

FWSA 12th Annual Scuba Dive Trip

Little Cayman

Dive the "Bloody Bay Wall"

The Caribbean's Most Breathtaking Drop-Off!

October 7 - 14, 2023



Diver Land Package = \$2306.00 Standard Room - Double Occupancy

Non-Diver Land Package = \$2040.00 Standard Room - Double Occupancy

Single Supplement Standard Room Add = \$696.00

Lodging Upgrades Available – contact Randy Lew for details

(Air transportation not included in above pricing)

Price Includes:

- 7 nights – Pool View Room at Little Cayman Beach Resort– Dbl. Occupancy with all meals daily
- Drink Package - Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Non-motorized water sports and activities
- Resort fees, taxes & staff gratuities. (dive gratuities are not included)
- 6 days of 2 tank boat dives, 5 days of afternoon boat dives & complimentary use of dive computer
- PADI & SSI certified dive professionals
- Complimentary Wi-Fi (primarily in public areas)
- Resort Amenities
- Welcome Party and Farewell Dinner



*Enjoy the beautiful
wildlife*



Create New Memories with
Friends,
Old and New!



Dive the famous
Bloody Bay Wall!



Enjoy a Beautiful Resort



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FWSA 2023 LITTLE CAYMAN Registration Form

October 7 - 14, 2023

(If using own air, you must arrive in Little Cayman on dates stated)

Please print clearly: *The information you provide is for the exclusive use of FWSA and will not be sold for solicitation.*

Print **LEGAL NAME** as it appears on **Passport:** _____
Exact FIRST Exact MIDDLE Exact LAST

**** It is MANDATORY to SEND a BLACK/WHITE COPY OF YOUR VALID PASSPORT - Valid thru April 14, 2024****

Mailing Address: _____ Nickname: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

PHONE: Home: (____) _____ Cell (____) _____ Work: (____) _____

Date of Birth: Mo ____ Day ____ Year ____ Passport Number _____ Expiration _____

Print E-Mail Address: _____

Male Female I am a Scuba Diver / Non-Diver

Divers Alert Network (DAN) Insurance #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

To be eligible for this trip, you must be a paid member of a FWSA Ski Club or FWSA Direct Member!

I am a **MEMBER** of _____ Ski Club **OR** a **FWSA DIRECT MEMBER**

FWSA Council (Select from list:

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

*Emergency Contact— Immediate Family member **NOT ON THIS TRIP** (required for all participants):*

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Contact Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

List Food Allergies and/or drug allergies (optional): _____

Medical Conditions (optional): _____

*I have been advised that the FWSA trip package does not include travel insurance and I understand that I do have the option to purchase my own Travel Insurance. **FWSA DOES HIGHLY RECOMMEND TRAVEL INSURANCE.***

- *I am aware that I am financially responsible for myself whether or not I purchase Travel Insurance.*
- *I am aware it is my responsibility to obtain all legal documents required for travel including passports & visas.*
- *I am aware that my passport must be valid at least 6 months after return of trip (April 14, 2024)*
- *I am aware that all visitors to the Cayman Islands may be required to show proof of vaccination.*
- *I have been advised of the CANCELLATION Policy - the deposit is completely refundable until July 6, 2023. See complete CANCELLATION Policy and associated fees listed on the documents. NO REFUNDS after September 6, 2023 unless a compatible replacement is found. There may also be a transfer fee and associated vendor/supplier fees.*
- **NO REFUNDS for Any NO-SHOWS**
- *I have received and read a copy of the FWSA Conduct Policy and agree to comply.*
- *I am aware that I must be a current member of a FWSA Club or a FWSA Direct member. I further certify that I am a current FWSA Club or a FWSA Direct member and that the information I have provided on this form is accurate.*
- *I am aware that all scuba divers MUST use or rent their own dive computer.*
- *I am aware that the culture of the place(s) I am visiting might not be what I am normally accustomed to in the United States.*
- *I am aware that FWSA may use images taken during this trip for marketing and promotional purposes. I authorize and hold harmless FWSA and its agents for the use of my image. I may choose to sign an exemption form to exclude the use of my pictures being used for this purpose.*
- *FWSA Int'l Travel Team will be monitoring any Force Majeure, Acts of God, Government shutdowns etc. and will take appropriate action on behalf of our trip participants. All details will be provided at such time.*

Participant Signature OR Parent/Legal Guardian for Minor

Date

CST #2036983-40

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS – MARK AN “X”

Our goal is to travel effortlessly, seamlessly and use direct flight options when available. Please read all the options carefully before deciding on your transportation choice.

Little Cayman Beach Resort is located on the island of Little Cayman, a small, beautiful and tranquil island in the Cayman Islands. It will require a regional flight from Grand Cayman the largest and most populated island and home to the Owen Roberts International Airport (GCM). Grand Cayman is served by numerous airlines including American, United, Delta, Jet Blue, and Southwest.

Cayman Airways

The only way to get to Little Cayman is on Cayman Airways <https://www.caymanairways.com> a short 35 – 75 minute flight (some flights stop at Cayman Brac first).

