



## PRE-TRIP INFO

# ALL STAR AQUA CAT

### TRIP INFO

**Trip Duration:** Saturday - Saturday (7 nights)

**Boarding:** Saturdays at 6:00pm

**Disembarking:** Saturdays by 9:00am

– **Great for divers AND non-divers!** –

**MEDICAL FORM REQUIRED FOR ALL PASSENGERS**

### US OFFICE CONTACT INFO

**Website:** [allstarliveboards.com](http://allstarliveboards.com)

**Email:** [info@allstarliveboards.com](mailto:info@allstarliveboards.com)

**Monday-Friday: 9am-6pm EST**

**Phone:** 954-734-7111  
800-327-9600

### DIVING INFO

**Number of Dives:** Up to 26 (weather permitting)

**Difficulty Level:** Suitable for all skill levels!

**First Dive:** Sunday morning (shallow, easy refresher dive)

**Last Dive:** Friday late morning (so you can fly out after disembarking on Saturday)

### ITINERARIES & TRAVEL INFO

#### **Best of the Exuma Cays**

The Exuma Cays are home to some of the best reefs and shore excursion opportunities in the Bahamas. Dive site variety, sharks, and easy diving conditions are the highlights of this itinerary. Eleuthera is often included on these trips when weather conditions make it suitable to visit.

#### **Passport Required for All Travelers**

**Water Temps:** 72-87F / 22-30C

View chart on pg. 3 for monthly avg. temps

**Dock:** Hurricane Hole Marina (Nassau)

**Airport:** NAS (Lynden Pindling Intl Airport)

### CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event the participant cancels **at least 9 months prior to departure**, the deposit will be refunded less a 5% fee. If cancelled less than 9 months prior, all payments are forfeited unless the trip departs full. The 5% fee applies to all refunds. If a named storm affects your trip, we will issue a credit with no expiration date for future travel based on missed dives, but there will be no refund. We strongly recommend trip insurance.

### TOPSIDE ADVENTURES

There are countless adventures to experience in the Bahamas aside from diving. Thanks to Aqua Cat's 28-foot tender, passengers can even participate in some of these activities without missing a dive! Some of the longer excursions are offered in place of a dive. Don't forget to pack a pair of sandals or shoes you don't mind getting wet!

#### **Daily opportunities may include:**

- Pristine Beaches on Uninhabited Islands
- Allen's Cay
- Walking Tour on Island Trails
- Snorkeling
- Water Toys: SUPs, Kayaks, Water Skis, Kneeboards, Tubes, Snorkelboards
- Camp Driftwood
- Sea Dog Sunset Cruise
- Plus many more!



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### GROUND TRANSFERS

**Transfers are not included. Transfers cost \$18.00 per person per pick-up or \$36.00 per person for round-trip between the airport and dock. Transfers must be arranged before the Wednesday prior to departure.** If you're arriving early or extending your stay in Nassau, additional transfers to hotels can be arranged for \$18.00 per person per pick-up. **(Please note: Airbnb and VRBO properties are NOT eligible for transfers.)**

[Click here](#) to arrange your transfers (before the Wednesday prior to departure). Pick-up time/location is based on the info provided on your trip application. If you choose not to arrange transfers with us, taxis are readily available at the airport.

### TRIP INSURANCE

**It is strongly recommended for all passengers to purchase trip insurance to protect you in case of cancelation, interruption, weather delays, or other unforeseen circumstances.** It is also recommended for all divers to have dive accident insurance. We suggest [DiveAssure](#) (annual dive insurance and travel insurance), [Travelex](#) (travel insurance with optional Adventure Sports coverage), and [DAN Short-Term](#) (dive accident coverage for specific dates).

### BOARDING

**We board at 6:00pm** at the Hurricane Hole Marina. For those who arrive earlier, we will take your luggage and ask you to return at 6pm for check in and the safety briefing. Ask the crew for suggestions on places to eat, drink, relax, or explore in the area while you wait!

### FAQS

Familiarize yourself with our [FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS](#).

### DIVE COURSES

We now offer onboard dive instruction through PADI and SSI.

The following certifications are available during a typical week onboard the Aqua Cat:

- Check-out dives
- Open Water
- Advanced
- Nitrox
- Numerous specialties

Visit [this page](#) for more detailed information.

### GEAR RENTALS

Dive tanks (63, 80, & 100s - depending on availability) and weights/weight belts are provided.

The following is available to rent onboard. For more info about gear rentals onboard Aqua Cat, visit [this page](#).

Regulator.....	\$50/week
Dive Computer.....	\$50/week
Dive Light.....	\$30/week
Wetsuit (full-length 3mm only).....	\$35/week
BCD.....	\$50/week
Nitrox.....	\$150/week



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## WHAT TO PACK

A general liveaboard packing checklist can be viewed [here](#). For shore excursions, we highly recommend proper footwear. Flip flops are not suitable. We suggest water shoes or TEVA type sandals. Sneakers are fine, but they might get wet! Please remember that it gets chilly on the water, especially at night. Pack warm clothes and an adequate wetsuit to avoid being cold. If our 3mm rentals are insufficient, your local dive shop likely has thicker suits for rent.

