



SCUBA DIVING EXCURSION TO TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS

MAY 18 TO MAY 25, 2024 ON THE TURKS & CAICOS EXPLORER II LIVE ABOARD DIVE VESSEL

The Turks & Caicos Islands

The Turks & Caicos Islands are a British Overseas Territory consisting of the larger Caicos Islands and smaller Turks Islands, two groups of tropical islands in the Lucayan Archipelago, north of the larger Antilles island grouping. Located 550 miles southeast of Miami, Florida, the Territory consists of 40 islands and cays, eight of which are inhabited. The weather is remarkably consistent year-round. The temperatures range from the 70's (F) or higher in the winter months to the low 90's during the summer, with nearly constant sea breezes. The US Dollar is the official currency of the Turks & Caicos. Passports are now required for all visitors, as is an ongoing or return ticket.

The Accommodations

The incomparable Turks & Caicos Explorer II was designed from the ground up as a liveaboard dive vessel. The newly refurbished luxury vessel carries up to 20 passengers and 8 crew. All staterooms throughout the vessel have port lights or windows, individually controlled air-conditioning, and private in-suite bathrooms. A comfortable full-width salon, located forward of the spacious dive deck, provides seating for all guests at once, a wet bar, and an entertainment area with DVD and CD stereo. The boat deck, one level up, has ample room for sunning and relaxing; the flybridge includes a wet bar and comfortable seating for up to 15.

The Diving

The idyllic islands of the Turks & Caicos sit surrounded by turquoise waters containing over 1,000 square miles of living coral reef. You'll explore the 5 different black coral species at Black Coral Forest, the reef sharks of Provo's Shark Hotel, the deep-water gorgonians of G-Spot, and the spotted eagle rays of Double D, along with a multitude of other dive sites along the region's plunging walls. There is normally little appreciable current at the dive sites and visibility is generally between 75 and 150 feet. The Turks & Caicos Explorer II's dive deck includes nitrox, individual gear bins, rinse tanks, camera table, recharging facilities, and ramp-style stair access to the swim platform for easy access into the water. Scheduling 5 dives daily, including night dives, the vessel boards in Providenciales each Saturday and offers 5 1/2 days of diving each week.

The Trip

Included are 3 meals per day, all beverages onboard, up to 5 dives per day. There are three rooming options including a \$200 fuel surcharge:

- \$2795 Twin upper/lower berths, lower deck
- \$2995 Twin side-by-side bunks, mid-deck (dive deck)
- \$3195VIP with queen bed, upper deck (behind captain's quarters)

Airfare currently runs approximately \$840 on American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Air Canada or United Airlines). Additional costs due while on the trip:

- \$25 Departure Tax (approximate), plus \$95 Port Taxes
- \$25 Transfer (each way)
- Miscellaneous tips, plus Friday night dinner
- \$150 for Nitrox 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).

Reserve Your Spot

For reservations or for more information please contact Bob Karl and Superior Expeditions at karlx002@umn.edu or telephone 651-261-5719 A \$750 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your spot. For more information please see: www.superiorexpeditions.com

