



**JOIN MASK and DIVE the JARDINES DE LA
REINA CUBA (GARDEN of the QUEEN)
JUNE 6 – 13, 2020.
ON THE AVALON II LIVE-ABOARD**



HIGHLIGHTS :

- Dive the famous Jardines de la Reina Marine Park
- One of the biggest treasures in the Caribbean and best-preserved marine areas
- Dive with Caribbean reef sharks, silky sharks, large groupers, eagle rays, and more

- Dives from tenders
- Sea grass beds, patch reefs, mangrove fringes and barrier reefs
- Optional snorkeling with small crocodiles
- Spacious sun deck with whirlpool
- Full gear rental and nitrox available
- 10 Cabins
- Length / Width 40 m / - 125 ft.
- Year built / renovated / 2014
- Internet NO
- Up to 4 dives per day plus night dives.

SHIP DETAILS:

The spacious liveboard Avalon II is the newest liveboard sailing Cuba's Jardines de la Reina.

Jardines de la Reina Marine Park is one of the biggest treasures of the Caribbean, on a bigger scale can also be considered as one of the World's best-preserved Marine Areas. The importance of its protection goes beyond the Cuban Waters jurisdiction, as the connectivity between marine ecosystems has international importance.

The liveboard Avalon II offers guests the opportunity to dive in sites rarely seen by other Divers with one of the most experienced liveboard operators in Cuba, Avalon fleet is a Cuban/Italian management company.

Diving and excitement abounds at the third-largest reef in the Caribbean, boasting the region's best Shark Encounters and an amazing variety of marine species.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

The 125-foot liveboard Avalon II is the newest of the liveboard Avalon Fleet yachts. It was launched in 2014 to provide every luxury possible to Divers in the Gardens of the Queen. The size and power of this liveboard vessel ensures smooth sailing at all times, enabling its guests to sit back and relax throughout the week.

With 4 decks, the liveboard Avalon Fleet II provides plenty of space for its 20 divers

A combination Dining, Bar and Lounge can be found on the Boat Deck. The liveboard's shaded deck is the perfect place to catch up on your favorite book or have a chat with your fellow Divers. On the Top Deck, there is a spacious Sun Deck with loungers and chairs as well as a relaxing 500-gallon Jacuzzi from which you can enjoy the panoramic view.

The liveboard Avalon II features 10 luxurious cabins. Each comes equipped with individually-controlled air conditioning, en-suite bathrooms with hot water showers and panoramic windows to enjoy the pristine Caribbean scenery. All cabins have 2 beds (one full, one twin).



You won't go hungry on board the liveboard Avalon II

The luxury found in the accommodation and diving are carried over to meal times as well. The skilled Chef serves up Italian fare, Cuban cuisine and fresh Seafood on a daily basis. All meals, snacks and water are included in your charter.

BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND DIVE, THE DIVE TENDERS MAKE EXCURSIONS TO PRISTINE BEACHES FOR SUNBATHING.

Guests will have ample opportunity to explore the land areas of the Gardens of the Queen. Dense Mangroves are perfect for wildlife spotting. Journey through the small waterways in order to find the area's endangered Cuban Crocodiles. If conditions are perfect, you'll even have the opportunity to snorkel with these Crocodiles. Be sure to bring your camera. You're going to want a snap shot of that toothy Crocodile smile.



All supplemental purchases made on the liveboard Avalon II must be paid with cash. Credit cards are not accepted. Please keep in mind that Euros are the best currency to bring to Cuba. There is a 10% penalty for converting US dollars.

AIRPORTS:

Santa Clara (SNU), Camaguey (CMW) and Havana (HAV). Many U.S. airports fly into these locations. We must fly in on June 6 and fly out on June 13 unless special arrangements are made. **Visas are purchased on the plane.** Usually they accept credit cards only.



Logistics

The beginning of your trip

- The trip begins in Jucaro and ends in Jucaro
- Pickups from Havana are in the early morning and come with an additional charge (5hrs)
- Pickups from Santa Clara (about 2hr 34mins) and Camaguey (about 2hrs) are in the afternoon
- Check in on the boat is in the afternoon at 18:00

PRICING:

Base price is \$3,800.00 per diver plus Marine Park fees for every guest are \$200 Inscription fee and \$100 USD conservation fee. Total is \$4,100.00 if we have **less than 15 divers.**

Schedule: Of course one can always make larger payments:

	Amt.	Bal:
Now	\$500.00	3,600.00
15-Jan-19	\$500.00	3,100.00
15-Mar-19	\$500.00	2,600.00
5-May-19	\$500.00	2,100.00
15-Jul-19	\$500.00	1,600.00
15-Sep-19	\$400.00	1,200.00
15-Nov-19	\$400.00	800.00
15-Jan-20	\$400.00	400.00
15-Mar-20	\$400.00	-

Payments: To confirm a reservation, divers must submit a signed Registration Form and a trip deposit of \$500. The initial deposit may be paid to Vernon E. Beard via a personal check, cashier's check, money order, PayPal, Zelle or cash. Checks can be mailed to MASK PO Box 7325, Goodyear, AZ 85338. When using PayPal, please add 3% percent to your payment to cover the PayPal fee charged. When paying by PayPal, send payment(s) to: vbeardsr@gmail.com. Zelle payments can be made with no fees using 313-719-5114.

