

# EPIC DIVING

## Know Before You Go | Frequently Asked Questions

### Travel Details

Divers should plan their travel into **Grand Bahama International Airport** located in Freeport. The airport code is **FPO**. You will need to take a taxi to the hotel which is about 45 minutes away and costs between \$60 - 80 USD.

### Hotel/Marina

Our dive boat is located at **Blue Marlin Cove** in Bootle Bay on the West End of Grand Bahama Island. The address is 1 Bootle Bay, West End, Grand Bahama. You can find photos and details of the resort on our website. These are fully furnished condos with no daily maid service.

### Weather

You may want to pack a few things for those chilly nights. The average temperatures range from 16 °C - 28 °C (64 °F - 80 °F) with the colder temperatures in the evening time. After several days of diving, you might find a lightweight sweater/jacket was a good idea!



## Your Trip Is Fast Approaching!

We are extremely excited to welcome you to an unforgettable dive trip to the world famous Tiger Beach! You chose an excellent time of year to visit Grand Bahama and see the Tiger Sharks. We wanted to take the opportunity to share some more details about the trip/itinerary. Please read over this document in its entirety. If you have any other specific questions, don't hesitate to reach out.





## Dive Requirements

- Dive Certification
- Full length wetsuit
- Gloves
- Dark colors/Black preferred. Bright/flashy colors discouraged. Small accent colors acceptable.

## Photo Tips

- **Go Wide.** The sharks are big and get close so you'll do well with a wide angle lens
- **Strobes** are allowed and a good idea despite shallow, clear water with abundant ambient light.
- Don't forget **chargers and spare batteries.**
- Pack plenty of **storage** for your digital media.
- **Rental cameras** are available. Let us know in advance if you would like to reserve one.

## *Dive Accident and Travel Insurance:*

**We strongly recommend** dive accident insurance such as those offered by DAN and DiveAssure, in addition to **separate dive travel/trip insurance**. There are no refunds for lost days of diving due to weather cancellations, natural disaster, mechanical breakdown, air supply failure, travel delays, luggage/equipment issues, or personal injury. Trip insurance will protect you if you are prevented from making your trip in the event of unforeseen circumstances with you, the airline, or dive boat from making the scheduled itinerary. Here are a few links to purchase dive travel insurance:

[Divers Alert Network](#)  
[CSA](#)

[DiveAssure](#)  
[Travel Guard](#)

## *Water Temperature/Dive Conditions:*

On average, the water temperature ranges between 24 °C - 27 °C (76 °F - 80 °F). Full wetsuits (no shorty's) are required and we suggest 3mm to 5mm. Most of the diving is static/stationary where divers will be overweighted and arranged in a line on the sand. The diving is shallow, between 6 - 10 meters (20 - 30 feet). Long dives and limited movement could lead to getting cold.

## *Dive Gear:*

Rental gear is not included in your trip package unless specifically arranged in advance. We have limited rental gear so please contact us to confirm availability if you need gear. We recommend guests bring their own masks, fins, and full-length wetsuits. Gloves are also required for the diving and we do have plenty of spares on the boat.

## *Paperwork/Documentation:*

It is the responsibility of each guest to ensure that they are traveling with proper documentation including required passports and visas. Please take a moment to fill out and return our [Liability Waiver](#). It is easier and faster to fill it out online and return by email in advance.

## Basics

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- Ensure you are traveling with all **proper paperwork** including passports and Visas if needed.
- Please remember to bring your **dive certification, mosquito repellent, and sea sickness medication** if needed.
- Stop at a store **on the way from the airport** to pick up supplies like water, snacks, food, etc..
- All **electrical** outlets are US standard 120V.
- **WiFi** is available in the hotel lobby, restaurant, and poolside but not in the individual guest rooms.
- Remember to pack essential dive gear including **spare batteries** as there is limited charging ability while out diving.
- **Laundry** is available in each condo unit. Stop at a store to pick up detergent on the way from the airport.

## Health & Safety

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Thresher boasts large medical and trauma kits. The crew is trained in basic first aid and are equipped with bandaging and splinting supplies, oxygen and automated external defibrillator (AED). Please alert the crew if you have any safety/medical concerns.

### *Meals:*

Lunch is included on the dive days. Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions or allergies. No other meals are included in the diving packages. There is a restaurant at the resort. Each of the condo units features a full kitchen if you prefer to prepare your own meals. You can ask your taxi driver to stop at a store for supplies on the way to the hotel from the airport. There are no other restaurants or stores within walking distance of the hotel, so this is the most convenient time to grab food, water, snacks and/or other supplies.

### *Currency:*

The Bahamian dollar and US dollar are accepted everywhere at an even exchange. Credit cards are not accepted everywhere so you will need to travel with cash. Taxi drivers only accept cash. Credit cards are widely accepted in the Freeport area but not always on the West End of the island. Credit card processing fees of up to 6% can be expected. Banks/ATMs are also limited on the West End of the island.

### *Other:*

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any additional questions or concerns. You may find more details on our website here:

[Tiger Beach Package](#)

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