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Bonaire Says Bon Bini with Eased Entry-Requirements



The Dutch Island of Bonaire announced that effective March 20, 2022, fully vaccinated travelers with a second vaccine or booster shot administered within 270 days of entry are no longer required to take a PCR or antigen test. On the heels of revealing loosened COVID restrictions and allowing jet-setters easier travel into the world's first Blue Destination and one of National Geographic's best destinations in the world, this untouched gem has also announced that it will be hosting its first ever rum festival, Bonaire Rum Week, June 14-17, 2022, celebrating the world of this Caribbean spirit.

Fully vaccinated guests whose vaccine or booster shot was administered over 270 days prior to entry or those who do not meet vaccination requirements will still be required to provide an antigen test within the 24 hours prior to departure or a PCR test within 48 hours prior to arrival to the island. All travelers, irrespective of their vaccination status, must still fill out the health declaration form to enter Bonaire.

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"The safety of our locals and visitors has always been a top-priority and the decline of COVID cases encourages relaxed entry restrictions. Our vibrant local community welcomes the responsible global adventurer and foodie traveler to explore the unsurpassed natural beauty and eco-friendly treasures this island has to offer." says Miles B M Mercera, Tourism Corporation Bonaire's CEO, "In hosting our first annual Rum Week we can showcase to the world another side to Bonaire, one of authentic cuisine, award-winning local rum and colorful island life."

Tourism Corporation Bonaire in partnership with the Caribbean Journal, the team behind the annual Caribbean Rum Awards festival to host Bonaire Rum Week — a four-day rum-fueled event showcasing Bonaire's burgeoning culinary scene with an exploration of the area's finest premium rums. From signature rum punches to microbreweries and tiki bars, foodie travelers will be able to indulge in the island's culinary culture with events such as an opening party at Rum Runners, a rum-on-the-beach tasting at the Plaza Beach Resort, as well as a cocktail competition at the island's new, chic bar, Tiki & Co. The festivities end with a dinner at Brass Boer, the locally-inspired oceanfront restaurant whose owner is a renowned chef with a Michelin star.