

# Bahamas Adventure

Aboard the luxury vessel  
Explorer I

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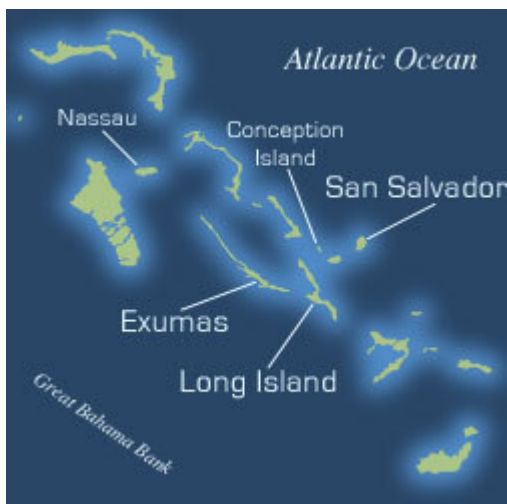
Join us on this Bahamas adventure diving the crystal blue waters of the Bahamas. This will be Wiley's SCUBA Lockers 27<sup>th</sup> (I think its the 27<sup>th</sup>, I have lost count) trip to the Bahamas. However this is the first trip on the Explorer I vessel and we will be exploring all new areas of the Bahamas.

Get off that couch, get that passport because its time to adventure,  
you know you want to,,,,,DO IT!

Call Tony at the shop for more details. 951 682-3483.

***DO IT !***

**Caribbean Explorer I - George Town, Exuma, Bahamas**



**Packages include:**

- Air transportation from LAX to Bahamas and back to LAX
- 7 nights/8 days aboard the vessel
- 3 meals daily
- Between-dive snacks
- Towels, linens, etc.
- Up to 5 dives daily (weather and itinerary permitting)
- Use of tanks, weights and weight belts
- All air fills (excluding nitrox)
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Plus a few surprise extras

### **Packages do not include:**

- Friday evening dinner
- Rental, instruction and retail charges
- Crew gratuities
- Trip cancellation Insurance
- Departure taxes (up to US\$25)
- Port taxes, (Bahamas US\$85)
- Fuel surcharge, if applicable
- [Nitrox](#)

### **Trip info**

- **Itinerary:** 8 day/7 night
- **Departing:** George Town, Exuma each Saturday
- **Accommodates:** 18 passengers in 9 air-conditioned double rooms
- **Water temperatures:** a low of 72 degrees in the winter to a high of 84 degrees in the summer
- **Visibility:** Normally between 75 and 150 feet or more. All diving done from the vessel

### **Sample Itineraries**

Days aboard *Caribbean Explorer I* generally involve breakfast from 7 am to 8 am (cold breakfasts are available for late risers), followed by two morning dives, lunch at 12:30 pm, two afternoon dives, dinner at 6:30 pm, and a night dive. Island shore excursions will be arranged when possible for those interested.

Please note also that this itinerary is an example only, and will change depending on weather and logistics at the Captain's discretion. In particular, it is not always possible to reach San Salvador in certain weather conditions.

#### **Saturday:**

- 1500 Guests board the Caribbean Explorer I at the Exuma Services Marina, George Town
- 1830 Dinner (snacks or dinner available for those arriving on later flights)
- 2000 Captain's Briefing, documents, etc.
- 2100 Shore leave or simply relax aboard.

#### **Sunday: George Town to Long Island**

- 0500 Depart George Town for 2 1/2 hour transit to Long Island; breakfast on arrival
- 0900 Begin diving schedule; 4 dives, possibly 5 depending on tide conditions and logistics.

#### **Monday: Long Island to Conception**

- 0600 Depart Long Island early morning for 1 1/2 hour transit to Conception Island; breakfast on arrival.
- 0830 Begin diving schedule; 5 dives

**Tuesday: Conception to San Salvador**

- 0400 Depart early morning for 3 1/2 hour transit to San Salvador; breakfast on arrival. 5 dives offered.

**Wednesday: San Salvador**

- 5 dives offered. Optional 2-hour island tour.

**Thursday: San Salvador to Conception Island to Long Island**

- 2 dives at San Salvador, followed by transit at lunchtime to Conception Island. 3 dives offered at Conception. Evening crossing to Long Island after dinner and night dive.

**Friday:**

- Dawn dive and morning dive, with departure for the trip back to George Town scheduled for lunchtime. Afternoon at leisure; dinner ashore, with night spent aboard vessel at dock.

**Saturday:**

- 0700/0830 Continental breakfast
- 0900 Depart the Caribbean Explorer I. Should you be leaving on an afternoon flight, feel free to leave your luggage on the dock alongside the vessel until you depart; we will watch over it.
- Due to the necessity of readying the vessel for our next cruise, we must strictly enforce the 9 am departure.

