

An Octopus's Garden

Dive into a Caribbean paradise

Discover the world beneath the waves — new and experienced divers all welcome.

7 days, \$1095

(Single supplement: \$250)

On the island of Saba, in the Caribbean
(near St. Martin)

Jan. 31-Feb. 7, 1998

Price includes:

- Comfortable accommodations;
- All breakfasts & all lunches but one;
- Five dinners;
- Opening night reception with gay islanders;
- Five days of boat diving for certified divers; or
- Lessons (first in the pool, then actual diving in the Caribbean) for beginners;

- A guided hike up the island's Mt. Scenery;
- A sunset sail;
- Closing-night farewell party.

Not included:

- Airfare to Saba (but call us for add-on rates!);
- 1 lunch; 2 dinners;
- Souvenirs, snacks.

The Dutch island of Saba is the Caribbean's best-kept secret. Far from the usual tourist beat, Saba is, however, well-known to divers worldwide for its spectacular underwater landscapes. Join us for a week on this lush island. Beginners will learn safe diving techniques in a pool and in the clear Caribbean waters; certified divers get 5 days of diving. We'll have time, too, for wandering the gingerbread villages of Windwardside and The Bottom, and to hike up the island's extinct volcano.

- ★ Make friends locally the very first day, at our opening night reception with Saba's local gay community.
- ★ Dive in a pristine underwater marine park, amidst hot springs and lava tunnels.
- ★ Swim with a school of small angelfish, then a giant grouper, rays, and sea turtles.
- ★ Take a day off from diving for a guided hike to the banana trees and orchids that populate the rain forest atop 2864-ft. Mt. Scenery.
- ★ After diving, enjoy a drink and spectacular views from our hotel's cliffside pool.
- ★ Discover the island's creative cuisines, mixing European, Chinese, Indonesian, and West Indian Creole styles.

Is this the right trip for you? This trip is designed for both beginners and certified divers. Beginners should be good swimmers, comfortable in the water, and in good health; please consult with a doctor before signing up. Your first lessons will be in a pool; you'll then graduate to the open sea. If you've always wanted to learn scuba, here's your chance!

