

CRC International SCUBA Trip to GRAND CAYMAN

March 17 - 24, 2018

The mission of the Georgia Tech Campus Recreation SCUBA program, in partnership with Georgia Tech Professional Education and the Division of Student Life is to Educate and Inspire Environmental and Multicultural Awareness through our training, certification programs, and certification trips.

Trip Details:

- **Who:** GT Students, Faculty, Staff, and GT Community
- **When:** Saturday, March 17 through Saturday, March 24, 2018 **(7 Nights)**
- **Where:** Grand Cayman - current **PASSPORT REQUIRED!**
Sunset House - <http://www.sunsethouse.com/>
- **Payments:** **November 1, 2017 - \$500. deposit/person**
(Due) January 31, 2018 - remaining balance
- **Costs*:** **Diver Package**

- \$1725. (GT Student - excluding RT airfare to Grand Cayman [GC])
- \$1825. (NON-GT Student - excluding RT airfare to GC)

Non-Diver Package

- \$1090. (GT Student - excluding RT airfare to GC)
- \$1190. (NON-GT Student - excluding RT airfare to GC)

Package Includes:

- 7-nights hotel, 2-person/room occupancy
- 5-days of 2-tank boats dives
- USS Kittiwake and Stingray City dives (weather permitting)
- Unlimited shore diving
- Free Nitrox (for those certified)
- Round trip Grand Cayman airport transfers to hotel
- Made-to-order Breakfast and Lunch daily
- Pizza party
- Island Tour
- Trip T-shirt
- Government tax and service charges

Airfare Options (not included in package):

- \$437.34 - Group fare - Miami to Grand Cayman roundtrip.
Responsible for getting to Miami on your own, or flying directly in to GC.

Certification Fee

- \$125. (GT Instructor(s) will be on the trip - fee for checkout dives and certification paperwork for those needing to complete their Scuba 1 or Scuba 2/Advanced open water check-out dives for certification)

Equipment Rental (if needed)

- \$75. (Individuals **NOT** in the training program wanting to rent gear for the trip. Based on equipment availability and is not prorated per item.)
- Participants in the GT training program can checkout equipment at **no additional charge - DO NOT pay for equipment if getting certified.**

- **Info Sessions:** Held in CRC, room 240 from 6:00-7:00pm
- W, 9/27 - T, 10/3 - W, 10/11 - T, 10/17
- **Register:** <http://www.mycrc.gatech.edu/> - must set up an account (membership) first
- **Contact:** Debbie Dorsey, Director of Administration - Student Life
debbie.dorsey@studentlife.gatech.edu or 404 385-1562
- **Pre-trip Mtg:** Meeting with required water session to check skills and equipment - TBD - week prior to spring break - 6pm
- **Insurance:** DAN Insurance required for all divers - proof of insurance required prior to departure - <http://www.dan.org/>
- **Trip Ins.** Highly encouraged, but not required. **NO REFUNDS** after 12/13/17.
DAN or DiveAssure - <http://www.diveassure.com/>
Can use others if you choose.

Trip Itinerary:

Day 1 - Saturday, 3/17

- AM Depart Miami to Grand Cayman on Cayman Airways (arrive in GC by 1:30pm)
 - Flight 123T depart Miami 11:05A, arrive GC 12:55P
 - Responsible for getting to Miami on your own, or flying directly to GC
- 1:30pm Transportation to hotel from airport
- 2:00pm Check in to hotel - Sunset House, Lunch?
- 3:00pm Quick group meeting to prep for afternoon check-out shore dives
- 3:30pm Shore Dives
 - Certified divers - acclimation shore dive in buddy teams and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels
 - Scuba 1 students - checkout dives 1&2
 - Scuba 2 advanced students - dive 1 Peak Buoyancy
- 7:00pm Dinner (not included)

Day 2 - Sunday, 3/18

- 7:00am Breakfast (included)
- 8:00am Morning shore dives
 - Certified divers will dive in buddy teams (led & not led) and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels
 - Scuba 1 students - checkout dives 3&4
 - Scuba 2 advanced students - dive 2 Navigation
- 12:00pm Lunch (included)
- 1:00pm 2-tank boat dives - meet as group, location - TBD
 - Certified divers will dive in buddy teams (led & not led) and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels
 - Scuba 1 students - now certified but with DM led dives
 - Scuba 2 advanced students - DM led dives
- 7:00pm Dinner (not included)

Certification dives for Open Water Diver and/or Advanced Open Water Diver.
All diving locations and proposed dives are subject to change as a result of inclement weather and/or safety.

