

# CUBA Garden of the Queen 2023



Join us **June 24 – July 1, 2023** for a spectacular week diving the Garden of the Queen or Jardines de La Reina islands in Cuba. Situated roughly 60 miles South of Cuba's mainland lies a national park with pristine mangrove estuaries and coral reef walls and gardens. For the past 27 years, the archipelago is carefully managed and is said to be the most species rich destination in all the Caribbean. It's not unusual to see big schools of snappers, grunts, large groupers, tarpons, other unusual reef fishes, sharks, rays, turtles, crocodiles and stunning hard and soft corals.

Our cruise falls under the humanitarian and environmental projects general license category. This expedition begins in Havana, Cuba where we will meet up at the Iberostar, Parque Central Hotel for the road transfer pick up in a comfortable coach bus to Port Jucaro. We will board the roomy Jardines Avalon II, 136' steel ship with 10 deluxe cabins and 2 upper deck suites with balconies. All cabins have private bathrooms, AC with individual thermostats, and can be configured with two twins or one queen bed. There is plenty of room for cameras and we will be splitting the group into two large tenders that speed to the dive sites.

**PRICE Per Person:** \$3,500pp dbl occupancy for deluxe cabins, Single Occupancy \$6,600 pp and \$4,100pp dbl occupancy for 1 of 2 suites / w balconies

Non-divers less \$500pp

\*\*\*Fly-Fishing only charter plus guide for 1-2 persons max is ADD \$3,740 per week additional to the above charter rate of NON -DIVER \$3,000.00pp. They will come to the liveaboard in the dedicated fly fisherman skiffs and take you fishing. You can share the charter rate with one other fly fisherman or go private. This must be arranged well in advance to ensure availability of Fly boat and guide.

**INCLUDED:** 7-night accommodation aboard the JAll, 3 dives per day per person, NITROX, all meals and snacks while onboard, tanks and weights ,coffee, tea, filter water are unlimited, +6 drinks (alcohol, soda, juice, bottled water).

**NOT INCLUDED:** conservation fee, port & park fee, transfers to/from Havana to Jucaro, overnights in Havana, RT flights to Havana (HAV), Covid Tests, Medical Insurance, 4<sup>th</sup> dive per week, Gear Rental, Trip Insurance and Dive Insurance, tips, crew gratuities.

### **MANDATORY SUPPLEMENTS**

Port Fee \$240pp, supplemental health insurance \$100 (covers all medical, accommodations while in Cuba)

Conservation Fee \$120pp, RT HAV/Jucaro road transfers \$200pp

All supplements need to be confirmed and paid 90 days prior to travel

### **Travel info:**

June 22: Arrive in Havana (HAV) if doing one day land tour

June 22-23: Tour Havana

June 23: Arrive in Havana if not doing the tour

June 24: Transfer to Jucaro and board the Jardines Avalon II

June 25 – June 30: Diving in the Jardines de la Reina Marine Park

July 1: Disembark Jardines Avalon II and return to Havana

July 2: Fly home

\*\*\* ADD more days for additional time in HAVANA or other regions - please call me for suggestions.

A paid deposit and signed travel agreement required for confirmed reservation.

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### **FLIGHT INFO**

AMERICAN AIRLINES offer direct flights from MIAMI (MIA) to HAVANA (HAV) or JET BLUE from FortLauderdale (FLL) to HAVANA ( HAV), you will need to fly in one day prior (JUNE 23) and fly out one daypost charter (JULY 2) unless you can find a flights that departs from Havana late afternoon from 5PM onwards.



