

Tourist Tax - Bonaire 2023

As of August 27, 2021, the Executive Council of Bonaire approved an Ordinance that aims, among the other, to introduce a new 'Tourist Tax Bonaire'.

This new ordinance is designed to address the tourism industry's impact on the island by imposing a tax on all foreign tourists visiting Bonaire.

The tourist tax will provide a source of revenue for the Island's government to fund various environmental and tourism-related projects.

Summary Bonaire Tourist tax	
Reason for visit:	Vacation, business, education, transit
Effective until:	Valid for 90 days within a 180-day timeframe.
When to show it:	Pay Bonaire tax in advance and keep the QR code for arrival.
How to receive it:	Upon successful payment, you'll receive your personal QR code via email within an hour.
Cost:	The Bonaire Tax costs USD 114, which includes a government fee of USD 75. Each traveler requires their own unique QR code.
How to request:	You can apply online by clicking on this link.

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As of the summer of 2022, all tourists visiting the island of Bonaire are asked to pay a new tourism tax upon arrival.

This tax also applies to those staying on board of ships and boats in Bonaire territorial waters.

The revenue generated from the tax will support environmental and tourism-related projects on the island.



Proof of Payment and Exhibition



A digital portal has been developed to allow tourists to pay the tourist tax before stepping on Bonaire land.

Visitors who have paid the tax online can show proof of payment upon arrival. Those who haven't, can do so upon arrival, but additional assessments or penalties may apply.

According to the new tourism tax ordinance, providers of accommodation such as hotel operators are no longer considered taxpayers for the tourist tax.

Navigating Bonaire Customs Regulations: A Guide for Visitors

When visiting Bonaire, you may bring personal items such as clothing, toiletries, and electronics. These items are considered temporarily imported and are exempt from the General Consumption Tax called ABB when you leave the island.

However, excise goods like cigarettes and alcohol are subject to specific quantity restrictions. To avoid any issues, it's important to be aware of the rules regarding the goods the travelers to Bonaire can bring with them:



When is an import tax requested?

Goods not taken back from Bonaire are taxed 8% ABB. Visitors are exempt from such a tax for goods valued at USD \$500.00 or less (USD \$150.00 for those under 15 years old). Exceptions apply to personal use items with no commercial value.

For alcohol and tobacco separate import rules apply.

Cigarettes, Alcohol and Tobacco products

Visitors to Bonaire are subject to specific quantity restrictions like the ABB tax on tobacco and alcohol products. 200 cigarettes and 25 cigars for example are exempt* from taxation. Above this quantity a tax of 8% applies. Liquor with alcohol percentage up to 22% as well as a quantity of up to 2L non-sparkling wine can also be imported duty-free. All quantity above will be charged 8%.

**Import tax exemptions for tobacco and alcohol (excluding strong liquor) in Bonaire only apply to those 17 years and older, while the exemption for strong liquor is for those 18 years and older.*

