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DISCOVER

JARDINAS DE LA REINA

Cuba as a destination is quite unique and almost everyone says - "I have to go now - before the changes come!".

The Caribbean's absolute most prosperous coral reefs, sharks, lots of fish and far away from it all can be found in southern Cuba and the Gardens of the Queen. You won't get there unless you go on a liveaboard.

- ❖ Havana and sharks on vacation.
- ❖ Scuba diving in clear warm waters
- ❖ Comfortable accommodation on board the liveaboard
- ❖ Jardinas de la Reina (marine reserve)
- ❖ Good food and service on board

Price per person: 49 995 SEK

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Scuba Travel - your dive tour operator

Scuba Travel is a tour operator based in Gothenburg and specializes in diving trips to different parts of the world. The company is part of the Intoit Travel group as one of several specialists in different niches for travel. We at Scuba Travel have high demands on ourselves and our partners around the world. Since the start in 2004, we have arranged diving trips and experiences for our customers to all major diving destinations in the world.

We have very long and solid experience and knowledge of the destinations and we have experienced and visited virtually all the destinations ourselves on site. We offer quality, safety and far-reaching service to give you and our customers good memories of the fantastic world below the surface and exotic destinations.

Scuba Travel takes overall responsibility for your diving trip where we arrange international flights as well as domestic flights and transportation together with your various accommodations and diving packages, which gives you security with travel guarantees according to the Package Travel Act.

We also work closely with several of Scandinavia's diving schools and clubs and we currently have customers from all continents who have traveled with us on our trips around the world.

We at Scuba Travel and the entire travel group Intoit Travel Group are well aware that travel affects the environment and therefore we have also chosen to climate compensate your and all our customers' international flights around the world. Something that is unique in the travel industry and we were the first to do in Sweden. If you want to follow our project, you can read more about it here (link to <https://en.scubatravel.se/om-oss/miljoengagemang>).

Whether you are a beginner or more experienced diver, you are welcome to share your thoughts and wishes, welcome to the world below the surface!

// Scuba Travel - by divers for divers





Cuba - Your destination

You'll land in Cuba in the afternoon and will spend a night in a hotel where you can rest after the long journey. The next morning, transfer to Southern Cuba to head out to the magical Gardens of the Queen. Jardinas de la Reina is undoubtedly the Caribbean's best preserved and healthiest coral reef and here there are plenty of fish, sharks and you are entirely away from mass tourism. For those who want to add a day or more in Havana or Cuba in connection with your liveaboard and diving trip to Cuba, we suggest spending one or a couple of days according to your own wishes in central Havana. A very nice city that is easy to spend a day in and make the time go by incredibly fast. The Malecon, the 8 km long promenade is worth experiencing, spontaneous dance, music, fishermen and you'll see many lovely old cars here. A visit to the old town is probably a must.

The Revolutionary Museum and visits to a cigar factory are other things you can do, or just strolling around and experiencing the atmosphere and seeing the old colonial buildings, people and cars is an experience that fills your day. A visit to the La Bodeguita bar to experience a real mojito can end the day.

There are three important people in Cuba's history, Fidel Castro, Che Guevarra and Ernest Hemingway, these three names and images you will encounter everywhere, and Hemingway's "home bar" is La Bodeguita mentioned above.

The Caribbean's absolutely most prosperous coral reefs, sharks, lots of fish and far away from most things can be found in southern Cuba and the Gardens of the Queen. You won't get there unless you go on a liveaboard. Maybe this is the last chance as the rules will probably change before 2026 and possibly no more liveaboards will be organized here in the future. Only the future can tell.





Cuba's southern coral gardens

Next comes 5 nights liveaboard with full board and 2 - 3 dives / day, you can choose how big a dive package you want on your trip. The diving is by Caribbean standards fantastic and the corals here compared to the rest of the Caribbean are more pristine, larger and more prosperous. Not the same colors and variety as in Southeast Asia but really nice coral reefs. It is only here on the outer reefs of southern Cuba that you can see something so pristine.

