

East Coast Dive Tour 1,000 ISLANDS FAQs

Who is the trip leader for this trip? The trip leader for this trip is long-time shop instructor and dive leader Jim Vafeas. Jim has been a dive instructor with Tiedemann's since **1996** and has returned with a diving group to **Canada** every year since 1999. He has also organized trips to Bonaire, Roatan / Honduras, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Maine, Bonne Terre Mine, MO and Rhode Island. He is a well-liked, thorough, organized and passionate trip leader determined to make your trip with us the best and most enjoyable that it can be.

What does the trip price include? The base 3-Day Trip price includes:

- Accommodations for 2 nights (Friday and Saturday night) at the Comfort Inn – Brockville
- Complimentary hot buffet-style continental breakfast
- A shore wreck dive on Friday
- 2 days of 2-tank AM boat dives
- BBQ of Hot Dogs and Cheeseburgers, during our surface intervals on Saturday
- FREE AIR fill after our Friday dive
- FREE Nitrox upgrade for our Sunday dives
- All taxes and tips.

Adding the extra day of Sunday night accommodations and diving on Monday includes:

- Sunday evening accommodations at the Comfort Inn
- 2-tank AM dive on Monday
- Nitrox fills for our Monday dives
- Additional taxes and tips

What is not included in the price?

- Transportation from NY to Brockville, Ontario Canada
- Dinner
- Equipment rentals.

All prices are based on double occupancy. Note that is there is a significant swing in the exchange rate the trip total may be adjusted slightly after all the charges come in in September.

How do most people get to Brockville, Ontario? Everyone drives up with their equipment. Most people commute. If planning to dive with us on the shore dive on Friday, plan on leaving Long Island before 6:00am. You should be at the Canadian customs by 1:00pm. We also put divers into contact with each other so that as many people drive up together as possible, cutting down on travel costs and vehicles on the trip – parking in some areas is limited.

I don't own all my own gear or a dive computer. Can I rent? We offer tanks, BCs, regulators, octopus, gauges (pressure, depth and compass), wetsuits and dive computers (required) for rent. If we are sold out of tanks, you may rent Aluminum 80s in Canada which we can help coordinate for you. We do not rent mask, fins, snorkel or wet suit boots. Please call us at 516-796-6560 to discuss your needs, pricing and options.

Do I need any special certifications for this trip? Yes, because the dives can be deep, are on fragile wrecks and in mild to moderate current, we currently require **Nitrox** certification, **Wreck Diving** and **Deep Diving** certifications (or similar experience). If coordinated in advance, Deep Diving certification may be completed on the trip.

What are the wrecks like? The wrecks range from upright, intact wooden barges and sailing vessels to steel lake freighters down for over 100 years. All wrecks are protected and no artifacts can be removed. Bring a camera or a photographer.

Do I need lights for the trip? Dive lights are recommended as there are lots of nooks and crannies to explore. Photography is encouraged.

Any other equipment I need? We recommend that diver have at least one dive reel, a lift bag, an audible and visible (safety sausage) surface signaling device. We also require proof of *Dive Accident Insurance*.

What about meals for the trip? A hot buffet-style continental breakfast is included at the Comfort Inn. The Inn is located in the heart of Brockville and there are lots of dining options nearby as well as in downtown Brockville.

What will the weather be like? Air temperatures in Brockville that time of year in the morning and evening can be cool (50°Fs) but get warm and slightly humid in the 70°Fs to low 80°Fs. It's best to have layers and a light coat available.

It has been some time since I have been in the water, Can I get some pool time to practice? If you wish to have a Scuba Update with a private instructor prior to the trip, arrangements can be made.

How much for my own room? The cost for a single room adds an additional cost depending on how many nights – based on availability. Call Ed for exact pricing details.

Will we be doing anything on Long Island before the trip? All coordination of the trip will be completed via email and phone calls if necessary.

Can a non-diver go on the trip? Yes, non-divers are welcome as there are a lot of sightseeing opportunities. They can take a City of the 1,000 Islands Cruise or visit the historic Boldt and Singer Castles. There is the ever popular Brockville Rib Fest all weekend and the Poker Run on Saturday. There are lots of lighthouses to visit, or hit the mall in Brockville for some great deals due to the value of the American dollar.

I'm not yet certified. Will I be able to do my dives for Open Water Diver Certification? No, because of the fragile wrecks, depths and current we only offer Deep Diving, Nitrox Certification dives and various Technical courses during this trip.

What is the deposit required? We need a **\$160** deposit per person ASAP to hold your spot. *Remember space is limited to only 20 divers.*

When is the balance due? We need the balance paid by the Saturday the week before the trip starts.

Should I purchase trip insurance? We recommend trip insurance for all our diving trips

Is there anything else I need? Yes, all divers on our trips need to have a current physicians sign-off medical form on file with us. We can provide the form you need.