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Ancient Civilization Meets Wildlife Rehabilitation - Maya Key a Showcase for Cultural Preservation on Roatan in Honduras

ROATAN, Honduras - Roatan's newest and finest cultural attraction will give visitors a little taste of Honduras all in one place. Developed and operated by the iconic Anthony's Key Resort (AKR), Maya Key is located in the harbor of Coxen Hole, Roatan. Opened to visitors in the first week in June, 2009, Maya Key boasts reconstructions of Copan's famous Maya ruins, a native arts & crafts studio, a traditional Maya village, and a wildlife rescue center displaying many of Honduras' diverse wild animal species.

"Honduras is a small but diverse and culturally rich country and we want to pay tribute to that," says Samir Galindo, General Manager of AKR. "We are very proud of our country and we want the world to get to know us better, and this is a convenient and quick way to do that."

Maya Key will operate on a beautiful 11.5 acre private key conveniently located just three minutes across the bay from the Roatan cruise ship terminal, home to the familiar Fins and Flippers program operated by AKR. This key offers two secluded beaches, excellent snorkeling from a scenic pier, a 70,000 gallon swimming pool, a 5,000 square foot lounge deck and lush garden paths bursting with indigenous flora. Within minutes guests can enjoy the sand and surf of the Caribbean upon arriving at the cruise ship terminal.

Twenty years ago AKR pioneered Honduras' only research and educational dolphin program, the Roatan Institute for Marine Sciences (RIMS). The Institute is a unique on-site research and educational facility with the only dolphin program in Honduras. As one of Roatan's first dive resorts over the years Anthony's has expanded to include the RIMS, the Roatan Museum, a fully-equipped medical center, dolphin activities and now Maya Key.

The all-inclusive dive resort is located 35 mi (56km) off the coast of Honduras on Roatan, Bay Islands, part of the second largest barrier reef system in the world.

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