

# Deep Blue Adventures

## HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR TRAVEL TO BONAIRE

### BANKS:

Bonaire has a number of banks, all of which have ATMs located conveniently around the island. Banking hours are Monday through Friday 8 AM until 3:30 PM. Some are open during the lunch hour.

### CLIMATE:

The average air temperature is 82° Fahrenheit (30°C) and 75% relative humidity. Average water temperature is 80° (29°C). Rainfall averages 22" (52.8cm) per year. There is a constant trade wind that generally makes the evenings cool and comfortable. Average wind speed is 15 mph (25kph)

### CURRENCY:

The United States Dollar became the official currency of Bonaire in 2011. Credit cards are widely accepted, with MasterCard and Visa being widely accepted and American Express being accepted at only a select number of places. Traveler's checks are also widely accepted. Be sure to have your passport or positive ID when changing Traveler's checks at banks.

### DEPARTURE TAX:

Bonaire has a departure tax of \$40 U.S. Dollars that is included in most airline tickets. Please check with your issuing agent if you are unsure. If it is not included, it is payable when you check-in for your flight home. Visa, MasterCard, Guilders, or U.S. Dollars are accepted. There is also a required \$5 Airport Improvement Fee as of 2016.

### DRINKING WATER:

The water is distilled from seawater and is perfectly safe to drink.

### DRIVING LICENSE:

Foreign and international licenses are accepted.

### ELECTRICITY:

127 volt, 50 cycle. 220 volt is also available at some resorts. Most U.S. appliances will work, however a bit hotter. Dive shops and resorts have stations for guest use for charging camera batteries, etc. It is recommended that you use them to avoid damage to delicate equipment.

### EMERGENCY SERVICES: 911

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

US and Canadian citizens must have a valid Passport with at least 3 months from date of return and a return or ongoing ticket.

### MARINE PARK FEES:

Divers must pay a \$45 U.S. fee annually  
Snorkelers and visitors participating in other water activities must pay \$25 U.S. each year.

### TOURISM SEASONS:

High Season Winter/Spring: Dec. 15 - Apr. 14

Low Season Summer/Fall: Apr. 15 - Dec. 14

Windy Season: May - Aug, moderate wind  
Jan-Apr Rainy Season: Nov. - Jan.

### VACCINATIONS:

No vaccinations or preventative medications are recommended for travel to Bonaire. Yellow fever and Malaria are not a problem here, however as always, we suggest you speak with your family physician for a personal consultation.

### WATER TEMPERATURES AND WETSUITS:

Water temperatures generally range between 78 – 82°F  
Most people find wearing a 1mm – 3mm wetsuit keeps them comfortable.

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