

## **Gardens of the Queen / Havana:**

### **Dive Research & Cultural Exploration**

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Enjoy 6 days in Jardines de la Reina (Queen's Gardens), Cuba's ultimate shark paradise. Dive with schools of more than 60 Silky sharks and Caribbean Reef sharks. Snorkel in ethereal mangroves. Encounter Goliath Groupers over 500 pounds. Observe docile, juvenile crocodiles. Enjoy a native Jutia (furry island animals). Kayak in pristine Cayos. PLUS, enjoy 4 nights in Havana. This is the best of Cuba Above & Below. Enjoy the most welcoming people, full cultural immersion and dive research.

### **What's Included:**

- 6 Nights on Gardens of the Queen Live-Aboard
- All Meals on Live-Aboard (including fresh seafood)
- 15 ULTRA SPECTACULAR Dives
- Unlimited Snorkeling
- 4 Nights in a Havana 5-star Private Bed & Breakfast
- Fresh breakfast, exotic fruit and Cuban coffee (daily)
- Ground Transfer Havana-Jucaro-Jardines-Havana
- Farewell Havana Cultural Live Music, Lobster Dinner and Alcoholic Drink
- Authentic Cabaret Show at the Iconic Hotel Nacional in Havana
- 1950s American Antique Car Ride in Havana
- Panoramic Tour of Havana, Vedado & Miramar
- Havana / Vedado Architectural Walking Tour
- Art show & night club tickets to the new Fabrique venue in Havana
- Use of English Speaking Havana Guide / Concierge
- Choose Your Activities /Schedule from Our List of Research Assignments Needed for Updating Our Latest Book
- Customized, Official Letter of Assignment to Travel to Cuba pursuant to U.S.Department of the Treasury General License 515.564 (a)(1) \*

## Where You Stay

### Choose Your Live-Aboard

Depending on your taste and number of travelers in your party, Jardines de la Reina offers a variety of live-aboard options. No matter which boat you choose, you'll be amazed by the ultra spectacular diving encounters.

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### Havana Five-Star Private Bed & Breakfast

Enjoy the prestigious neighborhood of Vedado at one of our favorite hand-picked, classy, five-star rated bed and breakfast built in the 1920s. You'll love the convenient location within walking distance to the famous Malecon sea wall, top-rated private restaurants and revolutionary parks. Savor the authentic, homemade breakfast, fresh exotic fruit and delicious Cuban coffee.

Meticulously and lovingly restored, a historic Havana mansion will be your home base to topside exploration and cultural research. The best part is your English speaking host and private concierge.

## Sample Itinerary

### Day 1: Arrive Havana

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Feel the exhilaration and excitement as you step off the plane in CUBA! Look for your personal name as you exit the airport where your private airport transfer will be waiting to take you to your historic Havana mansion. Relax & refresh while you take in your surroundings. Enjoy dinner & cocktails(on your own) at one of our recommended private restaurants just a 5-minute stroll away.

- Private airport transfer included
- Accommodations included

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## Days 2-7: Dive Research – Gardens of the Queen

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See the landscape on your transfer across the island to Jardines de la Reina - where you'll be one of the few guests in this natural preserve. Here, your full time research schedule will be focused on dive research for the 2nd edition of the Diving Guide: Cuba Scuba. You'll have 15 dives at spectacular dive sites where you'll write about (and/or) photograph the marine life based on your area of expertise. Enjoy *the best* diving in Cuba with schools of silky sharks, Caribbean reef sharks, abundant fish and vibrant coral. Enjoy 600-pound groupers who follow your dive group as if they were dogs. Snorkel with juvenile (docile) Cuban crocodiles in deserted mangroves. Feed, indigenous "jutia" (cute, furry creatures who'll eat mangos out of your hand). Observe iguanas lounge on the cayo beaches.

- Breakfast included
- Transfer to Gardens of the Queen included
- Live-aboard accommodations included
- 15 spectacular dives included
- All meals included
- 8 soft drinks per day included
- Unlimited snorkeling included
- Visit to mangroves included (visit with indigenous, furry little "jutia", marine iguanas and more)
- Gazing at pristine stars and untouched cays included daily

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## Days 8-10: Cultural Research - Havana

The last weekend of your trip, you will continue your research focused on topside cultural activities and private restaurant research for the 2nd edition of the Diving Guide: Cuba Scuba. You'll enjoy a panoramic tour of Havana and Miramar, architectural walking tour of Havana / Vedado, Cuban Art show at Fabrique. Visit the iconic, breathtaking Hotel Nacional for a surreal Cuban cabaret show, ride in a 1950's American Classic car and enjoy a

farewell lobster dinner with live cultural music. Plus, much more you can choose from the list of our research activities in Havana.

- Breakfast daily included
- Transfer from Gardens of the Queen to Havana included
- 3 nights accommodations in Havana Historic private mansion (bed & breakfast) included
- Farewell lobster dinner included
- Authentic Cuban Cabaret show included
- 1950's American classic car ride included
- Walking tour of Vedado included
- Panoramic, open air bus tour through Havana included
- Tickets to Cuban art show exhibit / night club with traditional salsa music included

### **Optional:**

Extend your stay in Havana for just \$45 per night, per person (including breakfast).

### **Travel with Freedom & Confidence**

*Included in your Cuba package is your research binder with your customized OFAC supporting documentation, travel reservations, transfers, arrangements, itinerary in Cuba, Insider traveler information & tips, FAQ's, Maps detailing our hand-selected research activities which are planned around the most fun things to do and learn in Cuba. Also included is a photography shot list with suggested locations and landmarks. You decide what's most important to you and how you'd like to explore. The research provides a fun way to get around and see the best experiences while doing something worthwhile to help future travelers. Enjoy the freedom to explore Cuba with the assurance that your arrangements are handled professionally.*

Plus, when you return, you can clear US customs with confidence by demonstrating how the purpose of your Cuba visit complies with general travel license 515.564 for Professional Research.