GIVE THEM A WEEK THEY WILL REMEMBER FOREVER.

2019 FAMILY DIVE TRAVEL PLANNER

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“Unparalleled, memorable and the most intimate family adventures imaginable”

At Kids Sea Camp, you can help save sharks from extinction, restore ancient corals, explore sunken wrecks, jungle bike through a 200-year-old sugar plantation, take off on a magical cruise around Darwin’s Arch, kayak the Rock Islands of Palau and dive below the majestic Pitons of St. Lucia.

Founder Margo Peyton chose to partner with PADI and provide a legacy of professional leadership, safety and quality training to the next generation of divers.

She personally selected a team of PADI Pros and PADI five-star resorts from around the world to provide engaging, interactive opportunities to immerse your children in the underwater world.

Margo has crafted unique itineraries with unparalleled adventures, allowing families to bond, interact with local cultures, learn history, engage with wildlife and meet like-minded families from around the globe.

Travel with us once and you will become a part of a worldwide network of families you will never want to leave.

MARGO PEYTON:
CEO Kids Sea Camp Inc. & Ocean Wishes, PADI Elite MSDT instructor, Women Divers Hall of Fame, SCUBAPRO Deep Elite Ambassador, PADI Ambassadiver, Award of Excellence in training & education, 7,000+ youth certifications with 0 dive accidents! Margo’s awards: the first Family Travel Association’s Person of the Year Award in 2016, the Seiko 2017 Sea Hero Award with Scuba Diving Magazine and DEMA’s “Reaching Out” Award in 2018.
YOUR PERSONAL TRIP CONCIERGE

We are here to serve you and make sure your vacation is the best it can be. Our Kids Sea Camp family vacations are hosted by Tom and Margo Peyton, along with our other longtime team of PADI professionals and host families.

We are here to cater to your personal needs. This may be extra support with the kids, a drive to the grocery store, a scuba tune-up, one-on-one dive training session, help with a camera or demonstration of dive gear. Maybe it's getting over a fear or just needing a refresher course.

SPECIAL NEEDS

We are special-needs friendly. If you give us advance notice and the information we need, we can make most wishes come true. Kids Sea Camp has been able to cater to handicapped divers, high-functioning autism, hearing-impaired divers, disabled divers and other special needs.

The primary language spoken is English; however, we have a pool of multilingual PADI instructors around the world, and with notice, almost any language can be accommodated.

OUR MORAL COMPASS

Eighteen years of taking kids diving without a single dive accident is not just luck, it’s hard work and dedication. Our record and reputation speaks for itself. We work with family-friendly, experienced and knowledgeable professionals. We have standard PADI, travel, medical and KSC waivers, like any other adventure sport; however, it does not relieve us of our moral obligation to keep you safe!

Safety is our No. 1 priority, and fun is No. 2. There is no other company like Kids Sea Camp because Margo Peyton makes it personal. She works hard to assure you’re in the water with family-friendly dive experts. Kids Sea Camp is the only tour company in the world dedicated to taking young divers and their families on advanced dive trips, like the Galapagos, Sea of Cortez, Palau, Indonesia and a multi-island tour in Philippines. Kids can experience the biggest and the smallest of marine animals. We include volcano hiking, jungle biking, culinary classes, citizen science, internships and local outreach.

Our waivers are to inform you that we are providing authentic experiences with real wildlife and marine life. We are not a theme park, and there is no plexiglass. We provide education to families through facts and hands-on experiences with hopes to remove fears created by false information. Our trips require participants to be respectful to each other and the underwater world we are exploring. Our rules must be followed, decisions honored and our word be final. Safety is our area of expertise for families enjoying their scuba vacations.

UNPLUGGED

Enjoy your family and newfound friends. From daily dives to zip lining, jungle biking, yoga, paddleboarding, playing football, basketball or fly-fishing, you are spending a full week disconnecting from your routine world and reconnecting to each other and the underwater world.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Weddings, birthdays, anniversaries or reunions. Let us know how we can serve you better.

