

BROOKS SCHOOL COZUMEL SCUBA EXCURSION March 8-15, 2020

Where We're Going:

Cozumel Island is located off of the coast of Mexico near the eastern tip of the Yucatan Peninsula. Cozumel is considered to be one of the best dive locations in the world - its protected Marine Park harbors impressive walls of coral with huge pinnacles, and a splendid variety of sea life. Year-round 120 foot visibility, warm and calm turquoise-blue water, and gentle currents make Cozumel diving so enjoyable. A 3mm wetsuit is recommended for diving and due to the currents, all diving is typically drift-diving where we will hop into the water, dive along a coral wall and be picked up when we surface further south. In Cozumel, we expect to see a variety of sponges, turtles, lots of tropical fish, giant sea anemone, toad fish, a barracuda or two, a huge variety of colorful corals and if the weather is right we will be able to dive a ship wreck. As an optional day trip, we will travel via ferry to Playa del Carmen and spend one day diving the world-famous cenotes on the mainland, which is an unforgettable experience!



What is included in our trip:

- 7 nights accommodations
- Airfare – round trip from Boston to Cozumel
- 3 meals per day while in Cozumel
- Unlimited beverages
- 5 days of diving (boat dives/checkout dives)
- Airport taxes and hotel taxes
- Transfers to and from the hotel
- Night dive
- Air tanks, weight belts and weights
- Dive gratuities for boat dives
- Checkout dives for students completing certification
- Hotel staff gratuities
- Unlimited snorkeling
- Marine park entrance fee
- Hotel environmental taxes
- Nightly entertainment

Where We're Staying:

This gorgeous all-inclusive resort is located just minutes from the colorful and abundant coral reefs that have made Cozumel one of the world's top snorkeling and diving destinations. The hotel offers the largest swimming pool in town, three restaurants, and nightly entertainment. The newly remodeled air-conditioned rooms have private balconies, flat screen TVs, free Wi-Fi access, safety deposit boxes, hair dryers and toiletries.



Tour Operator: Dive the World

Susan Copelas (owner of Dive the World) is a certified PADI Dive Instructor and dive trip organizer. Susan has extensive experience with diving in Cozumel and she works closely with the dive shop to determine the best dive sites that are appropriate for our group. She will complete the students' certification process while we are in Cozumel. In addition to choosing the island destination and dive spots, she plans all accommodations and meals and day trips. Visit www.divetheworldadventures.com for more information.

In Cozumel, we will be diving with Dive Paradise, considered to be one of the top dive operators in Cozumel. Dive Paradise has an onsite dive shop at the hotel, with dive lockers, rinse tanks, and equipment. Owing to its excellent record of diver safety and personal attention to client needs, Dive Paradise has been featured many times in Skin Diver Magazine, selected by Rodale's Scuba Diving magazine's Reader's Choice Awards as the "Most Popular Dive Operator in the World" three consecutive years.

Financial Information: \$2799

A deposit of \$849 is necessary as soon as possible to hold the reservation. As spaces are very limited we suggest that you send in the deposit as soon as possible. This deposit is nonrefundable and checks should be made out to **Brooks School** (put Scuba trip in memo of check). The deposit must be submitted no later than October 15th. The remainder of \$1950 is due by January 4th. Complete the attached application and Client Release Form and return it to Mrs. Hajdukiewicz along with the deposit to reserve your place on this trip. Students will need a valid passport to travel to Cozumel. Passports that are due to expire within 6 months of travel must be renewed prior to the trip.

General Itinerary:

Date	Activity
Sunday, March 8	Travel from Boston to Cozumel. Leave Boston at 6am – connect through Miami and arrive in Cozumel at 11:37am. Orientation tour of hotel. Discover scuba orientation shore dive (checkout dive #1 for new divers and refresher for returning divers) in afternoon.
Monday, March 9	Uncertified students complete checkout dives 2-4, certified divers go out on boat for two dives.
Tuesday, March 10	All divers boat dives (2), shopping excursion in afternoon
Wednesday, March 11	All divers boat dives (2)
Thursday, March 12	Optional day tour to Playa del Carmen for Cenotes trip. Depart hotel at 7am for Playa del Carmen and Cenotes dive followed by beach trip and shopping in Playa del Carmen.
Friday, March 13	All divers boat dive. Night dive departing at sunset.
Saturday, March 14	All divers boat dives (2), celebratory banquet dinner at hotel
Sunday, March 15	Depart Cozumel at 12:17pm, connect through Miami and return to Boston at 8:51pm.

