# THE VILLAGES SCUBA CLUB IS GOING TO COZUMEL FOR FIVE DAYS OF DRIFT SCUBA DIVING AND ONE DAY OF WHALE SHARK SNORKELING!

COZUMEL IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS DRIFT DIVING SPOTS!

Dates of trip: Depart Sat., July 14, 2018; Return Sat., July 21, 2018. SEVEN NIGHTS.

Join us on this fabulous trip for only \$1070.00 pp/double occupancy! (ROOM, MEALS & SCUBA DIVING INCLUDED) (WHALE SHARK SNORKELING PRICED SEPARATELY, P. 5)



Our accommodations: SCUBA CLUB COZUMEL, A PADI FIVE-STAR SCUBA RESORT (www.scubaclubcozumel.com).



# **LAND ONLY PACKAGE INCLUDES (too good to be true but it is):**

7 nights lodging.

Buffet style breakfast, lunch and dinner. Or, order off the menu.

5 days of morning two-tank boat drift diving (the boats leave from the club dock less than 50 yards from your room).

Unlimited shore diving in front of the resort.

Tanks, weights & weight belts.

Free WI-FI.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

The Scuba Club Cozumel Resort is located on the waterfront just one mile south of the downtown ferry dock. The Resort was built in 1976 as Cozumel's first dedicated dive resort. It was designed and built by divers for divers to provide all services in one convenient place.

All of the rooms have a private terrace and most have an ocean view. All rooms are air-conditioned and have ceiling fans, hair dryers, alarm clocks, a small refrigerator, and drying racks for dive suits on each terrace. Price options include:

Option 1: Single Occupancy: \$1125.00 + 19% tax = \$1339.00.

Option 2: Double Occupancy: \$899.00 + 19% tax = \$1070.00

Option 3: Triple Occupancy (2 double beds & a couch): \$810.00 + 19% tax = \$964.00

**NOTE:** These prices are for scuba divers. If you are a snorkeler or non-diver, rates

are \$1101.00, 832.00, or 726.00 respectively (includes 19% tax). Children ten (10) or younger stay free with their parents.

**NOTE:** Participants must find their own roommates or pay the single supplement. I will do my best to help match roommates.

## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE LAND PACKAGE:

**Air travel.** Air travel will be about \$750.00 out of Orlando. It's less out of Tampa, but the flights are very early so you will want to spend the night in Tampa, which makes it a "wash". Or, you could fly to Cancun and take the Ferry over to Cozumel (this saves between \$100.00 - \$200.00).

**Airport transfers from Cozumel Airport:** take an airport van to the resort for \$10.00 per person (add tip). The resort is about 15 minutes from the airport.

Wreck and boat night diving are available at an additional cost. Night shore diving in front of the resort is free.

All beverages.

Gratuities to Dive Masters, Boat Captain, Waiters, Porters, and Chambermaids.

Nitrox; It's \$10.00 per tank plus 16% tax.

Dive gear (except tanks, weights and weight belts).

Personal souvenirs and gifts.

**Travel insurance** (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED). NOTE THE CANCELLATION POLICY BELOW.

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

US dollars, Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Please have lots of small bills. The rooms do not have a TV or phone.

Pure water jugs are located throughout the Resort. Large pitchers are available in the room. Do not drink the sink water.

Rooms do not have coffee pots, but there is fresh coffee brewed and available beginning at 6:30 at the restaurant.

Lockers are available by the pool or dive shop, so you don't have to carry your gear to and from your room. **BUT, BRING YOUR OWN LOCK.** 

The restaurant/bar doesn't handle cash. Bar bills are handled by credit card, settled at the end of the stay.

San Miguel is a short walk from the resort and has the amenities of a typical cruise ship port (i.e., tourist trap).

#### **DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS DUE:**

\$100.00 **deposit** due from each participant <u>NOW</u>. LIMITED ROOMS AVAILABLE SO ACT QUICKLY.

**Final** payment is due on or before May 1, 2018.

Read the Cancellation Policy below.

Make checks payable to Joanne Sargent, and mail them to 1732 Meadowlark Ave., The Villages, FL 32162. Be sure to specify which suite option you're choosing and if you have a floor preference. The buildings are 3 stories; **no elevator**. NOTE: I think higher floors have better views, and I enjoy the added exercise of climbing stairs.

Joanne's Contact info: joannesargent305@gmail.com (home) 352-753-8863 (cell) 305-989-7781

## **CANCELLATION POLICY\***

No charge for date changes and cancellations received in writing 60 days prior to the check-in date.

Any cancellations received 59-45 days prior to arrival will have a charge of \$50.00 per person.

Any cancellations made less than 45 days prior to check-in date will have a charge of \$100.00 per person.

NO REFUNDS for no shows.

Last minute date change or cancellations must be received by Scuba Club Cozumel at the local phone 011-52-987-872-1800 or 1822, between 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Central Time) one day prior to check-in date to avoid NO SHOW penalties.

No refunds for date change or cancellations received on the same day as checkin date.

No refunds for unused portions of any package. Diving days and meals are not transferable.

Please allow 30-45 days for refunds to be processed. They need to be processed

through the Trip Leader, who will write you a check.

• There is a 3% added charge on any cancellation because the processing must be by credit card wire refund to the Trip Leader.

#### WHALE SHARK SNORKEL DETAILS



### **COSTS (approximate):**

Cab ride from the Resort to the Ferry and back to the Resort (round trip)	\$10.00
(The Ferry is about one mile from the Resort if you chose to walk.	)
The Ferry ride to Playa del Carmen (round trip)	\$10.00
Bus ride from Playa del Carmen to Puerto Juarez	\$10.00
Whale Shark Boat Tour begins in Puerto Juarez	\$120.00
Tip for Pepe (our Organizer)	\$10.00 - \$20.00
Tips for bus drivers and Boat Captain and Guide	up to you

Payments are due at the time of each leg of the trip and will be paid directly by you. Please have the correct cash with you.

<u>WHAT'S INCLUDED:</u> The Whale Shark Tour includes snorkeling with the whale sharks as much as possible (10 people per boat maximum), lunch, soft drinks, water, full snorkeling gear, seasickness prevention pills, and snorkeling on Isla Mujeres coral reef after the Whale Shark experience.

**<u>DURATION OF THE DAY</u>**: We will leave the Resort at 6:30 am to catch the 7:00 am Ferry. We'll return around 7:00 pm. We leave early because the whale sharks go deeper as the day gets hotter.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The best whale shark discovery season is between June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>. We'll be in the area between Isla Mujeres and Isla Holbox. In summertime hundreds of whale sharks swim to this area to feed on plankton. Whale shark spottings are practically guaranteed!

**BRING WITH YOU:** A "picnic" breakfast, swimsuit, towel, biodegradable suntan lotion, sunglasses, hat, tennis shoes or sandals, wetsuit if you have one, a swimming t-shirt to protect from the sun (this also protects the sharks by moderating the use of suntan lotion), some extra money (for tips and available extras), seasick pills if you have a preferred brand.