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Tours & Excursions in Turks and Caicos

There is no typical day in the Turks and Caicos Islands. It's perfectly acceptable to watch the hours slip away while lounging on a secluded private beach, basking in the warm sun, toes deeply tucked in soft white sand.

You may, however, want to spend an afternoon sailing, sightseeing or exploring the island's numerous local nature preserves and tranquil beaches. Thrill-seekers should definitely try kite boarding, or SCUBA diving the barrier reef, the third largest in the world, or just kayak and paddle to Iguana Cay or along the south side mangroves or discover a deserted island and enjoy a specially prepared picnic.

Whether you plan to lounge on the beach or try something new. We have put together a selection of our favorite things to do in Turks and Caicos.

If there is an activity you don't see listed, please contact our concierge manager, who is an expert in all things TCI!

Please note, pricing is subject to change without notice.

Big Blue Unlimited Options

Standup Paddleboarding

Stand Up Paddle boarding (SUP) is the fastest growing water sport in the world. It is fun, easy and accessible to almost everyone. Big Blue Unlimited's unique Stand Up Paddle-board program is the most comprehensive SUP outfit in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Only a few paddle strokes separate us from a national park and nature reserve made up of islands, cays, mangrove channels and beautiful reefs. Big Blue is surrounded by calm water and beautiful weather, perfect for any SUP adventure. We introduced paddle-boarding in 2009 and have not looked back. Our SUP team is experienced and trained every year by Hawaiian SUP legend and pioneer, Dave Kalama, during our annual October Kalama Kamps.

Big Blue offers a wide variety of tours from beginner to advanced that last anywhere from 90 minutes to 4 hours. We have a world-class fleet of SUP boards and paddles comprised of three of the world's leading brands, NAISH SUP (2013 AWSI winner) and IMAGINE SURF (Dave Kalama's signature line) and QUICKBLADE PADDLES. With over 25 boards in the quiver, Big Blue has the right SUP board for you. After almost 20 years of exploring the Turks and Caicos Islands and leading the way on kayaks, our existing eco-tours and eco-adventures on stand up paddleboards dovetails seamlessly with all our existing programs and has opened up a world of new and exciting adventures.

Big Blue's Daily Stand-up Ecotour - 2 hrs

Adults \$85

Big Blue's daily Stand Up Ecotour is proving to be just as popular as the Kayak Ecotour. At only 2 hours this introductory tour is simple and easy. We take a maximum of 6 guests and gently introduce beginners to the mangrove ecology and the core concepts of stand up paddle boarding technique needed to really enjoy this amazing sport and recreation. Our guides cover the basics about:

- *The paddle*
- *Stance*
- *Posture*
- *Grip*
- *The correct stroke*
- *Getting on and off the board*
- *Turning, stopping and safety.*

The guided tour then continues into the mangroves of the Nature Reserve and where the added advantage of a standing position offers stunning views of birds, fish and the mangroves themselves. The stand up paddleboard experience is a superb way to see the islands and greatly increases self-confidence and is excellent for balance and core strength.

Our daily tours leave from our base in Leeward, Providencials and it is highly recommended to book these excursions in advance. This tour is also a prerequisite for any extended range tours and rentals we offer.

Paddle board & Snorkel Eco Tour - 4 hours

Adults \$155

This little gem of a tour combines two of our favourite activities and rolls them into one 2-3 hour relaxing adventure. A mellow paddle out to the reef via the mangroves and past Little Water Cay (Rock Iguana sanctuary) ends by tying the boards to one of our boats, getting some refreshments and exchanging the paddle for a mask, fins and snorkel to check out the barrier reef. On no wind days the more adventurous or experienced stand up paddleboarders can paddle back to the Big Blue base. Those who have had enough can chill out and take a ride back. No stress, no worries. Easy.

SUP BACKCOUNTRY WILDERNESS SAFARIS - 4 hours

Adults \$195

Big Blue's wilderness paddleboard safari is perfect for those who have already joined us on our SUP eco tour or with some previous stand up paddleboard background. It is a true wilderness experience in an internationally protected wetlands habitat. We travel by boat to the southern side of the Caicos Islands. There we transfer onto our SUP's and start exploring countless possible routes through the maze and labyrinth of interconnecting mangrove channels. We look for bird and marine life along the way including the beautiful reddish egrets and skittish pink flamingos and although the marine life is generally small, dolphins have been spotted at the mouths of the channels. Enjoy the peace, solitude, silence and adventure as you wind your way through this unique unspoiled environment. With some simple modifications to our boats we're now able to transport up to 6 paddlers on these exciting eco-adventures into the interior wilderness. Snacks and drinks provided.

Private SUP Adventures - Pricing Upon Request

Private tours and guides are always available. The Turks and Caicos islands offers almost limitless terrain in which to paddle and to explore that our scheduled tours and adventures only but scratch the surface. Hourly, half day and full day rates are available as is the option to “rack and stack” the stand up boards on one of our boats to really get out there and explore these Islands.

Quick Blade, 100% carbon fiber paddles are used as are water packs.

All Big Blue’s private boat charters also come with the option of bringing one or two inflatable stand up paddleboards as well.

Paddleboarding - What to Bring

The sun in Turks and Caicos is very hot. Even when there is cloud cover it is important to protect oneself against sunburn and dehydration.

We highly recommend bringing:

- *A hat*
- *A long sleeve top (rash guard)*
- *Sunglasses*
- *100% Biodegradable Sunscreen * Mandatory for ALL trips*
- *Water - pre-hydrate. Drink lots before any and all excursions.*
- *No prior experience is needed on our SUP ECOTOUR but it is on our other excursions. We therefore insist that unless we already know you, that you start with our intro tour.*
- *Sunglasses savers recommended (available for purchase at Big Blue)*

Kayaking

Travelling by kayak is the ideal way to explore the shallow waters and winding mangrove channels that make up a good portion of the Turks and Caicos Islands. The stealth and low draft of a kayak allow you to view wildlife and reach areas that are just not accessible any other way. Big Blue offers a variety of guided eco-tours, many suitable for novices, right from the shores of Providenciales and unlimited possibilities for customized private adventures.

The Turks and Caicos Islands offer the avid kayaker a wide range of areas to explore and Big Blue Unlimited has the infrastructure and high quality kayaks and equipment to make these eco-adventures a reality. Using boats and trailers, the kayaks can be transported across the archipelago to begin paddling almost anywhere. Utilize Big Blue's expertise to explore off the beaten path into the wilderness of the remote cays, mangroves and tidal creeks. Extend your kayaking dreams into a multi-day camping or inn-to-inn style expedition, or simply rent a sit-on-top kayak to play in the calm bays beside your rental villa or venture into the nature reserves and discover the endless beaches on your own.

Big Blue Kayak Equipment

Sit-on-top kayaks

Ocean Kayak Malibu II (tandem) + Scrambler (single) all with COMFORT Pro back rests. Used for self-guided rentals within the park and for longer term rentals at private villas. Strong, stable and unsinkable.

Recreational kayaks

Necky Manitou II (tandem) + Necky RIP 12 & Manitou 13 or 14 (single) with extremely comfortable and versatile Phase 3 seating system, a large semi-protected cockpit, and foot rests or rudders. Used on all guided eco-tours, custom adventures and rentals from the Leeward Marina base on Providenciales. A jump seat suitable for children aged 5yrs old or less can easily be inserted between the two main seating positions.

Touring kayaks

18' Necky Looksha polypropylene with two hatches and a rudder + 17'7" Aquanaut Valley Sea Kayaks (single) with three hatches and skegs. Available on all custom kayak adventures and multi-day rentals from the Leeward Marina base on Providenciales.

Paddles

Lightweight carbon/fiberglass blended Werner Skagit paddles with straight or adjustable shafts are standard. Kid's Werner paddles are also available.

Misc. safety

PFDs, water pumps, tow ropes, dry bags, skirts (touring kayaks only)

Kayak Eco Tour - 3-4 hours

Adults \$115 / Children (under 12) \$75

This is Big Blue's signature eco-adventure and suitable for the whole family. A short distance from Big Blue's main base in Leeward on Providenciales, the Princess Alexandra Nature Reserve provides our experienced guides with a stunning and protected setting to introduce you to the coastal ecology of the Turks and Caicos Islands. Explore the serene channels of Mangrove Cay in search of juvenile marine life including a variety of fish, rays, baby sharks, conch, starfish and turtles. Keep your eyes tuned in for the birdlife that flutters between the branches or sits silently waiting for its weary prey. Paddle your kayak across the channel to visit the Iguana Sanctuary on Little Water Cay; your fee includes the entrance ticket to the Turks and Caicos National Trust wildlife site, and a stop at a spectacular beach within the Nature Reserve for a walk and a swim. Beginners are welcome, basic kayaking instruction is provided. Big Blue uses the comfortable single and tandem Necky recreational touring kayaks for this eco-tour which includes a full back support seating system.

Snorkel & Kayak Adventure - 6-7 hours

Adults \$225 / Children (under 12) \$175

This popular eco-adventure combines snorkeling on the offshore reef and some exciting wilderness kayaking in an incredible wetland reserve inside the southern interior of North Caicos. The Necky recreational touring kayaks are loaded aboard our custom vessel to transport you into this 'Ramsar' designated wilderness for a few hours. The interconnecting mangrove channels have grown into a wondrous maze that can take days to explore. The wetland hosts some fantastic birdlife and turtle sightings are common. After stopping on a small cay to enjoy a picnic lunch and a walk on the white sand beach, head out to the barrier reef for some quality snorkeling time. The guides will help you maximize your in water experience and teach you about the marine life that you are viewing. Depending on the tides you'll either snorkel or kayak first. Be ready for an action packed and adventurous eco tour.

Full Moon Eco Tours - 2+ hours

Adult - \$95

Depart the Big Blue base in Leeward on Providenciales and enjoy a sunset paddle through the protected waters of the adjacent nature reserve. See the bird life come into roost for the night and look for turtles and other marine life on the shallow sandy floor. As the sun dips behind the western horizon the full moon rises in the East slowly casting its bright light over the mangroves and channels to show you the way home. Groups are kept small.

Chalk Sound Kayak Adventure - 6 hours

Adults - \$165

Explore the spectacular turquoise waters of Chalk Sound with the power of a kayak sail. Travel by vehicle to Chalk Sound in south-west Provo, a designated National Park. Launch tandem kayaks and effortlessly cruise downwind across the inland waters under the power of a kayak sail. Drop the sail as Chalk Sound gives way to Silly Creek and kayak a short distance to an otherwise inaccessible beach where a light picnic lunch awaits. An old ruin on a nearby hill top provide generous views of the area. The maximum number of paddlers is 8 and 12 years old and up is recommended.

Private Kayak Tours

There are so many excellent areas to kayak in the Turks and Caicos Islands. As detailed above Big Blue Unlimited offers a range of kayak eco-tours where guests can sign-up as part of a small group or elect to do the eco-tour privately. Big Blue also customizes a range of private only kayak eco-adventures all over the Caicos Islands. The following eco-tours offers some examples of these exciting kayak adventures but do not hesitate to contact Big Blue or Beach Enclave Concierge to discuss further ideas and customize your ideal kayak experience in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Kayaking - What To Bring

Big Blue will provide dry bags and water bottles for all kayak trips. For any snorkel adventures we provide masks, fins and snorkels. We also provide snacks and refreshments and lunch on full-day trips.

