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Peru, Utah, Bonaire, local hot spots  
& weekend getaways.*



# UNDER THE RADAR

*The Caribbean's proximity to South Florida is just one reason it's an ideal getaway. But if you want to bask in those turquoise blue waters without the crowds, these islands are just what you need.*

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## BONAIRE

This lesser-known sister island of both Aruba and Curacao lies just off the north coast of South America near the western part of Venezuela.

**WHY GO:** Although the main attractions are beneath the water's surface, the island's charm doesn't stop there. Those seeking the laid-back island vibe of the Caribbean of yesteryear will feel right at home. Here, the flamingo population rivals the human one, the circumference of the island is a protected marine park, and the buildings are not much taller than the palm trees surrounding them. The islanders' commitment to conservation means the pristine tropical vegetation, powdery beaches and stunning coral reefs will remain unspoiled.

**WHERE TO STAY:** Rest your head in the spacious suites at Harbour Village Beach Club, and sink your toes into the resort's secluded private beach. It's a prime spot since much of Bonaire's coastline consists of rocky cliffs and washed-ashore coral. [harbourvillage.com](http://harbourvillage.com)

**DON'T MISS:** With more than 350 fish species and 86 dive sites accessible by both shore and boats, it's no wonder the island is renowned as a diver's paradise. For an extraordinary experience, plan on exploring the sites with the pros at VIP Diving, a full-service dive operator that curates dives based on your wish list. [vipdiving.com](http://vipdiving.com)

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