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**TRANQUILSEAS ECO LODGE, DIVING, RESTAURANT & BAR**

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# **Introducing the Award-winning TRANQUILSEAS ROATAN ECO LODGE**

## *An Oasis of Tranquillity for Diving Enthusiasts*

Throughout the year, the Directors at *Media Today Online* select organisations that have best demonstrated a proven ability to go that extra mile in not only meeting but exceeding the needs of their clients. Therefore, in line with this philosophy, it gives us pleasure to announce **TRANQUILSEAS ECO LODGE, DIVING, RESTAURANT & BAR** has been selected to receive the **ONLINE AWARD FOR DIVING SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR 2011**, an independent Award Programme recognised both locally and nationally.

*Media Today Online* is always keen to bring attention to those who are providing a product or service that stands out from the crowd and deserves to be appreciated not only by our readers, but also by a wider audience.

Set within beautifully landscaped tropical gardens in Sandy Bay, Roatan, **THE TRANQUILSEAS ECO LODGE, DIVE CENTER, RESTAURANT & BAR** ticks all the right boxes for visitors to Roatan looking for quality accommodation far away from the hustle and bustle of city life, where you can spend your days diving, snorkelling, bird watching, kayaking or simply soaking up some rays.

In presenting this Award the Judges were particularly impressed with the unique eco-lodge hotel accommodation available at **TRANQUILSEAS**, consisting five distinctive cabanas which are nestled amongst tropical flora & fauna, as Christopher Benson Chief Diving Instructor & creator/owner of **TRANQUILSEAS** explained in a recent interview: *“In order to ensure they portray the authentic Roatan environment, all five cabanas are made from Honduran materials. All 5 cabanas offer the latest in modern facilities to meet the needs of our 21<sup>st</sup> Century visitors; with four offering high quality orthopaedic Queen-sized beds to ensure a great night sleep away from home, hot/cold running water, remote a/c, kitchenette, fridge, spacious bathrooms, free wireless internet, ample closet space, purified water is available, maid service and laundry pick up service if required.*

He added: *“We also have a larger cabana accommodating up to 10 people, which is ideal for groups or families. This comprises of a double room with ensuite, two rooms with Queen-sized beds and a further room with four bunk beds with shared bathroom.”*

*“Whichever room you choose to stay in you will be able to relax and rest in comfort whilst swaying in a hammock on their spacious deck, taking in the panoramic views of the Caribbean,”* he concluded. *The name of the lodge is important to, why an Eco Lodge? We work hard to be a sustainable tourism based business, we recycle everything that we can given our government involvement, we try to leave a small carbon footprint, we reuse grey water for irrigation, each year we donate generous amounts to the local communities that are not so privileged, we are extremely strong supporters of the Roatan Marine Park and last but not least try to bring awareness to our guests.*

**TRANQUILSEAS** is rightly proud of the reputation it has for providing high quality, imaginative and exciting cuisine in its onsite **SUNKEN FISH Restaurant & Bar**, where visitors can enjoy relaxed Honduran surroundings, spacious tables and the best ocean views and sunsets. *“In the sunken fish visitors will find the atmosphere warm and welcoming, with our helpful, friendly staff more than happy to see to their every need. Every day our talented Chef creates a wide selection of freshly cooked cuisine including a great breakfast choice to our daily specials ranging from zesty duck salad to Spanish Paella, all of which she makes using organically grown herbs and only the freshest locally sourced ingredients. Every Tuesday night we also hold a Tapas Night, where visitors can enjoy excellent authentic Spanish Tapas and we also provide a variety of live music each week.”*

Christopher is able to draw on the unique experience he has gained over the last 15 years surveying the reefs around the Bay Islands, teaching scuba diving and fun diving: *“At the Raruwa Dive Center, Tranquileas we want you to have the same relaxing experience above and below the water. Why cram yourselves in with everyone else when you can have the reef all to yourself. We offer small groups...just you and the ocean life, for the most imitate dive experience. Whether you are looking to learn to dive, expand on your existing diving skills or just purely experience the incredible diving in Roatan, Tranquileas will ensure you get the best out of your diving trip to Roatan. We are not a retail dive shop, we are not looking to sell you courses or specialties that you’re not interested in, we sell nothing except the diving, the best diving offered on Roatan. We can structure your daily dives,, canyons and swim through, walls, pinnacles, caves and channels to quaint sandy patches where you can find the smallest of critters. Novice or experienced we are interested in you and what you want, so tell us and we shall take you there!*

Courses available include **OPEN WATER DIVER; ADVANCED OPEN WATER DIVER; DIVE THEORY; DIGITAL UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER; SCUBA TUNE-UP; ENRICHED AIR DIVER; RESCUE DIVER AND DIVEMASTER.**

As well as offering **PADI** courses, fun dives and unique dive safaris all from its’ fully equipped on-site dive shop, The Raruwa Dive Center also provides **PADI eLearning Gift Passes**, which form excellent gifts for family and friends, as well as acting as ‘cash’ for all **PADI**’s online courses.

Receiving this accolade not only forms the final piece of the jigsaw that confirms the company’s success, but it also acts as a seal of approval to prospective clients.

Commenting on receiving this accolade, Christopher went on to say:

From the moment that the idea of Tranquileas was conceived the Benson family have been working hard to achieve what we would like as a vacation destination. Over the years we have been privileged to offer accommodation to a wide range of guests and through these important clients we have been moulding Tranquileas into what it is today. We work hard to make sure that everything runs as smooth as possible to ensure you have the most relaxing vacation possible whilst staying at Tranquileas. We are not the ‘package deal hotel’ instead we cater for every dietary need, every vacation need, family requirements, of course make sure that every diver and even the if you dive for the first time has the best possible experience here on Roatan. We enjoy making our guests happy and I think that is why the lodge has such a warm friendly feel, good energy and everybody feels like they are on vacation the moment they arrive.

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