The sun here is merciless. Even when there is cloud cover it is important to protect oneself against sunburn and dehydration. We highly recommend bringing:

- *A hat*
- *A long sleeve top (rash guard)*
- *Sunglasses*
- *A towel*
- *Sandals/ flip flops*
- *Suncream (NB. WE ONLY ALLOW BIODEGRADABLE SUN LOTION ON OUR TRIPS – better for your skin and better for the environment. Available at our shop if needed)*
- *Water - pre-hydrate. Drink lots before any and all excursions.*

Snorkeling

The Turks and Caicos Islands has excellent weather, warm water and some exceptional snorkeling. Clear water and shallow reefs surround the Islands and teem with fish, coral and invertebrate life. Big Blue conducts multiple snorkel trips throughout the week to a variety of destinations. Big Blue is dedicated to protecting the marine environment and emphasizes good snorkel and boating etiquette at all times. Join the team of enthusiastic snorkel guides and instructors who will maximize your in water experience.

Snorkeling is a key focus on many of the Big Blue eco-tours and private boat adventures, and we have spent many years exploring the reefs near and far. Of course one of the joys of snorkelling is its simplicity. It is great fun, easy to learn and you need minimal equipment. It's also an ideal introduction to the wonders of the underwater realm and perfect for the whole family. For many it is often the first step to learning to scuba dive or to being introduced to the lure of breath hold free-diving. Read on and choose your Big Blue snorkel adventures in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Snorkeling Eco Tour - 4 hours

Adults - \$125 Children (under 12) \$80

Big Blue conducts Provo's only dedicated 4hr snorkel eco-tour that allows you to spend as much time snorkeling on the coral reefs as possible. It also caters to a maximum of 6-12 guests (boat depending).

The Snorkel Eco-tours are conducted on the reefs that run between Providenciales and North Caicos. Sites are chosen to maximize the snorkel experience and are timed to coincide with the tides for optimum visibility.

Reef fish and coral identification books are onboard the snorkel boat and your guide will introduce you to the basics of coral ecology, fish identification, and reef etiquette.

The guides are also very conscientious at helping guests feel comfortable in the water and can show you basic snorkel & duck-diving techniques. This area is suitable for novice snorkelers as long as they are reasonably comfortable swimmers. The depth typically ranges from 3ft to 10ft but there is nowhere to stand-up. Big Blue will provide swim belts if required. The reefs also offer some fun coral overhangs and challenging swim-throughs for the more adventurous snorkeler or free-diver.

During the winter months of January, February and March our waters are often teeming with migrating humpbacks. Their arrival times vary but we are always ready and with years of experience our guides and captains are able to maximize your chances of "SOFT IN WATER" encounters where possible with these stunning animals. There are no guarantees but the snorkel ecotour will give you a good chance to see them if you are short on time. Our Edge of the Bank safaris and private charters are highly recommended during this time of year if its whales you want to see.

Caicos Cays Cruise - 4 hours

Adults - \$135 Children (under 12) \$90

Big Blue Unlimited has offered this classic half-day eco-tour since its inception. Conducted in intimate small groups of between 6-12, you will take a boat cruise along a beautiful section of coast we call the Caicos Cays. Included in this popular eco-tour is a visit the Iguana Sanctuary on Little Water Cay where your fee includes a donation to the TCI National Trust, some time to explore the historical island and protected beach at Fort George Cay, and of course plenty of snorkeling on the barrier reefs that run parallel to the shore.

Big Blue does not support the collection of sea shells or the harvesting live conch in this area, but their experienced guides will happily share their knowledge of the underwater world and the islands' coastal ecology.

Conducted in intimate small groups of between 6-12 (boat depending),

Edge of the banks - Full day 8 hours

Adults - \$235 Children (under 12) \$185

This is Big Blue's ultimate snorkel adventure that explores the barrier reefs and outer islands around the Caicos Bank. Destinations vary according to sea and weather conditions but can include the west coast of Providenciales, French Cay or West Caicos. Enjoy this full-day adventure with the Big Blue snorkel team where you can take the time to improve your snorkeling skills and learn more about the marine environment. The snorkel reefs are all shallow and easily accessible but the area also offers an opportunity to venture a little deeper to the famous 'wall' where you can catch a glimpse and a feel for the inspirational 'big blue'.

You will certainly discover why the Caicos Islands are a world leader in underwater animal encounters and in some places you have an opportunity to snorkel over the relics of old shipwrecks lying on the shallow sea-floor. This snorkel tour is generally conducted in groups of up to 12 using Big Blue's dive boat adventure platforms. It is also a firm favourite among the Big Blue staff.

If you want the chance to see humpback whales or pods of dolphins and be lucky enough to swim with them, then this is the trip you'll want to be on. In peak season (Jan, Feb, Mar) there is a really good chance our team will get you close to these mammals and a lot closer than anyone else out there. We pride ourselves on bringing our guests first class encounters. Book early and keep an open mind. Out in the ocean anything can happen and often does.

Custom Private Snorkeling Trips

You may opt to charter one of Big Blue's boats privately or take a custom island adventure to East Caicos or South Caicos. There are many opportunities to slip onto the reefs to enjoy the myriad of life found in the Turks and Caicos and bask in the bliss of the clear seas but these give you the potential to visit somewhere extraordinary. Big Blue has the expertise to know where to take you and when. Some reefs are accessible most of the year; others only reveal their secrets safely when the weather is perfect or the wind is blowing from a certain direction.

Drift snorkeling presents another possibility to do something different. With one guide in the water with you and the boat shadowing you from a safe distance, you can snorkel a much greater stretch of reef, and going with a current, with much less effort. Big Blue has the vessels, the guides, the gear and the knowledge. Give us a call and make your vacation astonishing.

Snorkeling - What to Bring

Big Blue provides top of the line CRESSI SUB mask, fins, snorkels and floaties (for those who need them) along with a healthy variety of snacks, refreshments and lunches on full day trips. Bring a towel and don't leave it behind on the boat.

The sun here is merciless. Even when there is cloud cover it is important to protect oneself against sunburn and dehydration. We highly recommend bringing:

- *A hat*
- *A long sleeve top (rash guard)*
- *Sunglasses*
- *A towel*
- *Sandals/ flip flops*
- *100% Biodegradable Sunscreen * Mandatory for ALL trips*
- *Water pre-hydrate. Drink lots before any and all excursions.*

Kiteboarding

Join the most experienced kite boarding team in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Big Blue is the perfect platform from which to learn and enjoy the thrills of kite boarding and kite surfing safely. Perfect weather, warm seas, pristine empty beaches, shallow waters and year round cooling NE-SE trade winds make Providenciales and the Turks and Caicos a kiteboarders and kitesurfers dream.

Beginner and experienced kiteboarders and kitesurfers will discover that the blend of these islands together with Big Blue's expert kite instruction and vast local knowledge make for the perfect kiteboarding vacation cocktail. You have been warned! Big Blue continues to be the operation of choice for visiting kiteboarding professionals, industry magazine travel stories and kiteboarding product shoots.

In the summer of 2013 Big Blue partnered with VELA KiteSurf Resorts (www.velakitesurf.com) the # 1 travel provider in windsport vacations. With over 30 years experience they have chosen Big Blue Unlimited to be their exclusive provider for kiteboarding and kitesurfing instruction, lessons, downwinders, safaris and vacations in the Turks and Caicos islands.

Powered by the Cabrinha kite and board line, Big Blue offers the best in equipment for instruction and rentals.

INSTRUCTION

Big Blue will be powered by CABRINHA (www.cabrinhakites.com) and we will be using the latest 2014 switchblades, cabrinha boards and Neil pryde harnesses for all instruction. All gear is included in all lessons.

NOTICE: Course durations only serve as a guideline. Students learn at different speed depending on previous sporting background and natural ability. A typical course runs anywhere from 5-8 hours. It is common to stop after Lesson 3 and return when students have hit a wall so to speak.

CHILDREN: We welcome children but are reluctant to set an age limit. 10-12 is a good guideline BUT the final call will always come down to the instructor as to how they perceive the child's capacity to learn safety and understand the importance of trouble shooting a kite problem. Simply put the maturity of children varies enormously.

Private Courses and Instruction - 2 hours (Beginner to Advanced)

INSTRUCTOR – STUDENT RATIO 1:2

1 Person Cost \$150/hour, 2+ Persons Cost \$100/hour per person

Maximum Number 2

Already very popular, these courses are often booked in advance to accommodate a family, a couple, friends or a solo artist. The flexibility offered means that instruction can be as intensive as need be or as focused as required to learn the next step.

The lessons are typically done at Shore Club in Long Bay, alternate location decided and arranged by the instructor dependent on conditions. Transportation from Grace Bay area included.

Supervised Practice - Taxable - 2 hours

INSTRUCTOR - STUDENT RATIO 1:2

1 Person Cost from \$75/hour, 2 persons from \$75/per person

Those not fully confident to ride and learn on their own can opt to be supervised while the instructor(s) are at the beach teaching others. Here the instructors are able to help land/ launch the kite and give tips while they themselves are in the water or on the beach teaching beginners.

INSTRUCTOR – STUDENT RATIO 1:2

DURATION 2-3 HOURS

\$75 per hour per person

\$50 equipment rental if needed for practice

\$100 total extra for equipment rental they can continue to use for the day

The Kite Experience - 2 - 3 hours

INSTRUCTOR - STUDENT RATIO 1:2

This is by far the most popular course and gets students familiar with their kite board, harness and wind, quickly enough to get them out on the water and have some fun. If the sport hooks you, further instruction will reveal the core aspects within lessons 1, 2 & 3.

LESSON 1 - THE BASICS

INSTRUCTOR – STUDENT RATIO 1:4

DURATION 60-120 MINS, 90 MINS AVERAGE

“The basics” introduces the beginner, on the beach, to the principles of wind direction, wind speed and how it relates to the dynamics and technique required to fly a kite. Students are taught how to safely launch and land a trainer kite, where to fly and where not to fly a kite. They are introduced to the “Power Zone”, the parts that make up a kite and how to work with a partner. These kite fundamentals lead the student on a natural progression toward the second lesson.

LESSON 2 - GETTING WET

INSTRUCTOR – STUDENT RATIO 1:2

DURATION 2-3 HOURS

Getting Wet” starts with a detailed lesson on the beach introducing the student to the inflatable kites and boards used in kiteboarding. The instructor demystifies the different aspects of the kite bar, the kite lines, the pulleys, the depower, the power up, leashes, quick releases, the harness, loops etc and will then take the student into the water for the first time applying the knowledge gained in lesson 1 and 2 to then safely SET UP the kite gear, land and launch the kite, while understanding where to safely fly the kite.

LESSON 3 - RIDING

INSTRUCTOR – STUDENT RATIO 1:2

DURATION 2-3 HOURS

Riding” commonly starts in lesson 2 but this next step is usually the most tricky and difficult one. It requires patience, dedication and PRACTICE. At this stage students who are serious are encouraged to get their own gear so that they can actively pursue and follow the lessons and guidelines set out by the instructors on the water. Time on the water is key and while lessons help students understand how to get on the board, the feeling comes from trial and error conducted in a safe manner.

