



GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND DIVE WEEK

BAHAMAS MINISTRY OF TOURISM, INVESTMENTS & AVIATION
DIVE GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND 2023
June 18-24, 2023

Grand Bahama Island is the northern viewpoint to an archipelagic paradise. Offering three unique destination experiences, it is the perfect locale for coupling a cosmopolitan vacation at an upscale resort with the rich heritage of rustic townships and historic fishing villages. Home to one of the world's largest underwater cave systems, enchanting marine life, three national parks and endless white sand beaches, Grand Bahama Island is simply picturesque.



DIVE EVENT PACKAGE includes 6 nights All Inclusive Superior Room Accommodations at Viva Wyndham Fortuna Beach, 4 days of 2-tank boat dives and 1 day 2-tank Tiger Beach Dive with Reef Oasis Dive Club, full breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily, snacks and beverages including alcohol, non-motorized watersports, daily scheduled entertainment, free WiFi, roundtrip airport transfers, all other transportation, hotel taxes and service charges.

- Valid for travel 6/18/23-6/24/23
- Rate from \$1,612

DIVE WEEK SCHEDULE

Sun, June 18, 2023

- » Arrive on Grand Bahama Island
- » Transfer to Viva Wyndham Fortuna Beach for **Check-in**
Viva Wyndham Fortuna Beach - Spectacular all-inclusive resort nestled on the south shore of Grand Bahama Island. Teeming with 26-acres of lush foliage, natural wildlife, and palm-tree dotted beaches, the stunning Viva Wyndham Fortuna Beach is an island paradise. Experience the beauty of the surroundings while partaking in exciting onsite activities and entertainment.
- » 7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception on property (Venue TBD)
Evening at leisure

Sample Itinerary subject to change but values will be substituted not removed.

Mon, June 19, 2023

- Breakfast at leisure.**
- » 7:45 a.m. Groups 1 & 2 Meet at Reef Oasis for check-in (20 Divers)
 - » 8:15 a.m. Customized 2 tank dive
Caves - Two very interesting sites, well worth the visit. Site is comprised of thick spur and groove coral formations, teeming with life. So many cracks, nooks, crannies and hiding places for fish that it is almost impossible to see everything! Both Moorings are set along a sloping drop-off. Starting at 60' sloping to about 80-90' at the bottom. In the deepest part of this site, it is possible to see a sunken chamber. Groupers, Jacks, Remoras and sharks, from neighboring Shark alley, are frequent sightings. At both sides of this site, there are various swim-throughs to explore.
 - Pretender's Wreck** - This upside-down tug sits at an approachable depth for divers of all levels of experience. This forty-five-foot vessel, the Pretender, rests on the sea floor between two heads of coral. Remnants of a yacht are also strewn about this site as well. Stingrays are often seen gliding along the sandy bottom.
 - » 12:00 p.m. **Group 1 & 2 return to Host Hotel**
 - » 6:45 p.m. Meet in lobby for transfer to Maxxi's Bahamian Beach Club, Bar & Grill (Optional at own expense, Transportation compliments of MOTIA)
 - » 7:00 p.m. **Maxxi's Bahamian Beach Club, Bar & Grill** - an authentically Bahamian restaurant located on a beautiful beach; offering an all-Bahamian menu, signature drinks & specials, friendly staff, unlimited beach access, non-motorized water sports and games.
 - » 9:00 p.m. Return to Host Hotel
Evening At Leisure
 - » 10:00 p.m. Theater Show (Optional)



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Tue, June 20, 2023

Breakfast at leisure.

» 7:30 a.m. **Group 1** Meet in lobby transfer to Tiger Beach (10 Divers)

Tiger Beach – As you can see from the name, this is one of the most unique dive sites in the world where you have the chance to watch Tiger Sharks swimming around in their natural habitat. You can also see here nurse sharks along with lemon sharks. In addition to sharks on this dive site other you can always see large representatives of the underwater fauna such as huge groupers and snappers.

» 7:45 a.m. **Group 2** Meet at Reef Oasis Dive Shop for check-in (10 Divers)

» 8:15 a.m. **Customized 2 tank dive**

Sea star Wreck – A steel Barge sitting upright on ocean floor. Penetration is easy through open deck. Approximate length is 200 feet with average depth is 65 feet. Even though it is a relatively new wreck, you will find an array of local fish; such as barracuda, amberjack, snappers, groupers and an occasional turtle or shark! This wreck has been changed a lot due to the past 3 hurricanes; Francis, Jeanne and Wilma!

