

AQUANAUTS GRENADA & TRUE BLUE BAY RESORT – DIVE GROUP FAQ 2016/17

<p><i>Arrival procedure</i></p>	<p>Airport pickups are included in all packages. A hotel representative will wait for you with a sign outside the arrival area and will arrange for guests and luggage transfer to the hotel. It's only a 10 minute's ride. Check in will depend on time of arrival. The front desk will take a credit card imprint for incidentals and either will give you or schedule a group hotel briefing.</p>
<p><i>First day diving</i> Bring your: -signed liability releases -certification cards -a credit card for incidentals at the dive centre</p>	<p>Meet at 8.15 am at Aquanauts Dive Shop for your dive orientation. If you need assistance with your gear, just leave the bag in front of your room for a staff member to pick it up. Ideally you have a mesh bag for your gear, if not we will lend you one. After the orientation the group will board the assigned boat and the crew will assist setting up the gear. After a thorough boat and dive briefing the vessel will depart for the first 2 dives. The first dive site is usually the wreck of the "Veronica". The boat will be on a mooring there for easy entry, sorting out weights etc. The maximum depth of the reef is 50 ft and the wreck is full of marine life. Buddy teams can explore at their own pace. After the "checkout" dive the lead Divemaster will discuss the dive plan for the week with the group leader depending on interests and abilities of the group. Upon return to the dock after the second dive, the group can take off for lunch, the crew will look after your gear.</p>
<p><i>Valet diving</i></p>	<p>We offer a valet diving service. The crew will put a name label on every bag, BCD and suit. After diving you just leave everything on the boat and the crew will rinse and store the gear at the dive shop during your stay. If you like to handle gear or parts of it yourself feel free to do so. On the last day the crew will bring the gear to your room.</p>
<p><i>Diving routine</i></p>	<p>After the first morning trip everything should be organized according to your package. Check in for morning dives is at 8.30 am and at 2.15 pm for the afternoon 1 tank dive.</p>
<p><i>Dive Sites</i></p>	<p>Most dive sites are suitable for beginners and experienced divers alike. Reefs start at 30 ft and slope down to 90 ft. Some deeper reefs start at 50 ft and drop to 100+ ft. Wrecks can be found as shallow as 30 ft to 170 ft at the bottom of "Bianca C". Some sites have moorings and some are done as drift dives. Grenada boasts a large variety in sites. Your group will decide what you dive, conditions permitting.</p>
<p><i>Divemasters</i></p>	<p>Your group will have a divemaster per maximum 8 divers as in water guide. If divers need additional assistance, have special needs, an extra divemaster can be hired for 100 US\$ per trip, please reserved before travelling</p>
<p><i>Extra dives</i></p>	<p>Depending on your package, you can purchase extra dives at a special group rate of 45 US\$ per dive (min 2 divers) and also a night dive for 75 US\$ (minimum 6 divers)</p>
<p><i>Refunds/ exchanges</i></p>	<p>A group will have a boat available for the booked package number of dive days/ trips. No package feature can be refunded or exchanged against any other services or goods. The only exemption is if Aquanauts fails to provide the trip due to mechanical failure of a boat. Dives or trips not taken on the booked days cannot be moved or credited to other days or times. We recommend travel insurance to cover unforeseen circumstances.</p>
<p><i>Teaching courses</i></p>	<p>Feel free to teach courses to members of your group. If you just wish to chill out, one of our instructors can be hired to do the job. Best reserved before the trip to assure availability.</p>

