

## BOARDING PASS

## Blackbeard's

Name:

Trip Date:

**DOCK LOCATION: NASSAU HARBOR CLUB MARINA, EAST BAY STREET**

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

TRIP APPLICATION

Fill Out Your  
Trip Application Here!

The above is an important form that we need to have on file for each traveler **at least 14 days prior to your trip**. Please be sure to have your flight details and other information available when you complete the form. This information will assist us in preparing for your arrival. **You will be required to sign this and our release forms upon boarding.**

COVID TESTING INFORMATION

Prior to traveling, **you must test negative for the COVID-19**. The test can be taken **no more than 5 days prior to travel** which means you should test on Monday to fly Saturday (test day counts as day zero).

Once the negative results are in hand, you must apply for a Bahamas health visa. Vaccinated passengers must submit proof of vaccination as well as negative test results. **Bring the test results, proof of vaccination, and the approved to travel visa (printed out) with you** - and don't forget your passport!

Click for More COVID Travel Information

FAQS

Familiarize yourself with our [FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS](#).

Some common ones

- Where should I stay if I arrive early?.....Visit [this page](#) for our hotel suggestions.
- Can I come without a buddy?.....Yes, there will always be a dive buddy for you!
- What time do we disembark Blackbeard's?.....By 9am on Friday.
- What size tanks are available?.....63CF (9L), 80CF (12L), and 100CF (15L), subject to availability.
- Are drinks included?.....Yes! Rum drinks, beer, and wine are available.
- Is there wifi onboard?.....No, unplug and relax while you dive all week!
- Will I get seasick?.....Bring motion sickness medicine in case we encounter rough seas!
- What if I have a special dietary request?.....Make sure to put it on your Trip Application.



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### GROUND TRANSFERS

**Transfers are not included.**

We can assist you with ground transportation to and from the dock in Nassau if pre-arranged at least 7 days prior to sailing. We have a longstanding relationship with one of the best transfer companies in Nassau. They follow all health safety protocols diligently.

**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. **(Please note: Airbnb and VRBO properties are not eligible for transfers)**

If you would like to purchase transfers, you may purchase online more than 5 days prior to departure. To do so, [click here](#). If within 5 days of departure, please call the office to arrange them. Otherwise, taxis are readily available at the airport.

### TRIP INSURANCE

**It is strongly recommended that all passengers purchase trip insurance** to protect you if 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

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**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.

### FLIGHT ISSUES/CHANGES

**Please contact the vessel if you experience any changes or delays in travel to the Bahamas on Saturday** as our U.S. Reservations Office is not open on the weekends. The number for Morning Star is 242.376.7607 and Sea Explorer is 242.376.7608.

If you have arranged ground transfers, please report any changes in flight arrivals while traveling to Mr. Wright from Island Escape Tours directly at 242.449.7862. If no answer, call 242.557.8730 and ask for Sonia. The U.S. Reservations Office can take your calls Monday thru Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm EST at 800.327.9600 or 954.734.7111.

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## WHAT TO PACK

A suggested checklist of what to bring can be viewed [here](#). The Exuma Cays offers many 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!

Personal Items	Dive Gear	Clothes	To Be Stored
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport</li> <li>• Money</li> <li>• Refillable Water Bottle</li> <li>• Sunscreen</li> <li>• Motion Sickness Meds</li> <li>• Any Other Meds</li> <li>• Toiletries</li> <li>• Chargers</li> <li>• 3 Towels (for beach/shower/diving)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certification Card(s)</li> <li>• Mask</li> <li>• Fins</li> <li>• Snorkel</li> <li>• Logbook</li> <li>• Computer</li> <li>• Wetsuit</li> <li>• BCD</li> <li>• Regs &amp; Gauges</li> <li>• Dive Light</li> <li>• Tank Light</li> <li>• Dry Bag</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bathing Suits</li> <li>• Hat</li> <li>• Sunglasses</li> <li>• Rain Jacket</li> <li>• PJs</li> <li>• Socks</li> <li>• Casual Shorts/Sweats/ Tees</li> <li>• Flip-flops/Sandals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitcases</li> <li>• Nonessentials</li> </ul> <p><b>Optional Fun</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camera</li> <li>• Snacks</li> <li>• Book</li> </ul> <p><b>NOT to Bring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tanks</li> <li>• Weight Belt or Weights</li> </ul>

Month	Water Temp. (F/C)	Air Temp (F/C)	Wetsuit Recommendation
January	72-75 / 22-24	72-80 / 22-27	Full Wetsuit 5mm
February	72-75 / 22-24	72-80 / 22-27	Full Wetsuit 5mm
March	73-77 / 23-25	72-85 / 22-29	Full Wetsuit 5mm
April	75-79 / 24-26	76-90 / 24-32	Shorty or Full
May	77-80 / 25-27	80-90 / 27-32	Skin or Shorty
June	79-81 / 26-27	80-90 / 27-32	Skin or Shorty
July	83-87 / 28-30	80-90 / 27-32	None
August	83-87 / 28-30	80-90 / 27-32	None
September	83-87 / 28-30	80-90 / 27-32	None
October	78-82 / 26-28	76-90 / 24-32	Skin or Shorty
November	75-80 / 25-27	72-85 / 22-29	Shorty or Full
December	73-78 / 24-26	72-85 / 22-29	Full Wetsuit 5mm



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### GEAR RENTALS

Dive tanks (63, 80, & 100s - depending on availability) and weights/weight belts are provided, the following is available to rent onboard. For more information about gear rentals on Blackbeard's, visit [this page](#).

Regulator.....	\$50/week
Dive Computer.....	\$50/week
Dive Light.....	\$30/week
Wetsuit.....	\$35/week
BCD.....	\$50/week

### DIVE COURSES

For more information about our onboard dive instruction, visit [this page](#). You can also ask upon boarding whether any other specialties are offered by the crew of your charter.

Open Water Checkouts .....	\$100
Discover Scuba.....	\$125
Advanced Open Water.....	\$150
Deep Diver.....	\$125
Night Diver.....	\$125

### 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, all payments are forfeited unless the trip departs full (in which case we issue a full refund less the 5% cancellation fee).

In the event a named storm affects your trip, we will issue a credit with no expiration date for future travel based on missed dives, but there will be no refund.

### A GUIDE TO CREW 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!

The crew looks forward to welcoming you aboard for a great week of diving and exploring the Exuma Cays with them!