

Grand Cayman / Cayman Brac / Little Cayman



Wrecks, Walls, Reefs, & Marine Life-All Part of

t's hard to imagine a destination that offers dive travelers more than the Cayman Islands. Underwater there is incredible diversity: colorful walls, shallow coral reefs, new and old wrecks, and friendly, photogenic marine life. Divers enjoy all of this in visibility that

Grand Cayman

averages 75 to 100 feet and water temperatures from 79° to 83°F.

Diving couldn't be easier anywhere. The topside dive services are state of the art and just as diverse as the underwater attractions. There is a dive operation to suit every need, every budget and every wish.

The three islands are very different. Little Cayman and Cayman Brac are sparsely populated and quiet. Grand Cayman offers a little of everything. The capital of George Town has every modern amenity but there are quiet, laidback areas as well.

While great dive destinations often require difficult travel, the Cayman Islands are easily reached—they're just a little more than an hour's jet flight from Miami.



The Cayman Islands' Underwater Wonderland





Prolific Marine Life Accompanied by U/W Formations and Wrecks Make Cayman a Diver's Dream Come True

Grand Cayman visitors can choose from a wonderland of more than 159 dive sites. It's all here: steep, deep walls adorned with sponges and corals in a stunning array of colors; shallow reefs filled with schooling and solitary fish and small invertebrates; and wrecks featuring photogenic structures and curious marine residents. There's also the World's Best 12 Foot Dive—unique Stingray City.

Whatever you're looking for in diving diversity can be found in the waters surrounding Grand Cayman.



Grand Cayman Dive Sites

CAYMAN ISLANDS DIVE SITES WALL DIVES W SHALLOW DIVES S WRECK DIVES WD

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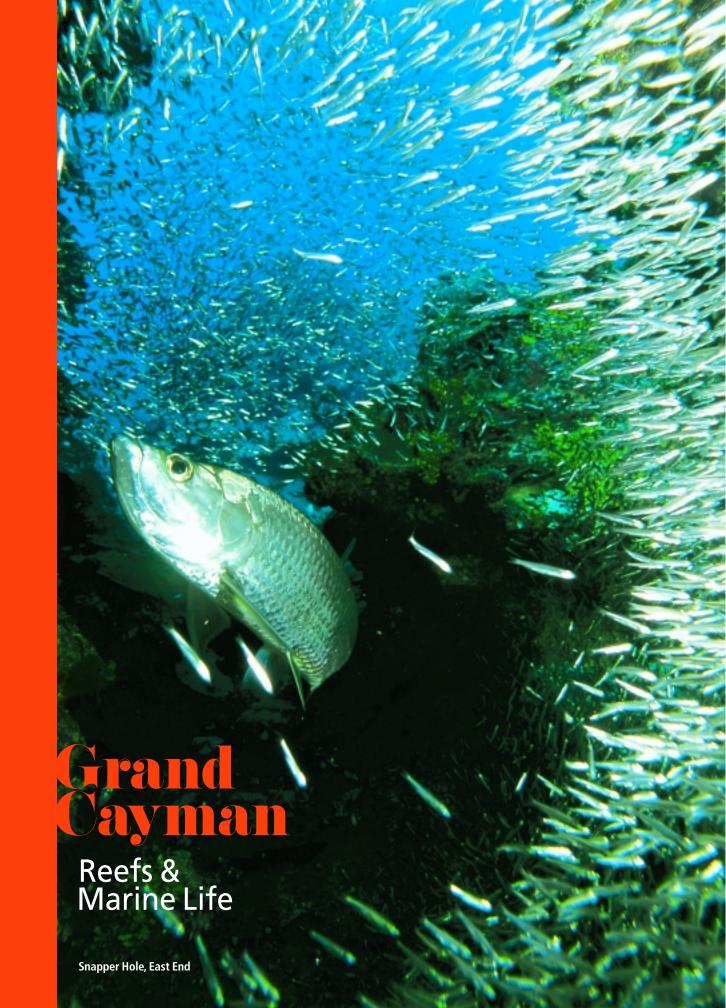
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Grand Cayman's reefs offer a variety of marine life encounters. The fish and critters are unafraid of divers, knowing we pose no threat. They don't flee when approached. Instead, silvery Tarpon hover motionless in midwater, surrounded by glittery Silversides, and French Angelfish

fin in close to check you out.
Huge Barrel Sponges and swirling schools of fish are common off Grand Cayman. These reefs are unspoiled; gorgonians and hard corals thrive in the clear, warm waters. And last but not least, most dives sites are just minutes offshore.



