

**ODYSSEY EXPEDITIONS**

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## Exceptional Teen Summer Educational Adventures

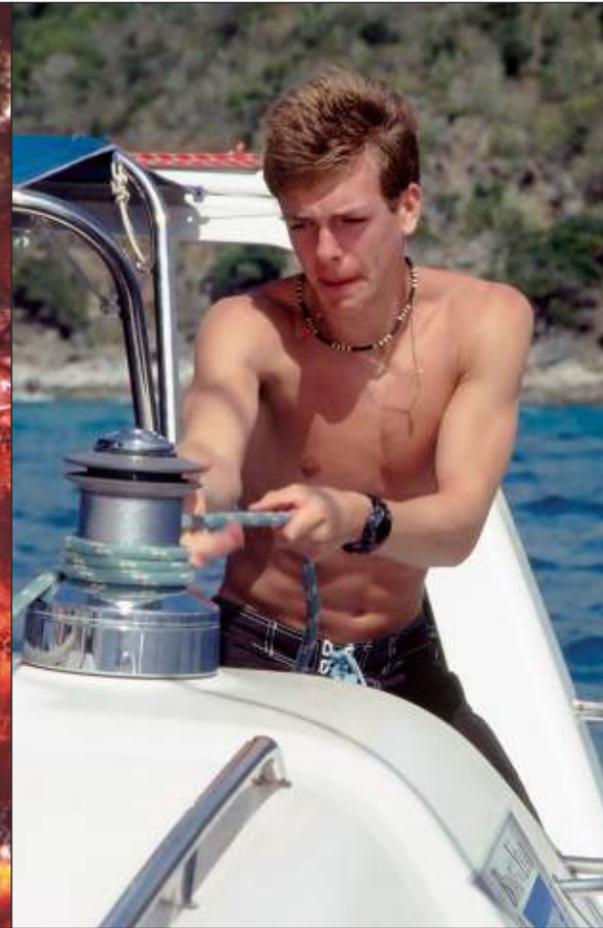
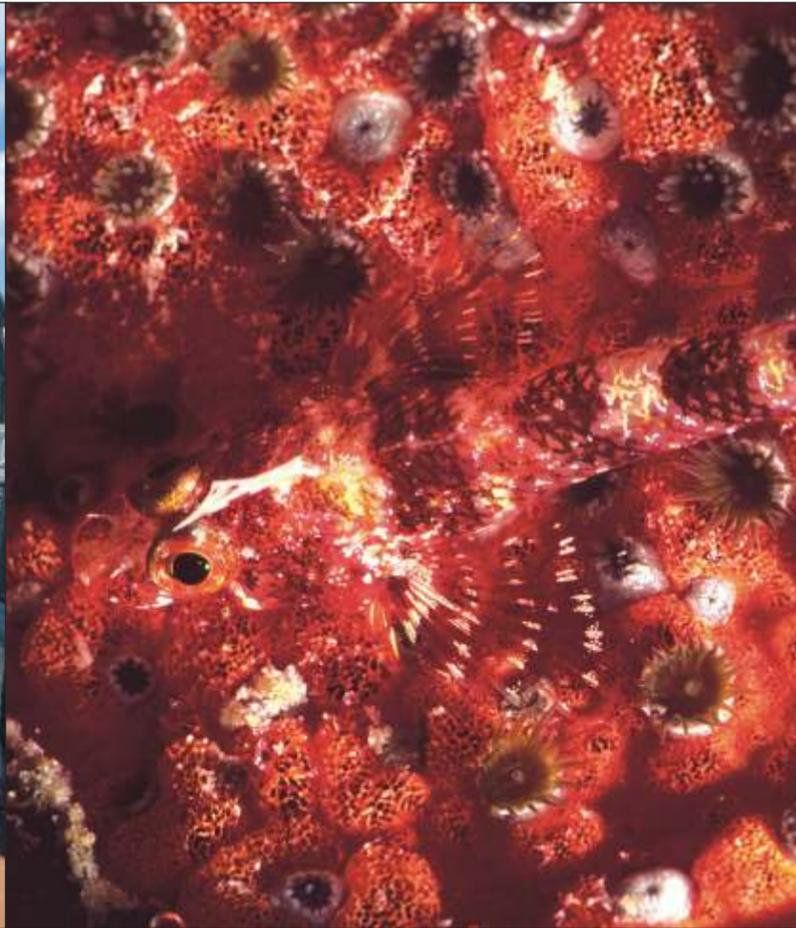


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## Teen Marine Biology SCUBA Voyages

# get set for adventure

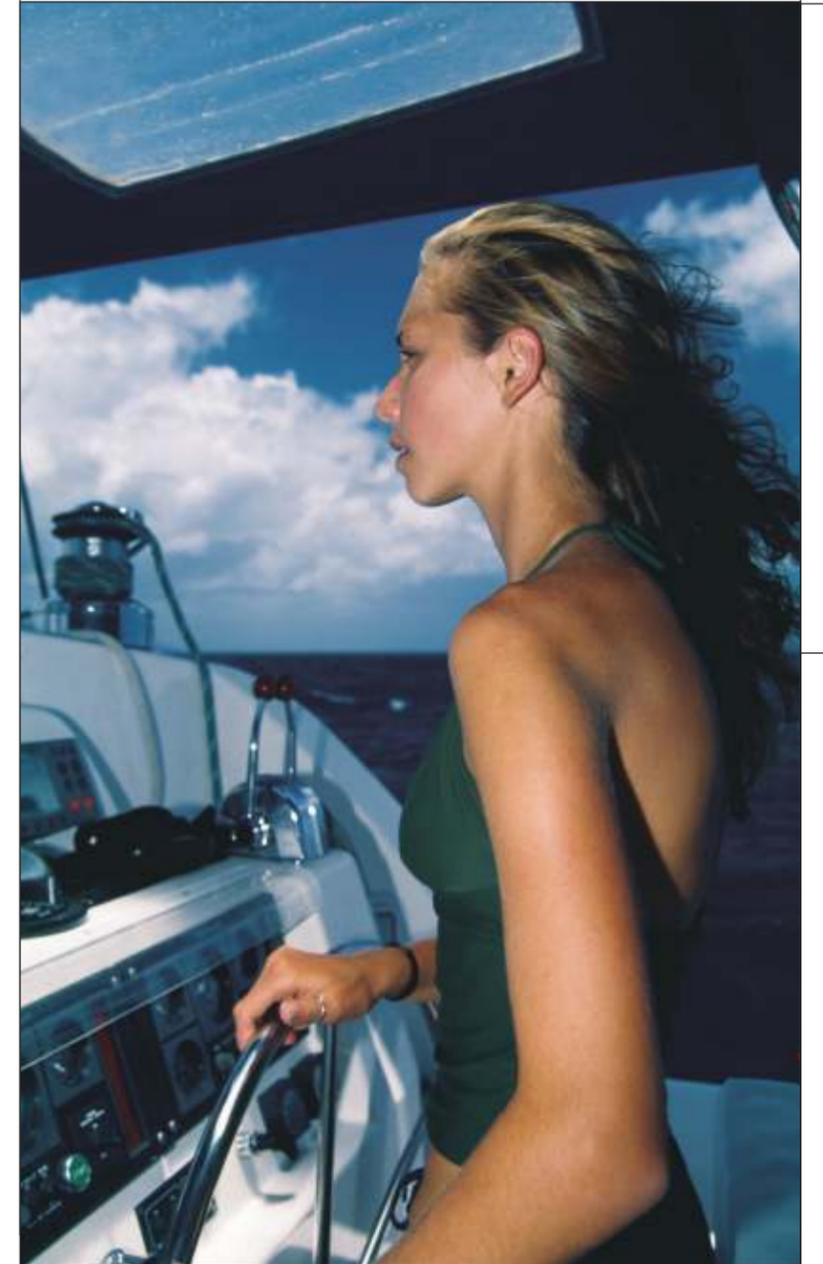


**Windward Islands  
Martinique, St Lucia, St Vincent  
& the Grenadines & Grenada**

"The memories go on and on... The voyage was soooooo much fun! I like to read over my dive logs to remember the things I saw. I went down expecting to love the fish and natural attractions of the Caribbean, but the people were lots of fun too. Just yesterday, I got a note from my cabin-mate Marina. The trip certainly was an experience I'll cherish forever. I got to do so many things I never thought I would do in my life: night diving, deep diving, sailing, the list goes on. The experience certainly isn't something that's done and over now. I still spend a lot of time looking at my pictures and remembering the wonderful times I had."  
Mary Anderson, St Cloud, MN