KIDS SEA CAMP FACTS

Over 7,500: The number of PADI scuba certifications issued at Kid Sea Camp as of December 2018

0: The number of dive accidents in all our 19 years of taking kids diving

75: The percentage of families that return each year

19: Number of years in business in January 2019

14: Number of countries represented with Kids Sea Camp and Family Dive Adventures: Australia, Belize, Bonaire, The Cayman Islands, Dominica, Fiji, Galapagos, Grenada, Honduras, Palau, Indonesia, Mexico, Philippines, St. Lucia and Yap

6,008: Number of dives Margo Peyton has logged as of November 2018

10%: The discount offered to military, police officers, firefighters, PADI Pros and families who book early

“THE MOM FACTOR”
Because every child matters

Margo Peyton has been professionally exploring, diving and traveling the world since 1986, guiding great adventures above and below the sea. Once Margo became a mother, she wanted to fully immerse her two children, Robbie and Jennifer, into her world. It was clear her business would be connecting children and families around the globe with educational dive-travel adventures.

THE DILEMMA
Margo could not find any family-friendly dive resorts. In 1999, dive resorts did not offer much outside of babysitting for children travelling with their families.

THE CREATION
“Kids Sea Camp”: Margo created and customized her own itineraries, menus and schedules. With the help of PADI, ScubaPro and Sport Diver Magazine, she established her own kid-friendly, ocean-oriented, educational scuba programs. Her goal: to connect, nurture and grow a network of family-friendly PADI five-star dive resorts around the world who would embrace her values and standards of safety and partner with her to host Kids Sea Camps.

Margo says, “Kids Sea Camp is not just business; it’s personal.” Only those that know Margo’s passion and tenacity would get that.

PRIORITIES
Margo’s first and foremost priority is always safety. She chooses nonbranded, locally-owned resorts that allow for a direct personal trust and strong relationships with owners whom she feels hold a similar moral compass. Fun and authenticity come next and together ensure the rest is easy.

KIDS SEA CAMP MAGIC
Connecting families from faraway places, longtime friendships are forged building bonds across borders that are supported and revisited again and again. This is just another element of “the Mom Factor”.

OUR MISSION:
To inspire families to travel.
To provide educational activities. To empower children and their families to explore the underwater world together.
To reconnect kids to the outdoor world through fun, safe, responsible ways.
To provide environmentally conscious family scuba-diving vacations.

OUR VALUES
We provide a strong focus on building lasting friendships and strengthening family bonds.
We nurture relationships and treat each other with respect.
We consider our responsibility for both the negative and positive impact we have on land and sea ecosystems. We create projects through Ocean Wishes Foundation to give back to the many lives and communities our families touch around the globe.
We strive to create more responsible, confident, well-trained and educated divers.
**PADI COURSES:**

- **SASY:** age 4-7
- **Seal & Master Seal Team:** age 8-9 & 10
- **Discover Scuba:** any age
- **Reactivate any age**
- **Refresher last dive 2 years**
- **PADI Updates**
- **Jr. Open Water:** age 10-14
- **Jr. Advanced Open Water:** age 12-14
- **Open Water:** age 15+
- **Advanced open water:** age 15+
- **Reactivate/Refresher**
- **Jr. Rescue:** age 12+
- **Rescue Diver:** age 15+
- **Master Scuba Diver**
- **NITROX:** age 12+
- **Deep Diver:** age 15+
- **Wreck Diver:** age 15+
- **Tec 40:** age 18+
- **Dive Master age 18+**
- **OWSI PADI Instructor**

**SPECIALTY COURSES:**

- **Zombie Apocalypse**
- **Peak Performance Buoyance**
- **Coral Restoration, Digital Photography Videographer**
- **Navigation, Night Fish ID, Alt Light**
- **Sea Signs**
- **Boy Scout Merit**
- **Drift, Boat, DPV**
- **Project Aware, Shark Aware, Whale shark & Manta Aware, KSC Diver**
- **Underwater naturalist Lionfish**
- **Equipment Citizen Science**

**DIVING AND TRAINING**

For 18 years, parents have entrusted us to care for the most cherished people in their life — their children and grandchildren. That is why we choose the highest level of quality in dive training and instruction: PADI.

The reality is that in order for adults to have a stress-free dive vacation, they must feel confident and comfortable leaving their kids in our hands, and they do! The KSC and PADI systems of diver education are the most structurally solid systems in diving. Our dive programs are designed to make learning enjoyable and safe. Under the guidance of professional PADI instructors, your kids will gain confidence while mastering important safety concepts and skills. At Kids Sea Camp, you can trust that the PADI instructors in the water with your kids are well-trained and held to diving’s highest standards.