Flight Information*:

Service	Flight No	Date	From	To	Depart	Arrive
American	1418	March 8 - Sunday	Boston	Miami	6:00 am	9:30 am
American	4507		Miami	Cozumel	10:40 am	11:37 am
American	4436	15 March – Sunday	Cozumel	Miami	12:17 pm	2:54 pm
American	1074		Miami	Boston	5:30 pm	8:51 pm

DAN Insurance:

All participating students must have DAN (Diver's Alert Network) insurance. There are three levels of insurance and DAN also offers travel insurance that is recommended as well. See www.diversalertnetwork.org for details. DAN also offers trip insurance if you are interested in purchasing that option.

Playa del Carmen and Cenotes Optional Day Trip



This is a scuba experience of a lifetime. The Riviera Maya, site of the **Dos Ojos Cavern Dive**, contains the most extensive system of under-water caverns in the world; a place where much of this natural phenomenon is yet to be discovered!. For certified open water divers, Mexico offers the world's most incredible cenotes dives, including the popular Dos Ojos and Bat Cave expedition. Explore the untouched beauty of the Yucatan waters and meet the colorful sea life and scenery within. Floating through this dreamland of natural formations in crystal clear water, you can feel the ancient and timeless forces of nature that carved the cenotes. With a

maximum depth of 30 feet (10 m), there is 1,500 feet of cavern to see without ever leaving the light zone. The tours are lead by experienced, full cave certified guides in groups of no more than four. Come and experience the dive of your life! **Includes:** Transportation to ferry, Ferry ride, private van, lunch, drinks, 2-tank Scuba Dive, Tanks, Weights, Certified Cave Dive Guide, Tax and tipping. **Price: \$150**

Brooks School
Application for Scuba Trip to Cozumel
March 8-15, 2020

Personal Data:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Home Address: _____

School Address (if boarding): _____ Advisor: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

Birthdate: _____ Year in School _____ Gender: _____

Parent/Guardian's Names: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Addresses: _____

Parent/Guardian's Cell Phone Numbers: _____

Scuba information:

I am a certified scuba diver – PADI or SSI number _____

I will get certified here at Brooks during winter term and do my certification dives on the trip

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

If your passport will expire within 6 months of the trip, you must get a new one.

Financial Data:

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Medical / Health Data:

Please include any medical conditions that may affect your travel or your participation in scuba diving.

PLEASE SIGN HERE:

Applicant's Signature Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

Return this form with your deposit and Client Release to Laura Hajdukiewicz, Trip Leader and Scuba Club Advisor (room 101 or in faculty mailbox)

Dive the World Client Release & Agreement

I am an applicant for a tour with Dive the World, and acknowledge and agree to the following conditions binding upon myself, and upon my parents or guardians if I am a minor, and upon Dive the World.

1. Responsibility. **Dive the World** is responsible only for the acts or omissions of its employees. Each tour begins with the takeoff of the first international flight and ends upon completion of the return flight to the U.S

Dive the World cannot be responsible for events beyond its control, including, without limitation, acts of God, war, strikes or government restrictions, or any other circumstances of *force majeure*; nor, in the absence of its own negligence, for personal injury, accidents, death, property damage or loss, delay caused by persons **not** controlled by **Dive the World**, including, without limitation, airlines, bus companies, railways, hotels, restaurants, taxis or any other agency, company or individual.