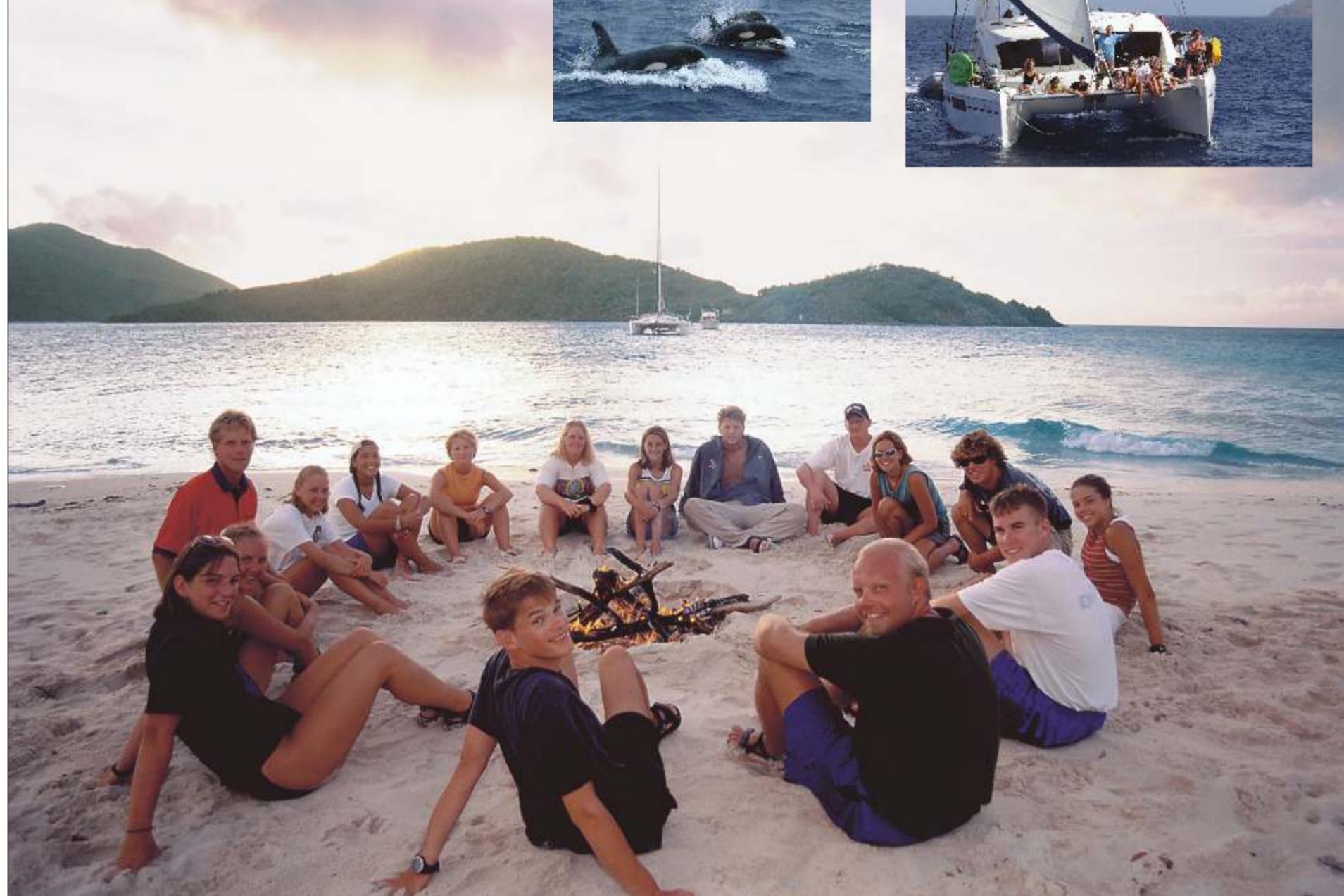
# Exploring



This is simply a "thank you!". Our daughter, Lauren, attended Odyssey nearly six years ago, and we're still hearing about it today. Now she is in her senior year at USCD as a biology major. She often refers to her Odyssey trip as her leap into "adulthood". It was her first trip away by herself, and the confidence she came back with has remained constant. We had initially sought out your program at the strong suggestion of a college instructor neighbor, but had the general trepidations. Had we known what an impact it would have on her, there would have never been any debating or hesitating!

Jamie Huante, Los Angeles, CA

# Join the Odyssey



Odyssey Expeditions founders and brothers Jason (far left in red) and Jon (right front in blue shorts) at Sandy Spit in 1996.

Dear Adventurer and family,

Thank you for your interest in learning and exploring with Odyssey Expeditions.

Join us on a voyage of discovery where you may become an excellent scuba diver, sailor and budding marine biologist. You will learn from a friendly professional staff eager to share their ocean passions as you explore coral reefs, dive historic shipwrecks, climb volcanoes and make great new friends.

Established in 1995 by two brothers with a passion for exploration, Odyssey has been leading unique and outstanding educational adventure programs for twenty-five years! We will safely introduce you to scuba diving, sailing and marine science. Our experienced staff integrate an awesome island sailing adventure and underwater exploration program with inspiring educational opportunities. Your voyage will provide the educational background, underwater exploration skills, and personal talents to help develop you into an 'Ambassador of the World's Oceans.' With projects that bring science ideas to life and contribute back through environmental service, your voyage is not only personally rewarding but a positive contribution too.

You and your shipmates take full charge of your sailing catamaran; you explore biological wonders of the oceans and islands, enjoy breathtaking scenes, and hike through lush tropical mountains. You learn to navigate, to hoist the sails, and to drop anchor. You will even be 'skipper-of-the-day.' You may earn PADI SCUBA and optional PADI Freediver certifications and 'dive-in' to fantastic reefs, historic shipwrecks, and brilliant, coral-encrusted pinnacles.

Prior experience is not necessary; these voyages will develop your skills for ocean and undersea exploration and allow you to discover your potential. You will face challenges and exceed your expectations as you master new activities in exciting environments awaiting your discovery. Setting new goals you never thought you would set, and accomplishing them, assures you that we can make a difference in the world and live our dreams.

Please read over this brochure carefully to better understand Odyssey's unique program offerings and our special way of making the voyage your voyage. Visit with us and alumni at [facebook.com/odysseyexpeditions](https://www.facebook.com/odysseyexpeditions) and [instagram.com/odyex](https://www.instagram.com/odyex), and call to discuss joining us on a fun and safe voyage that you will never forget!