The kids participate in specialized age-appropriate and performance-based dive activities. They progress at their own pace as they demonstrate mastery of specific skills essential to being a scuba diver. Kids earn their PADI certifications in encouraging and well-supported learning environment.

It is our goal to encourage families to explore the underwater world together, while experiencing and learning about marine life in a safe and respectful way. We pride ourselves on creating more aware, confident and capable divers.

Our PADI programs fall under strict educational standards. PADI takes a proactive approach to quality management and randomly surveys PADI divers to assure courses meet PADI’s high standards and divers’ expectations. No other dive training organization works to maintain this level of professional reliability and integrity. Kids Sea Camp has achieved the PADI President’s Award of Excellence.
Kids Sea Camp has over 30 years of experience in family dive travel

I have spent the past three decades of my life diving and traveling with families from around the world. I created a company called Kids Sea Camp that takes families with kids aged 4-18 on vacations to experience and learn more about the underwater world. As I’ve been diving, traveling, teaching kids and adults, I have picked up a few good bits of advice and tips along the way.

Top destinations for kids ages 5-8

The Cayman Islands. I created Kids Sea Camp there because it is where my son, Robbie, was born. It has calm seas, clear water, and a climate that’s perfect for the little ones.

The Cayman Brac, Brac Reef Beach resort has a 140,000 gallon pool sitting right on the ocean for the little ones to do their aqua missions. It’s all one-bedroom, hotel-room style so I feel for a family with one child, the double rooms are perfect.

The resort also has four rooms that can connect to house larger families.

Bonaire is a great destination. Buddy Dive Resort is a fantastic place for SASY and Seal Team adventures. They do these programs every week of the year, and their team is well-trained.

They have the best “jump-off-the-dock” marine life, and I would say hands down the best dive team for the little ones in that setting.

What is your favorite destination for large families?

Buddy Dive Bonaire has one-, two-, and three-bedroom villas and is a great value for large families.

Bonaire caters to all levels of divers.

My second choice, if you’re willing to travel, would be the Philippines.

Pura Vida Homes Resort in Daan is spectacular! They also have one-, two- and three-bedroom villas. For your diving dollar, it’s the best diving in the world, easy and very reasonably priced.

Best for families with older kids that have been diving a while?

Galapagos would be my first thought. We use the Galapagos Sky and the Majestic Explorer for our trips. I’ve been taking kids to the Galapagos now for 14 years. We dive from pangas, so the kids and adults roll off the side. It’s big animal interaction: big turtles, wild dolphins, giant mantas, marine iguanas, and tons of sea lions.

We always travel in June or July which is peak whale shark season. It is one of the last diving frontaliers, and I feel like every time, I go it’s a trip of a lifetime. If you want to share the rare and off the beaten path with your children, then take them to the Galapagos.

What’s your top choice for families with nondivers?

St. Lucia at Anse Chastanet is my No. 1! Spa, jungle biking, volcano hiking, paddleboarding, sailing, snorkeling, chocolate culinary classes, cupcakes, making shopping and local sugar plantation walks, as well as a jazz sunset cruise.

It offers lots of time together as a family and many fun activities for nondivers.

Second would be Palau with Sami Tours. Palau offers Rock Islands kayaking, World War I and II history tours, museums, shopping, spas and beautiful beaches.

What makes Kids Sea Camp special needs friendly?

For the past six years, we have been taking special-needs adults and kids diving around the world, exceeding their expectations. I have a team of dive leaders that are experienced in areas such as high-functioning autism, deaf, handicap, ADD or ADHD and even elderly divers that just need a little more hand-holding. We even have a valet diving service to make everyday diving easier and less stressful.

We provide private one-on-one instructors or dive masters for people that need a little bit more professional assistance. We have smaller tanks and BCD’s for smaller adults and kids. We have destinations that can cater to needs of dive platforms and wheelchairs, and we can help people with gear in and out of the water.

If families give us specific instructions that we need to have in place, for the most part, we meet those needs.

Most importantly, the doctor who is treating the special-needs participant has to give authorization for that person to participate in scuba-diving activities. I require at least six months notice and a few good in-depth conversations about the needs. If we can make it work, we will!

Any advice for parents of new divers?

Know your kids’ depth limits and profile restrictions. If you are not a PADI pro or other dive pro, and not an avid up-to-date diver, then when you dive with your kids, always make sure to request to have a dive master or instructor leading you on your dives.

