

# EXPLORER VENTURES

adventures in liveaboard diving

	Southern Bahamas	Northeastern Caribbean	Turks & Caicos Islands	Galapagos Archipelago	Maldives
	<b>Caribbean Explorer II</b>	<b>Caribbean Explorer II</b>	<b>Turks &amp; Caicos Explorer II</b>	<b>Humboldt Explorer</b>	<b>Carpe Vita Explorer</b>
Airport	Great Exuma (GGT)	St. Kitts (SKB) St. Maarten (SXM)	Providenciales (PLS)	Quito, Ecuador (UIO) Guayaquil, Ecuador (GYE)	Male, Maldives (MLE)
Description	8-day trips only, departs the Marina at Emerald Bay on Great Exuma each Saturday in spring and summer (see schedule online). An older 115" vessel with spacious rooms, each having their own bath and shower. Well-known with a large repeat clientele; repeatedly upgraded and renovated.	8-day trips only, departs either St. Kitts and St. Maarten on alternate Saturdays from mid summer to early spring (see schedule online). An older 115" vessel with spacious rooms, each having their own bath & shower. Well-known with a large repeat clientele; repeatedly upgraded and renovated.	8-day trips only Departs Caicos Marina & Shipyard on Providenciales each Saturday. A 124' luxury vessel with space to spread out; unmatched in the Caribbean. Not "commercial" at all, this vessel is best described as a large yacht.	8-day trips only Departs San Cristobal in the Galapagos Islands each Monday. A luxuriously, well-appointed custom-built vessel for fast transits, this vessel carries 16 passengers and boasts large common areas for lounging, sunning, and great observation areas.	8-day or 11-day trips Departs Male each Sunday A large and luxurious custom-built vessel, she carries 20 passengers and boasts large hotel-style staterooms, indoor and outdoor dining, a Jacuzzi and beautiful open-air areas.
Accommodations	Each cabin is air-conditioned, with ample storage, private bathroom and shower.	Each cabin is air-conditioned, with ample storage, private bathroom and shower.	Large and spacious, with private bathrooms, dressers and closets; drawers under most of the beds. Each room has portholes or windows, and many have desks with chair.	Comfortable air-conditioned rooms are all located on main & lower decks. Each has a private bathroom and six can be converted from twins to a queen bed.	Comfortable air-conditioned rooms are located on the upper, main & lower decks. Each has a private bathroom, DVD/TV and can accommodate singles or couples.
Common Areas	Upstairs main salon protected from the weather, with seating for all passengers; a large sundeck off the main salon and a carpeted bow area for sunning.	Upstairs main salon protected from the weather, with seating for all passengers; a large sundeck off the main salon and a carpeted bow area for sunning.	Very large, air-conditioned full-width salon with table seating for all passengers and large sofa; huge sundeck; large flybridge with seating for 15; large bow with comfortable seating	Comfortable - the fully-enclosed dining area and main salon offers seating for sit-down meals, plus a bar area, TV/DVD. Huge, partially covered teak sundeck with Jacuzzi.	Very comfortable and accommodating - al fresco dining areas, plus indoor air-conditioned dining and lounge/bar area with TV/DVD. Partially covered sundeck, lounge area with Jacuzzi.
Dive deck	Large and spacious, with large multi-level camera table and easy access via two staircases to the dive platform.	Large and spacious, with large multi-level camera table and easy access via two staircases to the dive platform.	The dive deck is a bit smaller than the other vessels, but with individual gear bins for all passengers. The dive platform, accessed by stairs on each side of the dive deck, is the largest you'll find anywhere!	Large, but not used in the same way as the other vessels since all diving is done from the dive tenders. There is space for individual gear storage, large camera table, and ample space for suiting up, and boarding the tenders.	All diving is done from the 61' custom-designed dive dhoni. The dhoni provides gear storage, camera work & maintenance area, bathroom and hot shower area.
Snorkeling	Available at Long Island and San Salvador, and possibly at Conception between dives; tends to be a bit deeper	Limited due to dive site depth; generally only Torrens Point and Diamond Rock/Man 'o War Shoals in Saba are suitable locations	Very good options for snorkeling, easily accessible from the dive sites	Limited to pre or post trip time.	Some sites offer excellent snorkeling.
Suitability for beginners	Very good, though diving conditions may sometimes be more suitable for advanced divers depending on conditions.	Very good, though diving conditions at certain sites may sometimes be more suitable for advanced divers depending on conditions	Excellent	Not suitable unless you are willing to limit yourself to certain dive sites in exceptional conditions.	Some dive sites and itineraries are better suited to beginners than others, but many dive options exist for beginners.
Land tours	Sometimes available only at San Salvador; the 2 ½ hour tour includes the 15th century Watling Castle, the Dixon Lighthouse, and the spot where Columbus is said to have first set foot in the New World. Additional cost.	Organized weekly and available up to 3 times during the week, for several hours each time - tours are at additional cost. Depending on flights, time is available to explore both St. Maarten and additional time in St. Kitts at the beginning and end of the trip.	Limited to an occasional walk on the beach	Land tours within the Galapagos National Park during the week are not available, but a Sunday tour ashore is organized. Land tours can be arranged prior or after the trip to several unique areas.	Additional stay options are available. There is a beach BBQ hosted during the trip.
Home Port	Great Exuma, Bahamas is an idyllic and quiet port with excellent local hotels, lots of atmosphere and a relaxed feel. The marina has restaurant and bar within walking distance	St. Maarten is a bustling island with many duty-free, casino and resort options within walking distance of the dock. St. Kitts has fewer options easily accessible, with most restaurants/hotels reachable via taxi	Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Islands hosts many very nice resorts; history and culture is more hidden than at many other places. No downtown area to browse around. Depending on available dockage, taxi ride will be necessary to reach restaurants and night life	Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the capital of the Galapagos Islands, is located on San Cristobal Island and is the site of the new Nature Interpretation Center, and offers shopping, internet cafes, and restaurants near the quaint harbor.	Male, the capital of the Maldives, one of the many islands which are part of the Maldives Archipelago. For charters ending near Male, an afternoon in town is normally offered.

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