Captains Jason and Jon Buchheim and the Odyssey Expeditions crew





## Sailing, Freediving, Scuba, & Science

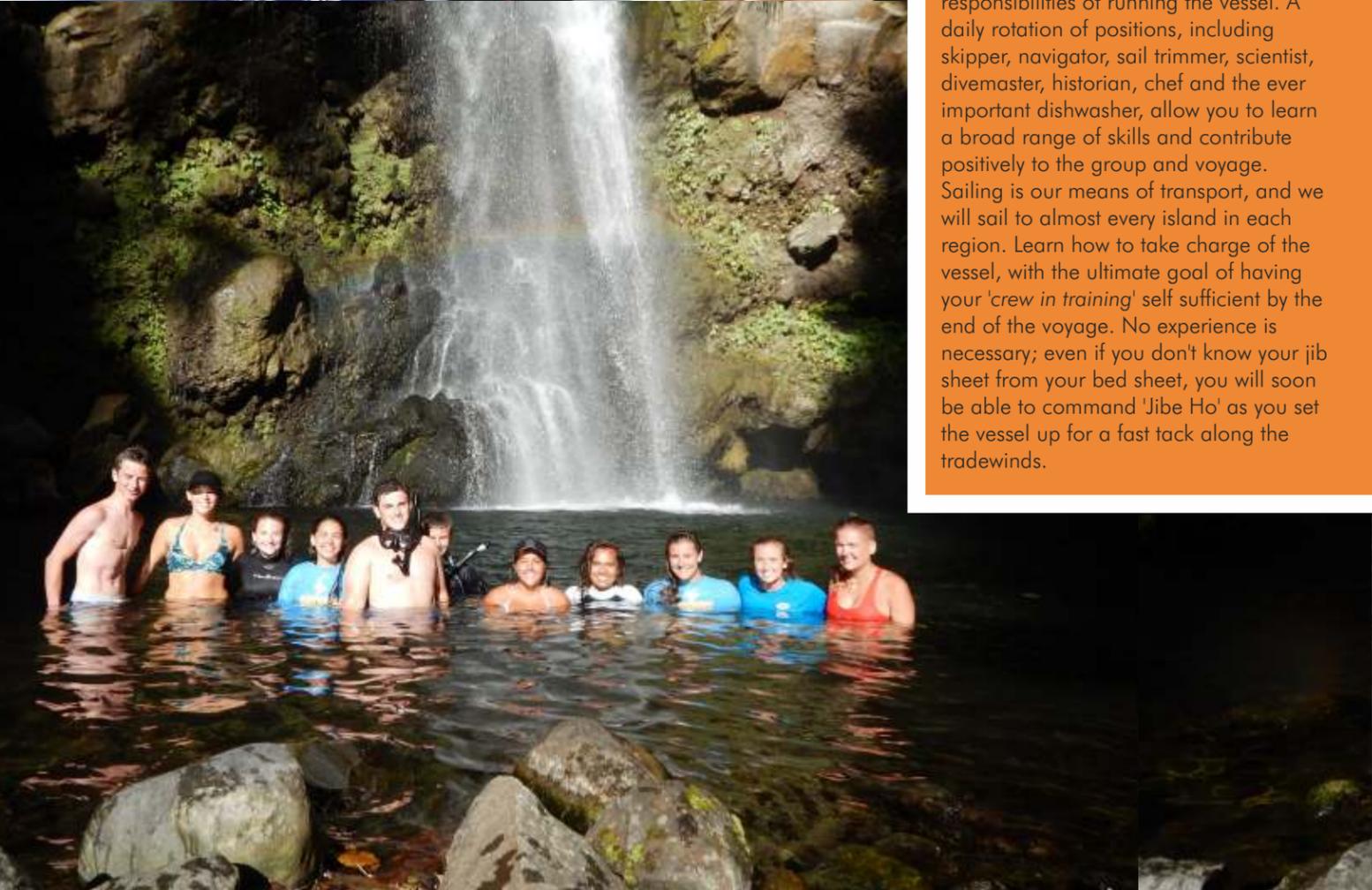
One day you are hiking through a dense tropical rain forest up to the rim of a volcano, the next you are diving along the edge of a vibrant coral reef with a deep blue abyss below you. You investigate fateful events on sunken ships, meet the locals in open-air markets, and come face to face with exotic fishes all while learning about sailing, underwater exploration and marine biology.

Learn to set and strike the sails, trim them for optimal speed, navigate with dead reckoning and even try some celestial!

Voyages are full participatory experiences. Along with your shipmates, you are part of the 'crew in training,' sharing the responsibilities of running the vessel. A daily rotation of positions, including skipper, navigator, sail trimmer, scientist, divemaster, historian, chef and the ever important dishwasher, allow you to learn a broad range of skills and contribute positively to the group and voyage. Sailing is our means of transport, and we will sail to almost every island in each region. Learn how to take charge of the vessel, with the ultimate goal of having your 'crew in training' self sufficient by the end of the voyage. No experience is necessary; even if you don't know your jib sheet from your bed sheet, you will soon be able to command 'Jibe Ho' as you set the vessel up for a fast tack along the tradewinds.

We explore above, below, and around the islands with encompassing itineraries that bring us to all that is unique and fascinating. Biologists and naturalists provide interpretation and insight along the way. Each day brings new challenges and opportunities. On some days, you wake at the crack of dawn and set sail to a distant dive site, and others begin with a reef diversity survey, a SCUBA skills lesson or a freedive training session. With two to three dives a day, you have ample opportunity to get to know the locals who do not come up for air!

If you want to learn about the oceans first-hand, to see the marvels with your own eyes, and to discover how science actually works, then you are in the right place. Trace out ecological niches, witness territories defended, watch predator and prey interactions and the battle of sharp eyes and discreet camouflage, ponder the roles and challenges of the reef's players, and even conduct an experiment to shed light on your theories. All while making great new friends!



## Featured Activity:

# SCUBA & Freediving

Queen Parrotfish, Flamingo Tongue, Elkhorn Coral, Eagle Ray, Tiger Grouper, Batwing Coral Crab, Lizard Fish...does it sound like a jungle? These are just a few of the names of the undersea life we will encounter. An integral part of each voyage, SCUBA and freediving at the islands' premier locations for underwater science activities, PADI SCUBA certifications, and just fun may be the highlight of your voyage. Our skilled and experienced PADI SCUBA and Freediving instructors ensure you safe, supervised dives and assist you in finding a diverse array of marine life. A broad range of PADI diver education course

offerings allow all divers to improve their skills, whether they are new to diving or have logged 100 dives. Specialty SCUBA certifications develop your exploration skills in exciting new environments.



**PADI** The Professional Association of Diving Instructors is the world's leader in diving education, setting the highest standards in safe and quality instruction.

### Core Scuba Courses-

**Open Water**- the first course in the step of becoming a well rounded diver. This course develops the knowledge and skills necessary to safely visit the underwater world using scuba.

**Advanced Open Water**- provides the novice diver with a structured, well-supervised means to gain the practical experience to safely explore underwater in varying conditions & environments. Includes night, deep, wreck, navigation & naturalist training dives.

**Rescue**- how to be the ultimate diving buddy, designed to enhance your ability to handle a diving emergency. Includes PADI Emergency First Responder certification. Training in assisting a tired or panicked diver, search & recovery, unconscious diver management and egress & accident management. Role-playing makes this course fun while developing skills.

**Freediver**- Freediving is about inward power, discipline and control. If you've always wanted to enter the underwater world quietly, on your own terms, staying as long as your breath allows, then freediving is for you. Taking the optional PADI Freediver course is your first step toward discovering why freediving is becoming a popular way to explore beneath the waves.

### Specialty Course Options Include-

Night Diver  
Deep Diver  
Wreck Diver  
Drift Diver  
Marine Biology  
Research Diver  
Fish-ID  
UW Naturalist  
UW Photo/Video  
Project Aware  
Coral Conservation  
Flouro Night Diver



As you will dive directly off your catamaran home, the diving is easy and without long boat rides to and from dive sites. Your training is conducted in a variety of locations and habitats allowing for a wide exposure to the marine environment. When courses require confined water, we anchor in shallow, clear bays, while advanced and specialty courses take us to sunken shipwrecks, coral reefs, pinnacles, seamounts, and walls dropping into the abyss. All diving is done with full safety equipment including

advanced diving computers, which increase safety and allow for extended bottom times. Whether it's your first breath underwater or you are a master diver candidate, class sizes are small to promote safety and personalize instruction. Our instructors present the lessons in clear, comprehensible formats at a comfortable pace.

Odyssey Expeditions is a PADI 5 Star Resort and PADI Freediving Training Facility, and maintains the highest standards in dive training, safety, and excellence. Each

sailing catamaran is outfitted for adventure with diving equipment, tanks, and lights for all divers. A compressor and emergency oxygen system aboard each catamaran allow for independent schedules and lead to more diving and fun.

You will dive on flourishing coral gardens with schools of snappers and grunts synchronizing their movements. Look close and see small reef octopi hiding in lairs and be visited by a curious stingray

gliding by. Perfect your underwater navigation skills and be ready to map and safely penetrate into the bridge, cargo compartments and engine room of large shipwrecks as you earn your Wreck Diver certification. Learn to Drift Dive in currents and take part in documenting the biological diversity of these great sites as you earn Underwater Photo/Videography certifications. A definite highlight of your voyage, SCUBA diving and Freediving with Odyssey is safe, fun, and superb!