### Personal Items

- Passport
- Money
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Sunscreen
- Motion Sickness Meds
- Any Other Meds
- Toiletries
- Chargers
- Adapters (US-style outlets)

### Dive Gear

- Certification Card(s)
- Mask
- Fins
- Snorkel
- Logbook
- Computer
- Wetsuit
- BCD
- Regs & Gauges
- Dive Light
- Tank Light
- Dry Bag

### Clothes

- Bathing Suits
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Rain Jacket
- PJs
- Socks
- Casual Shorts/ Sweats/ Tees
- Flip-flops/ Sandals
- WARM Clothes (Sweater, Coat, Sweatpants, Beanie, etc.)

### To Be Stored

- Suitcases
- Nonessentials

### Optional Fun

- Camera
- Book

### NOT to Bring

- Tanks
- Weight Belt or Weights

Month	Water Temp. (F/C)	Air Temp (F/C)	Wetsuit Recommendation
January	72-75 / 22-24	72-80 / 22-27	Full Wetsuit 5mm
February	72-75 / 22-24	72-80 / 22-27	Full Wetsuit 5mm
March	73-77 / 23-25	72-85 / 22-29	Full Wetsuit 5mm
April	75-79 / 24-26	76-90 / 24-32	Shorty or Full
May	77-80 / 25-27	80-90 / 27-32	Skin or Shorty
June	79-81 / 26-27	80-90 / 27-32	Skin or Shorty
July	83-87 / 28-30	80-90 / 27-32	None
August	83-87 / 28-30	80-90 / 27-32	None
September	83-87 / 28-30	80-90 / 27-32	None
October	78-82 / 26-28	76-90 / 24-32	Skin or Shorty
November	75-80 / 25-27	72-85 / 22-29	Shorty or Full
December	73-78 / 24-26	72-85 / 22-29	Full Wetsuit 5mm



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### SAMPLE ITINERARY

**Saturday:** 6pm board, check-in, dinner, unpack, safety briefing and orientation.

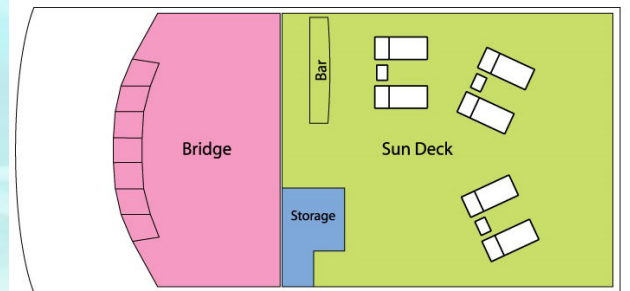
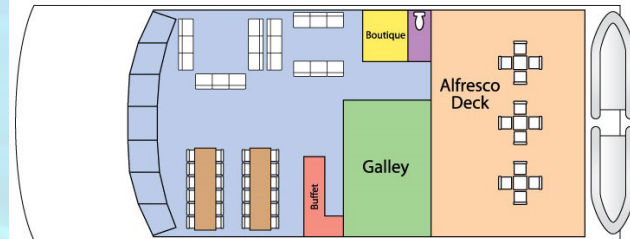
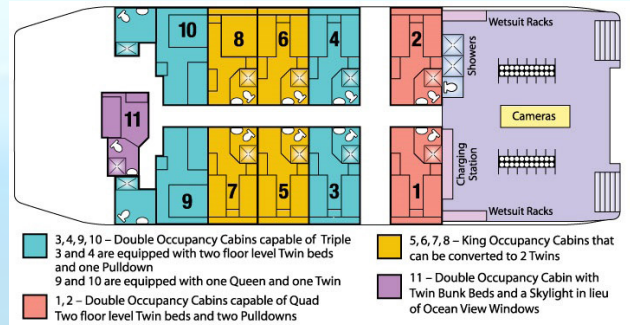
**Sunday:** Depart before first light, 4 daytime dives and 1 night dive.

**Monday-Wednesday:** 4 daytime dives and 1 night dive per day/night in the Exuma Cays and/or Eleuthera, plus shore excursions offered daily.

**Thursday:** 4 daytime dives, Captain's dinner with photo and video presentations, awards presented during dessert.

**Friday:** 2 daytime dives, return to Nassau 2pm-5pm depending on weather and travel distance, 6pm Farewell Cocktail Party, portnight in Nassau with dinner on your own. The evening is yours to enjoy in Nassau!

**Saturday:** Disembark by 9am. Fly out anytime thanks to 24 hours no-fly time built into the schedule.



### A GUIDE TO CREW GRATUITIES

The liveaboard dive business is a service industry, and although the general public is seldom aware of it, **gratuities are a major part of a crewmember's salary.** We have found few other recreational activities where the general public relies so heavily on the professionals in charge for their enjoyment and safety.

Besides being at the mercy of Mother Nature, the quality of your experience is based on the people who provide it. The crew is generally multi-talented and does several jobs onboard. Besides providing the diving part of the trip, they cook meals, wash dishes, perform engineering duties, and navigate the seas. The boat is your hotel, restaurant, and dive platform! If the service is great, the dive sites are outstanding, the food hot and plentiful.... don't forget who made it possible.... the crew!!! They make the difference that really counts.

If the service is acceptable, **it is not unusual for satisfied customers to tip 15% of the trip value.** If you are disappointed with the service in any way, please inform the captain of your feelings so we may rectify the situation immediately. Our mission is to provide you with an enjoyable vacation!

The crew looks forward to welcoming you aboard for a great week of diving and exploring the Exuma Cays with them!