

We made our sixth trip to Bonaire over Christmas week in 2008 and had “the best Christmas ever.” It was great to be in the Caribbean diving during the holiday week, and we plan to make Christmas dive vacations a tradition.

The travel was very easy on this trip – direct flight from Atlanta to Bonaire on Delta. Both of our flights were on time and all of our luggage made it both ways, so no complaints on travel.

This trip was essentially a repeat of our last 2 trips to Bonaire – staying at Den Laman and doing mostly shore diving and diving on the Bari Reef site. We love the convenience of diving off the Den Laman/Sand Dollar dock, and we believe the diving on Bari Reef is among the best on Bonaire so we do many dives there and only a few shore dives on the northern end of the island (Karpata, 1000 Steps, Oil Slick Leap, etc.)

We took our 11-year old daughter with us again and she participated in the “Ocean’s Classroom” morning children’s program again and enjoyed it. She also did bubble maker sessions as she has in the past. She will probably get certified the next time we visit Bonaire. The set-up for children is very nice here because of the shore diving – there is no pressure to get off/on a boat or jump into deep water that might concern a young diver.

For more details on accommodations, food, etc., see our Bonaire trip report from 2007.