

AQUARIUS SCUBA DIVING TRAVEL NEWSLETTER WINTER 2010

Need to get away from the snow, cold temperatures and frozen water? Take a look at these dive trips and sign up today! Call 416-604-4203

CUBA

We have a **few spots** left for the Cuba trip taking place February 4-11, 2010.

Come join us in Cuba, where we will be diving in the crystalline waters of Santa Lucia, and enjoying the fabulous beaches at the resort, *Oasis Brisas Santa Lucia*. When you are not diving, there are plenty of water sports and activities to fill the lazy Cuban days and evenings. Say Hola to Cuba!!

CUBA PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- All taxes
- 5 days of 2-tank diving
- Hotel, transfers and return airfare from Toronto

HOTEL DETAILS: OASIS BRISAS SANTA LUCIA

- 4 star resort
- 3 a la carte restaurants
- On the beach
- Balcony or terrace rooms
- 24 hour snack bar
- Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Nightly entertainment
- 24 hour unlimited domestic and selected international drinks

Aquarius will be offering PADI specialty courses as well as Open Water check-out dives to complete certification

COST: \$1249 all inclusive for divers, \$899 non diver

****Full payment required due to travel date**



BAHAMAS

Come join us for a live-aboard diving vacation in the Bahamas! April 16 to 23, 2010

Not only will you have the **live aboard** experience, but the Blackbeard boats are sailboats, so we will also be using sail power to get from place to place. Cabins will be shared, but come with oversize berths and below deck air conditioning. We will be visiting many of the islands that make up the Bahamas, including Bimini, Berries, Andros and Grand Bahama, and experiencing some of the best diving in the Caribbean!

What kind of diving can you expect to do on this trip? Reef, wreck, wall, drift, night and shark dives!! You can dive up to 4 times each day and there will be scheduled night dives, weather permitting.

Blackbeard's Cruises offers an informal, fun atmosphere, shared living spaces, gear rental and a variety of different dives. Each boat has two captains, dive staff and a cook, and trip cost includes three meals a day, snacks and alcoholic beverages. You can also finish up any certifications at this time, or get that specialty you have always wanted.

We fly directly into Freeport, Bahamas on Friday April 16th and join the crew midday Saturday April 17th. We leave port on Saturday at 3pm, and don't return to port (Freeport) until Friday, April 24th. We then fly back to Toronto on Friday afternoon via a direct flight.

Berths are filling fast, so sign up today!!

\$1,699.00 CAD
inclusive for all passengers *

\$250 deposit to secure your spot, final payment Feb 17/10

*Gear rental, crew gratuity and scuba instruction extra

Don't have your own gear? We have a special weekly rate for our dive travel customers. The package includes a regulator, BCD and dive computer for \$150 for the week, a savings of \$80 off the regular price! Call for more details.



UPCOMING TRIPS

Mexican Cenotes November 2010

[Come join us for a diving vacation in Akumal, Mexico!](#)

Cenotes are fresh water pools connecting to submerged caverns and other cenotes. What makes diving Cenotes special is that the diving conditions are not affected by weather, there is moderate water temperature (77 degrees), barely discernable currents, stalagmites, stalactites and columns formations and excellent underwater visibility. And the best part is that there is no specialized training required to dive cenotes, unlike caves and caverns. The Yucatan is noted for its famous spectacular formations and the amazing clarity of the water.

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**Hotel or resort may change depending on availability, cost TBD

Papua New Guinea April 28-May 13 2011



The trip of a lifetime!

We will be joining a Peter Hughes Live-aboard *Star Dancer* in Papua New Guinea for a 10 day trip, experiencing some of the best diving the world has to offer. We will be incorporating several days before and after the trip for travel and sight-seeing, making it a full 15 days of travel.

Every dive in Papua New Guinea is an exciting new experience, highlighted by encounters with dog tooth tuna, sharks, vast schools of pelagics such as barracuda, trevally and others. The waters of PNG are also home to prolific and diverse marine creatures and corals with over 350 recorded species of reef building corals and over 900 recorded species of fish. You can look forward to 5 dives a day including night dives!

Star Dancer offers luxury, service and conveniences of a world class hotel. A 120-foot steel monohull vessel accommodating 16 guests, *Star Dancer* will take you in style and comfort through the pristine waters of this remote and primitive land.

All of the magnificent staterooms have ensuite bath facilities, individual air-conditioning controls and most have picture window views. *Star Dancer* also features all the standard perks of the Dancer Fleet®, with plenty of areas to relax and hang out. While not diving, guests can enjoy spending time sunning or napping in a hammock on the large sundeck or reading in comfort in the roomy air-conditioned salon.

Cost: \$2995US per person plus port fee \$75US plus environmental/safety fee \$50US.

2 nights Hotel \$300US approx

Airfare \$2500-\$4000CDN approx

