

Tobago Tobago

A holiday to the Caribbean island of Tobago has much to offer for both divers and non-divers and it might not be as expensive as you think ...

TOBAGO IS featured in many nature programmes as rich in wildlife and having the oldest protected rainforest in the Western Hemisphere and readers of **SCOTTISH DIVER** will also be interested to hear of its quality dive sites. Speyside is a town in northern Tobago and is a fantastic diving location as well as being home to the largest Brain Coral in the world! A dive holiday to the tropical Caribbean island is not as pricey as you might think with costs similar to those of a Red Sea trip.

Located off the coast of Venezuela, Tobago's Blue Waters Inn and Dive Centre has it all, both top side and underwater. In fact divers visiting this summer can also look forward to experiencing the new dive boats that are set to arrive in April. The diving in Speyside is probably the best in Tobago. The influence of Venezuela's nutrient

rich Orinoco river is a contributing factor to the reefs abundant marine and coral life. Visibility regularly reaches 100 plus feet with 80-100 feet being the norm.

Every known species of hard coral and most of the soft corals, as well as that very big Brain Coral (12 feet high and 16 feet) across are found here. Speyside also provides access to exciting sites such as Angel Reef, Black Jack Hole, Book Ends, Japanese Gardens, Batteaux Bay Drift and Coral Gardens to name a few.

Topside offers activities such as hiking, bird watching, touring one of the oldest protected rainforests in the western hemisphere and nearby waterfalls, tennis, or just relaxing on the secluded beach. Tobago is also famous for its varied bird population. You will be able to see many of the 210 species, one of which is the Banana Quilt or Sugarbird. These little guys are always around and



A diver alongside the world's largest brain coral



Beautiful beaches are plentiful

can be seen feeding on the sugar and jam that is put out for them during the day. Escorted excursions into the rainforest can be arranged locally as well as other water sports such as kayaking being available from Blue Waters Inn.

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