Day 3 - Monday, 3/19

- 7:00am Breakfast (included)
- 8:00am 2-tank boat dives
 - All divers - dive as desired (led and non-led) no training this morning
- 12:00pm Lunch (included)
- 1:00pm Afternoon shore dives
 - Certified divers - dive as desired
 - Scuba 2 advanced students - dive 3 Search & Salvage
 - Free time for those not diving
- 7:00pm Dinner (not included)

Day 4 - Tuesday, 3/20

- 7:00am Breakfast (included)
- 8:00am 2-Tank boat dive - meet as group (Possibly Kittiwake?)
 - Certified divers - dive as desired (led and non-led)
 - Scuba 2 advanced students - dive 4 Deep Dive
- 12:00pm Lunch (included)
- 1:00pm Afternoon shore dives or FREE to site see, pool time/beach - ENJOY!
 - Certified divers - dive as desired (led and non-led)
- 7:00pm Group-led shore **Night Dive OR** Dinner (not included)
 - Certified divers - optional, dive as desired (led and non-led)
 - Scuba 2 advanced students - dive 5 Night Dive

Day 5 - Wednesday, 3/21

- 7:00am Breakfast (included)
- 8:00am 2-Tank boat dive - meet as group
 - Certified divers - dive as desired (led and non-led)
- 12:00pm Lunch (included)
- 1:00pm Afternoon shore dives or FREE to site see, pool time/beach - ENJOY!
 - Certified divers - dive as desired (led and non-led)
- 7:00pm Group-led shore **Night Dive OR** Dinner (not included)
 - Certified divers - optional, dive as desired (led and non-led)

Day 6 - Thursday, 3/22

- 7:00am Breakfast (included)
- 8:00am 2-Tank boat dive - meet as group (possibly Stingray City)
 - Certified divers - dive as desired (led and non-led)
- 12:00pm Lunch (included)
- 1:00pm Afternoon shore dives or FREE to site see, pool time/beach - ENJOY!
 - Certified divers - dive as desired (led and non-led)
- 7:00pm Group-led shore **Night Dive OR** Dinner (not included)
 - Certified divers - optional, dive as desired (led and non-led)

Day 7 - Friday, 3/23

- 7:00am Breakfast (included)
- 8:00am Morning shore dives - meet as group
 - Certified divers - dive as desired (led and non-led)

~ NO MORE DIVING AFTER 12PM ~
- 12:00pm Lunch (included)
- 1:00pm Afternoon island exploring (7-mile beach, turtle Farm, Hell, etc...)
- 7:00pm Dinner (not included)
 - Suggest group dinner for final night (optional) - at the Wharf Restaurant

Day 8 – Saturday, 3/24

- 7:00am Breakfast (included)
- 8-10am Check-out
- AM/PM Depart for airport – GC to Miami (transportation provided)
 - Will determine time back to airport once all flights are booked
 - Group airfare – Flight 104T depart GC 1:40P, arrive Miami 4:10P
 - Book flight out of Miami at least 1.5 – 2 hours after landing in Miami

Trip Information

GT Gear Check-out/in and/or Rental:

- Individuals enrolled in the GT SCUBA training program are allowed to check out gear for the trip at **no additional charge – DO NOT pay to rent gear on the website if you are a participant getting certified on the trip.**
- This includes wetsuit, BC, regulator, mask/fins/snorkel/boots, and dive light.
- Individuals **NOT** in the training program but wanting to rent gear for the trip can do so for \$75. (Based on equipment availability and is not prorated per item.)
- Equipment checkout will be handled at the Pre-trip meeting – TBD week before trip
- All gear must be returned between 4 – 6pm on Monday, March 26, 2018.

What you need to know about Grand Cayman:

- International calls are expensive! Check w/ your provider for specific charges per phone, text and email. However, the hotel has free Wi-Fi in select areas.
- GC has its own currency but is interchangeable with U.S. currency.
- Grand Cayman's official language is English.
- Direct flight from Atlanta to GC is approximately 2.5-3 hours.
- Food and water are considered safe to eat and drink!
- Has a 24-hour hyperbaric decompression chamber and air ambulance service located in George Town – 345 949-8600, as well as a private hospital and other medical facilities.
- GC is on EST; however, they do not recognize DST – 1 hour behind Atlanta.
- Tipping guidelines – Much like the US – 15% in restaurants, 20% if service is exceptional. Typically done at the end of the trip – Wait staff (15-20%), Boat Captain and Dive Crew (\$10-20/day), and Housekeeping staff (\$1-2/day).
- <http://www.caymanislands.ky/> – official website

What to bring:

- International participants – **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to make sure you complete all necessary travel documents to allow you to visit Grand Cayman and return. **ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME TO OBTAIN REQUIRED PAPERWORK** prior to departure, as there are no refunds.
- Pack light, casual clothes – temperature will range between mid 70's to high 80's.
- SCUBA Gear – M/F/S, boots, wet suit, regulator, BC, dive light – extra batteries!
- SUNSCREEN
- A couple bathing suits
- Dive log book
- Certified Divers – must bring your certification cards!
- DAN card
- Toiletries
- Spending money
- Camera and batteries!
- Motion Sickness Medicine

* All equipment checked out **MUST** be returned in the same condition, and thoroughly cleaned and rinsed in fresh water, water drained from BC, dust caps on, wet suits cleaned, etc. A repair/replacement fee will be assessed for equipment damaged or lost.