## Featured Activity:

# Marine Biology

Do you ever dream about the rhythm and magic of life in the sea? We examine the complexity, fragility, pristine beauty and practical importance of our planet's oceans. The magnificent reefs, mangroves, turtle grass beds and rocky intertidal zones serve as your ultimate biological laboratory. Marine biologists accompany your vessel and present marine biology education programs throughout your voyage. You will even have the opportunity to apply new knowledge and techniques during hands-on marine biology environmental service projects designed to be

exciting and educational while providing a positive reef contribution and earning environmental service credit hours!



Explore topics in Biodiversity, Ecology, and Animal Behavior with hands-on labs and service projects specially designed to bring discussion topics to life. Geared for those interested in a career in the marine sciences and those just curious.

'What the heck was that?' is one of the most commonly asked questions of surfacing divers. We start with a full exploration into the diversity of life in the sea, with training to identify the common fishes, creatures, and corals.

*Do you know what a counter current exchange system is? Ever wonder how fish breath? Ever seen a Tarpon's eyes glow orange at night? Did you know a shark could sense your heartbeat from miles away? Why do some fish school, and what are those that don't missing out on? You will focus in on the lives of fishes to discover unique adaptations in their physiology and morphology and inquire about how these adaptations aid survival. Help out scientists by conducting fish abundance monitoring dives for project R.E.E.F. Coral Reef Conservation.*

*What does a barracuda have to do with a mangrove tree? Why is turtle grass called turtle grass, and are there turtles involved? What makes a coral reef so unique compared to its surrounding waters, and why do people refer to them as the 'tropical rainforest of the oceans'? How many bites of coral does a Parrotfish take in a day, and how does this actually help the coral? In Ecology, study symbiosis, life cycles, food-chains, animal behavior, and species competitions and dynamic interactions.*

*What is meant by coral bleaching? Why are there not as many fish on this dive as the last? What can I do to help protect the ocean ecosystems? Conservation and methods to reduce impacts on ocean ecosystems will be stressed throughout the voyage.*

*On which side of the transect line do I put this quadrat thingy? Field survey and experimental techniques teach us the excitement and challenges of doing marine biology research underwater!*



Using the islands' reefs, mangroves, turtle grass beds and tidal pools as your ultimate biology education laboratory, a hands-on marine biology program is presented by our staff biologists. Vessels are outfitted for underwater investigation with computer facilities, dive station, microscopes and reference resources. The program is designed to interconnect our SCUBA training activities with marine science topics. Students have the opportunity to participate in environmental service coral reef conservation projects

### TOPICS INVESTIGATED

- Oceanography**- properties of sea water, island formation.
- Biology**- invertebrate and vertebrate zoology, fish anatomy and physiology.
- Coral Reefs**- formation, types, zonation, health challenges including bleaching and disease.
- Ecology**- life cycles and food chains, predation and predatory avoidance, symbiotic and parasitic relationships, competition and niches, animal behavior.

### ACTIVITIES

- Project Aware Coral Health Surveys
- R.E.E.F. Environmental Education Foundation Coral Reef Fish Surveys
- Assist Bequia's Old Hegg Turtle Sanctuary
- Eastern Caribbean Cetacean Network Dolphin and Whale watches and population surveys
- Assist the marine rangers in the local marine parks
- Animal behavior investigation
- Learn about photography as a tool in science
- Mangrove and turtle grass habitat discovery
- Intertidal, beach, and salt pond habitat discovery
- Artificial reef fish habitat discovery
- Plankton tow and microscopic life
- Pelagic Tuna Fish dissection
- Bioluminescence and coral fluorescence dives
- Seabird ecology and identification
- School selection and majors discussion



a day with Odyssey...  
**is awesome!**



**never stop exploring**

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What to expect:

# Explorations

## You are at the helm

Stepping aboard a sleek yacht and casting off from the dock excites even the most seasoned of sailors, but you do not have to be an 'old salt' to share the awaiting adventures. As you and your shipmates hoist the sails, you begin to discover the potentials of both the regions we visit and ourselves. There will be few moments when you confuse your voyage with a pampered cruise ship vacation or a day at a theme park; these are real adventures where you make things happen. The responsibility and joy of active participation and doing things on your own allows you to acquire valuable lifelong skills and accomplish goals.

Upon return to port you will have uncovered confidences and abilities that would give the 'old salt' a run for his money. Fill your sails!



After spending the night under a blanket of stars, you awaken in an emerald cove nestled below a tall, lush island mountainside. As your morning unfolds, you chart out the day's course with the captain, haul up the anchor and hoist the mainsail to set out to a dive site on an oceanic pinnacle. You feel the acceleration as billowing sails catch the wind and your vessel slices through turquoise waters. Excitement builds as you and your fellow shipmates perfect a series of fast tacks and arrive at

a cay inhabited by only a colony of booby and frigate birds. The excitement persists as you gear up with your buddy, ready to plunge below the surface and discover the pelagic jacks and barracuda feeding on a huge schooling cloud of 20 million silverside minnows. You spot a bright orange anemone with an iridescent blue cleaning shrimp within its tentacles, aim, and capture the action with your GoPro camera. After arriving at a protected overnight anchorage, sea kayak silently

through a mangrove forest and get face to face with an egret. Looking for some speed, you may try your luck on the wakeboard or kneeboard and perfect a 360° jump or work with the biologist studying fish ecology. Then it is time to head in to the beach with your crew and enjoy an exciting volleyball match in the afternoon sun. Your day continues as the sun sets, suit up to nightdive and witness the remarkable nocturnal reef transformation, followed by hot chocolate and tales with friends.



## Why sail with Odyssey

**Unparalleled Programs** Your Odyssey adventure provides unrivaled opportunities for exploration, learning, skill development and fun.

**Personalized Instruction** Your catamaran home is functionally independent. Your program will be you, your three staff, and 10-12 other participants of similar age. You have direct involvement in the planning and realization of your voyage, working closely with your instructors in a non-competitive environment centered on dynamic small group support and self-reliance. You progress at your own pace and truly make the voyage yours.

**Active, Hands-On Program** allows for your personal growth, responsibility, and leadership skills development as you take part in a diverse array of activities with first-hand experience. No rigid schedules, flotillas, equipment sharing or activity rotations to limit your experience.

**Skill Building Activities** enable you to learn about sailing, safe yacht operation, underwater exploration, leadership, and marine biology.

**Safety and Experience** A solid commitment to safety by both staff and shipmates, a full complement of safety equipment aboard, safety and risk management policies, and an experienced and extensively trained staff familiar with our program and locales, combine to develop our safe programs

**Knowledgeable, Friendly Staff** Experienced leaders and educators live aboard with you and share their areas of expertise, bringing you a wealth of opportunity to broaden your horizons, increase your knowledge of the world, develop your abilities, and gain a new perspective on the roles you can play in accomplishing your goals.

**Highest Quality Equipment** The best yachts, equipped with the best diving gear, recreation and safety gear, and biology education resources, allow your voyage to explore in depth and comfort the beautiful Windward islands like no other. No need to share dive gear or wait on support boats. Your catamaran has everything aboard, and features ample space, easy dive decks, excellent performance all in a comfortable package.

**Unprecedented Itinerary** allows your voyage to experience the richness in biological and cultural diversity of exciting, pristine, and beautiful locations, without limit on what is convenient for a support boat or separate dive boat to meet you with. Our itinerary takes us to all the cool dive sites and islands, which means more adventure for you!

# Martinique & St Lucia

The northern Windward Islands offer you some of the best sailing and scuba diving in the world. With fair weather and constant winds plus a wealth of natural resources, no other Caribbean destination offers so much. Dramatic scenery, friendly people, intriguing bays, and spectacular reefs await you. Underwater terrain ranges from gently sloping reefs, sheer walls, and pinnacles to spectacular shipwrecks that are engulfed by schools of Spanish mackerel, blackbar soldierfish, and French angelfish. The large underwater national parks and marine reserves help to keep the environment healthy and diving outstanding.

With reefs teeming with large fishes and healthy corals, Martinique is the ideal place for you to learn to scuba dive and continue your dive training while learning about marine biology. There are many shipwrecks to explore including the Nahoon and Raiseniere. The water is crystal clear and most dive sites are protected from the waves providing for comfortable entry and exit from the water.

