

# Dive West Trip Checklist

## SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT FOR DIVE VACATIONS

- Inspect all equipment before you go.
- Mark your equipment – it all looks alike on a dive boat.
- Mask, Fins, Snorkel (extra mask if prescription)
- Boots and reef gloves
- B.C.D./ Integrated weight pockets
- Regulator with alternate air source
- Pressure gauge, depth gauge, compass, and/or dive computer/console.
- Dive Knife
- Wet suit, dive skin, layers, hooded vest, gloves.
- Dive light (with lanyard), batteries and/or charger, spare lamps
- Again, your dive computer.
- Gear bag & Boat Bag
- Don't forget to "toothpaste your mask" if necessary

## NECESSARY ACCESSORY ITEMS

- Anti-fog for your mask!
- Dive Beacon (TANK LIGHT)
- Spare parts kit (O-rings, mask & fin straps, regulator mouthpiece, spare lamp for lights, snorkel keeper)
- Certification card and log book – a must.
- Underwater slate & pencil

## ITEMS FOR THE BOAT

- Windbreaker or rain suit
- Sweat Suit – for warmth after a dive
- Beach towel
- Comfortable walking/deck shoes
- Dry Box for glasses, contacts, etc.

## MEDICAL ITEMS

- Waterproof sunscreen and sunburn treatment/aloe vera gel
- Swimmer's ear solution
- Decongestant
- Sea bands – to help prevent seasickness (if you prefer non-medication).
- Sea sickness medication
- Nausea/Diarrhea medication
- Aspirin
- Bug Spray and anti-bacterial cream
- Toilet articles, including towel, face cloth, and soap

## SUGGESTED CLOTHING FOR ISLAND VACATION

- Shorts and comfortable shirts
- Sweatshirt/Sweater
- Swimsuits
- Hat/Sun Visor
- Long Pants
- “Going Out” clothes?
- Comfortable Shoes

## PHOTOGRAPHERS

- Set up all of your equipment before going on your trip. Make sure that it all goes together correctly. Charge your strobes, check your recycle times.
- Camera & Housing
- Oring Grease, Moisture Munchers
- Video & Housing
- Strobe & Charger
- wide angle & telephoto lens
- Digital Storage Memory Cards
- Lens cleaning fluid & tissue
- Spare batteries, bulbs

## LAST MINUTE CHECKLIST

- Passport/Current & Valid – Keep with you and available at all times, do not pack!
- Airline tickets/E-Ticket Confirmation
- Diving & Snorkeling guidebooks
- Travelers Checks?
- Cash (small bills for tips)
- Credit Cards
- Vouchers
- Luggage (identified inside & out)
- Keys (luggage & house)
- Important phone numbers
- Small notebook/diary
- Reading material
- Favorite snack foods
- Plastic sacks, various sizes
- Flashlight & extra batteries?
- Sun glasses, extra glasses and/or contacts

## A FEW WORDS TO THE WISE

- 1) Good travelers left home to experience different things, so do not expect to find all things precisely as they are at home.
- 2) Good travelers also have a carefree mind, which is the cornerstone of a good vacation; so do not take anything too seriously.
- 3) Good travelers are patient, don't worry, smile and enjoy themselves.
- 4) Good travelers are on their vacation and don't let other tourists get on their nerves.
- 5) Good travelers learn to know the country and people in which they are a guest and not judge others by their standards.

- 6) Insure your equipment – Homeowners insurance may not cover it, if not, a short-term travel policy is a good investment.
- 7) Be sure your DAN divers insurance is current. In the unlikely event of an accident in a remote location, you will be glad you made the small investment for your safety. If you are not familiar with DAN, ask any of our staff or instructors.
- 8) If you haven't been in the water for a while the Scuba Review program might benefit you.
- 9) Pack your swimsuit and some personal articles in your carry-on luggage; sometimes you get to your destination before your luggage.
- 10) Good travelers are careful and S.A.F.E. (Slowly Ascend From Every Dive) Divers, leaving only bubbles so others can also enjoy!
- 11) As a reminder, check to be sure you have no scissors, shears, dive knives, or other items in your carry-on luggage to avoid delays, confiscation, or denied boarding.

The World Is Waiting...Dive In!