

Turks & Caicos

Turquoise waters, spectacular wall dives, large pelagics and a profusion of marine life

New date: May 22 to 29, 2021 (rescheduled from June 27 to July 4, 2020)



Located 575 miles southeast of Miami, the idyllic islands of the Turks and Caicos sit surrounded by turquoise waters containing over 1,000 square miles of living coral reef. A Mecca for divers from all over the world, the Turks and Caicos Islands are known for their expansive underwater visibility, high-voltage wall dives, and the profusion of marine life of all sizes located within their boundaries. Low annual rainfall and reliable ocean currents contribute to the remarkable visibility, as well as provide nutrients for the many large pelagics common in these waters. Reef sharks, spotted eagle rays, jacks, grouper, and turtles are all common. Blacktip and hammerheads are spotted on a frequent basis, and the occasional manta rays and dolphins make an appearance. Famous for its spectacular walls filled with huge gorgonian fans, barrel sponges, hard-coral arches and macro life, the Turks & Caicos Islands truly offer a dive experience for everyone.

A beautiful and luxurious live-aboard boat, the **Turks & Caicos Explorer II**, was designed to be a lavish yacht. Equipped with Naiad stabilizers and a heavy keel it is perfect for Turks and Caicos diving. Designed from the ground up in 1995, she was purchased by Explorer Ventures and put into operation in the Turks & Caicos Islands in February 2005. The 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 ensuite 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 two VIP staterooms located on the upper boat deck, as well as the two forward staterooms on the main deck, are equipped with TV/VCR. The dive deck of course include 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. The vessel boards in Providenciales each Saturday and offers 5 1/2 days of diving each week. 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.

Cabins: \$2,595 Lower Deck Staterooms, \$2,795 Main Deck Staterooms, \$2,995 VIP Staterooms

Our Guided Dive Vacation Package Includes:

- 8 Days/7 Nights. accommodations aboard the Turks & Caicos Explorer II
- Breakfast, lunch, snacks, beverages and dinner daily (3 meals / day except Friday's evening meal)
- 5 1/2 days of diving including air fills, tanks, weights and belts
- 5 dives daily, including night dives (17 boat dives total for 7-night package, weather permitting)

Prices are based on double occupancy and are subject to change and availability. A valid passport is required for travel to the Turks & Caicos Islands. A \$1400 deposit is required to sign up, the final balance for the trip is due by February 22, 2021. For complete fact sheet on the trip from Explorer Ventures: <https://www.explorerventures.com/pdf/TCEXTripInfo.pdf>

Not Included: Airfare from Baltimore to Turks & Caicos Islands (For help with airline reservations contact Explorer Ventures Monday - Friday 8-5 U.S. central time 1.800.329.9000), gratuities for the dive staff, nitrox and personal purchases. There is also an onboard charges of \$95 port/hotel tax and \$80 fuel surcharge per person that is payable at end of trip at checkout. Onboard charges may change until 30 days prior to departure. Explorer Ventures will help arrange transfers to/from the boat. They are not included in the package price and currently run \$45 for up to two people (each way) and \$25 per person thereafter.

Have Fun - Life's Too Short!

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Room information:

VIP Staterooms 1 & 2 feature individually-controlled air conditioning systems, as well as a queen-sized bed, desk, chair, and private bathroom and shower. Forward of them is located the expansive pilothouse, with access to the Captain's Stateroom.

Staterooms 3 & 4 on the main deck each have twin beds, desk with chair, hanging closet, wardrobe, storage, individually-controlled air conditioning, and private bathroom and shower.

Staterooms 5-7 on the main deck each have twin/queen beds, desk with chair, hanging closet, wardrobe, storage, individually-controlled air conditioning, and private bathroom and shower.

Staterooms 8-10 are accessed via a circular staircase from the main salon; each includes twin upper/lower beds, wardrobe, hanging closet, individually-controlled air conditioning, and private bathroom and shower. Also located on the lower deck is the communications room, and crew cabins.

Entry Requirements:

Visitors must carry valid passports with a minimum validity of 6 months on arrival. A return or ongoing airline ticket is required for all visitors. Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/turks-and-caicos-islands/entry-requirements>

At Time Of Reservation:

A \$1400 per person deposit (cash or check only) is required to sign up and reserve a space. **Make payable to Aqua Ventures, Inc.** Prices are based on diver, 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.

- Your full first and last name as they appear on your passport. Also, let us know if you have a preferred name or nickname.
- Specify diver or non-diver. Each room must have at least one diver.
- Roommate name. Single rooms are available, ask about pricing. If looking for a roommate, we can usually match you up with a fellow diver if given enough advanced notice.
- Your cabin type and bedding requests. (1 queen or 2 twin beds per room)

At Time of Second and Final Payment:

Full payment is due by 2/22/2021 (cash, check, or debit/charge card add 4%). **Make payable to Aqua Ventures, Inc.** At time of final payment, please provide us the following information to set up your transfers and finalize your reservations.

- Special requirements for diet or a disability.
- 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.
- Trip documents: Please complete and return the following Application/Release no later than 90 days prior to travel. Forms may be returned by email at info@explorerventures.com; by fax at 1-307-235-0686; or via secure upload here: [Secure Upload](https://www.explorerventures.com/pdf/ApplicationReleaseCarib.pdf). <https://www.explorerventures.com/pdf/ApplicationReleaseCarib.pdf>

Cancellation Policy and Refunds:

- There are no refunds or transfers on unused portions of diving, for inclement weather or early departures.
- *Trip insurance is recommended!* 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.

Explorer Ventures Terms for Rescheduled Trip:

1. The reschedule offer is applicable only to the original travelers and is not transferable.
2. If rescheduling for within one year of the original travel date, guests will have a space-for-space transfer to the new date. For travel 12-24 months from the original travel date, guests are responsible for the difference in published retail rates between the dates. Limited blackout booking dates and/or seasonal restrictions may apply.
3. There is no refund of any overage.
4. Balance of trip cost, if applicable, is due 90 days prior to travel.
6. A NEW [Caribbean Application/Liability Release Form](https://www.explorerventures.com/pdf/ApplicationReleaseCarib.pdf) <<https://www.explorerventures.com/pdf/ApplicationReleaseCarib.pdf>> reflecting the new charter date will also need to be completed by each guest and returned no later than 90 days prior to departure.
7. All cancellation and reduction terms remain based on the original date of travel.
8. No further date changes are permitted.

Dive Green program: To help guests learn more about our *Dive Green* program and what they can do to help reefs even before they arrive, please refer to our "Dive Green: Know Before You Go" <https://www.explorerventures.com/pdf/DiveGreen_KnowBeforeYouGo.pdf> " tips.

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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.diversalernetnetwork.org/insurance>

Flight Information:

- This trip is scheduled as a Saturday to Saturday trip. Booking airfare early usually gets you a lower fare. (For help with airline reservations contact Explorer Ventures Monday - Friday 8-5 U.S. central time 1.800.329.9000)
- The airport code for Providenciales, Turks & Caicos is PLS. Providenciales International Airport
- 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.explorerventures.com/pdf/medical_statement.pdf)

Personal Diving Equipment:

- Have your primary scuba equipment serviced annually: Regulator, Alternate Air Source, BCD and Computer. You should also inspect your dive lights, cameras and strobes, mask and fin straps, dive suit and safety equipment.
- Will you need to rent equipment on your trip?

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