SEAFARI Bahamas

14 NIGHTS CRUISE

ULTIMATE BAHAMA DIVE SAFARI

BAHAMAS UNDERWATER ODYSSEY

Embark on an extraordinary maritime journey through the Bahamas' most spectacular underwater realms. This immersive expedition unveils the archipelago's hidden marine treasures, from the legendary Tiger Beach's shark-filled waters to the mysterious blue holes of Andros, and the historic wrecks of New Providence. Dive into a world of unparalleled marine biodiversity, where each nautical mile promises breathtaking encounters, pristine coral reefs, and unforgettable underwater adventures.

- **Up to 48 dives over 13 days included**
- **Minimum level required: Level 2, Advenced Open Water or equivalent + 50 logged dives**
- **Departure and return: Freeport**

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Diving the hlue holes of Andros
- Wreck diving around New Providence
- Extensive maritime exploration

Itineraries and dive sites cannot be guaranteed and may be modified according to seasons. The instructors, in consultation with the captain, select the best itineraries based on local conditions. We always strive to offer the best possible dives while maintaining high safety standards.

14 NIGHTS / UP TO 48 DIVES

GRAND BAHAMA • NASSAU • CAT ISLAND • PIG BEACH
ANDROS •BIMINI • TIGER BEACH

Night 1: Embarkation and overnight to Nassau
Day 1 - 2: Nassau
Day 3 - 4: Cat island
Day 5: Pig Beach & Thunderball Grotto
Day 6: Nassau
Day 7 - 10: Andros
Day 11 - 12: Tiger beach
Day 13: Half day diving
Freeport or Tiger Beach & Island BBQ
Day 14: Disembarkation

Circuit and dive sites

NEW PROVIDENCE – NASSAU

Among the various dive sites in the area, one of the highlights is the **breathtaking Pumpkin Patch Reef system.** This site caters to divers of all levels, offering shallow reef dives at around 10 meters (33 feet), while those looking for a more dramatic drop-off can descend to 40 meters (130 feet) or beyond, exploring coral-encrusted walls teeming with marine life.

On the southwestern tip of New Providence, we visit **several fascinating wreck sites**, many of which have been intentionally sunk to form artificial reefs. These include the famous James Bond wrecks, among other notable underwater structures. Additionally, Nassau is home to various marine conservation projects, including coral propagation initiatives that contribute to the health and restoration of the reefs.
For those seeking **thrilling shark encounters,** New Providence offers excellent shark diving opportunities. Sites like Shark Wall and Runway Wall attract Caribbean reef sharks, along with stingrays, Nassau groupers, and green-eyed moray eels. These sites are accessible at shallow depths of around 10 meters (33 feet), but nearby drop-offs allow divers to witness sharks swimming in the deep blue abyss. For more details on New Providence dive sites included in the Ultimate Bahama itinerary, please refer to the Wrecks & Wonders itinerary.

CAT ISLAND (WEATHER DEPENDENT – JUNE TO AUGUST)

Cat Island lies outside our standard itinerary route and will only be included if weather conditions are optimal, typically during June, July, and August, when encounters with **oceanic whitetip sharks** are most likely.

Renowned as one of the best locations in the world to see oceanic whitetip sharks, Cat Island offers an extraordinary opportunity to observe these **inquisitive and majestic pelagic predators** up close. Most dives here take place in the open blue, where the sharks tend to remain close to the surface, making for an unparalleled wildlife interaction.

EXUMA ISLANDS

The Exumas consist of a chain of 365 islands, stretching approximately 145 km (90 miles) and divided into three primary regions: **Exuma Cays (North) / Great Exuma (Central region) / Little Exuma (Southernmost islands)**
If weather permits, we will set sail for the Exuma Cays for a day of relaxation and exploration. Divers and non-divers alike will have the chance to snorkel, unwind, and enjoy the pristine white-sand beaches, soaking in the natural beauty of the Bahamas.

PIG BEACH, BIG MAJOR CAY

A visit to Big Major Cay offers a unique experience: **swimming with the famous Exuma pigs** that reside on this otherwise uninhabited island. The origins of these pigs remain a mystery, but they have become accustomed to human interaction, thriving on the island's freshwater springs and the food brought by visitors.

THUNDERBALL GROTTO, STANIEL CAY

This **stunning underwater cave system**, located near Staniel Cay, features a maze of tunnels and crystal-clear waters, perfect for snorkelers and freedivers. Its cinematic beauty has made it a sought-after filming location for several Hollywood movies, including:

- Thunderball (1965 James Bond film)
- Never Say Never Again (1983 James Bond film)
- Splash (1984, starring Tom Hanks & Daryl Hannah)

Circuit and dive sites

• Into the Blue (2005, starring Jessica Alba)

ANDROS ISLAND

As the largest yet least developed island in the Bahamas, Andros is home to the **third-largest fringing barrier reef in the world.** It is also known for the Tongue of the Ocean, a mile-deep trench running parallel to the island's eastern coastline, teeming with diverse marine life. Andros is famous for its mystical blue holes, some of which are steeped in local legend. According to folklore, these deep caverns are said to be home to Lusca, a mythical sea creature.
One of the most breathtaking dive sites in this region is **The Great Ocean Blue Hole (King Kong Cavern)**, just one of many spectacular blue holes found throughout Andros.

BIMINI ISLANDS

Located 89 km (55 miles) east of Miami and 111 km (69 miles) southwest of Freeport, the Bimini Islands form the westernmost part of the Bahamas. This chain consists of North Bimini, South Bimini, and several smaller cays, situated along the path of the Gulf Stream. The islands rest on the edge of an underwater cliff that plunges hundreds of meters into the Straits of Florida, making it an ideal location for shark encounters and drift diving.
Bimini is most famous for its **Great Hammerhead shark population**, drawn to the cooler waters between December and April. Other frequent sightings include bull sharks and nurse sharks.