KITE RENTAL EQUIPMENT - TAXABLE

Gear	Daily Rate	3+ Days	Deposit
<i>Board Rentals</i>	<i>\$40</i>	<i>\$30/day</i>	<i>\$200</i>
<i>Harness Rentals</i>	<i>\$20</i>	<i>\$15/day</i>	<i>\$100</i>
<i>Bar</i>	<i>\$60</i>	<i>\$60/day</i>	<i>\$400</i>
<i>Kite Rentals</i>	<i>\$150</i>	<i>\$125/day</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Full package</i>	<i>\$175</i>	<i>\$150/day</i>	<i>\$1000</i>

LOCATIONS

LEEWARD

Is the gateway to our wave surfaris and the end point of our backcountry kite safaris. As its only 2 minutes to Big Blue’s office, we often teach our land lessons “the basics” here. While it is possible to ride here it is an area for intermediate – advanced riders only. WARNING: THE CURRENTS HERE CAN BE FIERCE, THE WIND FICKLE AND THERE IS A LOT OF BOAT TRAFFIC.

GRACE BAY

Due to the crescent shape of the bay the wind can be dead offshore at the northern eastern end to cross off towards the western end during the normal trade winds. HOWEVER when we get big north east systems all of Grace Bay is on shore riding. The water is overhead deep and riders here must be accomplished in riding up wind and water re-launching their kites. The barrier reef can produce excellent kitesurf conditions. WARNING: THE RIDING HERE IS CROSS OFF MOST OF THE TIME. EXPERT RIDERS ONLY ARE ADVISED TO RIDE HERE. Guided wave SURFARIS are available.

LONG BAY

Our Big Blue instructors teach primarily on Long Bay Beach, next to the Shore Club entrance. Located on the North Eastern tip of Provo about 5 minutes from our office, Long Bay

faces the Easterly trade winds. Its orientation sets up perfect cross on conditions IDEAL for learning how to kiteboard and kitesurf. The beach is powder soft and the water is waist deep for hundreds of yards. Instructors can walk next to you while you learn. For those who love to ride Long Bay offers miles of open space with a constant consistent breeze. There is usually always somebody there to help you launch and land. Kite down-winders can also start at Long bay and end in Five Cays about 8 miles away.

Downwinders/Safaris

This is what really sets Big Blue apart. With over 15 years of exploring these islands, the Big Blue kite team know exactly where to take you and when is best. Sessions usually last for 3-4 hours and can be full on down winders to simply kiteboarding in an amazing new location with no one else around. We offer half day, full day, guided tours, guided tours with a boat tours depending on budget and range.

12% Government tax applies

Kite Downwinders/Safari(wind and ability dependent)

1. Guided Downwinder on Providenciales approx. 2 hr fly time

Bus pick up at landing spot

1-2 people \$300 base – \$50 per additional person, to a maximum of 6

2. Kite Safari drop to Half Moon Bay with Guide approx. 2 hr fly time

Boat drop and pick up, have cooler with snacks and water

1-2 people \$300 base – \$50 per additional person, to a maximum of 6

Boat Transfer Extended Distance(2.5 – 4 hours)

Includes boat assist and guide.

1-4 people \$800 base – \$100 per additional person to a maximum of 8

Ask about our special North and Middle Caicos Kite Adventures — these are customised and prices vary.

What to Bring & Wear

If you have your own gear then we advise bringing a 12m kite for the guys and 9/10M for the ladies as the main kite. Size up or down based on wind predictions. Any twin tip will do as long as it is not too small. If you are a kitesurfer bring your board. The kitesurfing can be excellent. Ask! Our wind is good but not heavy. Average wind range 12-25knots. Typical 15-17 knots.

Diving

Big Blue Unlimited has been diving the Turks and Caicos since we started in 1997. Our small group concept of max 4 divers was the cornerstone of our philosophy. Less is more. Over fifteen years and tens of thousands of dives later, we still only dive in small groups (4-9) with no dive time limits and flexible dive profiles.

Our dive team includes some of the most experienced and knowledgeable instructors on island who are not transient and some who have been diving here since the '80's. We know the reefs, the sites and the best diving conditions. We are the ONLY operation that continually dives ALL the five major dive areas (Grace Bay, Pine Cay, North West Point, West Caicos and French Cay). We also venture further afield off the beaten path to South Caicos and beyond.

Our dive boats are fast and comfortable and are perfectly equipped for small groups. We provide top of the line Cressi mask and fins, Oneill wetsuits, Suunto computers, Aqualung BCD's and Sherwood regulators. All boats have O2 kits and are TCI marine certified. Weather, wind, current and tides can have a huge bearing on all the different dive areas. Our Leeward base offers us the best chance to assess those conditions. Constant in house discussions and information based on our other trips allows us to make real time adjustments to better provide you with the best diving experience.

We are always on the look out for open ocean encounters and have an exceptional record with whales, dolphins and whale sharks. Our team will do their best to get you in the water when the opportunity arises. Be ready!

For specialty dive details please contact Big Blue Unlimited directly at:

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North Side SCUBA Diving

North side diving includes Grace Bay (10 mins travel time), Pine Cay (20 mins) and North West Point (40 mins). During the whale season our captains will always try to travel via the North and the open ocean to see the migrating Humpback whales.

Grace Bay is our mini – wall. Diving starts at 25' (8m) and drops to 100' (30m). It is perfect for lessons and new divers but does offer an excellent chance for extended bottom times.

The reef is spur and groove and often has big schools of fish, reef sharks and turtles.

Pine Cay is similar to Grace Bay only deeper 40' (12m) – 120' (40m). Tide here has a massive effect but when the conditions are right, the visibility is exceptional. Huge schools of fish with stronger currents make this area a gem. The chance of dolphin and whale encounters is also very good in the area.

North West Point essentially put Turks and Caicos on the diving map. Sheer drop walls start at 40' (12m) and disappear into the abyss. It is also perfect for new divers as it is calm and protected BUT travel conditions can be rougher if we travel over the ocean and around North West Point to get to the leeward and protected side of the islands. Good chance of sharks and turtles.

South Side SCUBA Diving

Although we often access West Caicos from the North Side during whale migration season, more often than not we head south. West Caicos (50 mins) joins French Cay (50 mins), the outer reefs (60 mins) and South Caicos (120 mins) on our South Side menu. The diving can be a little more advanced, exposed but also very rewarding.

West Caicos, however, is calm with perfect surface conditions and excellent visibility.

West Caicos is a real gem of a dive area. She has numerous named and unnamed dive sites and offers excellent experiences for beginners and advanced divers alike.

There is lots of sand, sheer-drop walls, beautiful corals and abundant fish life. Diving starts at 45' (15m) and the chance of seeing sharks, eagle rays, turtles are high. Surface conditions are usually superb with excellent visibility.

French Cay is another gem but is certainly more exposed. The rougher winter weather can push a lot of current but the diving can be awesome. Sharks, eagle rays and bottomless walls adorned with soft corals. Diving starts at 45' (15m).

Outer Reefs are usually accessed as a secondary dive from French Cay or West Caicos. Very exposed, the conditions need to be just right (not always calm). These sites are often drift dived and the variety of pristine diving is exceptional. They are best for comfortable, confident or advanced divers. Experience helps but is not essential. Our guides love diving these areas.

* South Caicos is further away and requires dedication. The diving is exceptional but requires close attention to the tidal conditions to be worthwhile. The Turks passage upwelling provides a lot of nutrients and it is no coincidence South Caicos is and has been the fishing capital of the Turks and Caicos Islands. Eagle rays, big sting rays, sharks and loads of fish abound. Diving starts at 40' (12m).

Private Charters

Our private charter dive program is extremely popular and is in essence the closest thing to how Philip and Mark started the Big Blue adventures. Private charters enables friends and family to dive without any schedule and experience sites less visited. Small groups, on our smaller more intimate dive vessels provide our guests with ample flexibility and comfort to make the most out of any diving adventure. New divers will find doing a DSD (PADI discover scuba) while on a private charter is perhaps the best way to experience the underwater world away from larger groups surrounded instead by friends and family. Our Private dive charters allow us to take divers to all the best spots around French Cay, West Caicos, Provo, Pine Cay and beyond. Long dives, even longer surface intervals and superb food and drinks will satisfy all types of divers. Book early. You will not be disappointed.

Instruction

Big Blue is a PADI scuba center and we offer instruction from the simple and easy Discover Scuba Dive and Open Water for beginners through to Advanced Open Water specialties like Nitrox and onto full Rescue and Divemaster certifications. We conduct Junior Open Water courses for 10-12 year olds year round and during our annual summer KIDS KAMPS. Private guiding and instruction is always available especially on our private charter programs. PADI Courses available.

- *Junior Open Water*
- *Discover Scuba*
- *Open Water*
- *Advanced Open Water*
- *Rescue Diver*
- *Divemaster*
- *Nitrox*
- *Advanced Specialties*

PADIElearninglink <https://apps.padi.com/scuba-diving/elearning/?irra=20016>

Pricing

DIVE TRIP	DIVE ONLY	EQUIPMENT RENTAL FEE	PRIVATE INSTRUCTOR	PASSENGER
1 TANK	\$125	\$15	\$175	\$25
2 tank, North or South Side, Grace Bay, Pine Cay, NW Point, West Caicos, French Cay	\$195	\$25	\$350	\$50
Night Dive	\$135	\$15	\$250	\$25

DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING - Resort Course	1 PERSON	2 PERSON	3 PERSON	4 PERSON
Instruction + 1 dive (one rate no matter the number of people)	\$325	\$245	\$215	\$200
Instruction + 2 dives	\$325	\$245	\$215	\$200

PADI OPEN WATER COURSES	1 PERSON	2 PERSON	3 PERSON	4 PERSON
Open water referral 4 x OW dives, 2 days	\$795	\$650	\$550	\$500
Open water certification E-learning 2-3 days	\$945	\$875	\$675	\$625
Open water certification with book & instructor, 3-4 days	\$1,095	\$950	\$825	\$775

RENTAL GEAR	PRICE PER PIECE	3 PIECE PACKAGE
BCD	\$10	\$25
REG	\$10	\$25
Wetsuit	\$10	\$25

What to bring & wear

Big Blue provides:

- *Sherwood, Aqualung and Cressi Sub BCD's and Regulators for daily and multi day rental*

We provide complimentary:

- *Cressi Sub mask, fins and snorkels*
- *Suunto dive computers * Mandatory*
- *SMB's (surface marker buoys)*
- *Dive Alerts*

Please bring:

- *CERTIFICATION CARDS!*
- *Log books*
- *A warm top*
- *A hat*
- *A towel*
- *A dry change of clothes (eg dry shorts, spare t shirt)*
- *100% Biodegradable Sunscreen * Mandatory for ALL trips*

Private Charters

Big Blue has assembled the finest powerboat fleet in the country. This includes a range of wave piercing catamarans, including a luxurious 40ft Hinckley. Our vessels are set-up as first-rate scuba diving, snorkeling and adventure platforms that are available for private charters across the archipelago.

