

# BIMINI OCEAN ADVENTURE

JULY 2024

# 2024 EXPEDITION DATES

EXPEDITION 1: JULY 7-10, 2024 EXPEDITION 2: JULY 10-13, 2024 EXPEDITION 3: JULY 14-17, 2024



# COME JOIN US FOR AN UNDERWATER ADVENTURE

as we head to the Bahamas to explore the crystal blue waters of Bimini. We'll spend three days on the water searching for Atlantic spotted dolphins, stingrays, sharks, and shipwrecks. Professional underwater photographer Janelle Van Ruiten will document your excursion with beautiful images you'll treasure forever and conservationist Natalie Parra will help you get involved in conservation efforts to help keep these amazing animals wild and free after you've returned home.

Our adventure will be comprised of a small group of oceanloving people (12 max.) on a private local vessel to obtain a special and personal dive with some of Bimini's most charismatic marine fauna while supporting the local economy with the best crew in Bimini! The entire trip is snorkel and freedive based so there's no need for a scuba certification.

We hope you'll come dive with us!



## TRAVEL RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **TROPIC AIRWAYS**

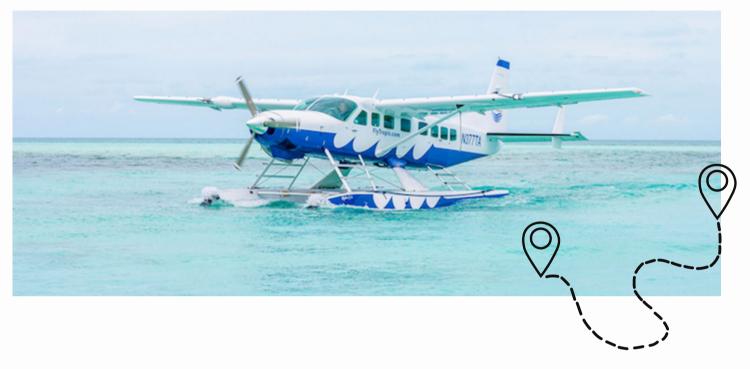
This seaplane is slightly more expensive than the other options but it's the most reliable choice and therefore the one we most recommend. This airport is private owned, so parking is free and check in process is very easy. The flight is FLL to NSB.

#### **BALEARIA CARRIBEAN**

This ferry departs from Fort Lauderdale but it only runs Friday, Sunday and Wednesday. This is also a great option.

#### **SILVER AIRWAYS**

This plane departs from Fort Lauderdale at the main FLL airport on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. In our opinion Silver is the least reliable and very quick to cancel flights with short notice, however it is usually the least expensive.



#### **KEEP IN MIND**

arrive accordingly. don't hesitate to reach out to us!



We will start our expedition in Bimini at noon so try to

If you need help or advice with booking travel, please

## ARRIVAL

### DAY 1

Aim to arrive in Bimini by the late morning so we can have a group meeting at the dive shop **Bimini Scuba Center by noon.** When you arrive at the airport, you can grab a taxi to Bimini Big Game, this is where the dive shop is located and where we will meet. Cabs are very easy to take from the airport and cost less than \$20. After a quick meeting, we can go to a local grocery store to grab food and anything else you may need for the trip. Then we'll hop on a quick ferry ride to South Bimini and transport to our home base! We'll get settled, grab some dinner, and head to sleep so we're ready for the first dive day!





# SHIPWRECK, SHARKS, AND DOLPHINS

### **DAY 2**

This will be our first day on the water! We'll start the morning diving a nearby shipwreck and meeting the Caribbean reef sharks of Bimini before heading back to the island for some lunch. Then, it's dolphin time! How long we are on the water each day is totally dependent on the dolphins and conditions. We will be in search of the infamous Atlantic spotted dolphins, but of course looking for any kind of marine wildlife. There are also pods of bottlenose dolphins in Bimini that occasionally love to play too!





# DOLPHINS

### DAY 3

In the morning, we'll explore Bimini before grabbing lunch and setting out in search of dolphins! Again, how long we are on the water each day is totally dependent on the dolphins and conditions. At the end of our day, we'll head back to hime base for a presentation on ongoing dolphin conservation efforts and ways you can get involved upon your return home!





### STINGRAY SWIM

### DAY 4

Honeymoon harbor is such a special part of Bimini, that we had to have a day for this. It's a great spot for an up close encounter with Bimini stingrays and nurse sharks. There are a number of other species we can also see including, eagle rays, reef sharks, and black tips that cruise by occasionally. This is an amazing spot for photography, or just spending one on one time with these amazing animals.







