

Frequently Asked Questions: Technical Diving

I am interested in Technical Diving, can I take the dive courses in Bonaire?

Bonaire has lots to offer those interested in Technical Diving. Many of the dive sites have reefs that go down to 200 feet or more, so there is a lot to see! For those wishing to expand their knowledge and skills, a full range of courses, such as Advanced Nitrox, Decompression Procedures, and Extended Range, are available at local dive operators. For those that want to push the envelope, try Entry Level Trimix or Advanced Trimix. For the experienced photographers wanting to get closer to the fish for that award-winning photo, how about adding more tools to your arsenal by getting certified on a Rebreather or as a Solo Diver. Instructor level courses are also available. There are experience programs for those that want to try something different like an adventure dive with a Rebreather or a dive with an Expedition Technical Rig.

Can I rent gear on Island?

Full Sets of Technical gear are available for rental as well as from local dive operators: Doubles with isolation manifolds, Deco/Stage tanks with rigging, Aluminum 27s, 40s, 63s, 80s and Steel 45s, 51s, Dual Bladder Wings, Plates and Harnesses, High Performance Regulators, O2-clean Deco regs, reels and lift bags, and multi-mix computers. Drager Rebreathers also can be rented. If you don't feel like hassling with airport security, leave your Rebreather feed and bailout bottles at home, as they also can be rented on Bonaire. Sofnolime is always in stock.

I'm already a Technical Diver, are there deep dive sites for me to explore?

The Red Slave area is dotted with old anchors and makes a good technical dive. Karpata offers sections of vertical wall and or buttresses with coral and sponges reaching down past 200 feet. Many of the dive sites on the south side of Klein Bonaire have reefs that go down past 180 feet.