Whether you want to take a gentle cruise up the nearby Caicos Cays or explore further afield to West Caicos, French Cay or even South Caicos, Big Blue has the right boat for you. Big Blue can take the truly adventurous to the uninhabited region of East Caicos and Joe Grant's Cay or to the remote cays on the southern extremes of the Caicos or Turks Banks. Regardless of where you go and what you want to do, Big Blue's experience of the tides and sea conditions, and knowledge of the islands, the reefs and the mangrove wilderness, will help you discover the true beauty of the Turks and Caicos.

Snorkel gear is always provided and many of the vessels can be outfitted with dive equipment and guides where needed. Big Blue's dive instructors can provide 'on the water' dive instruction for beginners. Most of our vessels have space to bring paddleboards, kayaks and kiting gear along as well. Food and beverages are served to your requirements and taste by Big Blue's very own chef and we have a selection of healthy snacks or meals to choose from. So turn on the tunes, soak up the sun, and replenish the soul; it simply doesn't get any better. 100% Adventure.

North Shore Reefs & Beaches

Our Caicos Cays is the perfect half-day trip with instant access to the National Parks and Nature Reserves adjacent to the Big Blue base. This stunning area includes both dive and snorkel reefs, a series of beautiful cays with their endless white sand beaches, and a protected turquoise lagoon. The small island of Little Water Cay is an Iguana Sanctuary with short nature trails managed by the Turks and Caicos National Trust. It is easy to make the most of the 4-mile stretch we call the Caicos Cays in just a few hours.

Extend this classic charter to a full-day of exploration and snorkeling around Providenciales or up the coast to North Caicos. Enjoy the waters along Blue Hills and the rarely visited and otherwise inaccessible beaches on the west coast of Provo. Or head in the other direction towards North Caicos and the East Bay Cay National Park. Lunch options include a gourmet picnic on board your private Big Blue vessel or experience some fun dining options at waterfront restaurants including the Conch Shack and Boogaloos on Provo, or The Barracuda Beach Bar in Whitby on North Caicos.

West Caicos Adventure

Big Blue adventures to West Caicos are a firm favourite among our team and our guests. It is an hour drive across the Caicos Banks to 'La Belle Isle' and the protected rocky coast of the island offers some truly excellent diving and snorkeling. The deep wall drops off very

close to the island making the diving very convenient and offering some exciting 'free-diving' opportunities for snorkelers too.

There are many beautiful coves perfect for swimming and snorkeling and as well as opportunities to take a walk inland to see old ruined plantations and the beautiful Lake Catherine. A trip in this direction often includes some time on the otherwise inaccessible beaches and creeks of western Provo. Here kayaks and paddleboards can open up a whole new world. If weather permits you can return home a different way and circumnavigate Provo at the same time. In the winter months we prefer to take the northern route to look for the migrating Humpback Whales. Big Blue has many years of experience 'whale watching' and has an enviable record of soft in-water whale encounters. It is also possible to pick-up & drop-off guests from private villas along the southern shore of Providenciales at Taylor Bay, Sapodilla Bay and Turtle Tail.

French Cay and Molasses Banks

French Cay is a small island and national bird sanctuary on the edge of Caicos Banks 18 miles directly south of Providenciales. Our comfortable and stable vessels can reach the island in less than one hour from our Leeward Base. French Cay received its name from a notorious pirate who used the outpost as a raiding station in the 18th century to attack merchant ships using the deep channels between the Bahamas and the Caribbean. Some of the best snorkeling and diving reefs in the TCI are found fringing this small bird inhabited island and a few miles further away is the site of an ancient shipwreck on the shallow Molasses Reef. The Shipwreck was excavated by marine archeologists in the 1980's and forms the centerpiece for National Museum on Grand Turk.

Ultimate Adventures

The pinnacle of Big Blue's excursions is manifested in our Ultimate Private Charter Adventures. We have the expertise and ability to reach those out of the way and rarely visited locations around the Turks and Caicos Islands that no one else can match. This is where 20 years of dedicated exploration, local partnerships and quest for knowledge gets you. We are excited to offer a series of 'Ultimate Adventures' to our guests aboard a variety of Big Blue vessels.

Remote Caicos

The South-East Caicos Banks is about as remote as it gets in the Turks and Caicos. Yet here lie some hidden treasures. Rarely calm but always exciting the seemingly endless turquoise waters suddenly give way to some beautiful cays and beaches that provide you with an unmatched opportunity to feel like an explorer. Little Ambergris Cay, the Fish Cays, Bush Cay and White Cay, but to name a few, provide shelter in this watery expanse and provide some wonderful snorkeling, beach combing and bird-watching. If you're a kite enthusiast this might be your greatest dream come true and we've also had some of our greatest whale encounters in these areas. Journey times will be in the 2-hour region or more but on the right day it's an ultimate Big Blue adventure.

South Caicos

Remote South Caicos is located on the eastern side of the Caicos Banks and was once a diving mecca before tourism shifted to Providenciales. The small town is still considered the fishing capital of the Caicos Islands and boasts some delightful 19th Century Bermudian style architecture. The islands and reefs surrounding the area offer both spectacular diving and snorkeling opportunities for more intrepid explorers. Big Blue private charter vessels make the journey in 2-hours and other than diving and snorkeling, can mix up the activities to include kayaking, paddle-boarding and kite-boarding safaris. Please contact Big Blue for more information and to custom design your ideal adventure.

Joe Grant's Cay

To experience unspoiled beauty and uninhabited islands venture east around the outside of the Caicos chain to Joe Grant's Cay and East Caicos by boat during calm weather in the summer months. Alternatively step on our boat to North Caicos and enjoy the scenic 50-minute road journey to the Bambara Beach on Middle Caicos before transferring to another boat for the rest of the day. Knowledge of the reef layout in the shallow water is essential and our local boat captain has spent his entire life navigating these reefs. Heading round the eastern headlands of Middle Caicos you pass along the long and deserted beach known as 'Wild Cow Run' and down to the Windward-Going-Through where the sand bars and turquoise waters are truly amazing.

Continue onto to Joe Grants Cay, a gem of an island where you can snorkel the extensive coral reefs, walk isolated beaches and climb the bluff to enjoy expansive views across the area. Continue onto the large island of East Caicos to enjoy a picnic lunch on an incredible and protected beach. The island is peppered with C19th sisal plantation buildings and old anchors and canons are found discarded in the water. Return home tired but satiated after this unique adventure.

Pricing

Private charter pricing starts at \$1000. There are so many variables and permutations. In short you dream it and we will make it happen. No two charters are the same. One thing is for sure they are the best way to experience the Turks and Caicos and the Team Big Blue family.

Note- 12% Government Tax

Biking

Travelling by bike is a fun way to see these islands. Cycling helps give a greater appreciation of the landscape and communities that you pass through. The leisurely pace allows you to see more, take in the aromas of the countryside and stop when something or someone catches your eye. Big Blue has been offering biking Eco tours since 1999. We have experimented with many different routes and itineraries across North & Middle Caicos.

We have involved the local communities for home cooked meals, bike maintenance and logistical support. We are proud to continue this tradition and currently offer three different types of biking Eco-tours. We do not offer biking tours on Providenciales and urge visitors using bikes on this island to be very mindful of the traffic and always wear a helmet.

North Caicos Biking Eco-Tour

MAX: 8 PEOPLE

DURATION: 6-8 HOURS

PRICE: \$225 PP

Get on our bikes to soak up the laid back atmosphere and vibe of ‘the garden island’. It is an enjoyable day of easy biking on hybrid suspension bikes which takes you through the interior of North Caicos to the farming community of Kew, the Wade’s Green cotton plantation ruins and Cottage Pond, a blue hole 250ft deep.

Head down to the north shore to visit the Flamingo Pond Nature Reserve (binocular viewing) and enjoy a fabulous dining experience at a restaurant on the waterfront. After lunch you can relax on the beach, swim in the turquoise waters, or siesta under the shade of a palm tree.

From here it is a gentle bike ride along the coast to pick up the Big Blue boat back to Provo. The total biking distance is approximately 12 miles. A minimum age of 15 yrs is recommended and bikes start at 15” frames.

Custom North and Middle Caicos

DURATION: 6-8 HOURS

ADULTS - \$1350 for 2 - Additional persons \$150

Explore further afield on either or both of these stunning islands. Travel a longer bike route across Middle and take the historical King’s Road past the Conch Bar caves to Bambarra, onto Lorimers and then back along the northern coastal track to Conch Bar village.

Biking can also be combined with other activities and customized for partial biking (one-way). Highlights are the scenic, less used roads, stunning beaches and the small local communities. Transport is provided from Provo by boat and vehicle or for the really decadent you can fly in and out by helicopter.

Out-Island Eco-Tours

The roots and culture of the Caicos Islands are found on North, Middle & South Caicos. Their small populations and sleepy natures disguise the fact that they were once areas flourishing in agriculture and industry. Most of the people you will meet there will have a keen interest in fishing, farming or both. When the loyalists settled here in the 18th century it was mainly on North and Middle Caicos that they established their cotton plantations. By the early 19th century South Caicos had surpassed the Turks Islands in the production of salt and is still considered the fishing capital of the country. Big Blue has out-posts on all these islands and benefitting from over 15 years of experience along with our extensive network of guides, bikes, kayaks and boats, we are proud to recommend our most rewarding and interactive ecotourism excursions.

Heart of the Islands

PRICE

\$285pp (adults)

\$235pp (kids under 12yrs)

DURATION

Full day from 8am -5pm (9 hours)

This award winning cultural and sightseeing eco-tour to North and Middle Caicos is a must do. This full day trip is designed to transport you to the major scenic sites of North and Middle Caicos, and to introduce you to the amazing history, friendly people and traditional culture of the islands. For 20 years Big Blue has partnered with local residents and the Turks and Caicos National Trust in promoting the cultural history of these islands and is proud to bring you together with our eco partners at the Middle Caicos Co-op and at Daniels Café.

- *Take a private boat from the Big Blue base on Providenciales to North Caicos across the sparkling turquoise sea. Approximately 30 minutes.*
- *Transfer to one of our team's operated air-conditioned passenger vans and meet your knowledgeable local driver who will team with the Big Blue staff to guide you around the islands.*
- *Visit the Flamingo Pond Nature Reserve (binocular viewing only).*
- *Explore the extensive limestone cave system at Conch Bar Caves National Park.*
- *Learn about local artisans and traditional handcrafts at the Middle Caicos Co-op – a long term project sponsored by Big Blue Unlimited.*
- *Walk along the cliffs and beach at Mudjin Harbour to enjoy the most impressive coastline in the TCI.*
- *Enjoy true local seafood at Daniels Café, a local family business and winner of Trip Advisor Hall of Fame award 2015.*

- *Discover the rich history of colonial Loyalists at the outstanding ruins of Wade's Green Plantation.*

Lean on Big Blue's experience and local knowledge while you enjoy this special day trip. Our guides are all local residents from the Caicos Islands, waiting to introduce you to their islands and to share their stories.

