

# THE LUSH ROATAN - UNIQUE AND UNFORGETTABLE



Roatan is the largest of Honduras' Bay Island and undoubtedly is a spectacular destination. It features the second largest barrier reef in the world and apart from being a top diving destination, this small island has maintained a laid-back atmosphere and great charm.

Once known as Ruatan or Rattan, the island of Roatan belongs to the most precious tourist gems Honduras has to offer. The island is 60 km long and some 8 km wide and is a holiday-maker's dream.

**One of local fabulous highlights which contribute to a starry reputation is the second largest barrier reef.** Diving here is an unforgettable experience which not only features a striking diversity of marine life but also a selection of ship wrecks and night diving has become a popular sport as well.

While such attraction remains an irresistible magnet for diving enthusiasts, the environmentalists are worried about the impact of a significant influx of tourists. Lack of protection may have a disastrous effect on the reef system and local non-profit organization, the Roatan Marine Park, aim to raise awareness and educate locals as well as visitors in order to save the reefs.

**Visitors often praise local wonderful beaches and adventure seekers enjoy local superb zip-lining opportunities, as well as parasailing, kayaking, paddle boarding, wind surfing and sailboat cruises.** Roatan is also a haven for party animals with its many bars, clubs and restaurants.

The range of choices is overwhelming and ranges anywhere from Thai, Chinese, Japanese, Italian, French, Argentinean, American to Jamaican and naturally, Honduran cuisine. The coastal beach town of West End has become very popular for tourists who cannot wait to visit exotic place like the Cannibal Care, Coconut Tree, Wet Spot or Barefoot bar.

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