Renown as 'the sailing capital', smooth waters and steady trade winds provide exciting inter-island passages and allow your sailing skills to develop quickly. The islands are close together so it's easy to visit them all, and each has its own unique charm, from cactus covered uninhabited desert islands to towering rainforests. There are endless opportunities for adventures - hiking, kayaking, trekking, and more. The calm coves are our relaxed base to explore the

marine kingdom, carve deep-arcs waterskiing and drift asleep under the stars. Odyssey has explored Martinique since 2000 and will delight you with dive sites not on the charts.

Odyssey offers our 14-Day Discover Adventure Voyages. No experience necessary. Develop and expand your scuba and sailing skills on a safe and fun experience of a lifetime.



**Discover Adventure Voyages**

Round Trip of the archipelago with French and English history.. Flights only three hours from the US.

- Open Water and Advanced PADI Certification plus specialties.
- Sailing Instruction and Seamanship Experience
- Island Hikes and Exploration
- Watersports- Wakeboarding, Tubing, Sea Kayaking
- Marine Biology Programs - Environmental Service Projects

**14 Days**



Welcome to St Lucia! Arrive into the airport and journey on a scenic ride along the coastline and through the mountains to Rodney Bay, our home base in St Lucia, where you will join your yacht and meet your fellow shipmates and get settled in. Learn some knots, go to the pool and enjoy the beautiful Caribbean atmosphere.

First a quick safety briefing with the captain before we begin to learn the ropes and all about sailing. After a chance to go shopping ashore, we cast our lines off the dock and head out to sea for our first sailing adventure with you as crew! We learn to hoist the mainsail and bring out the jib, and complete a couple tacks and jibes as we turn the catamaran through the wind and learn some different points of sail. We sail across Rodney Bay to Fort Rodney and Pigeon Island, where we head ashore to explore an old English fort, checking out the dungeon and climbing to the peak to see Martinique in the distance to the north. Next we suit up in our snorkeling gear to check out some historic Carib Indian caves and explore the reef along the shore, learning a bit about freediving and some of the fishes. We anchor here for the evening and enjoy the sound of music drifting across the water from the Sandals resort ashore.

With sun drenched days and warm winds, we are growing comfortable with life aboard and everyone gets to try out important roles like skipper, first-mate, chef and dive safety officer. We have a big sail today, departing St Lucia and heading north to Martinique, about a 20 mile journey. Possibly see some dolphins along our journey, we are starting to get the

hang of the sailing and take turns at the helm practicing steering and handling the lines. After a couple hours we arrive in Petite Anse D'Arlet (its French, we are now actually in France, but what does all that mean you ask? Petite is 'small', Anse is 'in the shape of a cup handle, also beach' and D'Arlet is somebodies name, so 'small beach named D'Arlet)... Here in this beautiful white sandy bay with swimming pool like conditions (except for the beautiful reef with tropical fishes), a perfect place for us to start our PADI Open Water SCUBA training.

We continue our SCUBA training with a couple more confined water dives on the easy sandy bottom with jaunts over to a small, beautiful reef. You follow this up with some watersports and then a journey ashore to check out some French pastries, see some beautiful architecture and meet some locals!

We hike to the rocky intertidal for biology investigations and assist in a community service effort to clean up the shoreline from plastic debris. A short sail to Anse Noir and we start developing our fish and creature identification skills with our resident marine biologist. We start our PADI Open Water Checkout Training dives and visit a secret hideaway pool few others know about for some cliff jumping.

Up early to visit one of the most stunning sites in the Martinique The Bat Caves. Gigantic caves into the hillside that are both above and below the waterline. Today we will be finishing our Open Water SCUBA certification

and become certified divers. We get to do this at the Bat Caves. Later we sail up to Trois Islet and get a chance to go ashore for some cultural exploration and eating at a French restaurant for dinner.

With our SCUBA certification under our belt, its time to get down to business explore the reefs underwater! First we dive the Nahoon shipwreck (a mixed sail and steam ship from 1911) a wreck heavily colonized by corals and reef fish with some pelagics. From here we are going to deepen our scuba knowledge working on our PADI Advanced SCUBA certification. We sail up the coast to the North of Martinique to visit the reefs and shipwrecks around St Pierre (which was infamously destroyed in the volcanic eruption of Mt Pele in 1904)

Today we do some island exploration with a climb up to the peak of Mt Pele! A semi-active volcano with a rainforest on it flanks as we climb up to a peak at 4000 feet! Exploring the town of St Pierre later shows us the amazing resilience of the town and the beauty of their architecture and people.

Visiting the marine park at the north is a Pearl, Pearl Island and a island that looks like a submarine (La Sous Marin). The reefs in the marine park are spectacularly preserved and beautiful.

We sail south to Pointe Bornese, a naturally protected lagoon fully colonize by corals and fauna like moray eels, seahorses and more.

We sail from Martinique down to St Lucia today, diving first at the Diamond in the South, (Rochuer du Diamont -Diamond Rock), a tall rugged rocky island that Napoleon actually christened as a ship of war! Undereath is beautiful clear water, archways and more. then we are off back to St Lucia, we sail down to the town of Soufriere and check in with customs before heading up to a hot spring waterfall!

We get to dive some of the clearest water in the Windwards today, diving along the Pitons of St Lucia at sites such as 'Supermans Flight' and 'Coral Gardens', then we head ashore to explore some resort time underneath the Pitons.

The last dive is a beauty, we travel back north a bit to Anse Cachone and dive a fantastic shipwreck, the Lesleen M, (the Wreck of a cargo vessel sunk as an artificial reef in 1986. Sits upright on a sandy bottom at a max depth of 65ft/20M. The 167ft/51M long wreck offers open access to the surface and is inhabited by many types of marine life including Lobster, Moray Eels and reef fish. Stunningly colorful and pretty dive.) and then sail up to our home port of Rodney Bay to enjoy a pizza party ashore.

We brush the sand from our feet and say our goodbyes. Good friends. Splash On...Its our final goodbyes as we depart the vessel, but the adventure is not over yet, on our way back south to the airport we stop by the ziplining adventure park for one more adventure with our shipmates.



# Discover Adventure St Lucia & Martinique

Odyssey Expeditions Discover Adventure Voyages offer you a broad range of adventure, sail and scuba training, and marine biology discoveries aboard fast, safe, and comfortable catamarans. No experience is necessary, we teach you to SCUBA dive and advance your training with PADI Open Water and Advanced Open Water Certifications and follow up with Night and Underwater Naturalist Specialty certifications. We teach an exciting hands-on marine biology program and round off the adventure with lots of watersports, hiking, and exploration. Our staff have been leading and sharing adventures since 1995!



## Discover Adventure Voyages

If you have no prior scuba experience, our Discover Adventure Voyage is designed for you. Learn sail training, PADI Open Water and Advanced scuba certifications, and marine biology. Initial dive training takes place with small groups in shallow, calm, and clear waters and progresses at your own pace. After certification, explore the spectacular coral reefs and shipwrecks throughout the archipelago. You will begin advancing your diver education with exciting night dives and learn about the underwater realm during underwater naturalist dives. Marine biology activities, water sports, and island adventures enhance your voyage.

-  PADI Open Water Diver
-  PADI Advanced Diver
-  PADI Night and Naturalist Diving
-  20+ Dives, 2 Scuba Certifications
-  Sail Training and Seamanship
-  Watersports- Skiing, Boarding, Kayaking
-  Island Exploration, Rainforest Treks
-  Marine Biology

### Discover Adventure Voyages

No experience required. Windward Islands voyages aboard 48-foot catamarans. Earn PADI Open Water & Advanced SCUBA certifications.

14 Days, Tuition \$5750

June 7- June 20

August 2 - August 15



The best was all the great diving. Plain and simple, I did a ton of dives and enjoyed every single one. The instructors were cool and the courses fantastic.

Joel Hyat



# Grenadines

## St Lucia, St Vincent, & Grenada

For certified divers, Odyssey Expeditions offers Advanced Adventure Voyages in the Windward Islands archipelago. Sailing on a 130 mile arc of stunning islands from St Lucia, through St Vincent and the Grenadines, to Grenada. These islands are an adventurer's dream paradise with incredible sailing opportunities, diving on pristine and diverse reefs, walls, and shipwrecks, fantastic island exploration, hiking in rainforests, climbing majestic volcanoes, and swimming under hot-spring waterfalls. The islanders are warm and welcoming.

