

## Blackbeard Jan 9, 2021

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Jim,

Please pass this on to your group.

Bruce



## **BOARDING PASS**

NAME:

CRUISE DATE: Jan 9, 2021

Dock location: Nassau Harbor Club Marina

Nassau Harbor Club, East Bay Street

(across from Harbor Bay Shopping Center and Starbucks)

We have received your payment in full and look forward to having you as our guest(s).

**COVID REQUIREMENTS**: For trip departing after November 1<sup>st</sup>: Prior to traveling, you must test negative for the COVID-19 virus. Travelers can schedule their COVID test no more than 5 days prior to arrival. This means if you are flying on Saturday of boarding, you must test no earlier than Monday that week.

Once the results are in hand, you can apply for the Bahamas health visa and bring both the test results and the "approved to travel" email from the Bahamas with you and your passport! <a href="https://travel.gov.bs/international">https://travel.gov.bs/international</a>

When filling out the health visa application, you will be required to pay for COVID health insurance to cover the duration of your stay in the Bahamas. The cost is \$60 and you pay online when applying for the visa. You will not be required to test

in the Bahamas unless you extend your stay beyond the length of the cruise. Then an antigen test will be administered upon departing the vessel. Prior arrangements are required to insure testing is available.

When filling out the health application:

Port of Embarkation is your origin country.

Your final port is NASSAU, New Providence.

Destination address line 1 is the marina address.

For Aqua Cat the marina address is Bay Street Marina, East Bay Street

For Cat Ppalu and Blackbeard, the marina address is Nassau Harbour Club Marina, East Bay Street

Destination line 2 is the boat name.

If you have a hard time finding a local test site that can get your test results back quickly, we recommend this online company that is approved by the Bahamas. This test can be ordered by visiting https://www.pixel.labcorp.com/covid-19. It is very easy to use and is delivered results the next day after delivery back to the lab.

**FAQs:** We invite you to familiarize yourself with our Frequently Asked Questions. The information there will help to make your trip more enjoyable.

## Please complete the online Trip Application by clicking this yellow button.

**Trip Application:** Each person traveling will need to complete the above Trip Application form at least 14 days prior to travel. Please be sure to have your flight details and other information available when you do so. You will be required to sign this upon boarding. If any rental scuba gear is needed, please include on the form above.

**Boarding:** Blackbeard's begins at 12:00pm on Saturday and we shove off by 3:00pm (unless unforeseen circumstances occur). Once you arrive, access the dock thru double glass doors to the right of the flags at the RIGHT SIDE of the building. Go downstairs past the pool to the docks.

Your flight should land by **12:00pm** at the latest or plan to arrive the day before. We'll need those three hours to get you checked in, serve lunch, get unpacked and briefed before we throw the lines and set off for the adventure! Disemarkation is 9:00am Friday morning. You can plan flights home for anytime on Friday.

**Flight Issues/Changes:** If you experience travel delays during the week, please call 800.327.9600 or 954.734.7111. <u>On</u> <u>Saturdays only:</u> If you cannot reach us on the toll free, then try: Morning Star 242.376.7606 or Sea Explorer 242.376.7608.

**What to Pack:** Storage on board is limited, pack wisely! Empty suitcases can be left at the dock in our storage room. We suggest you leave your "going home" clothes in this suitcase since you don't need them on board. For a suggested checklist of what to bring, you'll find it here. The Exuma Cays offers opportunities to go ashore and explore and enjoy the uninhabited beaches. For these occasions, we highly recommend proper footwear for these eco adventures. Flip flops are not suitable. We suggest water shoes or TEVA type sandals. Sneakers are fine but they might get wet!

**Ground Transfers:** We can assist you with ground transportation to and from the dock in Nassau **if arranged at least 7 days** in advance of your sailing date. Transfers cost \$18.00 each way or \$36.00 roundtrip per person. If you are arriving early or extending your stay in Nassau, additional transfers to hotels can also be arranged for \$18.00 per person per pick up. If you would like to purchase transfers CLICK HERE to do so. **Please note:** transfers are NOT available to/from Airbnb and VRBO properties. If you choose to arrange your own transfers or miss the cut-off date for pre-arrangement taxis are readily available outside the arrival area.

**Trip Insurance:** It is strongly recommended that all passengers purchase trip insurance to protect you in the event that you may need to cancel your trip. It is also recommended that all divers have diving accident insurance.

Dive Assure: Annual Dive Insurance and Travel insurance

DAN Divers Alert Network Insurance: Annual Dive Insurance and Travel Insurance

Travelex Travel Insurance: Trip insurance only (for those who have dive insurance already)

**Cancellation Policy:** In the event the participant cancels at least 90 days prior to departure, the deposit will be refunded less a 5% cancellation fee. If cancelled less than 90 days prior to departure all payments are forfeited. If the trip departs full, we will issue a full refund less 5% cancellation fee. Unfortunately, we cannot vary from our stated cancellation policy regardless of the situation. We recommend that you buy trip cancellation insurance immediately upon booking your trip.

In the event a named storm affects your trip, we will issue a credit for future travel based on missed dives, there is no refund for trip interruption or cancellation due to weather. There is no expiration date on this credit. Again, we highly recommend purchasing trip insurance.

A Guide to Gratuities

The liveaboard dive 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. We have found few other recreational activities where the general public relies so heavily on the professionals in charge for their enjoyment and safety.

Besides being at the mercy of Mother Nature, the quality of your experience is based on the people who provide it. The crew is generally multi-talented and does several jobs on board. Besides providing the diving part of the trip, they cook meals, wash dishes, perform engineering duties, and navigate the seas. The boat is your hotel, restaurant, and dive platform! If the service is great, the dive sites are outstanding, the food hot and plentiful.... don't forget who made it possible.... the crew!!! They make the difference that really counts.

If the service is acceptable, it is not unusual for satisfied customers to tip 15% of the trip value. If you are disappointed with the service in any way, please inform the captain of your feelings so we may rectify the situation immediately. Our mission is to provide you with an enjoyable vacation!

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