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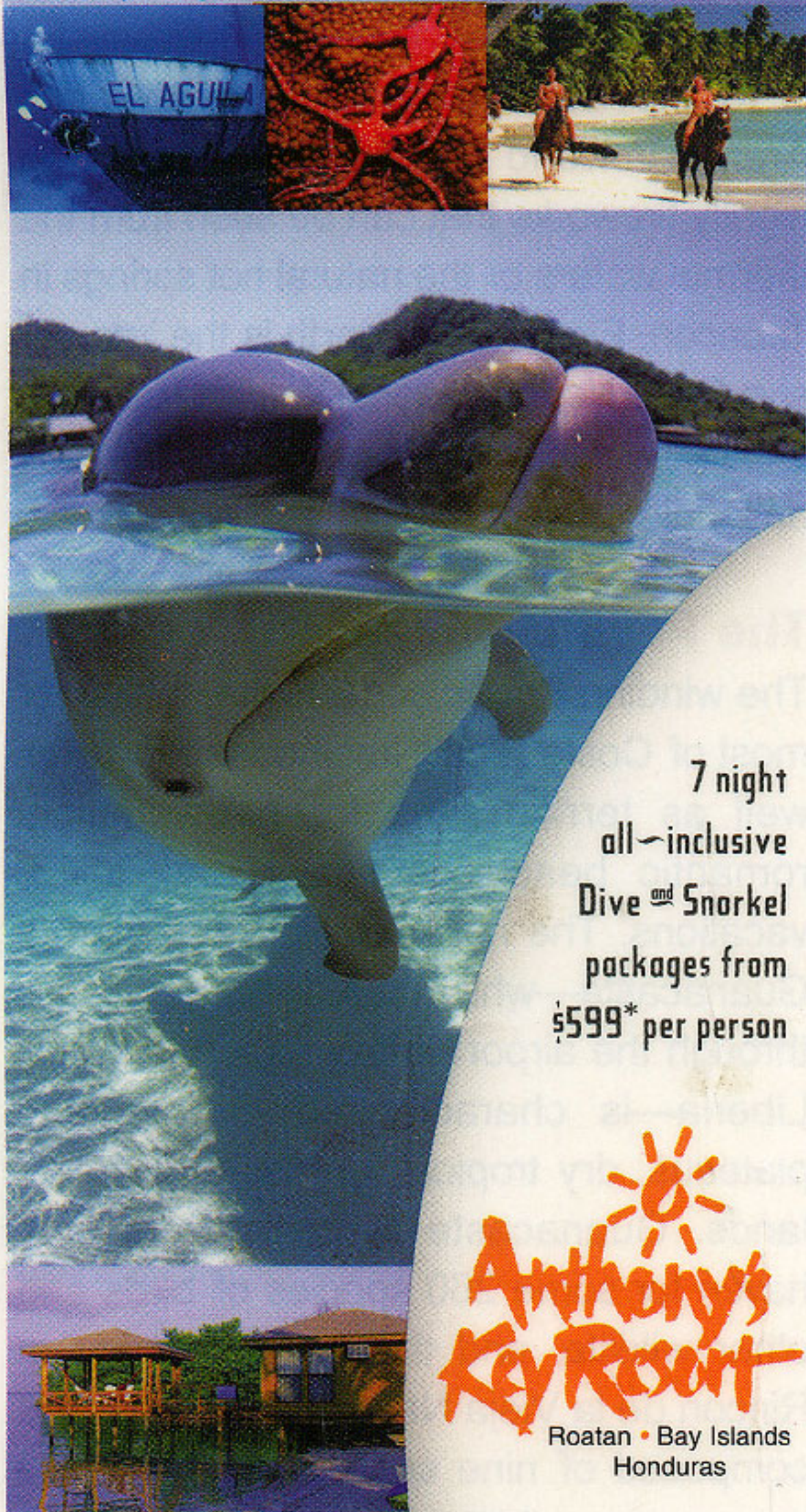
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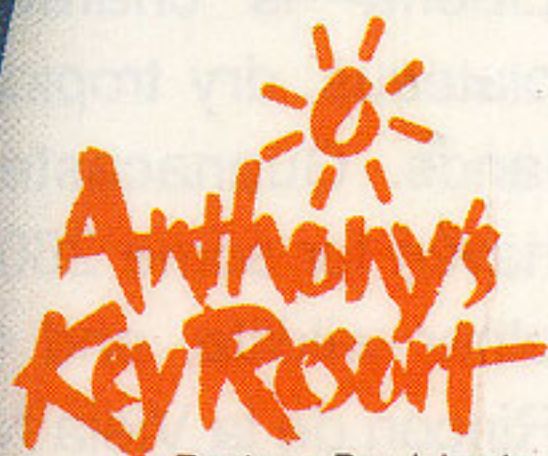
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### Diving and More

**Bahia Tours** is offering 7-night dive packages at **Anthony's Key Resort** on Roatan in the Bay Islands of Honduras. The starting price of \$599 pp dbl includes accommodations, three dives daily, swimming with dolphins, horseback riding, canoeing, kayaking, and admission to the Roatan Museum.