Apart from this, there are quite a lot of fish; snappers, groupers, barracudas, Caribbean reef sharks and silky sharks. Huge sea bass can sometimes appear, moray eels, turtles, different kinds of crustaceans and all in often fantastic visibility up to sometimes 50-60 meters. The dives are often made according to how the tide moves for the best experiences and at the same time get diverse diving. When the tide goes in, there is often the most action on the sharks and then of course you go where they are. Sometimes the silky sharks can circle around the boat and it is almost difficult to go in because there is hardly any room. The Caribbean reef shark goes further down towards the bottom and is a bit bigger and inspires more respect. The occasional nurse shark may come by or lounge on the bottom, and there are also turtles and often large stingrays hiding in the sand. In addition to the big fish, there are of course also many smaller fish.





Cuba's southern coral gardens

On one afternoon, take a walk through the mangroves looking for crocodiles and with a bit of luck you can get really close to them in the water and photograph them. Go ashore on one of the islands and look for iguanas (lizards) and Hutias. The Hutia is a relatively large rodent that lives out here and has in the past been a "meat and food reserve" for the Cubans in case of a major crisis, but today no one hunts them. They are however curious and will happily come up and eat right out of your hands if you have a "treat" with you.

On board the boat *Avalon F2*, full board is of course included and the food is very good. Much focus on fish and vegetables and often the catch of the day; fish or lobster fished during the day and thus super-fresh. After six days of diving with about 17 dives, the boat goes back to the mainland and in the morning you get off the boat for a transfer back to Havana to fly back home, but of course you can choose to extend your stay in Cuba with additional programs on land.





Avalon F2

The Avalon F2 liveaboard in Cuba is a 40 meter long and large boat. She has 10 luxurious comfortable cabins with air conditioning and all cabins have their own bathroom. The cabins have 2 beds (one single and one double) in bunkbeds style. The liveaboard can take 20 passengers and there is a 9 man crew on board who are always ready to serve you. The design and decor gives the boat a touch of intimacy and a feeling of warmth and yet it is simple. All spaces are made to provide you and other guests with maximum comfort and safety. The boat guarantees all guests a pleasant and exciting cruise through the Jardines de la Reina archipelago. Each cabin has panoramic windows so you can enjoy the wonderful view of the Caribbean beaches.

There is a spacious and comfortable lounge that combines dining, bar and relaxation on the boat deck. In the cabins and all common areas you will find European/American sockets (220 volts and 110 volts). The Jardines Avalon F II offers divers plenty of space for diving equipment and photo and video cameras.

On the top deck there is a jacuzzi. Here you have a lovely view of the sea: a perfect place to drink and enjoy a mojito after the last dive at sunset. There is also a nice sun deck where you can relax between dives and work on your tan or just relax and enjoy the peace and quiet.

The boat has two tenders that quickly take you to the dive sites and can also make small excursions to the beaches and into the Mangroves.



Itinerary

Day 1

You leave Scandinavia and fly to Havana, the capital of Cuba. On arrival we have a transfer to the hotel.

Day 2

We check out of the hotel in Havana and then there is a bus transfer about six hours to Jucaro in southern Cuba. The bus will stop along the way for food, drinks and bathroom breaks. After that, board the boat Avalon F2 and travel out to the Jardinas de la Reina, the Gardens of the Queen. Predict that the boat to take about five hours.

Days 3-8

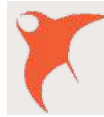
Diving days with two to three dives/day except the last day, Friday, when two dives are made. Full board on board and some excursions in the mangrove and the islands are included for those who want.

Day 8

After Friday's two last dives, the boat returns to the mainland and arrives in Jucaro late in the afternoon. Dinner together and the last night on board takes place in port.

Day 9

Check-out, loading of the bus and return to Havana. On the way back we will stop to get something to eat, drink and bathrooms breaks. We return to Havana and take the transfer to the airport and flight home, or for those who choose to extend the tour for further adventure.



