

Diving the Bahamas

It is an understatement to say the Bahamas are world famous for shark diving, however, there is so much more! The Bahamas is the third largest barrier reef area in the world and covers a vast 470.000km² of sparkling Atlantic Ocean. Existing of 700 islands and cays; one can easily imagine the variety of dive sites: wrecks, cave, blue holes and, obviously, sharks!

Very likely, you will come up close and personal with the following, depending on your chosen itinerary; Caribbean reef shark, lemon shark, nurse shark, bull shark, tiger shark, great hammerhead, and oceanic whitetip sharks. There are very few places in the world where you can see this many species in one area!!

Bahamas Liveaboard

Early 2018, this 35-meter steel vessel from Panama has become part of the Master Liveaboards' fleet and has been baptized: Bahamas Master.

Bahamas Master offers 8 well-designed cabins and can comfortably welcome 16 divers aboard. Equipped with a spacious and convenient dive deck, including individual dive stations and ample storage facilities, this boat will take you on an unforgettable journey in the Bahamas. Communal relaxation areas providing sun and shade are both on the upper and sundeck. On the upper deck is the spacious covered outdoor bar and dining area for relaxation after dives. Alternatively, you can soak up some sun rays and watch the sunset on the sun deck. A dedicated indoor camera charging station can be found on the main deck towards the bow.

Yacht Information

Originally based in Panama, this 35-meter steel vessel has become part of the Master Liveaboards fleet as 'Bahamas Master' early 2018.

Bahamas Master has 8 well-designed cabins and can comfortably welcome 16 divers aboard. Guests can choose between three cabin types; with two Premium cabins on the forward upper deck, with double beds plus private en-suite bathroom, two Classic twin cabins with en-suite and four Standard cabins sharing two bathrooms with heated showers. Most cabins have panoramic windows, so there is plenty of daylight and ocean view.

Communal relaxation areas are both on the upper and deck. On the main deck towards the bow of the boat, you will find the indoor camera station with comfortable bean bags where you can show your photos on the TV. Upstairs, you will find the spacious covered al fresco bar and dining area, as well as a sundeck for relaxation after the dives.

Dive equipment is set up and stored at the rear of the main deck. All guests are allocated an individual set up location, with under bench storage for masks, fins and other personal items. Dedicated rinse tanks for cameras and computers are provided. The Captain welcomes you to join him at the fly-bridge, from where you can soak up the stunning views of the Bahamian islands.

Bahamas Diving Itinerary

The diving day aboard the Bahamas Master is scheduled as follows:

Light Breakfast followed by Dive 1

Full Breakfast, relaxation period, Dive 2

Lunch, relaxation period, Dive 3, then open dive deck/open pool Dive 4, sunset/night dive where possible

Dinner is served after sunset and before night dive

Scheduled dives are baited or feeding dives. On certain dive sites, after the scheduled dives, there is an open deck policy where guests can jump in the water and watch the action as the mood takes them. Dive sites are mainly specific shark diving spots on sandy bottoms. On scheduled dives, the divers are lined up in the sand to watch the shark action. Sunset/night dives are dependent on the location and the weather and therefore not guaranteed.

Currents and swells are the norm in the Bahamas, notably around Tiger Beach. It is therefore recommended that divers have experience beyond beginner level to ensure maximum enjoyment, especially with the nature of the wildlife in the area.