



Jardines Aggressor, Cuba

March 23-April 1, 2017

Learn about Cuba's unique marine environment during an Oceans for Youth Foundation People-to-People educational program. You will spend two hotel nights at the 5-star Parque Central Hotel in Havana, and will visit with Cuban scientists and marine experts about ocean conservation and cultural exchanges.



One of these will include a presentation by world renowned expert, Dr. Julio A. Baisre. Interactive exchanges will discuss how Cuba has maintained one of the healthiest marine ecosystems in the Caribbean. Travelers will visit the town of Cojimar and Habana Vieja before spending a week on the *Jardines Aggressor* liveaboard.

Aboard the *Jardines Aggressor* liveaboard you will explore the spectacular Gardens of the Queen National Park. You can expect to see pristine coral reefs, steep walls dropping from the reef to the abyss, large populations of adult fish including sharks, jewfish up to 400 lbs, snapper, grouper and much more.

There are many different species of sharks you will see including; nurse, black tip, lemon, silky and the great hammerhead. During the week, biologists and Cuban specialists will host discussions and presentations on the marine environment, conservation, and the importance of this magnificent ecosystem.

Due to Cuba Travel Program restrictions, this trip is different from our regular trips that we have been trying to wrap our arms around regarding the strict policies. Under the US economic embargo of Cuba, travel to Cuba by US citizens for tourism is strictly prohibited. However, the US Government permits licensed "people-to-people" educational trips. Under this program, "each traveler must have a full-time schedule of educational exchange activities that will result in meaningful interaction between the travelers and individuals in Cuba." Oceans For Youth has designed a full-time educational schedule in which travelers are required to participate in all activities, in compliance with the US Government rules for travel to Cuba.

The Trip at a Glance

Departs March 23, 2017

Returns April 1, 2017

Duration 10 Days/9 Nights

Cost As follows (subject to change):

- \$5,204/Deluxe (double)
- \$5,504/Master (single)

Deposit Deposit requirements are:

- Contact store for balance due dates and amounts
- No refunds will be given after the "Balance due" date unless we find someone to take your place, in which case a \$250 name change fee applies

included Price includes:

- Transfers
- Accommodations
- Meals
- Full day in Havana
- Diving
- Tanks, weights
- Conservation program

You Provide Not included in price:

- Airfare
- Port fee (\$190)
- Marine park fee (\$100)
- Departure tax (\$25)
- Personal dive gear
- Alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities
- Trip cancellation and dive insurance