# Honduras

## Dive Central

ANTHONY'S KEY RESORT

Flying to Honduras is easier than ever thanks to the creation of a national airline last year. **Sol Air's** new non-stop flights between Miami and Roatan, the largest of the Bay Islands, are contributing to boost U.S. tourism, and on Nov. 22 the airline will commence non-stop flights between Dallas and Roatan.

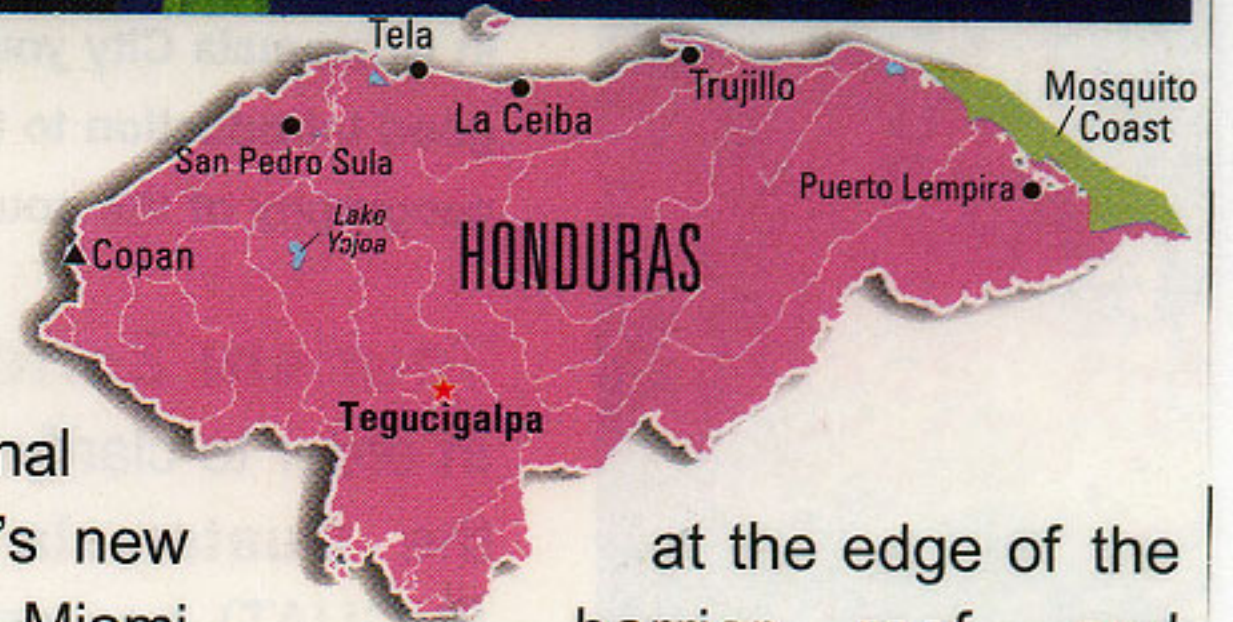
"The market to Roatan is growing," says Richard E. Saumell, v.p., North America, for Sol Air. "It's the best-kept secret in the Caribbean, with the second largest barrier reef near the shore."

The **Honduras Tourism Office** and Sol Air are now working with main tour operators such as **Bahia Tours**, **Roatan Charters** and **Fantasy Island** in the creation of diving and other specialty packages.

### Around Honduras

The Bay Islands are one of the world's foremost dive destinations, and aside from Roatan, which has an airport that offers regular service to the mainland, Utila and Guanaja are two of the other shining stars in this group of eight small islands. Small lodgings are the rule and most are budget properties, but a few ultra-luxury boutique resorts receive visits from the rich and famous.

For families and couples, **Anthony's Key Resorts** offers travelers rustic elegance with cabanas on the beach. The all-inclusive dive resort is perched



at the edge of the barrier reef, and sharks, bottlenose dolphins, parrotfish, seahorses and sea fans abound in these waters.

Back on the Caribbean mainland, the Pico Bonito Cloud Forest, a favorite spot for trekking and wildlife watching, also offers rustic upscale accommodations at **The Lodge at Pico Bonito**, a luxury eco-lodge. The nearby coastal towns of La Ceiba and Tela also offer small resorts ideal for intimate getaways.

## Fast Facts

- **Capital city:** Tegucigalpa
- **Population:** 6 million
- **Cities of interest:** Copan, San Pedro Sula, Tela, Tegucigalpa
- **Currency:** Lempira
- **Entry requirements:** U.S. citizens need a valid passport; a tourist card may need to be purchased on arrival
- **Departure tax:** \$25
- **International airports:** Toncontin, Tegucigalpa; Ramon Villeda Morales, San Pedro Sula; El Goloson, La Ceiba; and Juan Manuel Galvez International Airport, Roatan Island
- **Domestic airlines:** Sosa Airlines, Islena Airlines, Rollins Air
- **Country telephone code:** 504
- **Tourism information:** Honduras Tourism Institute, (800) 410-9608; [www.letsghonduras.com](http://www.letsghonduras.com)