Current Flight Schedule (subject to change):

Flights from Grand Cayman (GCM) to Little Cayman (LYB)

Daily at 7:05 AM , 9:35 AM, and 2:30 PM

Flights from Grand Cayman (GCM) to Little Cayman (LYB) *

Daily at 2:45 PM and 5:10 PM

* Plane change in Cayman Brac

Roatan Charter has blocked 12 seats (available on first come first served basis) on the last flight on October 7th from Grand Cayman (GCM) to Little Cayman (LYB) departing Grand Cayman on 5:10 PM at an approximate round trip cost of \$186 per person.

To ensure that your travels go smoothly, we recommend booking your preferred Cayman Airways flights as soon as your international flights have been arranged. Allow time to clear customs in Grand Cayman.

When traveling to or from Little Cayman via the Twin Otter (15 passenger) aircraft, the baggage allowance is 55 lbs. per person (combined weight of up to 2 pieces) and only one 15 lb. carry-on. Currently any excess will be charged US \$.50 per pound for travel between Grand Cayman and Little Cayman

☐ **Option #1: FWSA Assisted Air departing from: _____ Contact Randy Lew**

Air pricing subject to change until tickets are actually issued. Must be paid in full to **Roatan Charter, Inc.**

☐ **Option #2 – OWN Air Transportation & FWSA Transfers to/from resort and airport.**

You must arrive in Little Cayman on October 7, 2023 & provide a copy of your “Own Transportation” itinerary and notify trip leader of any/all changes that occur.

AND...If your flight is cancelled, delayed or you miss your “OWN AIR” flight, it is Your Responsibility and Cost in arranging your own ground transfer to your hotel.

[Please inform Randy Lew if such situations occur – call or text 530-304-0802]

Travel & Divers Alert Network Insurance

FWSA highly recommends that you purchase travel insurance. Make sure you understand the COVID coverage since it varies between insurance companies. READ the Fine Print!

Roatan Charters offers trip insurance on their website at:

[Trip Insurance – Roatan Charter](#)

Additional travel insurance vendors can be found on FWSA website at:

[Far West Travel Insurance - Far West Ski Association \(fwsa.org\)](#).

Divers Alert Network (DAN) also offers travel insurance: [Travel Insurance - Divers Alert Network \(dan.org\)](#) .

In addition, all **scuba divers will be required** to have **dive accident insurance** through Divers Alert Network (DAN), the premier dive insurance. You can get their insurance info at: <http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/>

Dive Equipment and Dive Computers

FWSA requires each scuba diving participant to have and use a dive computer on each and every dive. **No Exceptions.** Each diver is responsible for his/her own dive profile, bottom times, nitrogen loading and No Decompression Times. In addition, Nitrox divers are responsible for their own PO2 times. If you do not own your own dive computer, the dive operator at Little Cayman Beach Resort, Reef Divers, will complimentary provide one for your use.

Is this your First FWSA Dive Trip?

Yes

No

How did you hear about the 2023 Little Cayman Dive Trip? Please CIRCLE one:

FWSA E-mail FWSA Website

FWSA Newsletter

Council Website

Council Newsletter

Club Website

Club Newsletter

Friend-

Other-

FULL TRIP: 7 Nights DIVE TRIP & LODGING OPTIONS – MARK AN “X”

We are offering **Little Cayman Beach Resort**, October 7 – 14, 2023 for the 2023 Little Cayman Dive Trip.

1st, Choose your trip Land Package - Please select one of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Option DP1: | Dive Package (6 days; 17 boat dives) * | \$2,306 pp (dbl occ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Option NDP1: | Non-Dive Package | \$2,040 pp (dbl occ) |

2nd, Choose your Lodging / Upgrade Options – MARK AN “X”

- | | | |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Option S1: | Single Room Supplement | \$696 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Option U1: | Oceanfront Upgrade (7 available) | \$ 343 per person (dbl occ) |

Little Cayman Beach Resort Includes:

- 7 night's Pool View room (double occupancy)
- 3 meals daily
- 21 drink package (local beer, house liquor & nonalcoholic drinks)
- Comp Wifi (public areas only)
- Kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, and a great white sand beach
- Ground transfers from Little Cayman Airport
- Resort fees, taxes, and staff gratuities (dive gratuities not included)

In Addition, the Dive Package * includes:

- 6 days of 2 tank boat dives
- 5 days of 1 tank afternoon dives
- Complimentary use of a dive computer

Pool View Room [11 available]
Two doubles or one king bed

Oceanfront Room [7 available]
Two doubles or one king bed and come equipped with a microwave, as well as a small lounge area

Roommate Assignment

Roommates for singles who want a roommate are assigned on a first come – first served basis based on the date the registration forms and deposit are received. Assignments are also based on compatibility after contact between the participants.