Above all soak up the relaxed ambiance and enjoy the hospitality in the Heart of the Caicos Islands. Prices include all transport, entrance fees, lunch, and refreshments throughout the day. Please bring cash or credit card if you wish to purchase quality gifts and souvenirs at the craft co-op. Our small group eco-tours take a maximum of 9 guests, and private eco-tours can be customized to suit your interests and needs.

The Big South Adventure

Duration - 10 hours Adults - US\$750 1-4 people, children under 12 \$335

Big Blue offers private guided adventures to and on South Caicos with transport from Providenciales by air. The short 20 minute flight bring you to a unique island with a fascinating history that was once centered around a productive salt industry and thriving fishing trade. The vibes remains extremely friendly and the township of Cockburn Harbour boasts a delightful Bermudian style architecture with picturesque stone-walled streets.

The Big Blue guide will meet you at the airport on South Caicos and escort you on a short historical tour of the island. Look for pink flamingos and other wading birds as you walk around the expansive salt flats and the older parts of town. Take a journey on a local fishing boat to see the island from the water, explore the beaches of nearby Long Cay National Park and, if conditions allow, snorkel some spectacular reefs around Dove Cay in the mouth of the harbor. Wash all this down with a fresh seafood lunch on the waterfront at Darrel's sunset Café and watch the fishermen bring in their catch of conch, lobster and fish for the day.

Big Blue also keeps a fleet of mountain bikes and a few kayaks on South Caicos. These can be rented under the supervision and support of Big Blue's team on South Caicos. Bike around the salt ponds and up onto the eastern ridges where donkeys roam and wild beaches wait to be discovered. Kayak options include the Harbour and Long Cay area in the southern part of the island or drive past Belle Sound National Park to launch from the northern peninsula. Here you can explore the spectacular channels and vibrant wetlands between a string of remote cays all the way to East Caicos. Prior kayak and navigation experience is essential.

Custom North and Middle Adventure

Big Blue has a wealth of experience conducting eco-tours and adventures on North & Middle Caicos and a variety of options can be customized to suit individual or large family preferences. The classic 'Heart of the Islands Eco-Tour' can be conducted privately and modified as needed. A fleet of hybrid bikes and recreational kayaks are available for a slower paced

or more energetic experience. Ponds, creeks and dry forests provided ideal habitat for vibrant bird life including Pink Flamingos, West Indian Whistling Ducks, Bananaquit, Black Necked Stilts and the rare Antillean Bullfinch. Experienced Big Blue guides can escort bird-watchers to the best locations to see birds at different times of the year.

For those who have already experienced our award winning 'Heart of the Islands' Eco-tour or if you're looking for a more off the beaten path experience, Big Blue offers a private adventure to explore the wild east end of Middle Caicos. The highlight of the day is venturing down to 'Wild Cow Run' beach and the mouth of the gorgeous Windward-Going-Through channel where the swimming & beach-combing are sensational. You will visit the historical villages of Lorimers and Bambarra and you can also walk the short field road into the abandoned cotton plantation site known as Haulover. There are other isolated beaches you can explore along the coast and if you are still feeling energetic, venture into the extensive limestone caves near 'Conch Bar' on the way back across the island. Refreshments are provided through the day including either a picnic lunch served on the beach or fresh seafood at Daniel's Café.

What to bring-what to wear

Big Blue prefers to support the local shops, "cafes"/ "restaurants" and businesses when exploring the outer islands. This is a large part of eco tourism. We will provide a small array of fresh fruit and drinks but otherwise purchase goods for sale on these islands. Except for alcoholic drinks this is included in the Eco Adventure prices.

Guests should bring:

- Solid shoes (for the caves and plantation walks)*
- Sandals*
- Towels*
- Bathing suit (ladies may want to wear these under their clothing as changing facilities can be limited)*
- A spare shirt or top for the journey home*
- A hat*
- 100% Biodegradable Sunscreen * Mandatory for ALL trips*

Guests pay separately for flight, airport transfers and lunch

Note 12% government tax

Whales and Dolphins

The annual Humpback whale migration is without doubt the highlight of our team's year. Our excitement starts in November and December with memories of the previous season still fresh in our minds. The first songs or sightings in late December and early January send an immediate buzz throughout the whole of Big Blue as we all know what the next 2-3 winters months can hold in store. This is a superb time of year to be part of the Big Blue experience. Year after year many fortunate guests are rendered speechless by the breathtaking beauty of Humpback whales.

Migration

he Humpbacks follow a timeless track between their five primary summer feeding grounds in the North: the Gulf of Maine, Eastern Canada, Greenland, Iceland and Norway and their two breeding grounds in the South; Cape Verde Islands and the Caribbean (primarily, Turks and Caicos Islands, North East Dominican Republic and North West Puerto Rico).

As the bounty of food, essentially krill, plankton and small fish diminishes (whales can eat up to 3000 lbs. per day) throughout the summer, whales will leave in the Fall having built up significant fat reserves (blubber) and swim toward their tropical winter calving grounds covering distances of up to 3000+ miles in as little as under 40 days! Humpbacks then congregate and engage in mating activities. Surface displays of breaching, tail lobbing, fin and chin slapping are often coupled with complex male songs that can last up to 20-40 minutes or more and are often superb soundtracks on our scuba and snorkel trips.

Calves are born here after 11 months of gestation or on route and weigh as much as 2000 lbs., small in comparison to their mother's 25-40 tons! Females are larger than males and while none of the whales eat in the South, calves grow rapidly from their mothers' highly nutritious milk (so viscous, it binds together in the water). Weaning occurs 6-10 months later with breeding every two/three years. Mothers are highly protective of their calves, forming close bonds and often provide us with some of our best encounters as they become more relaxed during the season.

Encounters

Big Blue provides the best and most respected Humpback Whale experience in the Caicos Islands. The Big Blue team has been trained by Philip Shearer, our in house whale expert who worked on the Silver Banks for nine years as a whale guide together with the late Captain Piers van der Walt of Aggressor fleet.

Big Blue has adopted the strict guidelines of the Silver Banks (Dominican Republic) and followed them closely since our inception in 1997. Every year we get better learn more about close encounter humpback whale experiences.

Our aim is to provide our guests with some of the best whale encounters ever. No two encounters are ever the same and require heightened sensitivity towards the whales and their behavior.

Our golden rule: it is the whales that give us the encounter. It is the whales that dictate the encounter not us. We can however, with careful approach and understanding, increase the

likelihood of either a successful surface encounter or the highly sought after in water encounter.

Over the years we have had some truly memorable experiences from freeing a whale from a gill net to spending eight and a half hours in the water with three whales to dolphins and whales to jaw dropping full body breaches.

Approach

Our approach is passive and non-aggressive. We explain our decisions and what we are trying to do. Sometimes it works and sometimes it does not. It is rare that we fail in our efforts to provide some sort of an encounter. We will not however bully or harass these animals. There is a difference between whale encounters and whale chasing. We focus on soft on and in water encounters.

Whale Watching

From the first sighting in December or January to the last in April, all our boats, tours, captains, crew and office are in constant communication about where we are seeing whales around the Turks and Caicos Islands. A dive trip may be returning and a snorkel trip starting, if the dive crew spot whales in the area they will advise our snorkel team, so on and so forth. Since Big Blue adventures to all four corners of the Caicos islands this means we see more whales than anyone else. One need only follow our Facebook page to see this.

Generally speaking our trips and adventures will always have a one eye on the open ocean, just in case we see the unusual or amazing. During the winter months however we slant all our trips to increase the chances of creating a whale encounter.

- Dive trips (2 tank, 1 tank)
- Snorkel trips (Snorkel Eco Tour, Edge of the Banks)
- Private charters
- Caicos Cays Cruise

All the above trips and even the morning and evening trips to North Caicos for Heart of the Islands etc. will be on the look out for whales. It is exciting but there are no guarantees. The whales pass through in waves. It is not unusual to have two weeks of high activity followed by low to no activity and silence. What we do know and have learned is to be ready.

Grand Slam Fishing Charters

No vacation in Turks and Caicos is complete without at least one day on the deep blue waters surrounding the coast of Providenciales, relaxing on one of Grand Slam Charters' many packages.

Grand Slam Fishing Charters guarantee a memorable experience for the whole family. Deep sea fishing Turks and Caicos is an experience not to be missed. The scream of the reel, the bend of the rod and the flash of silver deep below will be a lifetime memory! Is it a Marlin or Wahoo? Maybe a Tuna or Mahi Mahi? The rich waters surrounding Providenciales offer a big game fishing experience unlike anywhere else in the world. Add Grouper, Snapper, Sharks, Sailfish, Swordfish, Kingfish and Tarpon to the list, then you've come to the right place.

About Grand Slam Fishing Charters

As a family owned business we know how important it is that your trip becomes the best memory of your vacation, we are proud of our islands, our waters and our crew and we are desperate show you the best possible time during your stay. We can not guarantee fish every time but we can guarantee you a great time! The biggest perk of our job is seeing so many of our customers become close friends". Our crew are highly valued and have been with us since day 1. Each have their own personalities and sense of humour and understand the importance of making your day perfect, for us the saying is true, "Lifes a game but fishing is serious!"

Trips and Tours

Snorkeling or fishing, island hopping or lobster safari, Robinson Crusoe days or a leisurely sunset cruise, the choice is yours, below are some of our favored options, but Grand Slam can also customize a day just for your party.

Deep Sea Fishing

Big Game Fishing: Offshore or Deep Sea Fishing is understandably known as the sport of kings and Turks and Caicos offers exceptional sport throughout the year. Voted "Worlds Best" for Marlin, Yellowfin Tuna, Mahi Mahi and monster Wahoo, all this just 2 miles off the "worlds best beach". (See our guide under Fish of "what will I catch?" for further details).

Largest Fishing Charter Vessel In Turks And Caicos

Our legendary 45ft Hatteras "The Gwendolyn" is the largest fishing charter vessel on the Island and perfectly equipped for all ages and abilities.

The Gwendolyn operates with a crew of 3 (1 captain plus 1st and 2nd mate) all are local fishermen with many years of experience as captains and crew on board our vessels, each with their own styles and humour to ensure your party have a wonderful experience.

*The Gwendolyn is the largest and most comfortable charter boat on the island offering essential shade not only inside and on the flybridge but most importantly on the fighting deck! The Gwendolyn is fully equipped with both heavy duty and light fishing tackle, using penn reels and "Chaos" rods. We troll up to 10 lines across a 40ft spread. An all weight fighting chair and Tuna door assist hauling aboard a large catch. Did we forget to mention that Gwendolyn holds the Caribbean **all class record for Wahoo!***

The Fish

Mahi mahi everyones favourite acrobat! Most fish around Turks and Caicos range from 10lbs upwards, frequently exceeding 40lbs and occasionally in the 80lb class!

Marlin (both blue and white) are common during the summer months as they follow their migration path past our Islands.

Wahoo, we believe the next world record lives here, between The Bahamas and Turks and Caicos is the worlds best Wahoo grounds. These lightening fast razor toothed torpedoes thrill both novices and professional anglers alike.

Sports Fishing

Unlike deep sea fishing which takes place often several miles offshore, sports fishing usually takes place either inside of the outer reef or just outside the reef over "the wall" at the start of the deep water off and which teems with wildlife. Sports fishing usually involves light tackle and fixed spool reels for greater fun And often involves trolling around the coral heads using lures or live bait, action tends to be fast and furious, with catches ranging from sailfish to mahi mahi, to barracuda, tuna and jack cravell, This is highly recommended for families and those new to fishing.

