



FWSA GRAND CAYMAN DIVE TRIP

September 15 – 22, 2018

Cobalt Coast Resort

Basic Cost excluding air travel:

6 Day (12 boat dives) Dive Package *	\$ 1,330 pp. Dbl. Occupancy
Non-Dive Package	\$ 1,061 pp. Dbl. Occupancy
Single Supplement (Garden Room)	\$ 299 additional

Price Includes:

7 nights at Cobalt Coast Resort – based on 2 per room in a Garden Room

3 meals daily

Snorkeling and pool

Airport transfers from Roatan Airport to resort

Complimentary Wi-Fi (limited area)

Resort fees, taxes, and gratuities (dive tips not included)

* 6 days 2-tank boat dives

Room Upgrades Available:

Standard Oceanfront	\$ 92 pp. Dbl. Occupancy
1 Bedroom Suite	\$137 pp. Dbl. Occupancy

Payment Schedule – Land:

Initial deposit	Immediately	\$ 400 per person
2 nd payment	May 1, 2018	\$ 500 per person
Final payment	June 30, 2018	\$ balance

Cancellation Penalties:

Prior to May 31, 2018	No Penalty
June 1, 2018 – July 15, 2018	\$ 100 per person
July 16, 2018 – August 14, 2018	\$ 350 – \$450 per person
August 15, 2018 – departure date	no refunds

Travel on this FWSA trip to Grand Cayman requires a valid Passport. Your Passport must be valid until March 22, 2019 (six months after your return). It is your responsibility to ensure your required travel documents are in order and with you.

FWSA highly recommends that you purchase travel insurance. Roatan Charters offers trip insurance on their website at <https://www.travelsafe.com/index.php?ref=ROAFL02>

Additional travel insurance vendors can be found on FWSA website at <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/insurance.html>. In addition, all scuba divers will be required to have diving accident insurance through Divers Alert Network (DAN), the premier dive insurance. You can get their insurance info at <http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/>

ABOUT GRAND CAYMAN

Cosmopolitan **Grand Cayman Island** is the largest of the three [Cayman Islands](#). Whether you are looking for complete relaxation, exquisite dining, exciting nightlife or the awesome underwater sights of our oh-so-accessible reefs, we have something for everyone, the water the beach discover the nature that makes us beautiful.



On the west side of Grand Cayman you will find the famous [Seven Mile Beach](#), the crescent-shaped natural wonder with boundless capacity for relaxation. With sand stretching as far as the eye can see, Grand Cayman's Seven Mile Beach is often rated as one of the most beautiful beaches in all the Caribbean - and the least populated.

Take a trip into the North Sound and visit [Stingray City](#) and the Sandbar where you and your family have the rare opportunity to play with friendly Southern Stingrays.

When you're looking to get off the beach, get lost in the luxury of George Town, where colorful traditional Caribbean-style buildings meet high finance corporations and finish the day off with a sunset cocktail. Enjoy duty-free shopping on signature brands such as Versace, Tiffany, Gucci, and more. Still want more? We have it. There are many local vendors and craftsmen throughout the districts who work from their homes and are always happy to spend some time helping you find that perfect gift. An amazing combination of luxury and local treasures await you on your Cayman Islands shopping trip.

The Eastern districts of Grand Cayman features natural beauty and grace beyond our azure waters and white sand beaches. Tour through the Queen Elizabeth II [Botanical Park](#) and learn about their rare Blue Iguanas, visit the Wreck of the Ten Sail, eat freshly caught fish in their local restaurants and ask one of them to Gimistory.

With over 50,000 residents, Grand Cayman is approximately 76 square miles. It is on Grand Cayman that you will find some of the most popular Caribbean activities, attractions, and festivals, including the popular Pirates Week and the colorful and exciting Batabano. Other popular attractions include the Cayman Islands National Museum, Rum Point, Pedro St. James, Bodden Town, the first capital of the Cayman Islands, Cayman Turtle Farm, and the National's Trusts Mastic Trail, a 2-mile traditional footpath through unspoiled woodlands.

COBALT COAST RESORT

Enjoy Grand Cayman's fabulous diving - away from the crowds - when you stay at Cobalt Coast Resort. Your vacation will include accommodations, meals, and diving. Experience their unique valet diving service on roomy boats built just for diving, which only Reef Divers can deliver. And weather permitting, shore diving is available off their ocean dock.

Cobalt Coast Dive Resort opened its doors in 2000, and this is their 17th year of providing divers with comfortable accommodations, outstanding meals, and great diving. Since 2015, they've been part of the Clearly Cayman family of dive resorts, which includes Little Cayman Beach Resort and Cayman Brac Beach Resort. Located in West Bay, Cobalt Coast is at the center of Grand Cayman's most popular activities - only minutes away from Stingray City, the Cayman Island Turtle Farm, Seven Mile Beach, and within 125 ft. of shore diving the North Wall, off their ocean dock.

