

# Press Release

## Dive Friends Bonaire Announces New Programs and Enhancements for 2009

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Dive Friends Bonaire, the island's largest independent dive facility, has exciting plans for visiting Bonaire divers for 2009, with new programs and other enhancements to make each dive vacation unique.

Photographic and videographic services will be augmented on December 21, 2008 when Capture Photo Bonaire joins Dive Friends at the Dive Friends @ Dive Inn location on the southern section of the oceanfront promenade. Capture will provide underwater camera rentals and sales, classes in underwater photography or videography, digital image processing, as well as camera repairs. Having the expertise of Capture's imaging specialists will enable guests of Dive Friends Bonaire to begin, or improve upon, their own underwater photographic endeavors, or let the experts join in on a dive to capture the moment forever in video or still photography, so divers can share their underwater vacation memories with family and friends. There will be a Grand Opening in early 2009 to celebrate.

Dive Friends Bonaire's two retail stores in Kralendijk—Dive Friends @ Divers Discount and Dive Friends @ Dive Retail Outlet—offer the most complete selection of dive equipment and surf and beach apparel on Bonaire. Additionally, Dive Friends is pleased to announce that they have been named an authorized dealer for both ScubaPro and Uwatec, and therefore, new equipment from both manufacturers will be available in January.

For popular beach- and surf-wear, the new 2009 collection of Oceancore board shorts is available, along with new Body Glove rash guards. The high-quality t-shirt line by Deep Down is available in the stores in January, 2009, and just in time for holiday shopping is the latest collection of Reef sandals and apparel. Coming in 2009 is a Dive Friends Bonaire Buyers Card, jointly sponsored by Reef, which will provide Dive Friends' customers with a buying card. After ten purchases on the card, customers will receive 10% of the total value of prior purchases off their next purchase; some restrictions apply—contact Dive Friends for more information.

For those divers who enjoy continuing their diving education, Dive Friend Bonaire's has added a new PADI distinctive specialty to their instruction roster, entitled The PADI Shore Diver Distinctive Specialty. Since many of Bonaire's visitors have experience with boat diving only, this course will help familiarize participants with enjoyment of the island's shore diving locations—there are fifty official dive sites on Bonaire's leeward coast. The course includes a short academic session with two dives where participants will learn the necessary skills to independently plan and conduct safe, easy, and fun shore dives.

Dive Friends Bonaire is one of Bonaire's premier diving facilities offering full diving and snorkeling services while still providing personal attention. Two retail stores are available in Kralendijk, in addition to four diving facilities. For additional information about all their services, visit their web site at [www.dive-friends-bonaire.com](http://www.dive-friends-bonaire.com), or e-mail: [info@dive-friends-bonaire.com](mailto:info@dive-friends-bonaire.com).

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