The diving is outstanding and off the beaten track of tourism. Encounters with huge schools of fish and big pelagic animals like dolphins and rays are commonplace. Much of the area is protected by marine conservation zones and marine parks which help to preserve the phenomenal natural beauty. Marine life rarely seen elsewhere are frequently sighted here including the small, but spectacular, seahorses, frogfish, and flying gurnards.

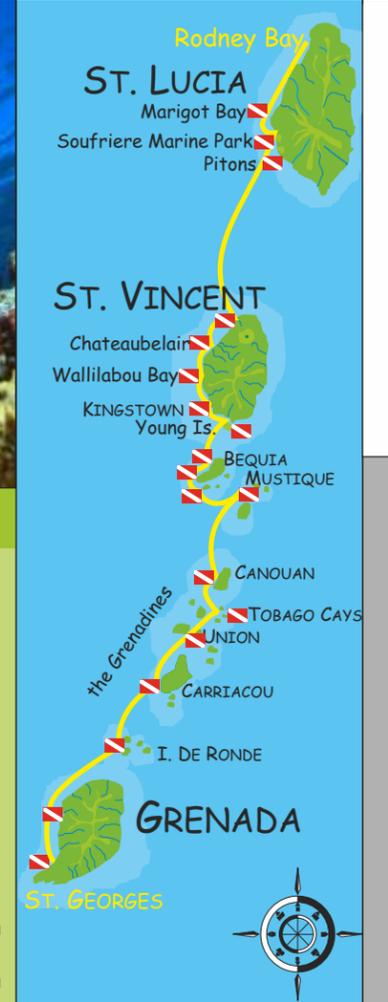
Ashore you will find an abundance of adventure opportunities including exploring old forts, even the movie set for *Pirates of the Caribbean's* Port Royal, and shopping in charming towns full of rich history and cultural heritage. The sailing is unmatched, with steady trade winds and spectacular inter-island passages. Master the navigation and seamanship aboard the catamaran, your comfortable home for exploring these spectacular islands. You will truly experience the Caribbean the way it is meant to be explored and make great friends along the way!

Odyssey offers Advanced Adventure Voyages in the Windwards on 21-day itineraries between St Lucia and Grenada with exploration of St Vincent and the Grenadines en route. Voyages alternate starting from St Lucia and Grenada on Southbound or Northbound itineraries.



**Advanced Adventure**

**Service-** corals, dolphins, sea turtles, reef fish environmental service projects  
**Education-** enhanced marine biology and oceanography program with a focus on corals, dolphins, reef fishes, and sea turtles with hands on projects, sailing instruction  
**Adventure-** scuba diving and freediving (30+ wreck, deep, night, reef, drift dives), sailing, island exploration, watersports  
**PADI SCUBA & Freediving Certs-** Advanced, Rescue, Emergency First Aid, Freediver, Advanced Freediver, Night, Drift, Marine Biology Research  
**Southbound Advanced Adventure** St Lucia- St Vincent & Grenadines- Grenada  
**Northbound Advanced Adventure** Grenada- St Vincent & Grenadines- St Lucia



**Days 1-4**  
You arrive St Lucia and venture along a mountain road to the stunningly beautiful Rodney Bay to meet your fellow crewmembers. You learn about your 48-foot sailing catamaran and then we cast-off, raise the mainsail, and head to Anse Cachon reef for a quick orientation dive. You start your Advanced SCUBA Diver course exploring the 165-foot Lesleen M shipwreck, where large groupers and a sea floor of garden eels await us. Have some fun sea-kayaking and wakeboarding in the calm, protected anchorage. Next you learn Drift Diving at 'Supermans Flight', a high-current coral wall underneath the Pitons in the SMMA marine park, then relax with a hike through jungle-covered botanical gardens for a soak in the volcanic hot springs. Working with marine rangers, we learn about management of the park and do an underwater-debris clean-up dive.

**Days 5-8**  
You sail on your first blue-water passage to St Vincent, usually accompanied by a pod of dolphins playing in our bow wake, and arrive at the Soufriere volcano. We hike up to the rim of its caldera for a view of primordial Earth through an impressive national park. St Vincent has spectacular wall dives including the lava flows of 'Mystery Reef' where you may find camouflaged frogfish, batfish, flying gurnards, and more. We even dive through a bat cave! Ashore we explore the Pirates of the Caribbean movie set and hike to the top of Fort Duvernette. You learn about Night Diving and nocturnal marine life as well as conducting underwater research activities on coral reef and fishes and contribute to conservation projects. You may begin optional Freediver training, learning relaxation techniques as we turn on our 'mammalian diving reflex'.

**Days 9-12**  
The Grenadines offer us many small keys with rolling hills and picturesque villages. We visit Bequia, a relaxed island with gingerbread-trimmed houses and home to the traditional fishing and whaling industries. We spend an unforgettable day assisting in sea turtle conservation efforts with Brother King at the Old Hegg Turtle Sanctuary, cleaning the turtles and tanks and releasing a Hawksbill to the ocean. The diving in the Grenadines is exciting, with encounters of large pelagic fishes and pristine reefs. We explore throughout the many islands, diving, hiking, and watersports as well as shopping and a few visits ashore to eat delicious local cuisine. You continue developing your freediving skills, learning to easily and comfortably hold your breathe for three minutes or more and breath hold dive to over 40 feet!

**Days 13-15**  
The Tobago Cays are the quintessential postcard-perfect paradise with palm-lined cays and white sand beaches. We assist the Tobago Cays Marine Park rangers with REEF surveys as we explore this horseshoe shaped barrier reef, and watch hawksbill and green sea turtles forage in the shallow sea grass beds. Venturing ashore we spot wild iguanas and tortoises. We are getting quite adept at Freediving, with new skills you never thought possible! For the adventurous, try your luck paddleboarding, waterskiing, or wakeboarding in the calm waters behind the reef. We dive at the remote bird nesting colony at Sail Rock where spotted eagle rays and sharks glide overhead. You are learning quite a lot of the running of your catamaran and can now navigate, trim the sails, anchor, and watch the helm while learning all about sailing and seamanship.

**Days 16-18**  
You will investigate bioluminescence during night dives and witness the changing of the guard of the reef fishes from the diurnal herbivores to the nocturnal predators as we dive some of the worlds best reefs. Learn a bit about digital underwater photography as we continue our investigations in marine biology. Analyze the feeding habits and life cycles of the coral reef fishes and learn about fish count methods, transect lines, and other tools of marine research. The reefs here are optimal for perfecting fish identification while exploring their unique niches and behaviors. In the southern Grenadines we dive the Sisters, Big Blue, and Kick 'Em Jenny, which offer fantastic opportunities to see pelagic fishes, swim in underwater caverns, and look over the abyss. The sailing is fantastic, and we are becoming quite accomplished sailors.

**Days 19-21**  
The diving ramps up the excitement upon arrival to the 'Spice Island' of Grenada. Dive in an underwater art exhibit of hundreds of statues as you investigate the world's largest underwater sculpture garden. We have a choice of a few more stunning shipwrecks to dive before heading ashore towards the fragrance of nutmeg, ginger, and cinnamon. Beautiful mountainous Grenada has rich culture and history to discover as we explore quaint colonial towns, visit Fort Frederick high in the mountains, and shop in traditional straw markets for unusual gifts. We have explored an arc of the Caribbean, contributed to reef conservation, and made great friends! For those still seeking adventure, you may optionally go zip-lining through the rainforest canopy. Lastly, enjoy a long hot shower followed by a farewell pizza party and dancing ashore.

# Advanced Adventure Grenadines

Are you fascinated with the tropical reefs and marine creatures or possibly interested in exploring a career in the marine sciences? Advanced Adventure Voyages feature unique Service, Education, and Adventure opportunities. Earn environmental service hours while adventuring throughout the amazing Grenadines archipelago. The Advanced Adventure Voyages provide the opportunity to learn about marine biology, sailing, SCUBA and optional Freediving, and make the most of your summer on a rewarding and educational adventure of a lifetime!

**SERVICE:** You may assist with coral-reef related environmental service throughout your voyage. Working with the marine parks and international monitoring organizations, you conduct surveys on wild dolphin populations and coral health assessments in St. Lucia's Marine Park, remove underwater debris from dive sites, conduct Project Aware coral reef fish counts and invasive lionfish removal projects in St Vincent, and assist sea turtle population rehabilitation efforts in Bequia.

