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## BAHAMAS DEC 22- 29, 2010

Tropical Adventures Travel is offering a wonderful opportunity to dive the Bahamas in luxury aboard the Aqua Cat Cruise boat from December 04 to 11, 2010. Aqua Cat Cruises offers a leisurely live-aboard scuba diving and snorkeling adventure in the Bahamas aboard the 102' catamaran Aqua Cat. This is the ultimate escape aboard your own private luxury yacht.

**December 22- 29, 2010**

**Cost: Diver and Non-Diver - \$2560US**

**Package includes:** Accommodations, all meals & snacks (except dinner Friday night), all beverages (soda, rum drinks, beer & wine), all shore excursions, all scuba diving including tanks & weight belts, port fees, park fees, fuel surcharge, transfers on Saturday to & from the airport.

**Package does not include:** Dive & snorkel gear (available for rent), crew gratuity (15% recommended), dinner Friday night, airfare to Nassau, Nitrox (\$150 for the trip)



**Reservations:** Spots can be held by reserving in advance. A fully refundable deposit (less a \$25US reservation fee) is available until July 15, 2010.

**Deposit requirements:** \$500US deposit required at the time of booking. Balance is due October 15, 2010.

**Cancellation policy:** No refunds after July 15, 2010. Be sure to have trip cancellation insurance.



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# TROPICAL ADVENTURES TRAVEL PRESENTS THE BAHAMAS ABOARD THE AQUACAT

## Aqua Cat Dive Sites

<http://www.aquacatcruises.com/divesites.html>

### 1. Nassau

**Triple Wrecks** - A group of 3 wrecks in 90' of water. The 150' Ana Lise, the 95' Helena C and the 90' Bahama Shell. They are all lying on their sides or have started to break up. You can expect bigger pelagics here.

**James Bond Wreck** - The 92' wreck Tears of Allah from the movie Never Say Never with the plane structure of the Vulcan Bomber from the movie Thunderball lying nearby.

**Lampton Wall** - The wall starts at 45' with a sloping reef at the top. The reef has several cuts and chutes in it.

**Lost Blue Hole** - The rim of this large blue hole lies in 30' of water surrounded by coral heads, sting rays, and many schools of fish. There is a lobster-filled crevice at 80'. They normally dive this prior to going or returning from the Exumas.

### 2. Exumas

**Amberjack Reef** - A 45' patch reef that is the sight of our Exumas shark dive. Normally 5-10 Caribbean Reef Sharks, 1-2 Nurse Sharks, and several large Black Grouper show up to be fed. This is an action-packed dive.

**Austin Smith Wreck** - A 90' Bahamian Defense Force Cutter that sank in 1995 while being towed to San Salvador (to be sunk there as a dive site). Their ironic misfortune was our gain. This intact wreck lies in 60' of water.

**Deadhead Wall** - A yellow school bus lies here, similar to the one used by the rock group Grateful Dead. You frequently see Eagle Rays cruising along the wall.

**Dog Rocks** - This reef starts at 35' and slopes off to 50' before dropping straight off into the Exuma Sound. This is one of the best dives in the Bahamas. If you like to identify fish, you will marvel at the large variety of them. Black Coral is abundant here as well as Orange Elephant Ear and Tube Sponges. Many pelagics frequent this reef.

**Pillar Wall** - One of many excellent wall dives. It starts at 30' and slopes to 50' before dropping off the wall. There are many caves and crevices. There is a large colony of Yellowhead Jawfish in the rubble inside the reef.

**Wax Cut Drift** - You will fly over this 30' reef in excess of 2 knots. You will see rays, sharks, eels and numerous fish as you drift with the current in the cut between the islands. The sheer density of Staghorn, Pillar, and Finger Corals is amazing. There are several other similar drift dives we do such as Hammerhead Gulch, Highborne Cut, and Conch Cut.

**Whale Shark Reef** - This wall is named for the Whale Sharks that frequent this area in the winter.

### 3. Southwest Eleuthera

**Cave Rock** - A large coral mound in 50' of water surrounded by several smaller coral heads. There are several caves where you can swim from one side to the other. The large variety of corals and fish will amaze you. We have frequently seen Hammerhead Sharks here.

**Jake's Hole** - A blue hole starting at 20'. It lies in the middle of a large reef.

**Monolith** - Large mounds of coral rise out of the sand at the edge of the wall. They start at 55' and rise to 100'. A colony of Garden eels is located in the sand next to the mounds.



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✕ **Proposed Itinerary from Edmonton**

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**Wednesday Dec 22, 2010**

Fly Edmonton - Nassau  
Board Aqua Cat at 6:00 PM

✕ **Thursday - Tuesday**

Cruise the Bahamas for 6 days including the following:

✕ 4-5 dives per day; Free Reef Fish ID course  
✕ Shark Dives; E-6 Film Processing

✕ All meals, on-board beverages (pop, beer, wine and rum punch)

✕ Transfers to and from airport / hotel on Saturdays

✕ The new 102 ft. catamaran, Aqua Cat, offers luxury accommodations, a spacious main salon and  
✕ an extremely smooth ride. Her ability to cruise at a speed of 14-knots will get you to dive sites  
✕ quickly while her 35-ft beam will ensure a smooth ride. The eleven passenger cabins are some of  
✕ the largest of any liveaboard in the world.

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**CABINS EQUIPPED WITH:**

✕ \* Private bathroom with shower.\* Hair dryer.\* Oversized berths.\* Bar refrigerator.  
✕ \* Individually controlled air-conditioners.\* Port and starboard cabin have two large windows with shades. Cabin 11 has a skylight  
✕ \* Carpeted floors.

✕ The Aqua Cat offers many activities besides scuba diving. You will have a great time exploring the 200 mostly uninhabited islands with their  
many beautiful beaches in the northern Exumas. The Aqua Cat has a 28' launch that can take you to isolated beaches where you can  
sunbathe, explore, kayak, snorkel or fish. You will enjoy feeding and photographing the iguanas on Allan's Cay. You can visit the  
headquarters of the Exumas Land & Sea Park on Warderick Wells and explore the many trails. You can also kayak the creeks that meander  
through Shroud Cay. These creeks are nurseries for many varieties of fish and sharks. For those interested in bird watching, the Exumas are  
a nesting area for many species of seabirds including White-Tailed Tropicbirds, Audobon Shearwaters, Brown Noddies, Bridled and Sooty  
Terns.

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**Tuesday Dec 28, 2010**

Return to Nassau dock and sleep at dockside

✕ **Wednesday Dec 29, 2010**

Leave ship by 9 AM for Airport or added days in Nassau.

✕ **Wednesday or later**

Fly home to Edmonton

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**What is the recommended gratuity?**

The live-aboard business is a service industry, and although the general public is seldom aware of it, gratuities are a major part of a crewmember's salary. Few other recreational activities rely so heavily upon the professionals in charge for your enjoyment and safety. A gratuity of 15% is customary, but many leave more when they feel the service was outstanding. If you are disappointed with the service, you should inform the Captain of your feelings right away so he may rectify the situation. Leave no more gratuity than you feel is right.



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