

Exuma Islands & Eleuthera, Bahamas

Aqua Cat, back by popular demand, "The Scuba Diving Luxury Live-aboard of the Bahamas"

October 22 to 29, 2022



Join us on board the AquaCat, a 102' catamaran, for an exciting scuba diving and snorkeling adventure. We board the AquaCat in Nassau and cruise south to the protected waters of the Exuma Land & Sea Park where the marine life is large and plentiful. Our travels will take us diving on remote walls and coral reefs where divers and photographers will find marine life in the Exumas some of the most prolific and varied of any coral reef in the world. The area's reefs offer a dive site for everyone, shallow colorful reefs, walls starting at 40', blue hole dives and exciting drift dives like the Washing Machine. Turtles, rays and sharks are seen regularly on most dive sites. Since 1958, much of the northern Exumas has been a National Underwater Park with no fishing, spear fishing or collecting allowed. Because of these laws, there are miles of undersea gardens in which coral, sponges and fish abound.

This is the ultimate escape aboard your own private luxury yacht. No crowds, no set itineraries, nothing to do but sit back, relax and choose from an incredible variety of activities including scuba diving, snorkeling, kayaking, paddle boarding, fishing, sunbathing, beach combing and island exploring. With meals, bar, scuba diving and water sports included in the price, Aqua Cat is comparably priced to a Caribbean luxury cruise or resort vacation, only the service is much more personal.

\$3,095 per diver, double occupancy

\$2,695 per diver, triple occupancy \$2,495 per diver, quad occupancy

Save \$125/diver if you deposit by 10/22/21 or \$100/diver if you deposit by 1/1/22

Our Dive Vacation Package Includes:

- 8 Days & 7 nights aboard the Aqua Cat <https://allstarliveaboards.com/aquacat/>
- 3 Delicious meals per day plus snacks, beverages, wine and drinks
- 5 1/2 Days of diving including night dives, up to 26 dives plus other daily excursions
- Weights, tanks and air fills (Nitrox is available for the week, \$150 for the trip)
- Use of kayaks, paddle boards and daily shore excursions
- Transfers on both Saturdays between airport and dive boat

If you are traveling in a group of 3 or 4 divers, triple and quad discount pricing is also available for cabins 1, 2, 4, 9, 10. Ask for availability. A \$1,000 per person deposit (cash or check only) is required to sign up. Your 2nd payment of \$1,000 is due 3/1/22 and final balance plus port taxes, fuel surcharge and park fees is due 7/1/22. After the initial deposit, remaining payments can be made with cash, check or add 3.5% for payments with debit or charge cards. Prices are based on double occupancy and are subject to change and availability. No refunds on unused portions. A valid passport is required for travel to the Bahamas. You may board any time after 6:00 PM on Saturday. If you are arriving earlier, you may drop bags off at the boat prior to 6:00 PM. The Aqua Cat returns to Nassau Friday afternoon. We ask that you disembark Saturday by 9:00 AM. You may leave your bags on the boat if you have a late afternoon flight.

Not Included: Air fare (Baltimore to Nassau, Southwest usually offers the best fare and schedule). The port tax, UW park visitors fee and fuel surcharge (\$235 total, subject to change) will be collected with your final payment. Nitrox fills are \$150.00 for the trip. Two transfer legs are included in the trip, additional transfers can be added at \$18.00 per leg. Gratuities to the live-aboard staff (approx. 10%- 15% of trip), Dinner on the last night in port and any personal purchases. Have Fun! Life's Too Short!

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Entry Requirements:

A valid United States passport is required for travel to the Bahamas. If you are not a US citizen or you have entry questions, this link may help: <https://www.bahamas.com/entry-requirements> Please note, many countries require your passports have a minimum validity of 6 months on arrival. To minimize the spread of COVID-19, travel and entry protocols may be in place to ensure The Bahamas are a safe destination for all to enjoy. Visit this link for the latest updates: <https://www.bahamas.com/travelupdates>

At Time Of Reservation:

A \$1,000 per person deposit by cash or check (made payable to Aqua Ventures, Inc.) is required to sign up. Prices are based on double occupancy and are subject to change and availability. At time of reservation, please provide us the following information to assist in setting up your trip and reservations.

- Specify diver or non-diver. Each room must have at least one diver.
- Roommate name. Double, Triple and Quad rooms are available. If looking for a roommate, we can usually match you up with a fellow diver if given enough advanced notice.
- Your cabin and bedding requests. See ship layout. (1 queen or 2 double beds per room)
- Your full first and last name as they appear on your passport. Also, let us know if you have a preferred name or nickname. This is how you would like the crew and passengers to refer to you.

At Time of Second and Final Payment:

Your 2nd payment of \$1,000 is due March 1, 2022 and your final balance is due by July 1, 2022. Remaining payments can be made with cash, check or add 3.5% for payments with debit or charge cards. At time of final payment, please provide us the following information to set up your transfers and finalize your reservations.

- Your flight arrival and departure information: airline, flight numbers, arrival time and departing time.
- Your choice of breathing gas for the boat dives. Air or Nitrox. (Nitrox is \$150.00 for the trip)
- Each passenger MUST complete a trip application and submit to our office at least 6 weeks prior to departure. Complimentary transfers are only offered to those who comply. This form is available on the website for electronic submission. <https://allstarliveaboards.com/aquacat/trip-application/>

Cancellation Policy and Refunds:

- No refunds for unused portions or early departures.
- Cancellation more than 9 months prior to departure date, a full refund minus 5%.
- Cancellation less than 9 months prior to departure, all payments are forfeited unless someone pays in full for and takes your space.
- Policy for trip interruption due to a named storm: A future credit will be offered for any missed days with no expiration date for using the credit. We understand your busy schedules and the need to plan. There is no refund for cancellations due to weather.
- We make NO guarantees for filling your space if you are unable to dive or travel but we will try to help you find a replacement, the sooner we know the better the odds of finding someone to take your place.

Diver's Insurance Is Highly Recommended:

Trip and diving insurance are highly recommended. Policies are available through Dive Assure or DAN.

- Dive Assure <https://diveassure.com/en/home/?pid=649servicing>
- DAN <https://www.diversalertnetwork.org/insurance>

Flight Information:

- This trip is scheduled as a Saturday to Saturday trip. The best flight is usually the Southwest flight from BWI direct to Nassau, Bahamas. Nassau's airport code is NAS. Start checking their website about 8 months out to see if flights have been posted yet for October. <https://www.southwest.com/>
- We will board the AquaCat after 6:00 pm on Saturday and disembark by 9:00 am on the following Saturday.
- When booking return flights, remember DAN recommends waiting 24 hours after your last dive before you fly.

Are YOU ready for the trip:

- Get in shape. Scuba diving can be a strenuous activity at times.
- Have you dove recently? If not, ask about some practice time with us in the pool or joining us on a local dive.
- Haven't dove in awhile? Set up a Scuba Skills Update class with us to refresh your skills and confidence.
- Ready to learn more? Ask us about Specialty classes that may be offered before or during your trip. Favorites include: Nitrox, Perfect Buoyancy, Night Diving, Navigation, Boat Diving, Fish ID and Underwater Photography.
- Have you had a medical checkup for diving? A signed doctor's release can be valid for one year and may be required by the dive operator. Form - <http://www.aquaventuresonline.com/Graphics/ClassAppPage2.pdf>

Personal Diving Equipment:

- Have your primary scuba equipment serviced annually.
- Will you need to rent equipment on your trip? <https://allstarliveaboards.com/aquacat/dive-equipment-rental/>