LODGING/ROOMMATE

I HAVE A ROOMMATE	YOUR NAME: _____ ROOMMATE: _____ _____
I DO NOT HAVE A ROOMMATE	<input type="checkbox"/> I Need a Female Roommate <input type="checkbox"/> I Need a Male Roommate Are you a Smoker? Yes No Do you Snore excessively ? ____ Yes ____ No Describe your personality _____ [Ex. Outgoing, quiet, adventuresome, reserved, diver, non-diver...]
[for office use only]	Assigned roommate: _____

PAYMENT METHOD Information

	<p>** PLEASE mail your completed registration forms & waiver, along with a check for your trip deposit. Subsequent payments may be made online by credit card or by mailing a personal check, cashier check, or money order. Your registration will not be complete, and your spot will not be reserved, until you have submitted your documents (including black/white copy of valid passport) and have paid your initial deposit.</p> <p>**if you choose to pay by credit card, instructions to the online payment system will be provided on your accounting statement, for subsequent payments once we have received your registration.</p>
	<p>Please mark one of the following for making future payments:</p> <p>I will continue to make payments by check, cashier check or money order. I will continue to make payments by PayPal and/or Credit Card via online payment method. Do send me the information in order to pay online.</p>

Send ALL the Registration Forms, Trip & Transportation Options, Waiver, Lodging & Payment Method Form, and a legible BLACK & WHITE photocopy of your Valid passport (good through April 14, 2024), and Check Payment to:

Randy Lew
 829 SE 11th Place
 Battle Ground, WA 98604
 Cell: (530) 304-0802
 E-mail: Fwsa13randy@telis.net

Make check payable to **FWSA**. *Please note "FWSA 2023 Little Cayman Trip on each check".*

There will be a charge of \$25.00 for return checks from your bank.

Deposit Payment Amount: \$ _____ Check # _____ Other: _____

***FWSA Assisted Air Transportation & Lodging Packages
Payment and Cancellation Schedules***

Little Cayman Beach Resort

Option DP1 - Dive Package

Option DP1: Standard Dive Package - Payment Schedule & Cancellation Policy

<u>Payments</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>FWSA Assisted Air Payment</u>	<u>Land Pkg. Payment</u>	<u>Total Payment DUE</u>	<u>*Cancel. Fees</u>	<u>Cancel. Date</u>
<i>Initial Deposit</i>	<i>Due Now!</i>	^	\$700.00	\$700.00	<i>No Penalty up to</i>	July 6, 2023
2 nd Payment	June 1, 2023		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	Between July 7, 2023 – August 7, 2023
3 rd Payment				0	\$400.00	Between August 8, 2023 – September 6, 2023
FINAL PAYMENT *A \$100.00 late fee may be applied if payment not made by due date.	July 24, 2023		BALANCE of Land Pkg.	Balance Due	Full Penalty – NO Refund*	After September 6, 2023

^ Assisted Air – Non-refundable, Cancellation fees 100% after purchase

*Cancellation Policy is based on the Standard Dive package and fees for the upgrades will vary according to package price.

Such penalty fees are subject to additional vendor or supplier charges, and processing/handling fees.

(Substitutions may be made with associated change fees applied – details will be on a case-by-case basis)

***FWSA Assisted Air Transportation & Lodging Packages
Payment and Cancellation Schedules***

Little Cayman Beach Resort

Option NDP1– Non-Dive Package

Option NDP1: Standard Non-Dive Package - Payment Schedule & Cancellation Policy

<u>Payments</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>FWSA Assisted Air Payment</u>	<u>Land Pkg. Payment</u>	<u>Total Payment DUE</u>	<u>*Cancel. Fees</u>	<u>Cancel. Date</u>
<i>Initial Deposit</i>	<i>Due Now!</i>	^	\$700.00	\$700.00	<i>No Penalty up to</i>	July 6, 2023
2 nd Payment	June 1, 2023		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	Between July 7, 2023 – August 7, 2023
3 rd Payment				0	\$300.00	Between August 8, 2023 – September 6, 2023
FINAL PAYMENT *A \$100.00 late fee may be applied if payment not made by due date.	July 24, 2023		BALANCE of Land Pkg.	Balance Due	Full Penalty – NO Refund*	After September 6, 2023

^ Assisted Air – Non-refundable, Cancellation fees 100% after purchase

**Cancellation Policy is based on the Standard Non-Dive package and fees for the upgrades will vary according to package price. Such penalty fees are subject to additional vendor or supplier charges and processing/handling fees. (Substitutions may be made with associated change fees applied – details will be on a case-by-case basis)*

FWSA TRIP CONDUCT POLICY

This policy applies to all persons participating on a Far West Ski Association ski week or trip. It is intended to maximize the enjoyment for all trip participants and provide guidelines for the FWSA Travel Staff, Council Trip Leaders, and assigned Trip Assistants. All trip participants are requested to observe common courtesy and generally accepted standards of social and moral behavior.

In accordance with Federal and State laws, the Far West Ski Association will enforce a "Zero Tolerance Policy" on illegal drug use at any FWSA sponsored event or trip. Failure to observe this policy will automatically remove you from participation in future FWSA events.

Participants shall adhere to the requirements of FWSA trip packages and participants agree not to transfer, resell, or barter all or portions of that package. Only FWSA, or the issuing agency may compensate the participant for the unused portion or permit transfer. Failure to comply may result in exclusion from future FWSA events.

Alcohol and tobacco use is allowed in moderation and where permitted by law. FWSA Travel Staff, Council Trip Leaders, or assigned Trip Assistants, will ask a participant to cease any loud, obnoxious, or offensive behavior. Participants who refuse to cooperate will be reported to local security or local police.