Many parents have enough on their plate taking care of themselves in the water, and when you add kids to that, it can become very stressful. Kids move around faster and you can’t just talk or yell at them underwa-ter. So parents and relatives should make sure they have a refresher course and know their signals and skills well, so that they can assist young divers when needed.

I also want to remind parents that your kids watch you and learn from you when you dive with them.

Parents, please lead by example.

Make sure your gear is streamlined, check your gauges early and often, and ascend and descend slowly. Always let someone else know you’re going diving and make sure you have a slate to write on. Things happen, currents come up and you need to be able to communicate with each other.

It’s fun for families to come up with some of their own signs and signals. Kids should not assume that parents know the same signs or signals. Go over those before your dive.

Make sure you do a weight check prior to diving and know the type of dive you are going to do.

Make sure you are not forcing your child to dive. If he or she is scared or doesn’t want to go, then discuss what’s going on and make it OK, not to dive.

The worst thing you can do is force a child or adult to dive when they do not feel safe or well. Don’t try to impress your child or show off, I promise they will try to do what you do. Just enjoy your time in the water and enjoy the zero gravity like kids do. Remember diving should not be like the military; you kids want to have fun! They are playing with zero gravity and doing summersaults and being upside-down. Make some of that OK, teach them when it’s OK to have fun and when it’s not.

Do not give kids over-the-counter medications before a dive. If I had a dollar for every time a child told me their parent loaded them with an antihistamine before a dive, I could go out to a nice restaurant for dinner. That can be very dangerous.

It can cause reverse blocks and also cause panic and anxiety depending what you gave them. Most common is dehydration. Diving is very dehydrating anyway, so adding a decongestant before a dive can make it 10 times worse.

There is never a day that I don’t learn from the moms or dads that dive, or learn to dive, with Kids Sea Camp. I have enriched my knowledge and life from the children I meet.

Kids Sea Moments

My greatest moments are turning a frightened and anxious mother’s face into a calm and confident smile, seeing three generations of divers enjoying diving together as a family, and taking special-needs kids out of the only world they have ever known and showing them the magical zero-gravity world we set out for very first time.

Travelling and diving with kids can be an enriching and bonding experience for the whole family.

By Matt Aitken, president and founder of Kids Sea Camp

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A father’s ultimate dream comes true at Kids Sea Camp

By Eric Michael

“My kid’s a diver!” Shouting these words from a mountaintop has been a dream for 11 long years. The day my daughter, Hailey, was born, I began fantasizing about sharing with her my deep passion for the ocean. I couldn’t imagine a better childhood for her. I started early, with travel and diving irresistible pastimes would have to take a lamented that their adventurous some dads in my circle of friends secrets of the sea.

Then 4 years old. KSC offered everything an ocean loving family could ask for, was at Cobalt Cayman Islands. PADI Sea Camp, a unique family dive vacation that combined world-class diving for adults, kids-tailored activities for kids age 4-17, PADI certifications and specialty courses. They also provide daily educational, cultural and social events for all KSC’s participants to learn the basics of diving and marine life.

My long-awaited fantasy had become a reality. But there was one unexpected and equally wonderful side effect. Heather, my wife of more than 26 years, has long suffered an unrealistic fear of marine life. Despite being a competitive swimmer and water polo player in her youth, nothing proved more powerful than watching her own daughter become a diver. During Hailey’s final open-water, check-out dive, on which parents join, Heather followed the group on snorkel. When we surfaced, the most surprising words came out of her mouth, “I’m ready to try scuba diving.”

A few years later, we returned to Kids Sea Camp at Scuba Dive Resort on Bonaire, where 8-year-old Hailey joined the PADI Seal Team program. The mini scuba rig gave her the experience of a diver, by breathing through a regulator. She completed all five four parts, and I enjoyed my first dive with her under the dock. What a breakthrough! When she was 10, ready to become a Junior Open Water diver we booked KSC’s Thanksgiving week at Anse Chastanet St. Lucia. The exquisitely secluded luxury resort has on-site PADI five-star dive operation.

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When the venerable dive table came into play, I broke out in a cold sweat. Thankfully, Hailey helped me remember my fundamentals and she passed with ease.