Marine Life Hotspots

Sandbar/North Sound
Stingray City/North Sound
Tarpon Alley/North Wall
Bear's Claw/North Side
Bonnie's Arch/West Side
Wildlife Reef/West Side
Eagle's Nest/West Wall
Hammerhead Hole/West Wall
Paradise Reef/West Side
Armchair Reef/West Side
Snapper Hole/East End
Chub Hole/East End
Grouper Grotto/East End



mong Grand Cayman's many fine dive attractions are its walls—the island is virtually surrounded by them. Some slope gently, others drop precipitously into the depths. All wear a cloak of luxurious marine life; Orange Elephant Ear and Strawberry Vase Sponges are found forming underwater bouquets with pastel colored gorgonians. These silent depths are the territory of patrolling Eagle Rays, turtles and big fish, divers are merely visitors.

Grand Cayman's wrecks are ripe for exploration.

Most have been down for many years and have acquired a patina of growth; they are slowly becoming parts of the reefs. Each wreck has its own eccentric residents that are fun to find and photograph.

Wall Hotspots

Orange Canyon/West Wall
Big Tunnels/West Wall
Big Dipper/West Wall
Eagle Ray Pass/North Wall
Westgate/North Wall
No Name Drop-off/North Wall
Little Pinnacle/South Side
Big Pinnacle/South Side
Three Sisters/East End
Jack McKennedy's/East End
Pat's Wall/East End
Babylon/East End
Mermaid Point Drop-Off/East End





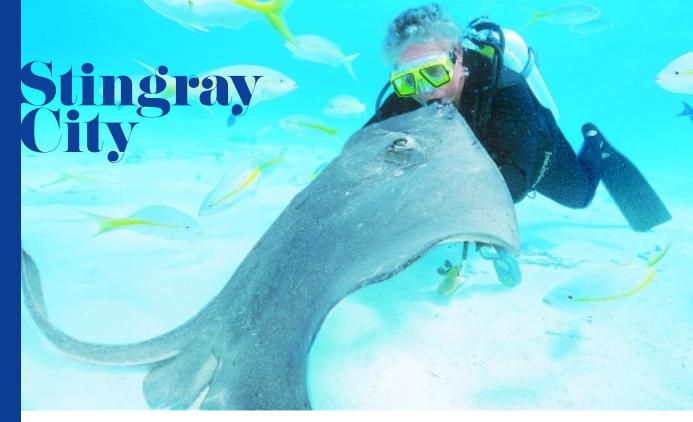
Wreck Hotspots

Doc Polson/West Side
Oro Verde/West Side
Balboa/West Side
LCM David Nicholson/West Side
Ridgefield/East End









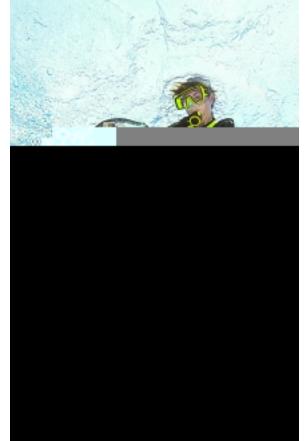
The Phenomenon of Stingray City is Wild Marine Life Interacting With Divers in Such a Familiar Manner.



t's an exhilarating, one of a kind adventure.
The World's Best 12 Foot Dive takes place on a sandy seafloor in Grand Cayman's North Sound.
The attraction is numerous Southern Stingrays.
Accustomed to handouts, they waste no time congregating under arriving dive boats. They're as eager to see divers and snorkelers as divers and snorkelers are to see them.

Underwater, you kneel and they approach. Like miniature underwater planes, they "fly" here, there and everywhere. Up, down, in and among the guests, they're looking for food. If you've brought squid—the rays' favorite snack—you'll quickly discover you have a whole new set of friends. Gently, gently, the rays explore your body, looking for the treat they know you have. Produce it and they'll inhale it. Also joining the melee are Yellowtail Snappers, never ones to let a tender morsel go to waste.

As the rays glide in and around, you'll be treated to intimate and very personal encounters. Caress their velvety undersides as they pass by. Take photographs and videos. Be forewarned, though: One dive is not enough!









The Newest Addition to Your Cayman Brac "Must-See" List Should Be the Wreck of the Russian Warship #356

ong known as one of Grand Cayman's quieter sisters, Cayman Brac has a new claim to fame. Last October the 330 foot Russian warship #356, complete with four deck guns, was intentionally sunk off the island's west end. Renamed the MV Capt. Keith Tibbetts, she is the only divable Russian warship in the Western Hemisphere. The Tibbetts is a unique and exciting addition to the Brac's other U/W attractions, which include two other wrecks; an ancient anchor embedded in a wall; miles of healthy shallow reefs featuring Elkhorn Corals and abundant fish populations; and miles of colorful sponge and coral laden drop-offs.

