



**REEF FIELD SURVEY
Akumal, Mexico
Bahia Divers and Gran Bahia Principe Resort
May 17-24, 2008
Trip Leader : Joe Cavanaugh, REEF Director of Field Operations
8days/7 nights, 14 participants max**

REEF Field Surveys are a great way to take a dive vacation that counts! These trips feature daily fish identification reviews and an opportunity to learn more about the natural environment you are diving in. Over the past year (2007), REEF has collaborated with ReefAid to assist this resort with the development of a coral reef management and protection plan for this resort's in shore and off shore reefs. We will focus some of our classroom time on these important conservation plans and have a couple of guest speakers from the local community and the onsite non-profit, Ecologica Bahia that focuses on protecting the beach and nesting sites for sea turtles.

This will be an all-inclusive trip with only the return transfer from Cancun airport to the resort NOT included. Trip costs listed below include, accommodations, diving (7 dives, 3 snorkels), all meals and snacks, and libations.

Per person: \$802 per diver, double occupancy
\$956 per diver, single occupancy

Package Includes: 7 nights accommodations at the Gran Bahia Principe Resort and 7 boat dives with Bahia Divers (onsite) and 3 snorkels in inshore protected area (non-diving spouses welcome). All meals are included and are in very nice restaurants with closed and open-air seating. Two dinners in choice of one of the fancier restaurants also included. Not included is the transfer from Cancun to Bahia Principe, should be under \$100 roundtrip, I will negotiate this closer to the date of departure. Also, room gratuities and mini-bar purchases in the room are not included. There is no tipping at the resort once there, other than room gratuities and the tipping for the dive boat personnel. To read more - <http://www.bahia-principe.com/bp/usa/en/bahia/principe/hotels/caribbean/mexico/riviera/maya/gran-bahia-principe-akumal/hotel-information.html>

Diving and Lodging Information:

There are several in shore and near shore reef that we will be surveying during our trip, all within a few minutes from the dive shop. We will have two boats for our team, each with an 8-person capacity. We will dive a mix of morning and afternoon dives but all dives will be one-tank dives. Nitrox will be available at an additional charge of \$8/tank, however, our diving profile will not necessitate nitrox. Diving depths will range from 40-100' with some shallow water snorkels in the in shore protected area that is a REEF monitoring site.

Additional Fees:

- \$300 tax-deductible REEF fee per person to cover the cost of the trip leaders and seminars, and survey materials
- Airfare and ground transportation
- TBD transfer from Cancun airport to Bahia Principe

Optional Fees:

- Gratuities to dive masters and hotel staff
- Nitrox upgrade is \$8 per tank

Getting There: You can fly directly Cancun and there are lots of cheap airfare deals from many locations. REEF is not using a travel service for this trip so individuals are responsible for booking their own air travel. Once you have a travel itinerary, you may send it along to Joe Cavanaugh at REEF via email to joe@reef.org and I will keep track of all participants. I will be sending out a pre-trip letter by the end of February that will have more specific information about our itinerary and any relevant updates.

Deposit Policy: \$250 per person to hold your spot. You will receive an invoice and final payment is due April 1, 2008.

Cancellation Policy: Full refund minus a \$50 fee if canceled prior to 60 days before departure. Cancellation between 45-30 days, the deposit is non-refundable, and within 30 days the entire package price is non-refundable. There are no refunds on unused dive portions of your trip.

Minimums: Most REEF trips require a minimum number of participants. Trips are subject to cancellation if the minimum requirements are not met. In the event of a trip cancellation, REEF is not responsible for your airline tickets purchased for travel. We strongly suggest trip insurance. All prices are subject to change until ticketed and paid in full.

We hope you will join us on this one!
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