Arriving at Anse Chastanet is a rejuvenation. Surrounded by 600 acres of thir. We arrived at the intimate 49-room resort that sits on a pristine volcanic beach embracing a crystalline bay that shelters a rich marine reserve. Fragrant tropical flowers adorn trees, tables and the staff. The view across the bay from our room, framing the island’s famed twin peaks, Gros and Petit Piton, against the Caribbean sunset defies description. This experience would surely set Hailey’s dive trip expectations to impossibly high levels. Then again, it’s all about Kids Sea Camp is all about. One of my favorite things about Kids Sea Camp is the relaxed, family vibe. Strangers don’t stay that way for

My ultimate dive buddy

By Eric Michael

Scuba St Lucia

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THE MARRIAGE OF LAND AND SEA
Tom is the land and Margo the sea. Families have travelled with Margo because of her love of the ocean and diving. However, over the years, Tom Peyton has enhanced the beyond-diving part of Kids Sea Camp, creating more fun for families who have other passions too.

Volleyball
Tom gets the games rolling in the afternoons either on the beach or in the pool. The most popular game is parents vs. kids.

Basketball
Tom, being from the Midwest, has been shooting hoops since he was a kid, and it’s almost a religion for him. If there’s a court around, he will get a pick-up game going. It does not matter the country or the language — Tom connects the world through basketball.

THE KSC TURKEY BOWL
2019 is the ninth year of The KSC Turkey Bowl. This annual football game was the only way Tom would agree to travel over Thanksgiving. The game is played on Thanksgiving Day in an authentic Bonaire soccer stadium, complete with custom-designed team shirts for all.

Tom’s Passion & Peace
Sometime during the week, you will find Tom has gone fishing — his place for peace; his passion is fly-fishing. There is always an open invitation for anyone to join, from beginner to expert. Tom always brings a second rod. (Catch and release only.)

Music, Poetry, Singing
Tom is a singer, songwriter and professional artist. He loves to encourage creativity and learn about each family. So at the end of each week, everyone can participate in the fun talent night presentation. For more info: tom@familydivers.com

LAND & SEA: THE 9TH ANNUAL KSC TURKEY CUP WILL BE PLAYED IN LITTLE CAYMAN, 2019 THANKSGIVING

LAND-BASED FUN
Football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, yoga, dance, spa, painting, poetry, zip line, horseback riding, culinary classes, fly-fishing, jungle biking and paddleboarding!
I am Paul Zanelli, a volunteer fireman and EMT for more than 35 years, a husband, father and now an amputee. I spent 33 days confined to a hospital bed after crushing my right foot during a home project.

When I opened my eyes the morning of December 23, 2016, minus a leg, I looked up at the hospital room TV to see a one-legged superstar running a Spartan race. It was like a call to me. The first people to reach out to me was Margo Peyton, owner of Kids Sea Camp, and the call she made to me was the start of a new and wonderful, new relationship with her, my family and diving.

I met Margo and her husband, Tom Peyton, the year before at Kids Sea Camp (KSC) in Roatan, Honduras. It had been a dream come true for us. Cindy and I were avid divers for more than a decade, but after having children, dive trips were replaced with Disney and water parks. We stumbled upon KSC when the kids turned 10 and wanted to dive too. In Roatan, we dove and made friends with other adults, while the kids were getting certified and making friends of their own. It felt great for all of us to finally be diving together. We planned on diving, it is a big part of our life, and had booked another KSC trip for spring break 2017 in Dominica at the Fort Young Hotel and Buddy Dive Dominica.

While lying in the hospital bed in December, the doctors told me there was no way that I would be diving in April. It was only four months away, so I sadly told my wife to cancel our family vacation, and in perfect Cindy form, she said NO!

Keeping that trip scheduled was one of the best decisions ever. My family needed this trip, and so did I. I wanted to show my kids (and myself) that life would be as good or better than before. And what made it all come together was this unexpected call from Margo. She had been following my story on Facebook, with lots of love and prayers throughout.

Margo called to tell me she had made all the arrangements for me with a handicap room, an HSA instructor, some big strong dive guides to help me in and out of the water and anything else I could possibly need to make this work. She even arranged the land excursions that ensured no far walks. She even arranged the land excursions that ensured no far walks for me or a path where I could be driven to the top of the fort or waterfalls.

To top it all off, she even purchased me a sprocketing around together and having a blast. Life was great again!