Dive the World is not responsible for loss of a government-issued passport, travel documents or airline tickets, loss or damage to luggage or any other personal belongings, or for consequential damages in any event. I understand the airlines' diverse policies concerning lost air tickets, and I accept financial responsibility for replacement of my ticket should it become lost. It is also my responsibility to pursue any refund directly from the airline. **Dive the World** reserves the right to cancel any participant at any time for reasons which appear to be valid in its sole judgment. **Dive the World** shall have the right, without refund, to send home (on notice to parent or guardian for minors), at his/her own expense, and without escort, any participant who does not adhere to **Dive the World** rules and regulations, or who infringes upon others' enjoyment of the tour. I agree to release **Dive the World**, its agents and employees, my local school and school district, chaperones and the group leader from all claims arising out of such events, acts, or omissions.

I understand that if I am expelled from school, or under other disciplinary measures instituted by my teacher, school or other authorities, or if I fail to meet the requirements for this tour as set forth by my teacher, school, school administrators or others, I could be declared ineligible to participate in the tour. My application may be cancelled, no refund given and I will be subject to the cancellation/refund policy published in the Terms and Conditions.

2. Airlines liability for loss or damage to baggage is limited. Contact the airlines for baggage liability limits. Airlines accept no liability for fragile or perishable articles. Higher limits of liability may be obtained from the airlines by paying the charge contained in the carriers' tariffs, or optional baggage protection insurance can be purchased. I understand that the airlines liability for death/injury is limited by their tariffs and/or by the Warsaw Convention.

3. **Dive the World** is not responsible for me when I am absent from **Dive the World** scheduled activities. I accept liability for any financial obligations incurred by me, or any damage or injury caused by me while on a **Dive the World** tour.

4. If I become ill, injured or incapacitated during my tour, **Dive the World** will do whatever it deems necessary to preserve my health and safety including, without limitation, obtaining medical treatment for me at my expense, and/or transporting me at my own or my parents' expense back to my home for medical reasons. I agree to pay or reimburse any extra expenses incurred on my behalf by my group leader or other group members for medical or other reasons.

5. If I wish to withdraw from a **Dive the World** tour, I must do so individually in writing. There are no refunds unless decided differently by **Dive the World** owner.

6. Tour prices are based on exchange rates, air fares and tariffs in effect as of May 1, 2014, and are subject to change due to inflation, fuel surcharges or currency fluctuations. All prices are quoted in U.S. dollars

If I fail to meet payment deadlines for any reason, I will be assessed a weekly tuition surcharge at the discretion of **Dive the World**. I agree to pay the weekly surcharge of \$50. I understand that if I miss my deadline and am subsequently surcharged, I cannot then cancel and expect to receive a full refund without penalty. A standard refund policy applies.

Dive the World reserves the right to discontinue a tour due to low enrollment or other reasons, and/or make certain changes in departure dates, cities, the order of an itinerary, activities, hotels, group leader assignments, airlines, determination of flight routings, services, fees or other itinerary modifications as may be required, in its sole discretion

If tour features are unavailable for any reason, substitutions will be made whenever possible. If substitutions are not possible, no refunds may be made. Group travel requires more flexibility than individual travel in order to offer high-quality tours at affordable prices. I understand that these changes are not grounds for cancellation without penalty, or for refunds after the tour. I understand that my group organizer is authorized to choose alternatives on behalf of the entire group.

NOTE: **Dive the World** reserves the right to change departure dates within the same weekend (or the nearest weekend for winter and spring departures. If such a change results in a airline or hotel fare change, all group members must pay the published tuition fee for the new fares. I understand that these changes are not grounds for cancellation without penalty, or for refunds after the tour.

The published itineraries are sample descriptions only. Actual program itineraries may vary in certain respects. Flight information, hotel assignments and day-by-day itineraries will be available approximately one week prior to departure.

7. Dive the World and the airlines reserve the right to substitute airlines, to make changes in equipment, the itinerary, departure and arrival dates, times or cities, or to alter the itinerary, and I agree to accept any such changes. No refunds will be made under these circumstances, and **Dive the World** will attempt to provide comparable services or accommodations. Single plane service, specific airlines and/or schedules are not guaranteed.

8. Special sporting, religious, political or other events may in rare instances produce the unavailability of centrally-located hotel accommodations or scheduled services. In such cases, **Dive the World** reserves the right to provide alternate accommodations and/or services, or to charge a supplement.

