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Fins and Flippers, Honduras Resort's Unique Adventure Dolphin Program

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ROATAN, BAY ISLANDS OF HONDURAS—Sixteen years ago, Anthony's Key Resort pioneered Honduras' only research and educational dolphin program, the Roatan Institute for Marine Sciences (RIMS). Today, the resort makes yet another milestone, developing a second center for visitors to interact with dolphins and learn about Honduras' fragile ecosystem. Four of the dolphins born in captivity at RIMS are now home at Fins and Flippers, located on approximately three acres on the south side of Roatan near Coxen Hole Harbor.

Fins and Flippers is the first public dolphin facility of its kind in Honduras, and the only one in Central America, that allows the public and cruise ship travelers to learn and mingle with dolphins and observe other native species such as reptiles. Large pontoon boats transport cruise travelers to the nearby center. Upon arrival, small groups will wade in waist-deep water with the dolphins while a trained handler shares educational information and encourages physical contact and photographs. Guests will spend approximately 25 minutes with the animals.

Aside from learning about dolphins and other fascinating species, guests have access to the extensive grounds featuring:

- Indigenous flora, such as the Noni Tree, which normally can only be seen in remote, specific areas of Central America.
- Two small, private beaches with access to snorkeling.
- A 70,000-gallon pool, complete with a bar.
- A large gift shop.
- A dining area where guests can sample authentic Honduran cuisine, or purchase snacks and beverages.

Anthony's Key Resort offers a myriad of dolphin activities (at an additional cost) to its guests through the Roatan Institute for Marine Sciences including: the dolphin dive; snorkel/swim; 2-day Specialty Dolphin Course; Trainer-for-a-Day; dolphin beach encounter; Discovery Summer SCUBA Camp (kids 5-14 years); and Dolphin Training 101 (week package). Serving as the precursor to Fins and Flippers, RIMS is a one-of-a-kind research and educational program dedicated to preserving Roatan's natural resources. Students and scientists visit year-round to use on-site laboratories to study coral reef ecosystems, while Anthony's Key Resort guests learn through a variety of recreational dolphin activities. The facility is unlike any other in that resident dolphins are integrated inside ocean-based enclosures with natural flow-through seawater and a link to the natural habitat.

Anthony's Key Resort has been family-owned and operated for over 30 years with the key philosophy being the customer comes first. The PADI Gold Palm 5-Star Instructor Development Center has the best diving fleet in the Caribbean and an on-site medical facility, including a hyperbaric chamber. The renowned all-inclusive resort offers the least expensive diver training and certification in the Caribbean.

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Visit <http://www.anthonyskey.com/> or call 800-227-3483 for more information and reservations.

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