The scooter was small, compact and easy to use. It could be used with one arm or two. The scooter provided assistance diving if I got tired and was a whole lot of fun. Margo loves challenges and is one of the most loving people I have ever met. She proudly proclaimed, “Paul, we got this!” and, with that, launched me into getting back in shape and continuing to plan our dream dive trip to Dominica.

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We had fun looking for sperm whales, and I even jumped off the top of the Buddy Express boat with all the kids! Abby and JAZ took a digital photo class with Margo and shot some amazing underwater images. We are fresh lionfish fritters and ceviche each night.

Margo and Tom always put safety first, and that made our trip stress-free. It was just what I needed, and most of all was made possible by Next Step Orthopedics and Kids Sea Camp’s “We got this” mentality.

It was hard to say goodbye, but we are busy planning our next KSC trip to Belize next March!

Story by Paul Zanelli, father, husband, diver, EMT, fireman and all-round inspirational human being.
THE RESORT
This family-owned and operated resort has the casual relaxed atmosphere you want in a family vacation. It is an unhurried, unspoiled natural diver’s paradise that offers spectacular sunsets, easy diving and crystal clear water.

THE DIVING
If you really want to fall in love with diving, if you really want to become a better diver, if you want to dive safe and easy as a family, welcome to Buddy Dive Bonaire. Here you can just jump off the dock to enjoy large schools of fish, shallow wrecks and relaxed diving with newly-certified kids. The water is warm, and the view is amazing. The dive team here is the best in the Caribbean! Most are parents themselves, so kids safety is the priority. Buddy Dive is a PADI five-star CDC center.

THE PACKAGE
7 nights at Buddy Dive Resort, 1-, 2- or 3-bedroom, 2 pools and jump off the dock, diving into crystal clear warm water

What’s included:
Guided night diving, pizza movie night, treasure hunt, donkey safari, island tour and course materials for kids, family sunset cruise, photo classes, poetry presentations, kayaking and coral restoration presentation, Dive master and instructor PADI Pro courses

WHY BUDDY DIVE?
1. 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom ocean-view villas, 2 pools and jump off the dock, diving into crystal clear warm water
2. The No.1 kid-friendly dive staff in the Caribbean
3. Tech diving
4. Slack lining, tubing and the Donkey Safari

FROM
$2,350
Based on 2 adults in a one-bedroom, one-bath condo, 11 boat dives and unlimited shore diving.

Divers education:
SASY, Seal Team, PADI (JOW, includes SCUBAPRO BC), AOW, (Dive master; Instructor; Intro to Tech and Tech40 age 18 and up)

Additional options:
Buddy Dive IDC, dive master, dive instructor

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GROWING UP WITH KIDS SEA CAMP HAS SHAPED MY LIFE

By Robert Peyton

As a kid, diving kept me far away from TV and video games for most of my summers. I made friends in many countries around the world; I've kept in touch with most of them, and some have become my closest friends.

Growing up at Kids Sea Camp (KSC) has shaped my life in so many ways and contributed to who I am today. I experienced diving with marine animals in the open ocean and learned over the years how to respect and protect them. I have learned how fragile coral reefs are and how hard it is to educate people about pollution and overfishing.

Through KSC, I have learned about endangered marine animals and the importance of conservation. I had the best life, growing up under the fins of so many amazing people. I was able to travel to many different places, and now I want to continue traveling and sharing my love for the ocean with others.

My passion is diving, obviously inspired by my mom. I became a PADI OWSI instructor in 2014 with over 1,000 logged dives. I completed my MSDT, Tec 40, 45 and 50 at Buddy Dive Bonaire in 2016. Now 22, I will complete my Tec 65 Trimix this year in Grand Cayman. That is the highest TEC rating PADI offers in diving. Technical diving means going beyond recreational scuba diving limits. But I say that it's really about the extreme challenges and excitement of exploring places that few people have ever seen. In Bonaire at Buddy Dive, we now offer PADI PRO and Tec courses like I did. I am in college too, but I teach at Kids Sea Camp with my family during select trips. My Jr. Open Water certification was in Curacao. At the age of 10, I had logged more than 40 dives.

My mom could not have created KSC by herself. She has had a little help from her friends. Mom has been a dream-maker for 31 years. She is in the Women Divers Hall of Fame for creating a safe places for families to dive together. Kids Sea Camp has more than 6,000+ PADI certified kids and not a single dive accident. That is due in part to my mom’s amazing tenacity.

