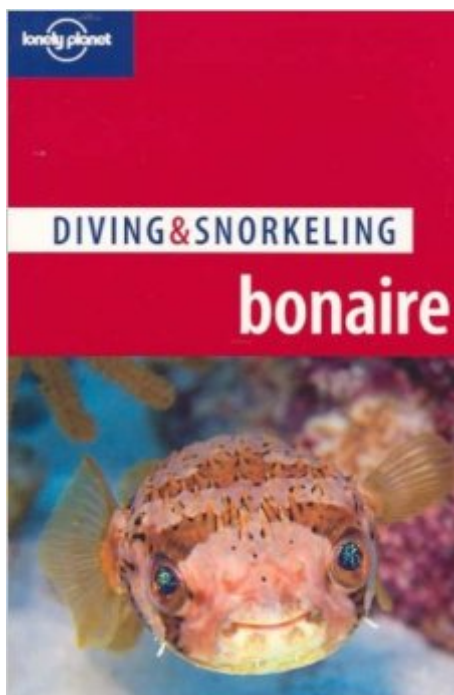


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# Lonely Planet Diving & Snorkeling Bonaire



## Synopsis

Located to the north of Venezuela, Bonaire is a paradise for divers and snorkelers of all levels. This guide describes the best sites to explore, from beautiful reefs to sunken wrecks. In This Guide: Detailed dive information to 92 sites. Inspiring full-color photos throughout. Easy-to-read maps of dive regions. Guide to marine life. Island dive operations and topside attractions.

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## Customer Reviews

We thoroughly enjoyed reading this guidebook, while on vacation recently in Mexico. Bonaire will be our next stop! Tim Rock is obviously a very accomplished photographer. The photos are beautiful. Each dive site has a description of the shore entry, depths where the best diving is found, commonly seen species, and notes about current, surf, misc hazards, etc. My only suggestions for future editions would be even more photos showing what the entries look like, and more detailed information about how far offshore the reef dropoff or mooring buoys are. Sometimes the description says "it's a long swim out", but I'd like to know what kind of distance we're talking about. And maybe a star rating for the dive sites? I know it's subjective, but it would provide a starting point when trying to pick from so many potential dive sites.

Tim totally "Rocks"! This is the most up-to-date, useful, and well laid-out diving guide when going to Bonaire. Tim's descriptions made it very easy to plan dives, especially shore dives (Bonaire has tons of them!). Combined with his great pictures, we felt like we had already visited each site before actually getting there! The only (very minor) discrepancies were on some sites which were classified

in the (blue shaded) summaries as "Boat" access, whereas they were described in the text as shore dives also (and we confirmed this while there). We can't wait to try out Tim's guides to other locations. Thanks!

Notice how the title of the book is "LP Diving AND SNORKELING Bonaire?" Well, let's just say that Tim needs to: 1) update the book - it's from 2006; and 2) get some additional info in here about the phenomenal snorkeling opportunities (or change the title.) I understand it's primarily a diving guide, and that's fine, but if you add the bit about snorkeling, well, then my expectation is that it will contain plenty of information about snorkeling opportunities. It doesn't. Nevertheless, I give kudos to a well done book because if you combine this info with the tourist guides/maps from Bonaire you'll find everything you need. The reality is that the Bonaire Tourist Center in downtown Kralendijk will have EVERYTHING that you need and it will do a better job of highlighting the snorkeling spots, and you'll save the \$16 or whatever I paid for this book. The bottom line: could be better, but works quite well as a supplemental guide book. Once you're in the water you'll understand why the dive sites are so popular. I happened to be pretty impressed with the snorkeling and IMHO, the book falls a bit short in that department. In case you're wondering, no - I don't dive. But you don't have to dive to appreciate the incredible marine life in the waters of Bonaire - it is an amazing place - and is by far the BEST snorkeling my wife & I have ever encountered. Forget Grand Cayman, or St. John, or Cozumel - I could live out the rest of my life on this underwater paradise. Recommended, but you don't have to buy it since you can get everything that is inside the book elsewhere, for FREE.

There are not many books like this for Bonaire. This book provides general information about the island and the overall experience. The real benefit to the book is the descriptions of each of the dive locations. Along with beautiful pictures, the dive locations are described (including where to park, what the terrain is like at the entry, the coral formations present) and the types of commonly seen marine life. Some of this information is found in tourism pamphlets around the island (see your dive center or resort) but we really enjoyed having this book as our own personal dive tour guide. Highly recommend, especially for first time visitors!

This book was a great guide for the dives. There have been some updates since the publishing of the book, but overall it was good for locating the shore dives and letting us know some facts about the area.

A definite guide to Bonaire diving and snorkeling spots. Only thing missing is are the GPS coordinates which would help in finding the lesser popular dive sites. This guide helped me get to the proper sites.

I love this book. I would recommend it for anyone who is planning on doing shore diving while in Bonaire. I found the descriptions for the dive sites, regarding entry and exits, very accurate and spot on. The experience levels indicated in the book were accurate. Overall, I found this book to be extremely helpful and a wonderful addition to our shore diving experience. We use it every time we visit the island and have never been disappointed. Enjoy!

I brought this book to Bonaire and it was excellent for providing insight into the many, many dive locations around island. This book will enhance your experience on the island and is well worth the cost.

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