Papa Doc Wreck – Once a shrimp boat, this doomed craft was transporting mercenaries and firearms to Haiti during the revolution in that country. The wreck's namesake was the dictator, Papa Doc Duvalier, who was so ruthless that he inspired an uprising. Divers can still salvage ammunition on the sea floor and amongst the coral. This wreck rests in pieces along the shallow reef, with visible engine blocks and machinery still visible at this novice-accessible dive site.

» 12:00 p.m. **Group 2** return to Hotel Hotel

» 7:00 p.m. **Group 1** return from Tiger Beach
Evening At Leisure

» 10:00 p.m. Theater Show (Optional)

Wed, June 21, 2023

Breakfast at leisure.

» 7:30 a.m. **Group 2** Meet in lobby transfer to Tiger Beach (10 Divers)

» 8:30 a.m. **Tiger Beach** – As you can see from the name, this is one of the most unique dive sites in the world where you have the chance to watch Tiger Sharks swimming around in their natural habitat. You can also see here nurse sharks along with lemon sharks. In addition to sharks on this dive site other you can always see large representatives of the underwater fauna such as huge groupers and snappers (12 Hours)

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» 8:15 a.m. **Customized 2 tank dive**

Plate Reef at Blue Hole – Many varieties of hard coral have formed here. Many plate coral overlap above the surge channels. The blue hole here is quite large and comes right out of the side of a high-profile coral. Mahogany and yellow-tail snappers, goat-fish, and French grunts are usually seen.

Peterson's Cay Coral Restoration – Dive on a wall 20ft deep filled with marine life due to shallow waters. The Coral reefs here are much more colorful, and the fish are much more active when compared to the regular deep dives. Just south of this reef is an area with 13 trees of PVC with coral shambles attached to them.

» 12:00 p.m. **Group 1** return to Host Hotel

» 3:00 p.m. **Group 2** return from Tiger Beach

» 6:30 p.m. Meet in lobby for transfer to Smith's Point Fish Fry (Compliments of MOTIA)

» 6:45 p.m. **Fish Fry Experience at Smiths Point** – For a true taste of Grand Bahama, a trip to Smith's Point is almost necessary. You'll feast on local dishes such as fried fish, rolled lobster and conch. This weekly event takes place in the quaint settlement of Smith's Point every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. The Smith Point Fish Fry Experience is home to the traditional Bahamian Fish Fry. You can experience Bahamian food, drinks, music and culture.

» 9:00 p.m. Return to Host Hotel
Evening At Leisure

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Thu, June 22, 2023

Breakfast at leisure.

» 7:45 a.m. **Groups 1 & 2 Meet at Reef Oasis Dive Shop for check-in (20 Divers)**

» 8:15 a.m. **Customized 2 tank dive (15 divers)**

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» 12:00 p.m. **Group 1 & 2 return to host hotel**

Afternoon at leisure

Evening At Leisure

» 10:00 p.m. Theater Show (Optional)

Fri, June 23, 2023

Breakfast at leisure.

» 12:00 p.m. Meet in lobby for transfer to the Bahamian Brewery (Compliments of MOTIA)

» 12:30 p.m. **Bahamian Brewery Tour** – Walk through the 25-step process from malt to beer! See the lab quality control, learn about our filtration & kegging process, and watch our staff bottle your beer. Then become a brew master yourself as you taste the sensation Sands, in Jimmy's personal tap room. Once you've sipped a Sands, or two, we'll take you down to the gift shop and the liquor store - and let you purchase all you want - it's all duty free!

» 1:30 p.m. Return to Host Hotel

Afternoon at leisure

» 6:30 p.m. Meet in lobby for transfer The "O" Grill at Taino Beach (Optional at own expense, Transportation compliments of MOTIA)

» 7:00 p.m. **Bonfire Experience at The "O" Grill** – Enjoy a great bonfire on the beach at this secure and relaxing weekend night-time hangout. There is great music, dance, food and drinks. After you grab a drink, feel free to ask any of their staff to borrow a set of darts or dominoes and play away!

» 9:00 p.m. Return to host hotel

Evening At Leisure

» 10:00 p.m. Theater Show (Optional)

Sat, June 24, 2023

Breakfast at leisure.

» 7:00 a.m. Check out/ luggage.

» 8:30 a.m. Meet in host hotel lobby for transfer to Grand Bahama International Airport

» 10:45 a.m. **Depart Grand Bahama Island via Bahamasair**