Our boat is the remarkable "wahoooooooo!" a 42ft high speed performance boat powered by almost 700 hp triple engines. This is a large vessel and highly flexible, not only fully equipped for fishing with the latest equipment but also capable of beaching on the small islands should you wish to BBQ your fish or take a swim in our gorgeous crystal clear turquoise waters.

October sees the arrival of the amazing Sailfish, the beautiful acrobats are everyone's ideal sportsfish, caught relatively close to shore they provide a wonderful spectacle as they leap and tailwalk trying to throw the hook and the angler is equally as frantic trying to control them on light spinning tackle.

Reef Bottom Fishing

"Green Water" Reef (bottom) fishing in Turks and Caicos is a wonderful way to enjoy a day at sea for the whole family. After a 30 minute trip across our nature reserve and gorgeous turquoise shallows we arrive at the inner reef where coral heads teem with all types and sizes of stunning tropical fish. Reef (bottom) fishing takes place on either the inner or outer reefs where the boat remains at anchor in our tranquil seas.

For those new to fishing this is a great way to experience the excitement of your first catch, action is fast and frequent and almost every fish is a different species, most are beautifully coloured and a wonderful first hand experience for youngsters to encounter at close quarters the wonders of nature. If you are fishing for dinner you won't be disappointed, these waters teem with snapper; grouper, yellowtail, cero and numerous other panfish. The coral heads are also paraded by other predators too and it is common to hook a snapper only to see it snatched by a barracuda just feet from the boat, you are then into a whole new fish fight. Many people also like to catch sharks whilst reef fishing and your captain will be happy to arrange this for you. For a relaxed entertaining and wonderful family experience we thoroughly recommend a day reef fishing, even those who don't want to fish can enjoy watching or sipping a cocktail as they sunbathe on the bow of the boat. Let your skipper know early and he can even take you afterwards to a deserted island to barbecue your fish.

New for 2013, For smaller parties "Cuda" provides a solid comfortable, stable and well equipped boat for reef fishing or combination days.

Snorkel Dive and Party

Snorkeling diving and beach parties make Turks and Caicos the world's favorite vacation spot. The Turks and Caicos islands (or Turquoise and Caicos as we call them) are world renowned for beautiful crystal clear waters and abundant wildlife and no visit is complete without at least one day at or in the sea. No matter whether your party is a romantic memory for 2 or family re-union for 20 we will help you design the day and ensure your guests have an experience they will thank you forever. The Turks and Caicos Islands are famous for their crystal clear waters and provide idyllic snorkel and dive opportunities, turtles are seen off most beaches daily and wildlife abounds. Conch and lobsters can be easily caught whilst snorkeling the shallow waters off our remote Cay (small uninhabited islands). Note strict license and seasonal laws apply, ask our office details and watch out for dates by following our Facebook page. Turtles are also common off all Provo beaches and in shallow water. All wildlife is protected inside of the national park. You will never taste better fish than when you catch your own and then barbecue them on a deserted beach within hours! Why not catch your own lobster for your beach party?

Flats Fishing and Self Drive Boats

Providenciales offers exceptional flats fishing across many square miles of shallow flat lands and backwaters. Although famous for bonefish the flats also contain a large variety of other sportfish such as jacks, barracuda, permit, snapper, sharks and tarpon Colossal schools of bonefish patrol the flats as the tide changes and schools of 2000 fish are common. Unlike the bonefish of our neighbouring Bahamas These fish have not been heavily fished for and therefore are far less timid than in other parts of the world. Bonefish of 12 lbs to 15 lbs are also commonplace.

Many people prefer the solitude of renting their own boat and with some guidance on locations enjoy searching the flats and wading to ideal spots ,others prefer a local guide at least for their first trip. Either way we can provide the ideal option for you .Bonefish enter the islands lagoons and slats flats daily so ,any people like to merely rent the rods and tackle from our office and to drive to the flats .Whatever your choice give Andrea a call and she can help organize the best trip to suit your needs .

Key:

E = Excellent

G = Good

F = Fair

Nautique Sports

If you're visiting Providenciales in the Turks and Caicos Islands, you're already in for a treat! The beaches are among the best in the world and the water is beautiful and crystal clear.

Feel like doing something active and exciting on your holiday? Nautique Sports provides safe watersports instruction for the whole family.

We offer a range of activities including wakeboarding, waterskiing, wakesurfing, barefoot waterskiing, slalom waterskiing, tubing and snorkeling.

We also run island getaway tours for those looking to relax and unwind on their own private beach.

We are the only watersports company operating in the Turks and Caicos Islands that uses professional Mastercraft watersports boats.

Each boat is captained by our properly trained and certified instructors. We pride ourselves on our friendly manner and ability to cater to all ages and abilities.

We can't wait to meet you! Just book a charter and experience for yourself the incredible adventure that Nautique Sports can provide for you and your whole family.

Nautique Sports operates from Providenciales in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

If you book a boat charter with us, we'll arrange to pick you up from your hotel or resort, either by boat (conditions permitting) or by shuttle.

We know our way around and can take you to all the best spots!

Wakeboarding

Wakeboarding involves riding a board with boots over the surface of the water. It was developed from a combination of surfing, water skiing, and snowboarding techniques.

The rider gets towed behind a watersports boat (we use only custom made Mastercraft boats), typically at speeds of 30-40 km/h (18-25 mph). Once you've mastered riding the wake, you can develop your skills to learn jumps and tricks.

As a beginner we will take you through all you need to know to be riding safely and confidently. With experienced riders we will give you tips to improve your technique or even teach you some new tricks.

Nautique Sports uses the latest and greatest watersports equipment. Learning and perfecting your watersports skills is a great challenge, push your limits using the best equipment! Whatever your challenge, give yourself the best chance by using the best gear. We use top end equipment and ropes: Ronix, Connelly, Radar, Proline, Straightline, Eagle Vortex

Waterskiing

Waterskiing is a surface water sport where the rider is pulled behind a boat on two skis.

The sport needs a flat, smooth stretch of water and the skier requires a level of upper and lower body strength, muscular endurance, and good balance.

There is no minimum age necessary to waterski and people of all ages can learn and enjoy the sport.

Maybe you'll get lucky and Jojo our resident dolphin will swim with you as you waterski in Turks and Caicos Islands!

Slalom Waterskiing

Slalom waterskiing is a type of waterskiing, where the rider uses just one ski. It's a surface water sport in which the rider is pulled behind a boat, skimming the surface on one slalom ski.

The sport needs a flat, smooth stretch of water and the skier requires a level of upper and lower body strength, muscular endurance, and good balance.

There is no minimum age necessary to waterski and people of all ages can learn and enjoy the sport.

Barefoot Waterskiing

Barefoot waterskiing is waterskiing behind a watersports boat without the use of waterskis. This is often referred to as 'barefooting'.

To successfully barefoot waterski the skier has to travel at higher speeds than he/she does for waterskiing (30-45mph/50-70kmh).

Speed varies depending on the weight of the barefooter.

Wakesurfing

Wakesurfing is a watersport in which a surfer trails behind a wakeboard boat, surfing the boat's wake without being directly attached to the boat.

The wake from the boat mimics the look and feel of an actual ocean wave.

After getting up on the wave by use of a tow rope, wakesurfers drop the rope and ride the steep face below the wave's peak a bit like ocean surfing.

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Tubing

Tubing is a fantastically exciting rollercoaster ride for children and adults. There's not a lot to learn here....just try and hold on!

You'll be pulled on a top quality tube behind one of our boats at a speed that suits you. Watch out for the wake - you may find yourself bouncing out of your seat!

It's a great way to work off some steam from life stresses and to be a kid again. And for the real kids it'll be a memory that will stay for them for years to come. They'll be begging for more!

Island Getaways

Charter an island getaway with Nautique Sports for just \$350 per couple (\$50 extra per extra person).

We believe that everyone should experience their own private beach at least once in their lifetime.

Enjoy a romantic trip with your partner, or a fun day out with your family and friends.

Take a short cruise with Nautique Sports to a secluded island and discover your paradise. You can stay there for as long as you like. We'll pick you up and take you home at a pre-arranged time.

Nautique Sports provides chairs, an umbrella, snorkels and drinking water. We can also arrange for you to have food for a small additional cost.

Nautique Pricing & Details

Mastercraft Barefoot 200	Activities Permitted
Hourly - \$300	Wakeboarding
Half Day (3 hours) - \$750	Waterskiing
Full Day - \$1,250	Barefoot Waterskiing
Total Number of Guests: 5	Tubing
	Snorkeling
	Sightseeing
<p>This boat can be fitted with a boom on the side of the boat to aid with learning. The boom provides a more stable base to support/pull the rider. It also means the rider is right next to the boat so can more easily take on board instructions.</p>	<p>Pickup in the Grace Bay area included in the price, either by boat or vehicle dependent on conditions. Best for beginner waterski and barefoot lessons.</p>

Mastercraft 45	Activities Permitted
Hourly - \$450	Wakeboarding
Half Day (3 hours) - \$1,000	Waterskiing
Full Day - \$1,800	Wakesurfing
Total Number of Guests: 5	Tubing
	Snorkeling
	Sightseeing
<p>These boats are bigger and the hulls have been designed in such a way as to create a large wake that can be used for wake surfing or perfecting your jumps on wakeboard or waterskis.</p>	<p>Pickup in the Grace Bay area included in the price, either by boat or vehicle dependent on conditions. Best for bigger groups and experienced wakeboarders.</p>

Kenard Luxury Yacht Cruising

Your Perfect Luxury Private Yacht charter in Turks and Caicos Islands.

Caribbean Cruising to the Beaches Turks and Caicos

Turks and Caicos Boat charter or a private yacht cruise is a must while vacationing on the islands. Take a day out onboard one of our luxury yachts, "Dream Aweigh II or Dream Aweigh III, all new yachts in 2015...or zip over to the barrier reef on Dream Cruiser, our 29 foot speed boat for the best snorkeling experience ever..

Our crew have been with us from start, and are extremely knowledgeable about the marine environments and surroundings of the Turks and Caicos Islands. Cruising to the most pristine beaches on deserted islands from Grace Bay Beach to Water Cay and much more..

Our goal is ensuring that from the moment you step aboard one of our yachts, this day become the highlight of your vacation in the TCI.. A full day boat trip on one of our catamaran is your dream come through, with breath taking scenic views along the shoreline of the many different island and Cays that are only accessible by boat, spectacular snorkeling in crystal clear waters, with thousands of fish life and colorful coral reefs, you are guaranteed to be fascinated by the wonders of it all.

A stop on a sand bar in the middle of nowhere, where you can walk for miles hunting for sand dollar and some of the most pretty shells you will find in the Caribbean.. while you and the kids are playing and hunting for your treasures on the beach, a sumptuous meal is being prepare onboard for you, you will taste the tenderness of the spiny Caribbean lobster, grilled to perfection, fresh grouper, tender chicken breast, juicy beef kebabs, all accompanied with our special festive rice and a crisp fresh Caesar salad.. All of our seafood are fresh out of the water each day here in Turks and Caicos, as we have some of the best fishing here in Turks and Caicos..