Cobalt Coast is your ideal vacation getaway, located on the Northwest shore of Grand Cayman in a secluded, tranquil setting with spectacular views of the inviting Caribbean Sea. Enjoy spectacular oceanfront seating at their open-air restaurant that serves American-style hot breakfast, lunch with oceanside service, and three-course continental-style dinners while you enjoy a relaxing sunset. Located off the beaten track, Cobalt Coast Resort is unique in that it's conveniently located, with spectacular snorkeling and shore diving accessible just a few steps from your accommodations (weather permitting). Stay and dive - or just relax - and you'll see why so many of their guests return.

For breakfast, lunch, and dinner, you can dine al fresco at their poolside and oceanside restaurant. It's the perfect place for enjoying the sea breezes, watching sunsets, or just enjoying the stars fill the night sky. For more casual lunches, dinners, or late-night snacks, order from the menu at their bar.

They serve fresh, full, made-to-order breakfasts, or served buffet style, to help you get on your way to the 2-tank morning boat dives; American-style lunch (hand-formed hamburgers, wraps, or salads), and a continental three-course dinner with a daily special, to offer more menu options.

The base lodging will be a Garden Room with 2 double beds. Upgrades include a Standard Oceanfront Room with 2 double beds or a One Bedroom Suite with one king bed and a pull-out sofa sleeper.

REEF DIVERS

With valet diving, you'll experience Grand Cayman's diving like never before.

Discover the abundant reefs of the Caribbean Sea with their much-acclaimed valet diving service. Reef Divers takes the work out of diving, so you can just relax and enjoy your vacation.

Their custom fleet of spacious 42' and 46' custom Newton dive boats will take you to explore the island's elite diving sites. With their superior diving service, all you have to do is get on the boat. Reef Divers takes care of the heavy lifting, including changing your tanks after every dive. At the end of your 2-tank boat dive, they'll handle everything, including the cleaning and care of your diving gear. Once you've experienced valet diving, a regular diving experience will never be the same.

For more than 25 years, Reef Divers' PADI- and SSI-certified professionals have been dedicated to ensuring the safety of divers and protecting the environment, while providing unrivaled diving adventures and exclusive concierge service. They offer boat dive trips, snorkeling excursions, complete PADI and SSI instructional programs, nitrox-enriched air upgrades, and dive equipment rental.

At Cobalt Coast Resort, divers can also enjoy world-class shore diving on their house reef, just off their dock (weather permitting). And for the more adventurous, Cayman's fabulous North Wall is just a short swim away.



Nitrox: \$15.00 per tank or \$150.00 per week. All prices exclude tax

Equipment Rental	Comments	USD
BCD Only (per day)		\$ 20
Regulator (per day)		\$ 15
Wetsuit (per day)		\$ 12.50
Mask, Fins & Snorkel (per day)		\$ 15
Dive Computer		\$ N/C
Dive Light		\$?

HISTORY

On May 10, 1503 Christopher Columbus sailed along his fourth and final voyage to the New World when a chance wind blew his ship off course. Intending to sail to Hispaniola (present day Haiti and the Dominican Republic), he was thrust westward toward "two very small and low islands, full of tortoises (turtles), as was all the sea all about, insomuch that they looked like little rocks." He called these islands "Las Tortugas" after the thousands of turtles on shore. The two islands sighted were [Cayman Brac](#) and [Little Cayman](#). In 1523, a map was drawn showing all three Islands under the name "Lagartos," meaning alligators or large lizards. By 1530, the islands were called the "Caimanas"— derived from the Carib Indian word for the marine crocodile that formerly inhabited the islands. "Caimanas" evolved to the Cayman Islands, and we've been calling it that ever since.



An early English visitor was Sir Francis Drake, who on his voyage in 1585-86 reported seeing "great serpents called Caimanas, like large lizards, which are edible." It was the Islands' ample supply of turtle, however, that made them a popular calling place for ships sailing the Caribbean in need of meat for their crews. This began a trend that eventually drastically depleted our local waters of the turtle, compelling Caymanian fishermen to go further afield to Cuba and the Miskito Cays in search of their catch. The Cayman Islands remained largely uninhabited until the 17th century. The first known settlers arrived in [Little Cayman](#) and [Cayman Brac](#) around 1658; it is likely these were deserters from Oliver Cromwell's army in the British colony in Jamaica. Many of the early inhabitants were also Britons from Jamaica. Some early residents were believed to be pirates that settled down looking for a more peaceful life.

The first two settlers were Mr. Bodden or Bowden and Mr. Watler or Walter. Over the course of the next couple of years some other settlers came to join Mr. Bodden and Mr. Watler, and many of these settled on Cayman Brac. Some of the early settlers were fishermen who caught turtle to sell to Jamaican merchants. Isaac Bodden, the first recorded permanent inhabitant of the Cayman Islands, was born on Grand Cayman around 1700. He was the grandson of the original settler named Bodden who was likely one of Oliver Cromwell's soldiers at the taking of Jamaica in 1655. A variety of people settled on the islands: pirates, refugees from the Spanish Inquisition, shipwrecked sailors and slaves. The majority of Caymanians are of African and British descent, with considerable interracial mixing.

Soon turtle fishermen, slaves, shipwrecked sailors, and refugees from the Spanish Inquisition joined the blend. The melting pot of cultures and backgrounds mixed together to create what we know as Caymankind today.