If we get 15 or more (20 max) divers our cost will go down as follows:

# paid divers	payment per diver:
14	\$ 4,100.00
15	\$ 3,846.67
16	\$ 3,625.00
17	\$ 3,429.41
18	\$ 3,255.56
19	\$ 3,100.00
20	\$ 2,960.00

If we get 15 to 20 divers paid in full, each person will receive a refund based on costs above. We are passing the savings to everyone. Prices include the \$300.00 fees.

What's included

- Full board, including water, tea, coffee, juices, soft drinks, local beer & wine, iced water, iced tea, limited local beer and wine
- Dive guides
- Night dives
- Dive insurance (if trip value > USD 1,000 per person)
- Transfers to/from Santa Clara or Camaguey airport to Jucaro port (arriving by 18:00 on Saturday)

Optional extras

- Bookable & payable in advance
- Nitrox: USD 100 per week
- Transfer from/to Havana airport or local hotel and the boat: USD 100 per transfer
- Rental equipment:
 - full set: USD \$200 per week
 - ABC set (mask, fins, snorkel) USD 50 per week
 - BCD: USD \$60 per week
 - Regulator: USD \$60 per week
 - Dive Computer: USD \$60 per week
 - Flashlight (torch): USD \$8 per activity
- Payable on board
- Tips for the crew (recommended)
- alcohol

Good to know

- Itinerary and number of dives are indicative and subject to weather and conditions - safety will always comes first
- All diving passengers must provide their dive certification card and their logbook
- **Dive computers are mandatory** for all our liveaboard trips: please bring your own or arrange with us in advance to rent one
- Surcharges/local fees (fuel surcharges, distance fees, harbour fees etc.) may change at very short notice, driven by local conditions, changes to government policy, oil price changes, etc. Changes are outside PADI Travel's control and you will need to pay any increases. We will endeavor to let you know about any changes as early as possible. A change in these fees does not give you the right to cancel.
- Cuban conservation laws do not permit spear fishing or collecting of any kind

During your trip

- The vessel is equipped with US power sockets, Power socket adapters
- Accepted payment methods on board: Cash (EUR), Cash, Local currency
- DIN/INT adaptors are available on board

The end of your trip

- Your last dives will be on the second to last day in the morning
- It is your responsibility to ensure you respect the 24 hour no-fly time after your last dive!
- The boat docks back in Jucaro at night on the last day
- Check out and disembarkation is around 09:30 on the last day.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Deposits are **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

Reductions: All deposits will be applied to any remaining travelers.

Unused portions of package are NON-REFUNDABLE.

If a diver has made a deposit and is not able to go on the trip, That Diver is responsible for finding a replacement. If a Diver can not find a replacement, then the diver is financially responsible for full payment.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL. Must be valid for at least 6 months calculating from the day of departure and **MUST** be valid for at least 6 months after return date.

MEDICAL & TRAVEL INSURANCE: Every effort is made to ensure you have a safe trip but we strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation/interruption insurance in the event of unexpected changes in your travel plans. Also recommended is accident, baggage insurance, evacuation & medical cover for Scuba Diving. Please be aware that Scuba Diving and in-water activities are not covered by all Travel Insurance companies. Please read the wording of your policy carefully.

NOTE: In a Medical Emergency any evacuation and medical expenses are the Financial responsibility of that diver.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS. The Michigan AFRICAN-American SCUBA Klub (MASK) and/or suppliers of services pursuant to or in connection with these itineraries shall act only as agents of the tour members in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, restaurants or any other service and do not assume any liability or monetary losses whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of default of any hotel, company, restaurant or person rendering any of the services included in the tour, or by an act of God. MASK does not assume any liability or monetary losses for any damages due to delay, sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or other causes beyond their personal control.

No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omissions, delays, re-routing or acts of any government or authority. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger. The payment for a reservation on the trip shall constitute consent to all provisions contained herein.

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Receipt of your deposit or full payment represents acceptance of the above terms and conditions. MASK requires each participant to provide the following information with this Trip Registration form: See attached and return to MASK.

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact:

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