: info@goldenreefinn.com, Website: www.goldenreefinn.com.

KONTIKI BEACHCLUB – Kontiki Beachclub is offering a Low Season Dive Package valid until November 30, 2006. The package which includes seven nights in a studio unit; six days of unlimited air with Wannadive Bonaire; seven days car rental from Budget Rental Car; tourist tax, and service charge, is priced at \$444 per person based on double occupancy. Other items like breakfast can be added to the package. Phone: 011-599-717-5369, Email: info@kontikibonaire.com, Website: www.kontikibonaire.com.

LIZARD INN – The Lizard Inn is celebrating its new location by offering a Grand Opening Special: stay for seven nights, pay for only six nights (valid October 1 - November 30, 2006, excluding October 8 - 15). The new location offers more rooms and new services and amenities. The hotel also has a new website. Email: info@lizardinnbonaire.com, Website: www.lizardinnbonaire.com.

PLAZA RESORT BONAIRE – A number of recent enhancements to the resort include the refurbishment of the beachside pool; the addition of a swim-up pool bar; the sound-proofing and renovation of Standard Suites; introduction of free Nitrox at Toucan Diving; the announcement of Total Bonaire as Plaza Resort's car rental agency of choice; and the reintroduction of Wednesday night feature film on the beach. Toucan Dive For One is available in August and September 2006. Packages priced from \$870 per diver based on double occupancy include seven nights accommodations; six days of two-tank boat diving; unlimited airfill for shore-diving; free unlimited Nitrox; buffet breakfast daily; round-trip airport transfers; hotel tax; service charge; and energy surcharge. Phone: 1-800-766-6016/781-821-6016, Email: usa@plazaresortbonaire.com, Website: www.plazaresortbonaire.com.

SAND DOLLAR CONDOMINIUM RESORT – Until December 15, 2006 the second diver receives a week of unlimited shore diving free when the first diver books a qualifying hotel and dive package and both divers receive a free Nitrox upgrade (blackout period: November 18 – 24, 2006). Seven night packages including diving and car rental start at just \$632 for the first diver and \$527 for the second (based on quad occupancy). Sand Dollar is conducting a photo contest with the chance to win a week of free diving at the resort. All photos must be taken while staying at Sand Dollar and entries must be received by October 31, 2006. Guests now receive free cell phones (minutes must be purchased), new, larger safes have been installed in all of the units and the entire property is now set up for wireless internet access. Phone: 1-800-288-4773, Email: usreservations@sanddollarbonaire.com, Website: www.sanddollarbonaire.com.

SUNRENTALS BONAIRE – SunRentals Bonaire is offering 10% discount on its stay/dive/drive package at Bonaire Oceanfront Apartments until December 15, 2006. Phone: 1-866-464-1786, Email: info@sunrentals.an, Website: www.sunrentals.an.

Located eighty-six miles east of Aruba, the Dutch Caribbean island of Bonaire offers year-round sunshine, low annual rainfall, pristine coral formations and the most thriving fish population in the Caribbean. Ideal for adventurers, explorers and sun-worshippers alike, Bonaire offers myriad eco-adventure activities including world renowned scuba diving and snorkeling, windsurfing, kiteboarding, landsailing, mountain biking, sea and mangrove kayaking, horseback riding, nature tours, hiking, bird watching, sailing and deep sea and bone fishing. And with a selection of accommodations ranging from full-service oceanfront resorts and condominiums to guesthouses and small inns, Bonaire has something for every lifestyle and budget.

The U.S. State Department and the Department Homeland Security recently announced the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, which will take effect on December 31, 2006, will require all U.S. citizens and foreign nationals, to carry a passport or other accepted secure documents to enter or re-enter the U.S. from vacations or business travel anywhere in the Caribbean, including Bonaire. This requirement will apply to all air and sea travel.

For more information on Bonaire, contact the Tourism Corporation Bonaire in the U.S. at 1-800-BONAIRE or visit Bonaire's official website at www.InfoBonaire.com.

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