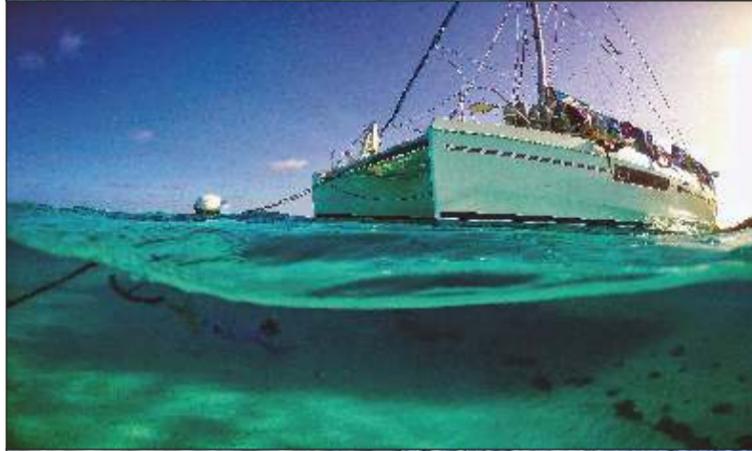
**EDUCATION:** Inspired and fun coral reef biology and ecology education program allow you to discover the deeply interconnected ways the coral, invertebrates, and fishes work together in amazing efficiency. Aboard your vessel are microscopes, ecology survey equipment and a staff of enthusiastic marine biologists ready to teach you how to collect scientifically sound ecological data as you explore your interest in a science career or just enjoy learning about the unique aspects of the reefs creatures. Learn to identify the top 25 corals and their common ailments as well as over 100 reef fishes in preparation for conducting biodiversity surveys of the reefs to add to the project REEF database. The behaviors of coral reef fishes are as vivid as their colors, and you will learn about their unique methods of mate selection and attraction, avoiding predation, and finding and obtaining dinner. A big part of the protection of these beautiful coral reef communities is through the conservation efforts of the marine parks of the islands, which provide safe havens from the effects of fishing and commercial utilization of the reef's resources. We assist the marine parks by conducting surveys assessing the health of the reefs and also make a significant effort to capture and remove the invasive lionfish from the reefs. Educational programs are taught in a hands-on approach in which you gain knowledge by doing, seeing and experiencing.

**ADVENTURE:** Sailing throughout the archipelago, diving the coral walls, pinnacles, and reefs, exploring shipwrecks, hiking through the rainforest jungles, exploring volcanoes, refreshing in hot spring waterfalls and experiencing the culture and beauty ashore is sure to satisfy the explorer within you. With lots of scuba diving included, you can earn multiple PADI diving certifications including Advanced, Rescue, Night, Drift, Marine Biology and Freediver. We live aboard sailing catamarans and sail the blue passages between the islands. You are the crew, learning to raise and lower the sails, navigate, be the helmsman, and drop the anchor all in time for volleyball, wakeboarding, and kayaking.

- ▣ PADI Advanced & Rescue certifications
- ▣ PADI Night, Drift & Marine Biology certs
- ▣ Optional PADI Freediver certification
- ▣ Marine Environmental Service Projects
- ▣ Sail Training and Seamanship
- ▣ Watersports- SUP, Boarding, Kayaking
- ▣ Island Exploration, Rainforest Treks
- ▣ Marine Biology Program

▣ **Southbound Advanced Adventure Voyage**  
*Begins in St Lucia, explores St Vincent and the Grenadines, and finishes in Grenada*  
**21 Days, June 21- July 11, tuition \$7350** minimum age 13

▣ **Northbound Advanced Adventure Voyage**  
*Begins in Grenada, explores St Vincent and the Grenadines, and finishes in St Lucia*  
**21 Days, July 12- August 1, tuition \$7350** minimum age 13  
*-this voyage can be combined with the July 1- July 14 BVI Discover Adventure voyage*



Having special attention and smaller group sizes was very comforting. This voyage certainly furthered my interest and motivation in biology. It's great knowing all the exciting fields I am able to explore. Helping the rangers was the best!

Sally Normandin



# Details

Easily sign-up online at [OdysseyExpeditions.com/enroll](http://OdysseyExpeditions.com/enroll)

- Call us at (727)619-6246 to discuss a voyage with a friendly program director. We can fully explain each voyage, provide references from past students and parents, and answer any questions.
- Check on availability and enroll online at [OdysseyExpeditions.com/enroll](http://OdysseyExpeditions.com/enroll)
- Berth is secured upon payment of \$1000 deposit (which can be done online or over the phone). *Berths are limited and voyages often fill quickly, please reserve as early as possible.*
- Once confirmed, make your airline travel arrangements; consult [OdysseyExpeditions.com/airtravel](http://OdysseyExpeditions.com/airtravel) and plan to arrive in the afternoon on the start date and depart early the morning of the end date.
- Tuition is all inclusive except airfare, transfers, books, and personal spending money for gifts or optional meals ashore.
- Complete enrollment packet including terms of agreement, scuba training forms, medical statement, risk disclosure statement, and liability release. (forms available at [OdysseyExpeditions.com/terms](http://OdysseyExpeditions.com/terms))

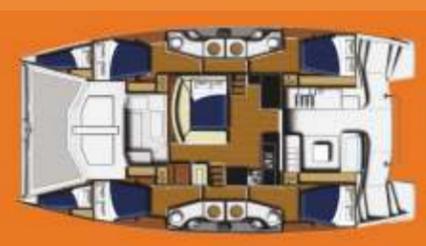
Odyssey Expeditions' instructors and staff are a highly motivated group of young adults dedicated to the education and positive experience of the participants. Many have been with Odyssey for years, including some who started as Odyssey students. They are selected with great care, evaluating their individual areas of expertise and ability to share and work with young adults. Sailing masters hold Coast Guard licenses, SCUBA instructors are experienced in teaching all levels of PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) courses, and biologists have teaching and professional experience. We have three staff on each vessel. All staff are trained in emergency first-aid and all programs have EMT or WFR trained emergency medical responders. Our staff are the kind of people who work well both one-on-one and in group situations. Each has a genuine interest in the lives of young adults, strong communication abilities, and entertaining approaches. All strive for appreciation of the differences and opinions of each group member. Our core staff work year round with Odyssey developing education programs, others are college professors, live-aboard dive boat captains, biologists, photographers, students, and adventurers. Also, as we are operating in only two locations, NOT programs worldwide, and we usually have over 75% return staff from year to year, our staff are experts at the locations we operate within. Please consider this aspect carefully as a program operated with staff who possess first-hand local knowledge is offering a much safer, higher quality, and more organized experience.



Your safety is the primary consideration in all of our activities. We carefully plan and monitor each activity to ensure the successful accomplishment of our goals. Activities are designed not as high-risk adventures, but rather for the positive growth of our participants, we never sacrifice quality for convenience nor safety for risk. Throughout the year we evaluate how we do our activities and review risk-assessment advice to refine our methods. Participants are fully instructed in personal and group safety skills and the use of program and safety equipment. Only high-quality equipment is used for program activities. We maintain low student to staff ratios (4:1). All staff are highly trained professionals (*real professionals -not interns!*). Staff are trained as first aid providers and each program has EMT or WFR trained emergency medical responders. All staff know how to access and activate our emergency support system. We rigorously follow and uphold all PADI scuba training standards and fully enforce our zero-use alcohol and drug policy.

We have never had an accident requiring extended hospitalization, but outdoor expeditions do have some inherent risks. The forces of nature and the scope of our activities do yield the possibility of an accident even in the best-managed of adventures and no ultimate safety guarantee is possible from any program. While it is not possible to eliminate all potential dangers from our outdoor activities, as scuba diving, sailing, hiking, swimming, climbing and watersports have inherent risks and dangers that can lead to injury, property damage or even loss of life, we do take our safety commitment very seriously and are fully dedicated to the well-being of all participants. Our excellent safety record speaks for our active and solid commitment to your incident free adventure. With Odyssey, you will learn to respect and evaluate risks as you learn new skills, allowing you to minimize the risks and make intelligent decisions while functioning as a team member sharing the responsibility for the safety of yourself and others.

