



SCUBA EXCURSION TO SABA, ST. KITTS & ST. MAARTEN

JANUARY 5 - 12, 2019 ON THE EXPLORER II LIVE ABOARD DIVE VESSEL

Saba, St. Kitts & St. Maarten - Northeastern Caribbean

Join Superior Expeditions on this awesome dive adventure. All diving will be done from our chartered live aboard dive board, the **Caribbean Explorer II**. Based out of the Northeastern Caribbean, an intriguing area offering a blend of Dutch, British, French and native cultures on some of the most scenic islands of the Caribbean, this dedicated dive boat provides an ideal dive platform while providing many of the amenities you expect from a hotel.

The Accommodations

The **Caribbean Explorer II** comfortably accommodates 18 passengers in nine double staterooms, all of which have private bathroom facilities and most of which have queen-sized beds. The semi-enclosed, air-conditioned salon on the upper deck includes dining tables, TV area, and a large sundeck with lounge chairs is aft of the main salon. The large dive deck is equipped with a bathroom, individual gear lockers, camera table with low pressure air hose, recharging station, air and nitrox filling stations, tank racks, and a separate fresh water rinse for both scuba and underwater camera equipment. There are two sets of stairs accessing the dive platform, where two in-water ladders hang for easy access to and from the water. The vessel is also equipped with a satellite telephone for incoming and outgoing calls worldwide.

If you are interested in touring the islands, other guests' can continue diving. We can also arrange additional time ashore to hike the rainforest-covered mountains, horseback ride on the beach, or even play golf. Check with the crew when you board.

The Diving

Saba, known for its submerged offshore pinnacles, is the five square mile top of a dormant volcano towering 3,000 feet above the surface and surrounded by volcanic sand. The abrupt topography above the sea is mirrored below, and the profusion of marine life attests to the early institution of the Saba Marine Park in 1987. St. Kitts offers arguably the widest variety of sites including finger reefs, recent wrecks, and a variety of dropoffs that will capture your imagination.

The majority of dives are offered at scheduled times, up to five times daily. Water temperatures range from a low of about 76 °F in winter to a high of about 85 °F in summer. Visibility is generally between 50 and 150 feet. Most divers are comfortable with a 3mm wetsuit in summer and up to a 5mm wetsuit in winter.

The Trip

The trip price of \$2,095 includes 7 nights/8 days aboard the Caribbean Explorer II, 3 meals daily, plus between-dive snacks, up to 5 dives daily, use of tanks, weights and belts all alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Nitrox is free for the entire week if desired (not required). A discounted Nitrox course is available for \$75 for anyone not already certified in Nitrox (price includes online textbook and certification card).

Airfare is not included in the trip price. We can help you coordinate airfare through American, United or Delta. At this time American seems to have the least expensive rates (approximately \$798) and most convenient flight times. Additional costs due while on the trip:

- Approximately \$200 when you arrive for port taxes and fuel surcharges.
- Miscellaneous tips/gratuities throughout the trip.

Reserve Your Spot

For reservations or for more information please contact Bob Karl and Superior Expeditions at karlx002@umn.edu or telephone 651-490-3225. A \$750 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your spot. For more information please see: www.superiorexpeditions.com