Dates 17-25 October 2025

Destination Jardinas de la Reina, Gardens of the Queen- Caribbean - Cuba

Included in the price

- Transfer from hotel to liveaboard round trip
- 1 hotel night before the liveaboard in Havana
- 7 nights in a shared cabin on the lower deck on board the Avalon F2
- Full board on the boat (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Free access to juice, snacks and coffee
- 6 drinks per day (soft drinks and alcohol)
- 2-3 dives per day (total 17 dives + 1 night dive) including guide, tanks and weights.
- Marine park and port fees (value of 300 USD)
- Climate compensated flight by Scuba Travel

Not included in the price

- International flights
- Rental of diving equipment
- Nitrox 100 USD/week
- Transfer airport - hotel round trip
- Activities, meals and drinks not specified above
- Tips for guides and staff, recommended amount about 300 USD per person
- Cancellation protection, dive and travel insurance

Price per diver: 49 995 SEK

Possible upgrades:

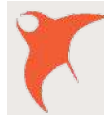
Upgrade to suite with balcony:

+ 6195 SEK per person

Upgrade to 4 dives per day (2 dives on the last day):

+ 3600 SEK per person

NOTE! The price above is based on current exchange rates. We are currently not holding any place on the boat so it is also based on availability when you choose to book your trip.



How to book my trip

In order to book you on this trip, Scuba Travel needs the following information:

- Full name according to passport
- Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD)
- Email to all travellers
- Mobile phone number

Payment and contact

How can I pay for my trip?

Via bank transfer, account transfer, swish or via online payment with VISA or Mastercard. If you wish to pay in another currency, please contact Scuba Travel.

How much should I pay and when?

For trips with a cost between 0 - 29 995 SEK, the deposit is 2000 SEK.

For trips costing over 29 995 SEK, a minimum 10% deposit is required (deviations may occur for some trips).

The flight is paid separately and is paid about 9 - 11 months before departure depending on whether the flight has been launched. The flight price is only guaranteed when Scuba Travel has received the payment for the flight invoice.

For trips over 50 000 SEK, a 50% payment is required 6 months before departure. 50% refers to the total amount excluding deposit and flight costs.

Please note the following:

When you book, you accept Scuba Travel Scandinavia's travel conditions. If cost increases occur for Scuba Travel after the agreement becomes binding on the parties, the organizer may increase the price of the trip by an amount corresponding to the cost increases if these are e.g. due to changes in transport costs, flights, taxes & fees and changes in exchange rates. Specified content on excursions that Scuba Travel Scandinavia has in its information, e.g. the content of the trip, number of dives, diving in a special place, are specified for optimal conditions. Unpredictable circumstances, e.g. political decisions or government decisions, weather etc. can affect the trip, and the responsible leader or captain always has the right to change the content of the trip if he or she considers that the circumstances may jeopardize the safety of the travelers or the vessel. In case of such changes, the traveler has no right to compensation or refund.



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Extras

→ Rental of diving equipment

Diving equipment is available for rent. 12L bottle, weights, weight belt and air are included in the price. All diving equipment and nitrox must be pre-booked with us at least 2 weeks before departure. This is then paid on site (unless otherwise stated in your quote). You should also dive with a dive computer and a surface marker buoy (SMB). If you do not have this, it can be rented. Ask us for a price list.

→ Cancellation insurance

Scuba Travel offers together with Gouda travel insurance a cancellation insurance corresponding to 7% of the total price of the trip. The insurance must be ordered in connection with the trip, and paid at the same time as the registration fee. [You can easily take out your cancellation insurance here!](#)

Important

→ All divers must carry a valid diving certificate, proof of diving insurance and a logbook.

→ We are happy to help you book extra luggage if necessary, the fees vary between airlines. Contact Scuba Travel in good time before departure to get a proposal. NOTE extra luggage cannot be guaranteed.

→ For this trip, we recommend that you have an Advanced Open Water certificate or equivalent and a minimum of 30-50 dives. You also need to have experience and feel safe with strong currents.

→ In order to dive, you must have a certificate of insurance with you. We ask you to check your home insurance to see if it covers diving and hospital transportation in the event of an accident. If you need to supplement your home insurance, we recommend that you book an extended travel insurance with Gouda that covers diving. [Click here to book your dive insurance.](#)

→ Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your return and have at least 2 blank pages for stamps. It is not possible to travel on a provisional passport.

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