**The Boat:**

The ***Caribbean Explorer I*** departs George Town, Exuma each Saturday and offers an 8 day/7 night itinerary. Carrying 18 passengers, the ***Caribbean Explorer I*** features 4 upper-deck staterooms, each with large windows, private bathroom and shower and either double/twin or queen beds. A comfortable protected seating and entertainment area is also located on the upper deck, just forward of the large lounge and chair-equipped sundeck and barbeque area. The main deck features the indoor dining salon and galley. The expansive dive deck provides individual gear bins, multi-level camera table, recharging station, air and nitrox filling station, rinse bins, freshwater shower and wide, and shallow stairs to the dive platform itself. Below decks are located 2 full bathrooms and 5 spacious double cabins, each with double and twin beds, private sink and vanity, and hanging closet.

**Technical Specifications**

**Vessel:** M/V *Caribbean Explorer I*

**Registry:** Belize , C.A. , **Boatmaker:** Swiftships, 1972

**Recommissioned:** 2003

**Construction:** All aluminum

**L.O.A.:** 106 ft

**L.W.L.:** 88 ft

**Beam:** 21 ft

**Draft:** 7.5 ft maximum

**Displacement:** 124 tons

**Maximum Speed:** 14 knots

**Maximum Range:** 1600 nautical miles

**Engines:** 2 GM 12 V 71 diesel main engines, 400 hp. each - **September 07 installed 2 new Caterpillar engines with a projected increase efficiency of 20%**

**Generators:** 1 GM 471 Diesel producing 110 V AC/220 V AC, 55 KW capacity; 1 Cummins Diesel producing 110 V AC/220 V AC, 75 KW capacity - **September 07 installed a new John Deere generator, with an increased efficiency of greater than 25%**

**Fuel Capacity:** 2,500 gallons

**Freshwater Supply:** 2 Reverse Osmosis watermakers, 3,000 gallon per day total, 2,000 gallon storage

**Air Systems:** 2 Bauer K-14 9.7 cfm compressors, electric, with cascade-type storage banks, located in engine room

**Nitrox System:** Nitrox Technologies membrane system, producing 32% nitrox, located in engine room

**Electricity:** 220 V and 110 V AC power (110 V AC 3 prong grounded outlets in all cabins and heads)

**On the Bridge:** 48 and 36 mile Furuno radars with proximity alarms, Furuno Autopilot, Global Positioning System (GPS) with location alarm, Digital Depth sounder with alarm, Digital bottom recorder, computerized chart system with GPS link, Satellite phone with data link, Cellular telephone, SSB Radiotelephone and VHF radios, Engine and bilge alarms, Internal PA and intercom system

**Heads: Eight:** 2 lower deck, 1 dive deck, 4 upper deck, 1 crew's quarters

**Accommodations:** 18 passengers in 9 cabins, all w/private sinks/vanities; upstairs rooms have private bathrooms. Up to 8 staff in forward crews' quarters.

**Safety Equipment:** Life rafts (4), life rings/strobes (4), life vests/strobes (25), emergency position locator, flares, oxygen and first aid equipment

**Other Equipment:** Full service all electric galley and refrigeration, Scotsman Ice Flaker, Boatwide stereo audio system, full-service E-6 color film processing lab, recharging station for strobes, batteries, etc. Extensive array of professional audio/visual editing, dubbing and special effects systems

**Tender:** 14-foot rigid hull inflatable (25 hp. engine) used for passenger transport

**Accessories:** Photo Equipment, Diving Equipment

## Sample day aboard the Explorer I

Days aboard *Caribbean Explorer I* generally involve breakfast beginning at 7 am, with a cold breakfast available for late risers, followed by two morning dives, lunch, two afternoon dives, dinner, and a night dive. An island shore excursions on San Salvador can be arranged for those interested.

### Extras:

#### **San Salvador Tour Option**

A tour of San Salvador is available on Wednesday afternoon. The tour takes about 2 1/2 hours and the cost is \$20.

You will tour:

**The Watling's Castle** - At Sandy Point, the southern most point on the island, are the ruins of Watling's Castle, a

plantation house built in the 18th century. It was named after George Watling, a buccaneer who frequented the place. The remains are substantial and include the three story "great house," the kitchen, slave quarters, barns, and boundary walls. We suggest you wear long pants to protect your legs as the path leading to the ruins can be overgrown.

**Dixon Hill Lighthouse** - Built on a former plantation owned by John Dixon, the lighthouse was constructed by the Imperial Lighthouse Service in 1887. The gleaming white structure rises 163 feet above sea level and has a visibility of 19 miles. It is re-fueled every 2 hours and 15 minutes by hand and gives a double flash every 10 seconds. It is one of only ten kerosene lighthouses in the world. Despite its age, this lighthouse is still a vital navigational beacon for ships in the area. You can climb the 80 steps to admire the internal workings and step out onto the balcony for a panoramic birds'- eye view of the entire island.

**Chicago Herald Monument** - The weatherworn monument stands at the south end of East Bay on San Salvador. The crude stone marker, topped by a marble globe, sits on a slender isthmus named Crab Cay. It was created in 1891 by the Chicago Herald newspaper in commemoration of the landing of Columbus' landfall, even though it was on the wrong spot. The Plaque reads "on this spot Christopher Columbus first set foot upon the soil of the New World".