# THE VILLAGES SCUBA CLUB'S THIRD ANNUAL SCUBA DIVING TRIP TO BONAIRE!

Dates of trip: Depart Sat., Sept. 9, 2017; Return Sun., Sept. 17, 2017. EIGHT NIGHTS.

Join us on this fabulous ALL INCLUSIVE trip starting at only \$1022 pp/double occupancy! (Air travel not included.)





Our accommodations: Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort.

# Bonaire is located about 80 miles North of Venezuela. It's about a 4 hr. plane flight from Miami (including a stop in Curacao).



Bonaire is one of the Caribbean's famous ABC islands (Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao). It is the most famous for shore diving.

Among many other wonderful underwater creatures, Bonaire is famous for its seahorses (though there are no guarantees of seeing one).

#### **LAND PACKAGE INCLUDES (too good to be true but it is)**:

8 nights in the participant's selected accommodation (see below).

Buffet style breakfast, lunch and dinner (with live cooking stations and theme nights on the beach).

Unlimited amounts of soft drinks, juices, brewed coffee, tea, beer, house wine, cocktails (excludes premium brands and top shelf liquors).

Unlimited shore diving (must be certified). You can shore dive from the sandy beach located on the Resort premises.

Tanks, weights & weight belts.

FREE Nitrox upgrade (must be certified).

Daytime activities other than scuba diving include: snorkeling, kayaking, beach volleyball, sailing, paddle boarding, gym, and evening entertainment.

Beach chairs & pool towels.

Round trip airport transfers.

All Government taxes and service charges (including dining personnel and housekeeping). Additional tipping desirable but not required.

Free WI-FI (may be spotty in the rooms; but it's good in the lobby).

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

The Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort offers 60 Grand Suites & 66 Standard Junior Suites, with either Ocean or Laguna view. All rooms include airconditioning, a balcony or patio, satellite and national television, a telephone, a hot water boiler for tea or coffee (instant), mini refrigerators, a hair dryer, a private bath and shower, and a safety deposit box. Price options for scuba divers include (double occupancy):

Option 1: Standard Jr. Suite Laguna: \$1022 pp; 2 queen beds. (Non-divers: \$938.00)

Option 2: Standard Jr. Suite Ocean View: \$1112 pp; 2 queen beds. (Non-divers: \$1028.00).

Option 3: Premium Grand Suite Ocean View: \$1329 pp; queens or king. (Non-divers: \$1245.00)

**NOTE:** These prices are for scuba divers. If you are a snorkeler or non-diver, rates will be about \$100 less.

**NOTE:** The Premium suites are closer to the restaurant. The Standard suites are closer to the dive shop.

**NOTE:** Participants must find their own roommates or pay the single supplement. A single supplement is about \$400. Call Joanne for details.

## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE LAND PACKAGE:

**Air travel.** Air fare is about \$750.00.

**Boat diving add-on** packages:

6 days 1-tank: \$170 pp. 6 days 2-tank: \$270 pp.

Boat dives include an underwater guide. It is recommended, but not mandatory, that you follow the Dive Master.

#### Non-package boat dives:

1-tank: \$54.00 2-tank: \$70.00

**Car or truck.** The tour desk can handle rental. It's approximately \$50/day. Gas not included. NOTE: You don't really need a car/ truck. There is great shore and boat diving right at the Resort. But, some people are "born to explore" the outer reaches of the island.

**A Marine Park Tag** must be purchased at the Dive Shop for \$25.00 cash if you will be scuba diving.

Dive gear except tanks, weights and weight belts.

Telephone calls, postage, etc.

Personal souvenirs and gifts.

Travel insurance (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED).

**Personal optional services:** Laundry service, shops, beauty salon, massages, tour desk booked trips, internet center.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

There is a large open locker room at the Toucan Dive Shop where you can store your equipment and hang your wetsuit/skins. It stays locked and is accessible with your room key card.

Bonaire accepts US dollars, Visa and MasterCard.

There is even an on site casino!

Bonaire has the same time zone as we do.

YOU DON'T NEED SPECIAL ELECTRICAL ADAPTERS. Your charging devices will work in your room outlets.

#### **DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS DUE:**

\$100.00 deposit (refundable based on the Cancellation Policy below) due from each participant <u>NOW</u>. I have to put down a group deposit SOON. Final payment is due on or before June 20, 2017.

Make checks payable to Joanne Sargent, and mail them to 1732 Meadowlark Ave., The Villages, FL 32162. Be sure to specify which suite option you're choosing, if you prefer first or second floor, and if you're doing shore diving or a boat diving package, and if anyone in your room is a non-diver.

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## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

No penalty for rooms canceled outside of 60 days prior.

3 nights charge/ unit canceled inside 60 days prior.

No shows are non-refundable.

No refunds for un-used portion of package.

Any cancelations within the 60 days must be done directly through the resort, not the Trip Leader.