

CRC International SCUBA Trip to Cozumel, Mexico

March 16 - 23, 2024

The mission of the Georgia Tech Campus Recreation SCUBA program, in partnership with 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 16 through Saturday, March 23, 2024 (7 Nights)
- **Where:** Cozumel, Mexico - current **PASSPORT REQUIRED!**
Wyndham Cozumel Hotel & Resort - <https://www.cozumelhotel.com.mx/>
- **Payments:** **November 17, 2023 - \$500. deposit/person (non-refundable)**
(Due) January 8, 2024 - remaining balance

- **Costs*:**

Diver Package

- \$1595. (GT Student - excluding RT airfare to Cozumel)
- \$1695. (NON-GT Student - excluding RT airfare to Cozumel)

Non-Diver Package

- \$1095. (GT Student - excluding RT airfare to Cozumel)
- \$1195. (NON-GT Student - excluding RT airfare to Cozumel)

Package Includes:

- 7-nights hotel, 2-person/room occupancy
- 5-days of 2-tank boats dives (option to purchase more)
- Round trip Cozumel airport/hotel transfers
- All-inclusive meals & non-alcoholic beverages - breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Trip Shirt
- Gratuities for hotel staff
- Government tax and service charges

Package **does not** include (with options to purchase dives/tanks on site):

- Airfare - must make own arrangements to get to Cozumel
- \$2/day/room Eco Tax - paid on site, directly to the hotel
- Marine Park fee - Ave. \$5.39/day, paid to dive shop on site
- \$15/tank for shore diving (can be purchased once there also)
- \$15/tank for Nitrox (must be nitrox certified to purchase)
- \$60/Afternoon 1-tank dive
- \$80/Night Dive (Advanced checkout divers are required to purchase)
- \$135/2-tank twilight/night boat dive

Certification Fee

- \$150. (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 certification on the trip)

Equipment Rental (if needed)

- \$90. (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:** CRC room 147/134 from 6:00-7:00pm (only need to come to one session)
- M, 11/3 - T, 11/14 - Th, 11/16
- **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 1/12/24.
DAN or DiveAssure - <http://www.diveassure.com/>
Can use others if you choose.

Trip Itinerary (specific dives subject to change):

Day 1 - Saturday, 3/16

- AM Depart for Cozumel, Mexico (arrive in Cozumel by 1:30pm or earlier)
- 11-1:30pm Transportation to hotel from airport (depending on your arrival time)
- 2:00pm Check into hotel - Wyndham Cozumel, Lunch if time allows?
- 2:30pm Quick group meeting to prep for afternoon check-out shore dives
- 2:30/3pm 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

Day 2 - Sunday, 3/17

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:30am 2-tank boat dives
 - Certified divers will dive in buddy teams and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels
 - Scuba 1 students - checkout dives 3&4
 - Scuba 2 advanced students - dive with group
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Afternoon available for additional diving
 - Certified divers will dive in buddy teams and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels
 - Scuba 1 students - now certified but dives led by DM's if diving
 - Scuba 2 advanced students - shore, dive 2 Search & Recovery, dive 3 Navigation
- 7:00pm Dinner

Day 3 - Monday, 3/18

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:30am 2-tank boat dives
 - Certified divers will dive in buddy teams and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience level
 - Scuba 1 students - now certified but dives led by DM's if diving

Day 3 - Monday, 3/18 (continued)

- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Afternoon open/available for additional diving
 - Free time (for those wanting more diving it is extra, check dive tables too)
- 6:00pm 1-tank night boat dive (Advanced required)
 - Certified divers - not included in pkg. but optional to purchase
 - Scuba 2 advanced students - dive 4 Night Dive
- 7:00pm Dinner for those not diving
- 8:30/9pm Dinner for those diving

Day 4 - Tuesday, 3/19

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:30am 2-tank boat dives
 - Certified divers will dive in buddy teams and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels
 - Scuba 1 students - now certified but dives led by DM's if diving
 - Scuba 2 advanced students - dive 5 Deep Dive
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Afternoon open/available for additional diving
 - Free time (for those wanting more diving it is extra, check dive tables too)
 - Certified divers will dive in buddy teams and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels
 - Scuba 1 students - now certified but dives led by DM's if diving
- 6:30pm Night Dive - Shore or Boat - TBD
- 7:00pm Dinner (for those not night diving)

Day 5 - Wednesday, 3/20

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:30am 2-tank boat dives
 - Certified divers will dive in buddy teams and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels
 - Scuba 1 students - now certified but dives led by DM's if diving
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Afternoon/Evening open
 - Free time (for those wanting more diving it is extra, check dive tables too)
 - Possibly service project
- 7:00pm Dinner

Day 6 - Thursday, 3/21

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:30am 2-tank boat dive
 - Certified divers will dive in buddy teams and within the safe parameters of their skill and experience levels
 - Scuba 1 students - now certified but dives led by DM's if diving
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Afternoon/Evening open
 - Free time (for those wanting more diving it is extra, check dive tables too)
- 7:00pm Dinner

Day 7 - Friday, 3/22

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:30am Optional diving, additional expense - must be pre-arranged, possibly shore
~ **NO MORE DIVING AFTER 12PM** ~
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Afternoon island exploration (transportation on our own)
- 7:00pm Dinner
 - Suggest group dinner off-site for final night (optional) - at Casa Mission, additional expense

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 8 - Saturday, 3/23

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8-11am Check-out, depending on departure time
- AM/PM Depart for airport - coordinate with group, meet in main lobby
- 12:00pm Lunch (if still here)

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 \$90. (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 25, 2024.

What you need to know about Cozumel:

- 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.
- Cozumel's official currency is the Mexican Peso, but they accept U.S. currency.
- Spanish is the official language in Cozumel.
- Direct flight from Atlanta to Cozumel is approximately 2-2.5 hours.
- Food and water are considered safe to eat and drink at the hotel, caution off site!
- Has a 24-hour hyperbaric chamber located at the Cozumel International Hospital in San Miguel de Cozumel +52 987 872 1431.
- Cozumel is on EST, same as Atlanta
- Tipping guidelines - Much like the US - 15% in restaurants off site, 20% if service is exceptional. Gratuities for Bell staff, Wait staff, and Housekeepers are included in the package. Boat Captain and Dive Crew (\$10-20/day) suggested, collected as group at the end of the trip.
- <http://www.cozumel.net/> - 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 Cozumel 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.