BIMINI BARGE WRECK

This 60-meter (200-foot) wreck rests upright at a depth of 30 meters (100 feet) near the northwestern edge of the Great Bahama Bank. The proximity to the deep Gulf Stream results in strong, unpredictable currents, attracting **sharks and pelagic species.**

HAWKSBILL REEF

This 1.5 km-long (1-mile) reef runs parallel to the western shoreline of North Bimini. The site is **rich with marine life, including dolphins, rays, reef fish, and occasionally sharks.**

SS SAPONA WRECK

Built in 1920, the SS Sapona was a concrete-hulled cargo steamer that later became a liquor warehouse during the Prohibition era. After grounding during a hurricane in 1926, it was used for U.S. Navy target practice during WWII. Today, the wreck remains upright in just 5 meters (16 feet) of water, making it an easily accessible and historic dive site.

TUNA ALLEY

This renowned dive site, considered **one of the best in the Caribbean**, gets its name from the tuna schools frequently seen along the reef. The Gulf Stream currents help maintain vibrant coral formations and create a stunning drift dive experience along a gently sloping wall featuring caves and swim-throughs.

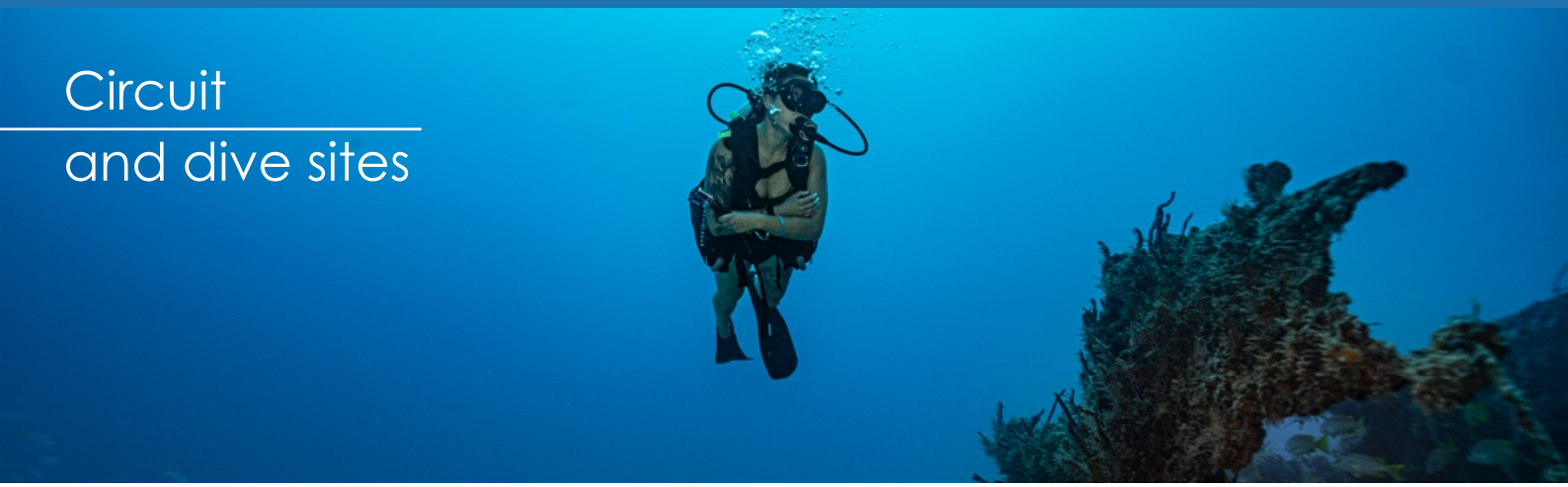
VICTORY REEFS

Covering approximately 7 km (4.5 miles) along the western edge of the Great Bahama Bank, the Victory Reefs feature dramatic walls, overhangs, caverns, and swim-throughs. Marine life includes turtles, barracuda, reef sharks, and seasonal hammerheads.

GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND & TIGER BEACH

Famous for Tiger Beach, Grand Bahama offers clear waters, sandy bottoms, and abundant shark encounters. The surrounding area includes vibrant reef networks, deep walls, and blue holes, providing an unforgettable diving experience.

Circuit and dive sites



TIGER BEACH

Located 30 nautical miles off Grand Bahama's West End, Tiger Beach is legendary for its encounters with tiger sharks, Caribbean reef sharks, and lemon sharks. The shallow depth (8-10m / 26-33ft) and visibility of 25m (80+ ft)make this a top spot for underwater photography.

SUGAR WRECK

Near Tiger Beach, the Sugar Wreck is a shallow (6m / 20ft) dive, home to a variety of fish species, reef sharks, and stingrays.

MOUNT OLYMPUS

This massive pinnacle rises from 450m (1,500ft) deep to just 18m (60ft). The site boasts spectacular coral formations, canyons, and occasional sightings of hammerheads, manta rays, and dolphins.

Safety first

All aquatic activities are under the supervision of a qualified instructor (CMAS or PADI) of the Seafari team.
Before each activity Instructors on board will make a detailed presentation of the site, currents, wildlife and safety rules to be observed.
The choice of sites is at the discretion of the captain and Seafari Senior Instructor depending on the season and weather conditions.
The senior instructor may impose In water supervision or restriction from diving to any diver whose technical level is not sufficient to guaranty safe diving conditions.

Have a great trip! The Seafari team

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