Far West Ski Association maintains a strict policy prohibiting sexual harassment and harassment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, age, or any other basis made unlawful by any applicable law or ordinance or regulation. Prohibited harassment in any form, including verbal, physical and visual conduct, threats, demands, and retaliation is unlawful and will not be tolerated. If, after a request to refrain from this behavior, the participant continues, FWSA Travel Staff, Council Trip Leaders, and assigned Trip Assistants may contact local security or local police. Please stop the offensive behavior if asked by another participant, FWSA Travel Staff, Council Trip Leader, or assigned Trip Assistant.

Parents/Legal Guardians of minor children under the age of 18 are responsible for the supervision and behavior of their children. Children under 12 years will be under the direct supervision of their parents/legal guardians at all FWSA events. Parents/Legal Guardians are responsible for providing supervision of their children under 12 years of age during the time that they are attending a FWSA function without their children (e.g., children under 12 will not be left alone in the lodging rooms).

FWSA Travel Staff, Trip Leaders, assigned Trip Assistants, and/or FWSA Board of Directors will attempt to resolve problems in a mutually beneficial manner. When resolution cannot be achieved, FWSA Travel Staff, Trip Leaders, and assigned Trip Assistants have the authority to call on-site security or local police to resolve the problem. Participants may be excluded from a trip at their own expense and without reimbursement of trip expenses.

FWSA 2023 LITTLE CAYMAN SCUBA DIVE TRIP

October 7 - 14, 2023

PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.

Please read and be certain you understand the implications of signing.

Express Assumption of Risk Associated with Sport, Venue Use and Related Activities.

I, _____ do hereby affirm and acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the inherent hazards and risks associated with all activities of FWSA Little Cayman Scuba Dive Trip including but not limited to scuba diving, snorkeling, certain additional risks, dangers, and hazards including, but not limited to transportation of equipment related to the activities and traveling to and from activity sites in which I am about to engage.

Inherent hazards and risks include but are not limited to:

1. Risk of delays, inconveniences, theft, terrorism, crimes, personal losses, and mechanical problems.
2. "Acts of God" or other actions taken by governments or their civil authorities, or common carriers that would impede FWSA's delivering any or all of the contracted services, may result in injury, inconvenience, travel deviations, or unexpected cancellations relating to such risks or event, and are not within FWSA's control.
3. Risk of injury from the activity and equipment utilized is significant including the potential for broken bones, severe injuries to the head, neck, and back or other bodily injuries that may result in permanent disability and death.
4. Possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist.
5. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately.
6. Possible equipment failure and/or malfunction or misuse of my own or others' equipment.
7. **I AGREE THAT I WILL WEAR APPROVED PROTECTIVE GEAR AS DECREED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SPORT I AM PARTICIPATING IN.** However, protective gear cannot guarantee the participant's safety. A dive computer is required.
8. Variation and/or depth of the dive locations, underwater hazards including but not limited to shipwrecks, hazardous sea life, caves or tunnels, variation or changes in surfaces including but not limited to water, docks, dive boats, other persons, and other natural and man-made hazards.
9. My own negligence and/or the negligence of others, including but not limited to operator error and guide decision making including misjudging depth, terrain, weather, or other obstacles.
10. Exposure to the elements and temperature extremes may result in heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn, hypothermia, and dehydration.
11. Dangers associated with exposure to natural elements include but are not limited to rock fall, inclement weather, thunder, and lightning, severe and or varied wind, temperature, and other weather conditions.
12. Accidents or illness occurring in remote places where there are no available medical facilities.
13. Fatigue, exhaustion, chill, and/or dizziness, which may diminish my/our reaction time and increase the risk of accident.
14. Impact or collision with other athletes, spectators, facility employees, pedestrians, motor vehicles, boats, and cyclists.
15. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation.

***I understand the description of these risks is not complete and unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death.**

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, and Indemnity Agreement

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the above described activity (ies) and related activities, I hereby agree, acknowledge, and appreciate that:

1. **I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH,** or loss or damage to person or property, **WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE,** the following named persons or entities, herein referred to as releasees: **Far West Ski Association (FWSA) and their directors and officers, FWSA Ski Councils and their directors and officers, FWSA Ski Clubs and their directors and officers, and their successors and assigns.**
2. To release the releasees, their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from liability and responsibility whatsoever and for any claims or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, survivors, executors, or assigns may have for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death arising from the above activities whether caused by active or passive negligence of the releasees or otherwise. By executing this document, I agree to hold the releasees harmless and indemnify them in conjunction with any injury, illness, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property that may occur as a result of my engaging in the above activities.
3. By entering into this Agreement, I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the releasees, other than what is set forth in this Agreement. FWSA is not responsible for trip information typographical errors.
4. This agreement shall apply to any and all injury, illness, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property occurring at any time after the execution of this agreement.