You live, dive, and sail aboard award-winning 4500 Leopard catamarans from the Moorings and Sunsail. These elegantly designed and precision built vessels incorporate safety features, large deck space, a roomy cockpit, light and ergonomic galley, and an enormous transom (for easy entry and exit from the water while wearing scuba gear), with an advanced sail plan that makes them fast and easy to sail. These vessels offer you comfortable accommodations, excellent safety and quality construction. The perfect choice for your voyage, the catamarans provide a stable platform that allows us to dive in all conditions and have plenty of room to store our gear. Full equipment is provided aboard for you and there is no sharing of scuba gear or waiting for your turn to dive. As we dive directly off our yachts, you do not have to wait around for a dive boat to pick you up, allowing you much more adventure. Living and diving directly off a custom liveaboard yacht is far superior to working with separate diving vessels. You get to actively sail to and from the dive sites, not be a passenger on a crowded dive boat. Your instructors live aboard with you and provide personalized service and attention. You get to dive more dives and sail to more places. Your living space is immediately available after a dive with access to snacks and showers. You can easily night dive and return to hot chocolate awaiting you! You will definitely get to dive more, see more, and have more fun sailing the Caribbean aboard Odyssey Expeditions!



## Voyage Dates/Cost/Locations:

**St Lucia & Martinique Islands 14-Day Discover Adventure Voyage \$4950**  
June 7 - June 20  
August 2 - August 15

**The Grenadines 21-Day Advanced Adventure Voyage \$6750**  
June 21 - July 11  
July 12-August 1

## Soundings

"The Best Summer...On the Odyssey voyage I honestly had the time of my life. Every day I think back to my endless experiences in the beautiful realm of blue water and green mountains. My favorite dives are those that I did with Odyssey, and I'll never forget standing at the helm of that beautiful ship, testing her against the wind. The staff is absolutely perfect. I got along great with all of the staff. It really was an experience of a lifetime, and memories of that trip I will cherish forever."  
**Patrick Gibson, Miami, FL**

"I loved everything about the trip and would definitely recommend it to others. Because of this trip, I have grown and matured, thank you for such a life-changing experience."  
**Andrea Fata, Tallahassee, FL**

"Definitely a fantastic voyage. The scuba instruction was excellent with everything catered for, you all did a grand job!"  
**Sam Baumber, Grantham, ENG.**

"Odyssey Expeditions is much more than just learning how to sail or dive, it is about new friendships, sacrifices, teamwork, education and cooperation. I have learned so many new things about life. I am hooked on sailing now and joined the university's sailing team."  
**Brian Thompson, Charleston, SC**

"I had the best time I've ever had. Thank you so much. The trip really made an impact on my life. All of my friends here in California have heard more stories than they could ever want about how much fun I had in the Caribbean. I really loved the diving and learned so much about biology and myself"  
**Jackie Buhl, Noraga, CA**

"I had the time of my life this summer. I think Odyssey Expeditions is the greatest program. I can't even begin to put how much I loved that trip into words. I just know that it was an experience I won't forget."  
**Susan Schroeder, Columbia, MO**

"I learned so much during those three weeks, from scuba diving to sailing to living with others, it was a fantastic trip. The boat was awesome and the staff was friendly and fun. The sailing instruction was excellent and I learned so much."  
**Katherine Leahy, Toulouse, FR.**

"My college awarded me a grade on my credit for the trip, an A!!! So I'm really happy. Thank you for all of your help, I wouldn't have gotten an A without all of you. You can't put a price tag on the memories I have."  
**Michelle Stuart, Kalamazoo, MI**

"The instructors went out of their way to help individuals. I really enjoyed sailing from island to island and thought the entire trip was a very worthwhile experience. I loved getting to know and learning to live with so many different people from all over the world."  
**Eric Segal, Fort Washington, PA**

## Common Questions

**Do I Need Any Experience?** No prior sailing or marine science experience is necessary for any of the voyages. For the Discover Adventure Voyages, no prior diving experience is necessary. Participants need to be Open Water certified in order to participate in Advanced Adventure Voyages. For students who are unable to complete their open water training prior to participation in an Advanced Adventure Voyage, a referral from a PADI instructor is sufficient. In this case, students would complete their final open water check-out certification dives upon arrival. Most participants have never sailed a large yacht or participated in marine science activities, and that is o.k. Our skippers and instructors will show you the ropes and guide you every step of the way.

**Are the voyages safe?** Yes. Safety is at our forefront. Activities are carefully planned and professionally overseen. Having three staff and no more than thirteen shipmates to a vessel aids in supervision and leads to a safe, flexible, and fun voyage.

**Are there any additional expenses?** Tuition covers all instruction, scuba, sailing, equipment, food, and watersports. Not included is airfare, personal spending money, personal scuba books, optional meals or tours ashore or any academic credit registration.

**Can I sail on more than one voyage?** Yes. Consecutive voyages may be combined, allowing for additional certifications and breadth of experience. A 5% tuition discount on the second voyage will be applied.

**What is the food like?** The food is great, by far the best of any of the summer programs- as testified by those who have worked or participated in the others. The students are the chefs, and we provide high quality fresh ingredients including familiar fruits and vegetables, and simple to follow recipes. Servings are plentiful, served family style. Healthy snacks and fruits are readily available. Seafood is available- not required.

**How long do we sail each day?** Sailing is our means of transport and we will sail between two to four hours a day, with lots of diving, science activities, and water sports to round out the schedule. We do not sail at night and are always within sight of land, but the winds are great and the sailing exciting. In the British Virgin Islands, the waters are mostly protected and seasickness is very rare. The Windward Islands provides longer sailing opportunities with exciting blue-water sailing.

**Who will be my shipmates?** Participants arrive from near and far, the USA to across the globe. Your shipmates will be a co-ed group close in age to yourself. While most arrive alone, enduring friendships are built upon mutual experiences and cultural appreciation.

**What about communication?** We understand the importance of communication and provide as much opportunity for students to keep in touch as we can. When sailing with us, much is learned through the total immersion in the program and group activities. Personal phone calls can be disruptive to this process and, for this reason, we do not allow cell phones to be carried during the program. In lieu of this we provide the following communication methods:

Online Updates and program blogs allow parents and friends to live the adventure vicariously. Access to student cell phones is made available on a weekly port stop. Emergency phone calls and emails can be sent through our Florida office, which our staff is in contact with via cell or satellite telephone.

**Are the activities challenging?** If you can swim and enjoy moderate physical exertion, all activities will be within your abilities. Our instructors will start you off easy and progress your skills as you achieve your goals. All we ask is for your readiness to try new things and participate fully in your groups activities. You will have responsibilities and your willingness to perform them will allow you and your group to have an awesome voyage.

**What should I bring?** All necessary equipment is provided, including scuba gear, safety supplies, and sporting equipment. Only a wet-suit and dive booties need to be supplied (*you may optionally bring your own scuba gear, but it is not necessary*)

**What are 'Full Participatory Trips?'** Odyssey Expeditions voyages are designed with the philosophy of bringing together motivated adults who are eager to share their areas of expertise with students who are ready to join in on every aspect of a voyage. Staff are always available for instruction and to ensure safety, but this is not a pleasure cruise or a summer camp. Participants work together as a team in the operation of the vessel, with a daily rotation of positions ranging from skipper of the day, navigator, sail trimmer, chef, divemaster, historian, scientist, to dishwasher. The teamwork required to operate the vessel greatly expands your areas of exposure, allowing you to gain insight into how things work, learn new skills, build leadership abilities, and forge friendships.

**When did this all begin?** Program founder Jason Buchheim's intense interest in marine life led him to earn his scuba instructor qualifications at the early age of 18 and to study marine biology at Oregon State University. His speciality is in coral reef fish ecology, particularly the small in size, but big on personality, Blennies. Jason founded Odyssey in 1995 to share his passion of education and exploration with others. He brings over twenty-five years experience and 80 expeditions under his belt. Jon Buchheim, a Mechanical Engineer, joined Odyssey in 1996 to share his enthusiasm in teaching scuba and sailing and brings a charming personality. As overall program directors, the Buchheim's are sure to delight you with amazing programs and tall tales of pirates. Unique to Odyssey, our founders live and sail aboard our programs at all times, directly supervising and ensuring the delivery of the very best for the students.