9. If my tour is being sponsored by my school, school board, school district, individual school administrator, or local municipality, I will be notified of this fact in writing. Otherwise, I understand that my tour is not officially sponsored, contracted, paid for, or regulated by any of these groups or individuals, even though my school may, as a convenience, allow the use of school premises for planning the tour. I hereby and expressly waive all claims against any such groups or individuals which might arise out of the tour, or relate to it in any manner, including changes in school/school board administrative policies concerning "school" travel trips.

10. I understand **Dive the World** reserves the right to select a qualified replacement for my group leader if he or she is unwilling or unable to accompany the group, for any reason

11. If I have any medical conditions which may affect my travel, I will send a confidential letter to **Dive the World** describing these conditions.

12. I am responsible for obtaining and carrying a current passport, and any necessary visas for countries I am to visit. My inability to obtain such documents shall not constitute grounds for cancellation without penalty. The standard refund policy applies.

13. I understand that this Agreement is expressly between me and **Dive the World**, and that it cannot be modified by a third party, including my group organizer, school, or school board. I understand that **Dive the World** is not responsible for third party errors. No exceptions will be made to this Agreement or to the Terms and Conditions. Any modification or extension of this Agreement by **Dive the World** must be made in writing by an officer of **Dive the World**.

14. I understand that this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Signed by Parent/Guardian: _____ dated _____

Signed by Student _____ dated _____

Return with deposit and application to Laura Hajdukiewicz, Scuba Club Advisor

Brooks School Open Water Scuba Certification Package

Brooks has contracted with **Dive the World** for specially arranged scuba certification classes at excellent rates. Below is an explanation of the three-step process that students will undertake to receive their PADI Open Water Certification. PADI is the leader in diver certification and dive establishments worldwide will accept a PADI card. Certification is valid for a lifetime. **If the student takes the Art and Science of Scuba Diving Winter Term class, the majority of the classwork and poolwork portions of the course is covered by Brooks.** The student is still responsible for purchasing the books and their own equipment (mask, fin, snorkel). On the trip, students will need to rent dive equipment (BCD, regulator) either from Susan Copelas or from the dive shop on site.

Certification Process:

Step 1 – Classwork

During this period of the certification, students will meet with the dive instructor to learn the basics of scuba diving. There is a tremendous emphasis on safety in these classes. Students will be required to take a number of short quizzes and read a book to prepare for the classwork portion of the certification process. Students will learn the skills they need to become safe divers and the classwork will be interspersed with time in the pool (see below). The students must pass a PADI certification written exam to obtain certification.

Step 2 – Poolwork

Students will learn the scuba skills in the classroom and then practice them in the pool. Personal attention is given to students as they master the necessary skills. Students must pass a skills test to achieve their Open Water Certification and complete a swim test in order to move onto the next level. Weights, BCD, regulators, are included.

Step 3 – Open Water Dives

After students have completed their classwork, poolwork, and passed the required tests, they will complete four “check-out” dives to show the instructor their skills in the open water environment. The skills that were exhibited in the pool will be tested in the open water. These checkout dives will be completed either locally during the summer, or in Cozumel if the student is attending the Scuba Club trip. If the student is traveling somewhere warm, they may receive a “referral” from the Dive Instructor and complete their checkout dives with another shop elsewhere (but that cost is not included as it involves a third party).

Cost:

Classwork and Poolwork (**Winter Term students pay only \$100 of this fee**).....\$455
PADI Diver Package (includes text and paperwork – **paid by student**).....\$65
Checkout Dives in Cozumel (if a student is coming on the dive trip).....included

Dates:

The classwork and poolwork portions of the certification process will take place during the first two weeks of Winter Term. If a student desires to get certified and is not enrolled in the Winter Term class, separate classes on Sundays can be arranged but the cost would not be covered by Brooks.

Required Equipment:

Students will need a scuba mask, fins, and snorkel for the certification class. We have arranged for a special discount for Brooks students at Discover Diving in Atkinson, NH. Be sure to mention the Brooks School and Dive the World to receive a discount on equipment. If the student is taking the course during Winter Term, we will take them to the store to purchase their equipment.