This release shall be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any provision of this release is found to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be enforceable.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND I SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

S/ _____
Signature of Adult Participant **Name of Adult Participant (Please Print)** **Date**

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE: *This is to certify that I, as Parent, Guardian, Temporary Guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release of all Releasees, but also to release and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to his/her involvement in these programs for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin.*

S/ _____
Signature of Parent or Adult Legal Guardian if Participant is a Minor **Name of Parent or Adult Legal Guardian (Print Clearly)** **Date**

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



FWSA LITTLE CAYMAN SCUBA DIVE TRIP October 7 – 14, 2023

Bloody Bay Wall
The Caribbean's Most Breathtaking Drop-Off

Basic Cost excluding air travel:

6 Day (17 boat dives) Dive Package	\$ 2,306
Non-Dive Package	\$ 2,040
Single Supplement	\$ 696

Price Includes: Little Cayman Beach Resort

7 nights Pool View Room at Little Cayman Beach Resort – based on 2 per room
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Complimentary use of dive computer

Add-On Costs:

Oceanfront Room [7 available]	\$ 343 per person (dbl occ)
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Payment Schedule:

Initial deposit	Immediately	\$ 700 per person
2 nd payment	June 1, 2023	\$ 1,000 per person
Final payment	July 24, 2023	\$ balance

Cancellation Penalties:

Prior to July 7, 2023	\$ 0 per person
July 7, 2023 – August 7, 2023	\$ 100 per person
August 8, 2023 – September 6, 2023	\$ 300 - \$ 400 per person
September 7, 2023 – departure date	no refunds

Travel on this FWSA trip to Little Cayman requires a valid Passport. Your Passport must be valid until April 14, 2024 (six months after your return). It is your responsibility to ensure your required travel documents are in order and with you.

DIVE and TRAVEL INSURANCE

FWSA highly recommends that you purchase travel insurance. Roatan Charters offers trip insurance on their website at [Trip Insurance – Roatan Charter](#). 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/>

Location/Geography

The Cayman Islands is conveniently located only 480 miles south of Miami, merely an hour by plane. Cayman is easily accessible via nonstop service from most travel hubs in the U.S.

Little Cayman is located only 80 miles northeast of Grand Cayman, yet it feels worlds away. Nowhere in the Cayman Islands can you find a better dive destination that's also a romantic getaway.

Travel will require a regional flight on Cayman Airways from Grand Cayman the largest and most populated island and home to the Owen Roberts International Airport (GCM) to Little Cayman's Edward Bodden Airfield (LYB). It is a short 35 – 75 minute flight (some flights stop at Cayman Brac first) on a 15 passenger Twin Otter.

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Climate

The average temperature in Little Cayman year- round is 82° F with the trade winds providing a gentle breeze. In October the temp ranges from 75° F - 88° F. The rainy season is from May to October and the dry season is from November to April. This doesn't mean it rains constantly or rarely during these respective times. The names of the seasons simply reflect the trends in the region. It's common in summer to have brief showers in the afternoon and occasional rain in the mornings.

Water Temperature

The water temperature is warm ranging from 79° F - 85° F from October – March. The water is usually clear with visibility 80-120 feet.

Currency

The Cayman Islands dollar is the official currency in the Cayman Islands, but most businesses and taxis will happily accept US dollars at the current exchange rate. The CI dollar has a fixed exchange rate with the US dollar of CI\$1.00 equals US\$1.25. Or the US dollar equals CI\$.80. The US dollar is accepted throughout the islands at a rate of CI\$.80. The resort has limited abilities to make change in US funds. We do not suggest bringing bills over \$20 USD. Incidental charges such as gift shop, tours and restaurant/bar can be charged to your room if a credit card has been provided. The resort accepts Visa and MasterCard. Traveler's cheques are not accepted.

Departure Tax

There is an airport departure tax of US \$25.00/person for international flights. Although most International carriers already is included in your air ticket. For local flights must be paid in the airport after check-in Please note these fees must be paid in cash, either US Dollars or Cayman Dollars.

Documents

You need a passport that is valid for 6 months after your arrival. You will receive a 90-day tourist Visa when you arrive. You should check to see if there are any special requirements for citizens of your country but currently this is all that is required for the USA.

Electricity

Little Cayman is similar to the USA, 110 volts AC, 60 cycles, using standard U.S. plugs. Hair dryers are standard in all rooms.

Entry Requirements

Currently, vaccinations are not mandatory for visiting the Cayman Islands. Contact your doctor for recommendations specific to your health.

Time Zone

Eastern Standard Time (EST). Daylight savings time is not observed so they are 2 hours ahead of the US West coast.

Language

Officially English

U.S. Consulate

The US Consulate is located in George Town in Grand Cayman.

Phone: (345) 945-8173

The Cayman Islands is a self-governing British Overseas Territory - the largest by population in the western Caribbean Sea. The 102-square-mile territory comprises the three islands of Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac and Little Cayman, which are located to the south of Cuba and northeast of Honduras, between Jamaica and Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula. The capital city is George Town on Grand Cayman, which is the most populous of the three islands.

The Cayman Islands is considered to be part of the geographic Western Caribbean Zone as well as the Greater Antilles. The territory is a major world offshore financial center for international businesses and wealthy individuals, largely as a result of the state not charging taxes on any income earned or stored.

With a GDP per capita of \$91,392, the Cayman Islands has the highest standard of living in the Caribbean. Immigrants from over 130 countries and territories reside in the Cayman Islands.

Little Cayman Beach Resort is located on the island of Little Cayman, a beautiful and tranquil island in the Cayman Islands. Grand Cayman is the most densely populated island in the Cayman Islands and home to the Owen Roberts International Airport (GCM).