You may also be interested in a private beach BBQ on one of our beautiful and unspoiled beaches with table dining and beach umbrellas, while you bask in the sun, hunt for sand dollars, tour the island or simply relax on one of our comfortable recliner floats, or party island, and kids get creative with the powdery sand, making sand castles etc..

Our yachts are very spacious inside and out, with sun beds, air condition, 360 degrees wrapped around windows, 42 inch TV and Bose sound system for your entertainment. There are three berths, each with their own bathrooms..

So if you are looking to spend some time on the beautiful turquoise waters and beaches in Turks and Caicos Islands, we are your number one choice for private boat charters and luxury yacht cruise...

Kenard Cruises the perfect choice for families, friends, honeymooners and business groups alike. Kenard Cruises...The Ultimate Experience, and the Pride Of The Pack....

Now you know that when it comes to boat charters in Turks and Caicos, Kenard Cruises is your number one choice for private luxury custom cruises on island.

Private Charters

FULL DAY

Relax while we pamper and spoil you on this breathtaking adventure. From the moment you step onboard, you will be treated like Royalty. Available to start your morning are fresh fruits, home made cookies and a freshly brewed natural flavored coffee prepared onboard by your captain Kenard..... During this time you will listen to a short briefing after which your captain will set sail and cruise out of the marina to destinations unknown.....

Our full day cruise usually takes us to as far as North Caicos or Parrot Cay, "the island of the rich and famous". and gradually appearing on various deserted beaches on islands where your foot steps are the only ones there with you..... The day includes snorkel stops on some of Turks and Caicos most spectacular reefs.

After this incredible snorkeling adventure, Dream Aweigh sets sail to Sand Dollar Point, or other deserted beach, where we will be anchored in about 4 feet of crystal clear water and some of Turks and Caicos most beautiful secluded beaches. While you browse through shells and sand dollars or simply bask in the sun, while your crew prepares for your return to a delightful gourmet lunch, prepared by your captain/cheff, (kenard). All beers, wine, rum punch and more are included in this fun day trip.

The rest of the afternoon is either spent on a private beach, snorkeling or cruising the islands and are sometimes followed by a splash in turquoise waters of over 100 feet visibility, and schools of reef fish and colorful corals.

If you are thinking of another way to spend your day, then call us today to customize your dream cruise...

HALF DAY

If you are here on a weekend getaway, or business trip and are pushed for time, but want to explore a little more than Providenciales. Our half day cruise will fit perfectly into your agenda...

Enjoy a breathtaking view of the islands, while you sip on Captain Kenard's famous rum punch. Bask in the sun, swim with schools of fish, play in the sand or simply relax and enjoy the ride of your life.....

Our half day cruise takes you out for 3 to 4 hours, and gets you back in time for your next meeting or adventure.....

Trip includes all drinks, snacks and a light lunch...

Think you can come up with a better way to spend this four hours on the water, then customize your cruise to fit your specific needs today.....We will do what ever you wish in this specific area.

SUNSET DINNERS

A buffet spread that will make you say "WOW" and "OMG", there is something for everyone. Come experience Dinner aboard one of our luxury Yachts under the stars, in beautiful Turks and Caicos. Kenard Cruises is the only yacht service in Turks and Caicos that takes you out for dinner on the water after the sun goes down..

This is the perfect way to surprise your spouse, and guaranteed to be in the top most romantic things you would have ever done. If you are looking for a way to fascinate your partner or family, or even looking to give the perfect gift, this is it.... our sunset dinner starts at 5pm, for three romantic hours. So if you are on a honeymoon, anniversary, engagement, birthday or just out to enjoy life, our sunset dinner may be the perfect gift for you.

The Fleet

Dream Aweigh II

LUXURY SAFETY AND COMFORT:

Catamarans offer excellent stability, typically far more so the average cruising mono-hull. The AFRICAT 420 was designed by the Naval architect Angelo Lavranos from New Zealand, with safety as the first consideration. The beam / length / center of gravity relationship on the AFRICAT make it one of the safest cruising cats on the market.

Dream Aweigh II is one of the later model of the Africats, and new to our fleet. A few customization was made to accommodate for excellent sound system, and easy beaching and Boarding. The waters of the Turks and Caicos Awaits you, and this is the vessel to take you there.

Dream Aweigh III

LUXURY SAFETY AND COMFORT:

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Dive Provo

Dive Provo operates 3 modern dive boats, designed for customer convenience, include such amenities as showers, rinse tanks, comfortable seating, platform and ladders, as well as VHF radio and safety equipment. Our regular schedule is a daily 2 tank dive to any of the following areas Northwest Point, West Caicos, French Cay, Sandbore Channel, Pine Cay and Grace Bay. Areas chosen are based on where divers diving multiple days have already been and on weather conditions. Single tank dives are scheduled most afternoons and go out to the closest dive area of Grace Bay.

Dive boats depart from the docks at Turtle Cove Marina for diving along Provo's north shore, and from our dock on the south side of the island for trips to West Caicos and French Cay. Departure time is 8:00 am for the 2-tank dives, returning to your hotel any time between 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm depending upon the destination. The south side trips have the later return times. Afternoon boats depart around 2:00 pm for single tank dive in Grace Bay, returning at approximately 4:30 – 5:00 pm. 3 tank dive days and snorkel trips are also scheduled on demand and Private Charters are also gladly arranged!

The Provo Conquest and Provo Crusader are both 36ft Newton Dive Boats with plenty of shade and a comfortable seating area up top with the captain. Newton Dive Boats have pretty much become the standard in the industry and are a pleasure to dive from. Formerly known as the Provo Explorer the Provo Challenger was completely refigured by Jardine/ Sewell Boatworks in early 2003. With a cruising speed of 26 knots and slightly narrower beam than both the Conquest and Crusader the Provo Challenger is a favourite for Private Charters.

*Dive Provo is a **PADI 5 Star Resort** offering comprehensive training programs for all levels of certification.*

Dive Provo also works closely with other training agencies such as SSI, SDI/TDI and NAUI to allow students to complete their Open Water Training Dives under the Universal Referral program.

OUR DIVE STAFF

The professional Dive Provo staff is dedicated to providing guests with convenient and trouble-free diving. From pick up at your hotel (for select resorts) to dropping you off at the end of the day the staff will do their utmost to make sure you have a good time. No lugging heavy gear! The staff will set up your gear for your dive and break it down and rinse it at the

end of the day. Just pack your bag, leave it on the boat and it will be ready for your next dive.

At Dive Provo we know it is not just outstanding diving that makes a great vacation, it is also the attitude and friendliness of the dive. Dive Provo customer surveys continually rank our staff as "Number One" in reasons why they would return. Your hosts Alan and Clare Jardine both SSI Platinum Pros, PADI and NAUI Instructors and have more than 30 years of experience in the dive industry having lived in the Bahamas, Bonaire, and the British Virgin Islands prior to acquiring Dive Provo. Dive staff move around the resorts from one end of the world to the other so you may well meet people you made friends with on your last vacation somewhere else.

By and large Dive Provo's staff are in their 30's (or older in some cases) and they all have a great variety of life experiences to share with you.

Nearly everyone has been with Dive Provo for at least a year.

For information on Specialty Certifications and additional courses contact Dive Provo at 800-234-7768.

Boat Dive Pricing & Details

These dive packages are for Certified Open Water divers or above, who have dived within the last year.

Refresher - \$225

*Certified and a little rusty or nervous and want to experience Turks and Caicos diving, but don't feel the need to take a full course? Then join us for a **Refresher**. This class consists of a brief lecture going over basic Do's and Don'ts followed by a short pool session practicing the most critical skills such as mask clearing and regulator retrieval. The Lecture/Pool session runs from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm. The following morning you will review the dive plan and use of the dive computer and participate in a supervised 2 tank dive including gear. Available most days.*

Tank Dive: \$139.00 plus tax

The 2 tank dive is the building block for our dive packages. Book at least 2 days of 2 tank diving and the rates will be discounted. You can book as many days of 2 tank dives as you want.

Multi-Day Dive Packages

The schedule of diving options at Dive Provo is flexible, extensive and varied. All of the areas around Provo including Grace Bay, Northwest Point, West Caicos, French Cay, Pine Cay and Sandbore Channel, have numerous dive sites and their own special appeal. Multi-day packages range from two days of 2-tank diving through to ten days of 2-tank diving. The more dive days you pre-book, the larger the discount off the 2-tank dive rate.

When booking we ask that you please bear this in mind:

These dive packages are for Certified Open Water divers or above, who have dived within the last year or participated in a refresher course and are comfortable in the water. Please contact us prior to making the booking if you have any concerns regarding your diving.

We go diving at 8:00 am for morning 2-tank dives. You are on vacation and may not want to get up early every day. We want you to come diving with us, but we don't want you to regret not giving yourself a lay-day. So consider allowing yourself at least one morning off to sleep in or enjoy another Provo experience.

Return times vary. From Grace Bay dives you can expect to be back at the dock by about 1:00 pm, From Northwest Point and French Cay between 1:45 and 2:30 pm. From West Caicos it could be between 2:30 and 3:30 pm. The time it takes to do a 2 tank dive will depend on how many people are on the boat and how quickly they get in and out of the water. We try to rotate divers diving multiple days around the various dive areas. Due to who is booked and what the weather is doing we do not know where you will be diving the following day until generally the afternoon before. Areas chosen are based on who is diving, where they have already been, and on the weather. There is no "best" dive; best is based on personal preference and on the day; it's all good and every dive is different.

Weather is unpredictable so sometimes things will change in the morning too. During winter months we often cannot dive Grace Bay so you could be returning from diving every day at 2:30 pm. If you are planning other excursions during winter months it is probably a good idea to plan them for days you are not diving.

The diving is wall diving and due to the depths **we require the use of a dive computer.** We recommend a maximum depth of 100 ft and bottom time of an hour on each dive, and all dives are no decompression dives. Navigation is easy along the edge of the wall and we make it easier by placing a marker at the top of the wall where you turn back to the boat. You are free to explore with your buddy at your own pace.

Expect to see tropical reef fish, different corals and interesting creatures. We see sharks on most dives. They are wild animals and we are in their space, be polite, keep your distance and they will keep theirs.

3 Tank Scuba Safari

Walk-In and Pre-booked Rate: \$189.00 plus tax

For the more adventurous diver. Usually scheduled for Wednesdays, we try to dive sites we don't normally visit on the 2 tank trip. Weather permitting we will head off towards Molasses Reef, Sandbore Channel or South West Reef.

We include 1 tank of Nitrox so divers can spend as long as possible exploring. Not Nitrox certified? Don't worry our staff will give a quick introduction into it's use and benefits. Expect to be out until about 5pm. If the weather is a little windy then we may well do moored sites but will do our best to use sites you haven't already dived. Lunch and refreshments included. (Divers doing this trip should have dived recently and be comfortable in the water. Not for Junior certified divers.)

