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Kralendijk, Bonaire

Your arrival

Cruise ships commonly berth at the North or South Pier in Kralendijk. Follow your ship's actual landing instructions and identify the return entrance before exploring.

Choose your main outing

DAY CHOICE	WHAT TO EXPECT / PLAN
Town outing	**Waterfront, Wilhelmina Park, Fort Oranje and Kaya Grandi** Choose exterior sights, shopping and refreshment stops. Check Fort Oranje's current access; this is a compact historic fort, not a castle excursion.
Beach & snorkeling	**Te Amo or Bachelor's Beach** Arrange road transport and return pickup. Ask about the water entry, steps/terrain and conditions; no beach is guaranteed calm or easy to enter.
Klein Bonaire	**Boat or water-taxi outing** A separate island visit. Confirm boarding, landing, return pickup and weather plans. Bring drinking water, sun protection and supplies: no regular shops, toilets or food service.
Salt-pan viewpoints	**Designated public viewing areas** Stay on permitted public access. Do not enter private/protected land or approach wildlife. Flamingo and other wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.
National park	**Washington Slagbaai** Plan a dedicated outing with an appropriate vehicle or guide, current road/entry conditions and a realistic return. Golf carts and scooters are not permitted in the park.

A practical way to choose

Choose Kralendijk, one water outing, or a properly planned island excursion. Keep Klein Bonaire boat logistics and a Washington Slagbaai road outing out of an improvised short circuit.

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Transport, conditions and your return

Before entering the water

STINAPA nature fees apply to marine-park use, including swimming, snorkeling and diving, subject to exemptions. Cruise-passenger/day arrangements differ from the annual Nature Fee. Check the applicable fee, proof of payment and whether your operator includes it; do not assume a cruise fare covers it.

Klein Bonaire return

Confirm both the outward and return boat, exact boarding/landing points and the procedure if sea conditions change. Boat travel time alone excludes check-in, waiting, landing and the journey back to your cruise entrance.

National-park transport

STINAPA recommends high-ground-clearance vehicles; rangers decide admission based on road conditions. Use current park rules, opening/last-entry details and the guide/operator's full route plan before committing.

Money & local arrangements

The US dollar is Bonaire's official currency. Compare the entire outing cost: nature fee, transport both ways, equipment, admission and services.

Check before leaving the terminal

Follow current reef and protected-area rules and the site/operator's water-entry advice. Confirm mobility needs, equipment, shade, supplies and the return plan before booking.

Plan the complete return

Record all aboard / final tender in SHIP time. Work back from that deadline through every taxi, ferry, boat, walking and waiting leg; add a generous delay margin. Choose an earlier confirmed return where services are scheduled. Follow any stricter ship instructions. Estimated travel times are not a guarantee.

Official sources & current booking checks

https://stinapabonaire.org/contact/frequently-asked-questions/
https://stinapabonaire.org/bonaire-national-marine-park/klein-bonaire/
https://stinapabonaire.org/rules-and-regulations/
https://stinapabonaire.org/washington-slagbaai-national-park/
https://bonaireisland.com/