The only way to get to the Sister Islands is via Cayman Airways. The airline has numerous flights daily from Grand Cayman to Cayman Brac and Little Cayman (LYB) (Edward Bodden Airfield). You can make reservations at www.caymanairways.com. Please be sure to check the travel protocols and baggage allowances for visiting Little Cayman.

LITTLE CAYMAN BEACH RESORT

Reflecting Little Cayman's quaint charm and intimate warmth, Little Cayman Beach Resort is a secluded oceanfront oasis with only 40 rooms. a relaxed island ambiance, a boutique spa, Caribbean inspired cuisine, and gracious personal service that treats guests to the true island experience.

Little Cayman Beach Resort is situated on a white, sandy beach in Blossom Village, the first area of the island resettled in 1833 after Spanish privateers ran off the turtle fishermen who'd settled there.

The two-story resort has 40 air-conditioned guest rooms with:

- Ceiling fans
- Mini refrigerators
- Private bathrooms with hair dryers, soap, shampoo, and hair conditioner
- Towels for use by pool or on beach (towels separately provided on boats for divers)
- Small drip coffeemakers
- Closets with hangers
- Desks
- Televisions (although availability and quality of channels is very limited)
- Wi-Fi
- Irons and ironing boards are available upon request



Little Cayman has been named a top dive site in the Caribbean for its iconic **Bloody Bay Wall**, year-round perfect diving conditions, pristine coral reefs, and spectacular marine life. Little Cayman Beach Resort brings this magnificent experience beneath the sea directly onto the sand. Bloody Bay Wall is the main attraction, but there are other sites that are equally as exciting with numerous tunnel systems and crevices, both on the shallow reefs and out over the wall. Offering some of the most beautiful reef structures to be seen in the underwater world, this is where divers in-the-know go.





Pool View Rooms have either two doubles or one king bed. **[11 available]**

The **Oceanfront Rooms** are slightly larger have either two doubles or one king bed and come equipped with a microwave, as well as a small lounge area. **[7 available]**



Guests will enjoy their meals served in the newly remodeled **Birds of Paradise** dining room with ample seating for large and small groups – and individuals – all at the same time. A new community table makes it easy for individuals or couples traveling alone to meet new friends. For *al fresco* dining, a new screened outdoor pavilion is also available.



Breakfast consists of a variety of breads and pastries, fruit, cereal, yogurt, hot entrées, and eggs cooked to order. Lunches include a daily soup and salad selection, meats, cheeses, breads, condiments for sandwiches, hot entrées, and light desserts. Complimentary beverages include coffee, tea, and fruit punch, with milk and fruit juices offered at breakfast.

Dinners have a different theme every evening, featuring new and delicious soups, appetizers, salads, vegetables, starches, and hot entrées. Most nights also feature some type of specialty carving station. And there's always a selection of fabulous desserts to top off a great meal. Coffee, tea, and fruit punch are complimentary.



The new dining room also has an indoor bar for enjoying cocktails before dinner or espressos, lattes, or other specialty coffees after dessert.



Beach Nuts Bar (open for lunch, dinner, and evenings for beverages, sandwiches, appetizers, and small meals)

REEF DIVERS

REEF DIVERS is a full-service scuba diving operator, based at the Little Cayman Beach Resort. The company is the premier diver operator on Little Cayman. Reef Divers has a team of PADI and SSI certified dive professionals and is dedicated to ensuring the safety of divers and protecting the environment, while providing memorable diving adventures and exclusive valet diving services.

Reef Divers takes the work out of your diving—handling the heavy lifting and care of your boat-diver gear, from your first dive with us through your last dive (unless you'd prefer to do it yourself). They rinse, dry, and store your BCD and regulator daily, so they're set up and ready for your next day's diving. The only finger you'll have to lift is the one to point out your gear as you relax in the boat, ready to go diving.

At the top of the dock, we have separate rinse tanks for photo equipment, wetsuits, and general dive gear, plus a drying room for wetsuits so you don't have to take them to your room.



Cayman Islands diving is mostly current-free, which is optimal for new divers, divers who want to move at their own pace, and underwater photographers who may want to spend their entire dive at one location, waiting for the perfect shot.

All of the dive sites are moored, which marks the beginning and ending points of that dive. The dive masters will brief the location, establish dive limits, and draw a map of the tour they'll lead. As long as divers remain in buddy teams and stick with the predetermined limits, it's their option to follow the tour or go off on their own.



For those who follow, the tour lasts 35 to 40 minutes. By the time they're back at the mooring and know that the boat is overhead, most divers feel comfortable enough to continue exploring on their own until their time is up or they run low on air.

Reef Divers emphasizes safety first, followed by comfort. So, rather than you having to perform an unbalanced “tank dance” to get from your seat to the rear of the boat—with a 35-pound scuba tank on your back—we carry your gear for you and help you slip it on while you're seated. Then it's just one step into the Cayman Caribbean, where abundant marine life awaits your arrival.

With sheer underwater cliffs that plummet to unseen depths, generations of ocean divers have made Little Cayman Island Resort a leading Caribbean diving destination. From healthy reefs to the iconic Bloody Bay Wall, enjoy little to no current, unlimited visibility, jaw dropping swim throughs and plentiful marine life. Whether you go deep or stay shallow, diving Little Cayman Island is a bucket list experience.