### COST: 1,500 USD per diver

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

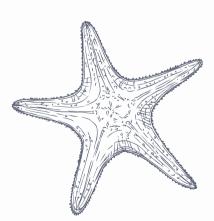
- Two days on a private excursion to search for friendly dolphins, sharks, and shipwrecks
- A morning aboard a private vessel to Honeymoon Harbor to swim with stingrays
- Three night accommodation (shared rooms unless otherwise specified)
- Professional photographs of the adventure
- A presentation on dolphin conservation

# WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Meals
- Alcoholic beverages
- Wetsuit/Rashguard
- Tip for boat crew
- Travel and dive insurance

• Flight and/or ferry to and from Bimini

• Fins, mask, snorkel (available to rent)







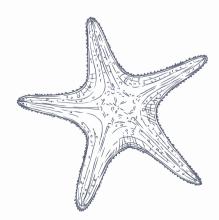
### HOME BASE

#### Accommodation can be difficult to find in Bimini but don't worry, we've got you covered!

We'll be staying in a three bedroom house with an additional one bedroom apartment. The house has two kitchens, multiple couches to relax, showers, and multiple balconies to take in the view. There are two private rooms with queen beds and a room with two bunk beds to fit four people. We'll prioritize the larger beds for couples or friends who'd like to share. If you'd prefer a private room, we can arrange that at an additional cost.

Additional amenities:

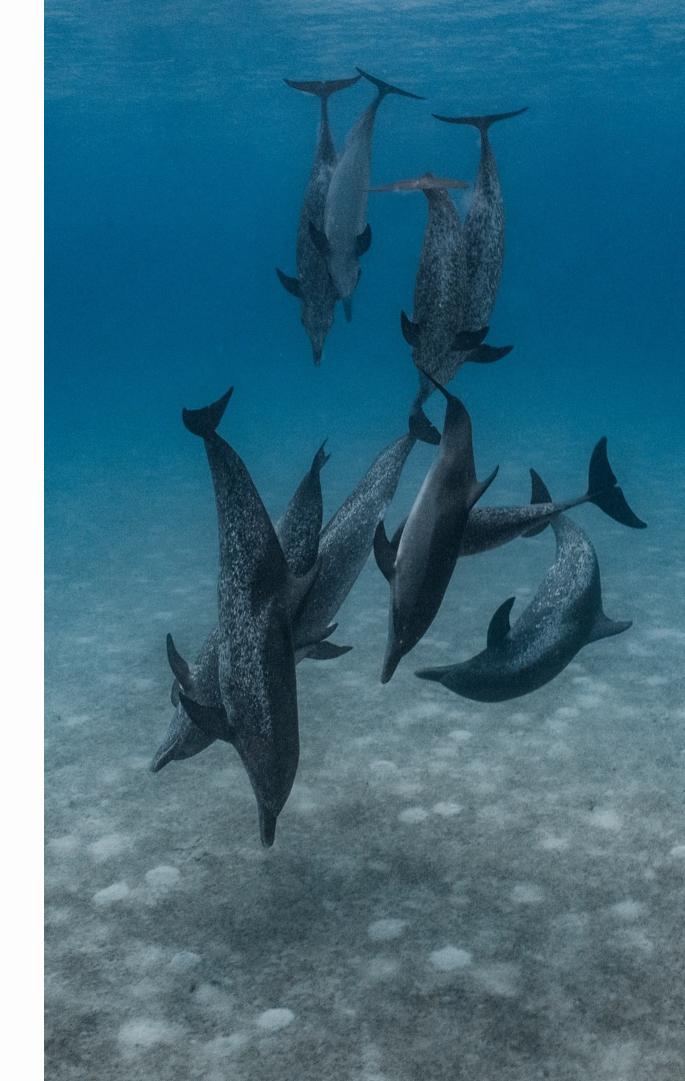
- Wifi
- Satellite TV
- BBQ
- Bicycles
- Air conditioning



## WHAT TO BRING

### **OUR RECOMMENDED PACKING LIST**

- Dive mask
- Dive snorkel
- Dive fins
- Wetsuit
- Weight belt (weights will be provided)
- Sun protection (rashguard, windbreaker, gaiter, sunglasses, hat)
  Towel and/or warm clothes for after the dives
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Dry bag for belongings
- Camera
- Snacks
- Bug spray



### DISCLAIMER

When it comes to wild animals and weather, we cannot guarantee sightings or the opportunity to interact underwater with animals. We will not put divers in the water if an animal is displaying concerning behavior. We will do everything in our power to give us the best odds of finding wildlife, but it must be stressed that a lack of sightings or cancellations due to weather or animal behavior will not result in a full or partial refund of the excursion.

As this is a freediving trip in the open ocean, all participants must be strong and capable swimmers.

A 50% non-refundable deposit is paid when booking. The remaining 50% will need to be paid by June 1.