*This dive can also be added to a **Multiple Day 2-Tank Dive** package for \$59.00.*

1 Tank Dive

Afternoon Dive Rate: \$70.00 plus tax

The single tank dives go out in the afternoons with pick up between 2:00 and 2:45 pm depending on the return of the morning boat. Dives are always in Grace Bay which is the closest dive area with only a 15 minute boat ride. If you have limited time, are worried about seasickness or just want to take it easy then this dive is a good option.

Under the boat you will find 25-30 ft of water and beautiful spur and groove coral formations. The wall drops off in 2 steps here and we dive the inner step. You will find a sandy bottom in about 110ft. With lots of overhangs this is a great area for fish hide and seek.

Night Dives/Rush Hour Dives

Night Dive Rate: \$85.00 plus tax

*We have found a number of divers are hesitant to take that first giant stride into dark water. We have a solution! **The “rush hour dive.”** We set off before sunset and enter the water at dusk, encountering the daytime workers heading home to safety for the night and the night shift starting out for a night of hunting. Fish, normally afraid in bright sunlight will allow us to get close, and as darkness falls our lights pick up the true vibrant colors of corals bland looking during the day, octopus slinking over the reef and sharks coming in to feed. During the summer months dinner may be a little late but the show is certainly worth it.*

Rush hour dives are scheduled on request with a minimum of 6 divers. We try to keep them mid week as people tend to come and go over the weekend. Let us know your preferred night when you arrive and we will direct other divers to that night. These are single tank dives out into Grace Bay. The nooks and crannies are perfect for the limited field of vision at night; see corals feeding, octopus hunting and be careful not to unwittingly prepare dinner for big jacks hunting with the help of your flashlight.

Take note of the moon when you visit Provo. Full moon dives often need no light at all and are quite eerie, or try diving with the glow-worms. These creatures mate every month 3-5 days after the full moon. The males die after their usefulness is spent, going out in a burst of underwater flames. An interesting light show!

SCUBA Courses

Most Dive Provo courses are taught in conjunction with the using the PADI eLearning® system. Electronic learning (eLearning) is the delivery of education online, using web-based technology. PADI eLearning allows you to begin your dive education at your convenience, on the internet, and finish your training in the water once on island. With PADI eLearning, you complete the knowledge development (classroom) portion of the most popular courses at your own pace – studying anytime and anywhere you have a high-speed internet connection. Whether you are just learning to scuba dive or are already certified but looking for a flexible way to advance your dive certifications, PADI's online scuba programs are the way to go.

*Most eLearning modules are purchased directly from PADI, the exception being the eLearning module for **Nitrox Certification** and **Advanced Open Water Certification**, which can be purchased directly from Dive Provo.*

A prerequisite to participating in any course includes the completion of a PADI Medical Statement, which includes the medical questionnaire section. If you answer YES to any of the medical condition questions, you will need to consult with a physician prior to obtain your doctor's written approval to dive.

Courses offered by Dive Provo

Rates below are valid through December 22, 2017. All rates are subject to 12% government tax.

Please note that **all children ages 10 and 11 must hire a private instructor** for all courses. All course prices below unless otherwise stated are for dive students age 12 and above.

Discover Scuba Diving

(ages 15 and up): \$299.00

For children 10 – 14, or anyone wishing to have the course taught one-on-one, the course cost is \$598.00.

Discover Scuba Diving, also known as the Resort Course, is a great way to try scuba diving without investing time studying just to find out diving is not for you. For many people their Resort Course is the highlight of their vacation and they go on to become certified and avid scuba divers. Let's face it, what better place to try diving.

The course consists of a brief lecture going over basic Do's and Dont's and then practicing skills in the swimming pool. This generally takes a couple of hours in the afternoon. The next

morning you go out on the regular dive trip and make 2 dives to a maximum depth of 40ft under the supervision of your instructor.

Course price includes instruction and equipment, and 2 boat dives. Maximum ratio 2 students per instructor in open water for a personalized experience. Certified family or friends can dive from the same boat with you but not with the instructor unless participating in that class. They can follow along as part of a buddy team or join the certified diver group. If you enjoyed the dives, you can take additional dives a second day for **\$239.00** or apply parts of the course toward an **Open Water Diver Certification** course!

ELearning Open Water Certification Course

(ages 12 and up): \$595.00

For children 10 and 11, or anyone wishing to have the course taught with a private instruction, the course cost is **\$1090.00**.

PADI eLearning is the way to go! Begin by purchasing and completing the PADI E-learning program online on your computer or now with the Open Water Diver Touch™ on your tablet. (The PADI eLearning program costs is \$169.00) Learn the academics at your own pace at home or from your laptop.

Once on island you will have a quick review of the academics followed by pool sessions learning the skills required to dive. This is generally completed in a day. The next 2 days you are out on the dive boat practicing those skills with your instructor in open water and enjoying diving at the same time. (Allow 3 days on island.)

*The maximum allowed ratio is 8 student per instructor. At Dive Provo we keep the numbers lower so the student enjoys more personalized attention. We generally keep classes to 4 students but due to family configurations there may be an additional student in your class. The course price includes instruction, dive gear, 4 boat dives and PADI certification card fee. **This course can begin on either a Sunday or a Tuesday.***

Open Water Referral Dives

(ages 12 and up): \$495.00

Maximize dive time on vacation. Start your certification course at home with a local dive shop. You will do the academics with them in a classroom setting or utilizing E-Learning online, and will learn all the required skills in their swimming pool. Your instructor will give you a Referral Form showing you have successfully completed all the skills and then you complete your open water training dives in the warm clear waters of Provo.

If you are completing PADI training your Dive Provo instructor will issue the certification. If you are completing dives for any other certifying agency (SSI, NAUI, SDI/TDI) we refer you back to your original instructor who will issue the certification.

The 4 dives are completed over 2 days and if you have certified family or friends diving you will be on the same boat. You however will be doing skills with your instructor and must stay with him/her. There is time on each dive to enjoy diving and the scenery. Course price includes all instruction and gear.

Open Water Referral Dives PLUS

(ages 12 and up) \$595.00

Enjoy a day diving as a certified diver following certification for an additional \$100.00 including gear.

*Open Water Referral Dives for **ages 10 and 11** are conducted with a private instructor. The course fee is **\$990.00** for the 1st child, **\$495.00** for a second child. (Maximum of 2 students.) For a family the young child will pay for a private class but the other family members can be part of that group with an additional instructor for up to 4 students.*

Refresher: \$225.00

Certified and a little rusty or nervous and want to experience Turks and Caicos diving, but don't feel the need to take a full course? Then join us for a refresher. This class consists of a brief lecture going over basic Do's and Don'ts followed by a short pool session practicing the most critical skills such as mask clearing and regulator retrieval. The Lecture/Pool session runs from 3:00 pm – 4:30pm. The following morning you will review the dive plan and use of the dive computer and participate in a supervised 2 tank dive including gear. Available most days.

Full Pool Refresher: \$95.00

*This class is designed for certified divers who have not dived in a long time and want to get back into the sport. This class is run in conjunction with the E-Learning Open Water Certification course, in which you will go over all of the basic in water skills that you need to be a safe diver. Course price includes instructor review and pool session. Boat dives and dive gear are not included. **This course is offered on Sundays and Tuesdays and must be booked in conjunction with at least one day of 2 tank diving.***

Advanced Open Water Course: \$525.00

The next step on the ladder for the Open Water Diver. Earn your Advanced Open Water card with 5 dives in 2 days. A great vacation course as this class is self study with no exam and thorough on-boat and in-water briefings.

*To get the most out of the class, we recommend purchasing the **PADI E-Learning** module **directly from Dive Provo. Once you have purchased the module from us, we will provide you with a code with which to access the course on the PADI website.***

You can read the material at home in your own time prior to coming on vacation and be prepared for the practical aspects of the course that you will complete on the dives with your instructor. The course is designed to increase your knowledge of Deep Diving and Underwater Navigation plus Peak Performance Buoyancy and your choice of two elective dives. Pick from among six interesting dives particularly suitable for our environment: Underwater Naturalist, Fish ID, Multi Level Diving, Boat Diving or Underwater Photography (\$39.00 digital camera rental not included.) These are great dives to do in Provo; improve your diving skills and confidence, and start seeing things you would otherwise swim over. Course price includes instruction, dive gear, 5 boat dives and PADI certification card fee.

Nitrox Certification Full Course or E-Learning Students: Course: \$150.00

*For a limited time, certified divers can purchase the PADI Enriched Air/Nitrox course for the discounted price of **\$150.00** per student. You can choose to take this short course one of two ways: purchase the E-Learning module directly through Dive Provo and study the academics online at your convenience or we'll give you the course Manual for your reading once you arrive.*

Once you have completed the academic portion, your next step is to review the material with our instructor and take an exam. Once done simply analyze 2 tanks before your next dive and we register you as an Enriched Air Nitrox diver with PADI. The \$150.00 course fee includes either the manual or E-Learning option, 2 Nitrox tanks and PADI certification card fee. Boat dives are not included.

E-Learning Combined Advanced Open Water and Nitrox certification: \$625.00

Really make use of your diving vacation to learn new skills and increase knowledge and enjoyment of the sport with this combination course! The Nitrox class does not require any dives so can easily be combined with the Advanced class. You will read the Nitrox manual and your instructor will brief it's use and supervise your Nitrox tank analysis. The exam is short and you will use 2 Nitrox tanks during your Advanced Open Water Class. No additional dives are required for the Nitrox Course. Course price includes instructor, dive gear (if needed,) 5 boat dives and PADI certification card fee.

Rescue Diver E-Learning Completion: \$495.00

Scuba divers describe the PADI Rescue Diver course as the most challenging, yet most rewarding course they've ever taken. Why? Because you learn to prevent and manage problems in the water, and become more confident in your skills as a diver, knowing that you can help others if needed. During the course, you learn to become a better buddy by practicing problem solving skills until they become second nature. Plus, the course is just fun – it's serious, but still allows for lots of laughter in between the focused learning.

The PADI Rescue Diver course prepares you to deal with dive emergencies, minor and major, using a variety of techniques. Through knowledge development and rescue exercises, you learn what to look for and how to respond. During rescue scenarios, you put into practice your knowledge and skills. Topics include:

- *Self rescue*
- *Recognizing and managing stress in other divers*
- *Emergency management and equipment*
- *Rescuing panicked divers*
- *Rescuing unresponsive divers*

PADI (Junior) Advanced Open Water Divers who are at least 12 years old and have completed the Underwater Navigation Adventure Dive may enroll in a Rescue Diver course. You also need to have Emergency First Response Primary and Secondary Care (CPR and First Aid) training within the past 24 months. You can complete this training during the Rescue Diver course. Your instructor may also offer the PADI Emergency Oxygen Provider specialty diver course at the same time.

To begin, register for Rescue Diver [PADI E-learning program](#) online. (The program costs is \$142.00.) You progress through five knowledge development sections using a web-based

system that lets you learn at your own pace through an easy-to-use, interactive program. You also have access to an online version of the Rescue Diver Manual for reference during and after the course.

This is a 2 day course on island. Day 1 is spent learning rescue skills and practicing techniques at the beach or close to shore. Day 2 you will practice rescue scenarios from the dive boat. There is no time during this course for a scenic tour of the reef.

Course price includes instruction review, dive gear and PADI certification card fee.