All of the dive boats were custom built for safety and diver comfort by Newton Boats in Slidell, Louisiana. They're 42' to 46' in length, 16' wide, and conform to the highest standards established by the American Bureau of Shipping. They're powered by Caterpillar, John Deere, or Yanmar engines—all well-known and trusted for their power and dependability. Cruising at 20 mph, you'll quickly and comfortably arrive at dive sites.

Four boats in their fleet of 11 call Little Cayman their home port: Island Sister, Paradise Diver, Reef Fantasea, and Holiday Diver II. Each easily carries up to 20 divers and two crew members. In general, dive briefings begin at 7:45 AM for the morning 2-tank boat dives and at 1:45 PM for the afternoon 1-tank boat dives.

Also included is a morning boat dive to explore Cayman Brac's MV Captain Keith Tibbetts wreck and other great sites – weather permitting. After the dives we go ashore at Cayman Brac Beach Resort for lunch. The boat also stops for the afternoon 1-tank dive off Little Cayman before returning to Little Cayman Beach Resort.

Night boat dives are also available 2 nights per week based on weather conditions and interest at an additional cost.



Equipment Rental

Reef Divers offer a full array of newer well-maintained SCUBAPRO dive and snorkel gear available for rental on a daily basis. Tanks, weights, and weight belts are included in your dive package.

Nitrox: \$10 per tank / \$170 for 17 boat dives

All prices exclude tax.

Equipment Rental	USD
BCD & Regulator Only (per day)	\$ 35
Shorty Wetsuit (per day)	\$ 10
Wetsuit (per day)	\$ 15
Mask / Fins / Snorkel (per day)	\$ 15
Dive Computer (REQUIRED)	Complimentary

PLEASE NOTE that if your last dive was longer than 6 months ago and less than 2 years, we highly recommend you do a pool check or refresher course at your local dive shop before you arrive.

Depending on your experience and date of your last dive, you might be required to do either a Shallow dive first or do an assessment at the start of the dive.

Scuba Dive Safety

Every diver should carry an audible signal device such as a whistle or Dive Alert horn, along with devices capable of being seen from far away in the day or night, such as a flashing strobe, mirror or dive light, and an inflatable signal tube ("safety sausage").

Every diver is also **required** to have and use a dive computer on each and every dive. Each diver is responsible for his/her own dive profile, bottom times, nitrogen loading and No Decompression Times. In addition, Nitrox divers are responsible for their own PO2 times.

Divers Alert Network:
001-919-684-9111

GRAND CAYMAN

(Additional information for those who may be interested in going early or staying late on your own)

Nestled in the Caribbean Sea, Cosmopolitan Grand Cayman is the largest and westernmost of the three Cayman Islands. It offers a wealth of activities, accommodations and attractions. It is approximately 76 square miles, 22 miles long and home to over 50,000 residents.

Whether you are looking for complete relaxation, exquisite dining, exciting nightlife, or the awesome underwater sights of our oh-so-accessible reefs, they have something for everyone, the water the beach discover the nature that makes it 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? They 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 district 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 the nearby restaurants when you're out this way. After all, the flavors are second only to the tales told here.

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.

LITTLE CAYMAN

You know that remote island wonderland you always see in films and read about in books? It's here. At only ten miles long and one mile wide, there may be more peace and quiet per-square-inch on Little Cayman than anywhere else. Bask on empty beaches with soft sand and only the sound of the breeze rustling the palm trees. Then, take a bike or a scooter up and down the shore.

Venture to South Hole Sound Lagoon for a private swim in water that is every shade of blue. Or row out to the unofficial fourth island in Cayman. Just a kayak away off the coast of Little Cayman, Owen Island offers seascapes in their purest form, making you feel as if you were the last person on the planet.

On land, peaceful Little Cayman offers a calm, serene landscape where the bustle of the birds at the Booby Pond Nature Reserve may be the loudest commotion on land. Perhaps Little Cayman is so calm because all the activity is set aside for the fish in the surrounding reefs. Bloody Bay Wall Marine Park is one of the most popular dives in existence.

Rumored to be named for bloody pirate battles that took place in the area, Bloody Bay Wall is the Caribbean's most breathtaking drop-off and world-renowned wall dive. Beginning at a shallow depth of 20 feet running parallel to the shoreline before plunging dramatically into a clear blue abyss over 5,000 feet and an average visibility of 200 feet, Bloody Bay gives divers the opportunity to glimpse Cayman's underwater life in a dramatic backdrop. Amazing sea life including sponges in various colors of citrine, emerald, ruby and sapphire; large fan corals, Nassau groupers, green turtles, triggerfish, sharks and stingrays and turtles are viewed against the stunning backdrop of Bloody Bay Wall. Many dive operations claim the late Philippe Cousteau declared Bloody Bay Wall to be one of the three best dives in the world.

Little Cayman is the least populous island of the three, with a permanent population of about 160 (2021) including seasonal residents/homeowners. The majority of the population are expatriate workers from Jamaica, the Philippines, and Honduras and from other Latin American countries as well as Canada, the USA, India, Australia, Scotland, England, and South Africa. There are a handful of local Caymanians estimated as fewer than 20.