<i>Boats</i>	We have 3 professional dive boats with shaded areas, dive platform with ladder, camera table & rinse, toilet, shower and all emergency equipment. Your group will be assigned your own boat and crew for the trip. (as long there is no mechanical failure). Entry is with giant stride from the platform. If divers have back problems they can gear up on the platform and the crew will lift the equipment out of the water at the end of the dive. On board we serve safe drinking water and juices or iced tea and seasonal fruits during the surface interval. A cooler is available on board if you wish to bring any extra. The shop also sells sodas and beer.
<i>Tanks and weights</i>	We use standard 80 cuft Aluminum cylinders with INT valve on our boats. On request there are also 63 cuft smaller tanks available. Weights are 2, 3 and 4 lbs hard on belts or loose.
<i>Nitrox</i>	Our standard house mix is 30 % and free of charge for certified divers (available as long as our membrane works). It is highly recommended to dive Nitrox in Grenada. While we have some wonderful shallow sites, there is a number of “deeper” reefs and wrecks where it’s great to add a little bottom time. If not Nitrox certified it can be done in a day.
<i>Rental equipment</i>	Scubapro BCD, Regulators, Caribbean shorty with long sleeve, Uwatec computers.
<i>Tech Diving gear</i>	We are “Rebreather friendly”, have full support and rentals for AP Evolution and Hollis Explorer. We have regular 2 ltr. and 3 ltr ccr steel tanks, 6 ltr Explorer setel tanks and 6ltr/ 40 cuft bailout/ AL stage tanks. Sofnolime 812, Oxygen and Helium are in stock. We also have 3 sets of AL 80 doubles and 3 Scubapro sidemount rigs available. Please check with us before planning any Tech diving to assure availability. More info and prices are here: http://www.aquanautsgrenada.com/en/ccr
<i>Lionfish</i>	This invasive species has made it to Grenada. We are trying to keep our reefs clean of them, but they keep showing up. You can spot them for the divemasters, that happily will hunt them for you. If you wish to participate, we offer Lionfish Eradicator certification including a lionfish spear. We also provide containers, but you need to have your own spear. Lionfish hunting is the only hunting / collecting activity allowed on our trips. The restaurant at True Blue will prepare them for you as you wish.
<i>Gloves, knives and pointers</i>	Are allowed in Grenada. We do a lot of wreck and drift driving, so it’s good to have them. What is not allowed is touching or harassing of marine life! It’s not the glove-it’s the person wearing it that makes the difference.
<i>DSMB and independent diving</i>	Since a lot of the diving is done as drift diving it is recommended to have surface markers, ideally DSMB with a reel. If divers wish to dive away from the group, they are required to have a Delayed Surface Marker Buoy and deploy it according to dive plan for the site. They are for sale (60+US\$) or rent at the shop for 10,- US\$/day.
<i>Water conditions</i>	Grenada is near the equator, so temperatures are not changing much. Air and water is usually in the 80’s, winter lower and summer higher. There tend to be more wind during the “winter” and more rain during the “summer”. Grenada is also south of the hurricane belt, so very unlikely to have your vacation interrupted by a storm. Visibility varies from 50 to 100ft, not really depending on seasons but on ocean currents. Our boats are large and stable, so seasickness is rarely a problem.
<i>Towels</i>	Boat/ beach towels are in your hotel room.

<i>Boat failure</i>	Our boats are well maintained and run very reliable, still they are....boats. In case of mechanical failure of a vessel, where Aquanauts is not able to provide the trip, we reserve the right to make other boat arrangements and or provide the booked dives at different times if possible. Only if that is not possible, we will refund the unused portion of the dive package.
<i>Recompression chamber</i>	There is currently no recompression chamber in Grenada. There will be soon, but the date of operation is not known yet. The nearest chambers are in Trinidad and Barbados, emergency flights are available. Light cases can be treated at the St. Augustine Hospital Grenada, by qualified doctors. Adequate insurance is advised to all divers in any case.
<i>Travel insurance</i>	We recommend having travel insurance for the protection of the holiday investment. Neither hotel or dive centre can be held responsible for travel delays, dives not taken on booked trips etc...
<i>Non Divers</i>	Can join the dive boat for a 45 US\$ rider/snorkeler fee, space permitting on the allocated vessel. The Grenada Marine protected area with the underwater sculpture park is very good for snorkelling, most other dive sites are not.
<i>Resort activities</i>	True Blue is famous for lot's of activities and themed food nights. This is ranging from Rum tastings, cooking classes, street food day to complimentary watersports equipment. The Concierge will assist you with all your needs to organize island tours or restaurants. Below are the weekly activities schedule, subject to change without notice.
<i>Island Tours</i>	Grenada offers a beautiful lush interior and a rich history. We recommend an island tour on your "off-gassing" day or shorter tour in the afternoon. Below are some suggestions for tours and other on land activities.

Weekly Resort Activities:

Day/Ti me	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
AM	Yoga at Sankalpa Studio 8:30am		Yoga at Sankalpa Studio 8:30am		Yoga at Sankalpa Studio 8:30am	Yoga at Sankalpa Studio 9:00am	Sunday Brunch at Dodgy Dock 11am
PM		Rum Tasting 5pm Yoga at Sankalpa Studio 5:45pm		Cooking Class 3pm Yoga at Sankalpa Studio 5:45pm	Yoga at Sankalpa Studio 5:45pm See Front Desk		
Night	Beer and Pizza Special from 7 pm to 10 pm	Grenadian Night at Dodgy Dock, Live Pan Music	Street Food Village 6pm	Latin Dancing lessons 7pm	Mexicaribbean Night 6:30pm Salsa Dancing	Calypso BBQ & Live Music	

Island Activities:

Full Day Island Tour incl. lunch	US\$ 90 per person min. 2 persons
Private Tour	US\$ 25 per hour for 1-4 persons
Half Day Garden Tour	US\$ 55 per person
Champagne Lobster Cruise	US\$ 135 per person
Rainforest Tour	US\$ 50 per person
History Tour	US\$ 60 per person
Market Tour (Saturdays AM)	US\$ 20 per hour for 1-4 persons
Hashing (cross country hike – Saturdays PM)	US\$ 20 per hour for 1-4 persons (transport only)
River Tubing	US\$ 20 per person

Grenada's Dive Sites Map