Wreck Hotspots

The MV Capt. Keith Tibbetts/North Side

Cayman Mariner/North Side

Kissamee/North Side









Wall Hotspots

Cemetery Wall/North Side
Garden Eel Wall/North Side
Buccaneer Drop-off/North Side
West Chute/North Side
Airport Wall/North Side
Anchor Wall/South Side
Inside Out/South Side
Rock Monster Chimney/South Side
Wilderness/South Side





ayman Brac's laidback topside lifestyle has been adopted below the ocean's surface as well. The island's miles of shallow reefs are inhabited by a multitude of marine life with a laissez faire attitude. You want to come in close to check them out? Fine. You want to take photographs of everyday events, no matter how intimate? Fine. You can even watch as cleaner fish do Tiger Grouper duty at a cleaning station! Considered fair game for divers in other areas, even lobsters are unmolested and unafraid of people here.









Marine Life Hotspots

Green House Reef/North Side
School House Reef/North Side
Snapper Reef/North Side
Buccaneer Reef/North Side
Charlie's Reef/North Side
The Hobbit/South Side
Sergeant Major/South Side





Don't Let the Name Fool You-There's Nothing Little About the Diving Adventures You'll Find off these Shores

ittle Cayman's most famous dive attraction, Bloody Bay Wall, offers the finest dropoffs in the Caribbean. Plunging to depths well below the limits of safe sport diving; these exhilarating walls are covered with brightly hued sponges and corals. There are spectacular formations of Yellow Tube, Strawberry and Orange Vase Sponges and tangled masses of scarlet Rope Sponges. Patrolling the walls are Eagle Rays and other, larger denizens of the deep.





Wall Hotspots

Jackson Wall/North Side Eagle Ray Roundup/North Side Nancy's Cup of Tea/North Side Fisheye Fantasy/North Side **Great Wall West/North Side Great Wall East/North Side** Randy's Gazebo/North Side **Charlie's Chimneys/South Side** Splitsville/South Side



Little Cayman Dive Sites

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- 2 NANCY'S CUP OF TEAS
- 3 PAUL'S ANCHOR S
- 4 MIKE'S MOUNT S 5 MEADOWS S
- **6** EAGLE RAY ROUNDUP W
- 7 JACKSON'S BIGHT W 8 CUMBER'S CAVES W
- 9 SCHOOL BUS WALL W 10 BLACKTIP BOULEVARD W
- 11 SARAH'S SET W 12 THREE FATHOM WALL W
- 13 MARILYN'S CUT W
- 14 DONNA'S DELIGHT W
- 15 RANDY'S GAZEBO W 16 GREAT WALL EAST W
 17 GREAT WALL WEST W
- 18 RINGER WALL W 19 LEA LEA'S LOOKOUT W
- 20 COCONUT WALK WALL W
 21 BARRACUDA BIGHT W
- 22 JOY'S JOY W
- 23 FISHEYE FANTASEA W 24 END OF THE ISLAND W
- 25 PRESTON BAY S

26 PIRATE'S REEF S

- 27 PATTY'S POINT W
 28 CHARLIE'S CHIMNEYS W
- 29 JAY'S REEF S
- **30 HAROLD'S HOLES W**
- 31 WINDSOCK W
 32 GRUNDY'S GARDENS W
- 33 SOTO TRADER WD

- **36 LUCAS' LEDGE W**
- **39 CORAL CITIES S**
- **41 GROUPER HOLES S**









ittle Cayman is a tropical wilderness above and below the sea. The least developed of the three Cayman Islands, her human inhabitants number only 100. Though famous for her walls, the island also offers pristine shallow reefs hosting an incredibly abundant and diverse collection of marine life, both large and small. Since the fish and animals know the human presence is benign, even Barracuda and groupers have no qualms about posing for up close and personal portraits.

Night dives off Little Cayman are delightful. Octopus can be found roaming the reefs, looking for dinner. Squid dart here and there, flashing colors at onlookers and occasionally, mating.









Marine Life Hotspots

Jackson Reef/North Side
Meadows/North Side
Schoolbus/North Side
Coconut Walk Wall/North Side
Blacktip Boulevard/North Side
Eagle Ray Roundup/North Side
Zoo/North Side
Marilyn's Cut/North Side
Mixing Bowl/North Side



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