There are no large or predatory or poisonous animals or creatures if you decide to go exploring. There are some non-fatal poisonous plants for which contact can result in an itchy rash.

Despite its small size, the island hosts a heritage festival and parade as part of Pirates Week, (November) and the annual LC Agriculture Show (May) which also occurs on all three Islands, but at different dates in that same month.

Little Cayman has one grocery-and-hardware store, one online grocery delivery store, one liquor store, one bank (CNB opens on Mondays and Thursdays) a 24hr ATM with CI\$ and US\$ cash, three full-service restaurants, and one local food delivery service, two churches, and two-car rental operations and also an 11-seat mini-bus with transport/taxi service which offers pick up and drop off to beaches, bars, restaurants, and the airport as well as land tours and food delivery.

There are four small souvenir/resort wear shops. It is served by the Edward Bodden Airfield, a two-man police force, a five-man fire crew with one truck and rescue boat, a full-time postmaster, a power station operated by Cayman Brac Power and Light, a clinic staffed by two nurses, and a one-room school whose enrollment is usually in single digits. Cellular phone service offered by LIME and Digicel has almost completely eliminated reliance on landlines, which many residents maintain primarily to

allow them to connect to the Internet, which can only be accessed by ADSL. There are certain areas on the North East side that get no reception. The water is safe to drink as all resorts have reverse osmosis desalination for drinking, bathing, and cooking. Cistern or spring water is used for other dwellings and buildings. There is no shortage of potable drinking water. There is a weekly food supply by sea or air, electricity (110V), gasoline, diesel, and propane gas.

CLOTHING

Clothing in the Caribbean is very casual. During the winter months, we suggest you bring light sweater with you. Comfortable, flat-heeled walking shoes, such as sneakers, are recommended all year round so that you can safely explore the archeological zones and islands

CUISINE

Sitting down at the tables of the Cayman Islands, it's easy to understand why it is the culinary capital of the Caribbean. Add the authentic dishes of our islands to the mix, include seafood shacks and five-star restaurants, and you have everything you need for a foodie's dream vacation or holiday.

Sample the best of what the Caribbean capital of cuisine has to offer on your trip to the Cayman Islands. Grand Cayman restaurants specialize in everything from fine dining cuisine to delicious seafood caught just offshore.

CULTURE

Although the island has close historical and political connections to the United Kingdom, the culture and lifestyle of the Cayman Islands is strongly Americanized. There is a daily newspaper, a government-owned radio station, and a monthly news magazine.

The Cayman Islands National Museum in George Town traces the islands' seafaring history. The Cayman National Cultural Foundation, which depends on a combination of private and government funding, sponsors programs in the arts and maintains the F.J. Harquail Cultural Centre on Grand Cayman, the main venue for local and visiting companies.

The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands is primarily an education organization that promotes the visual arts of the islands and sponsors local and international exhibitions of Caymanian art.

Theatrical performances and art exhibits are also held by community organizations, and many residents engage in craft work, especially the making of jewelry from black coral. Outdoor recreation centers around the islands' extensive beaches and clear coastal waters.

The music of the Cayman Islands, a Caribbean Island chain, encompasses a diverse range of international pop and folk influences. The Cayman National Cultural Foundation, founded in 1984, aids in preserving and promoting Cayman folk music through events such as the Cayman Islands International Storytelling Festival, Cayman JazzFest, Seafarers Festival, and Cayfest.

A Pirate's Week Festival is also held. The Cayman JazzFest, which began in 2004, is a well-known jazz festival that celebrates the islands' "strong connection" to jazz. "God Save the Queen" is the official national anthem of the Cayman Islands. The official national song is "Beloved Isle Cayman," written and performed by organist Leila Ross-Shier.

GEOGRAPHY

The islands are in the western Caribbean Sea and are the peaks of an undersea mountain range called the Cayman Ridge (or Cayman Rise). This ridge flanks the Cayman Trough, 20,000 ft deep which lies 3.7 miles to the south. The islands lie in the northwest of the Caribbean Sea, east of Quintana Roo, Mexico and Yucatán State, Mexico, northeast of Costa Rica, north of Panama, south of Cuba and west of Jamaica. They are situated about 430 miles south of Miami, 470 miles east of Mexico, 227 miles south of Cuba, and about 310 miles northwest of Jamaica.

Grand Cayman is by far the largest, with an area of 76 square miles. Grand Cayman's two "sister islands", Cayman Brac and Little Cayman, are about 75 miles east north-east of Grand Cayman and have areas of 14.7 and 11.0 square miles respectively.

The nearest land mass from Grand Cayman is the Canarreos Archipelago (150 miles away), whereas the nearest from the easternmost island Cayman Brac is the Jardines de la Reina archipelago (100 miles away) – both of which are part of Cuba.



All three islands were formed by large coral heads covering submerged ice-age peaks of western extensions of the Cuban Sierra Maestra range and are mostly flat. One notable exception to this is The Bluff on Cayman Brac's eastern part, which rises to 141 feet above sea level, the highest point on the islands.

The terrain is mostly a low-lying limestone base surrounded by coral reefs. The portions of prehistoric coral reef that line the coastline and protrude from the water are referred to as *ironshore*.

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.