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KSC AMBASSADOR: ROBBIE PEYTON

Robbie Peyton, PADI OWSI #340202

I am looking forward to running my own trips for Family Dive Adventures, a division of Kids Sea Camp, that caters more to custom trips. I want to take divers to the Sea of Cortez, Galapagos, Palau and many of the more advanced dive destinations. My favorite dives are black water night dives, shark dives, wreck and Tec dives. I am very grateful for all the international friendships and the incredible opportunities those friendships have afforded me over the past 23 years. A special thank you to PADI for sponsoring me, to Buddy Dive Bonaire, Paul Coolen, Mr. G and most importantly, the biggest thank you to my parents for always having my back and for putting such inspiring people and places in my path.
THE RESORT
Nick Troubetzkoy and his wife, Karolin, had a dream to combine St. Lucia’s mountainous beauty and sweet sugar beaches with divine luxury which created Anse Chastanet Resort in St. Lucia. What a sweet vacation dream it is!

Extra-large deluxe and premium hill suites underscore the visionary, innovative, sometimes whimsical side of Nick Troubetzkoy: in one suite, the balcony is built around a Red Gommier tree; in another, a flamboyant tree drapes its red blossoms around the balcony. Some have the fourth wall open entirely to pitons or ocean views. Beach rooms are the only air-conditioned rooms on the resort.

THE DIVING
The Anse Chastanet house reef is rated the best dive in St. Lucia, which is home to more than 150 species of fish. Located inside the marine reserve, this site offers superb macro photography and unlimited guided shore diving. The night dive is always one of the highlights of the week. Pizza and movie night is offered to the younger kids while parents and teens go diving. Scuba St. Lucia is a PADI five-star dive center and a DAN dive safety facility.

THE PACKAGE
7 nights stay, 12 boat dives, night dives, daily kids programs, SASY, Seal Team (ocean dives), digital photo class, free camera use, yoga, culinary classes, jungle biking, 3 meals daily, tennis, cupcake decorating, sugar plantation tour, jazzy sunset cruise, paddleboard, volleyball and chocolate sensory tasting.

ANSE CHASTANET, ST. LUCIA
2019 WEEKS: 07/27-08/03 or 08/03-08/10
08/10-08/17

FROM
$3,199

Based on 2 adults in a one-bedroom, one-bath deluxe beach-level room, with A/C

Divers education:
SASY, Seal Team, PADI Open Water, Coral Restoration, Project Aware

Additional options:
Volcano excursion
Sailing lessons
Spa treatments
FOREVER YOU renewal of vows
Culinary classes

WHY ANSE CHASTANET?
1. Sunset sail around the Pitons
2. House reef offers 150 different species of fish inside the marine park
3. Families stay at a 5-diamond honeymoon resort that is family friendly
4. Jungle biking yoga and paddleboarding

ST. LUCIA

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By Patti Snyder

In the spring of 2010, I sat at my computer late one night, searching for family vacations. Sam was 5, and we recently had adopted our son, Hunter, also 5, from China. My husband, Andy, and I were avid divers. While Andy’s diving background was drysuit diving in the cold ocean off the coast of Scotland, I preferred warmer waters. As avid cave divers together, we loved diving the springs in Florida. Having kids meant that we loved diving the springs in Florida. Having kids meant that we loved diving in St. Augustine, putting Sam in a wetsuit and scuba diving would not go together very well. As I sat at my computer, hopeful, I entered various words into the search engines online: “family diving,” “kids scuba diving,” “family vacation.” Kids Sea Camp popped right up, and I turned to my husband and said, “Honey, I think we have to go.”

Unfortunately, we thought, kids scuba diving was not for us. We always thought kids should do other things to discover the ocean. My husband and I were both scuba diving instructors and had taken many trips with Buddy Dive in Bonaire for June 2010. At this point, Hunter was not too enamored with the ocean as his first water event occurred at home, when he fell into the pool at age 1. Learning to swim in the pool is now a varsity swimmer and triathlete. He has learned how to set up and use his own gear and the little diver in him takes right over. Sam and Hunter love zero gravity, and that little kid that once sank to the bottom of the pool is now a varsity swimmer and triathlete. Learning underwater sign language (yes, there is a useful course on that), learning to use SeaLife cameras, learning about coral reef restoration and understanding our impact and role as responsible divers.

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They loved their instructors and learned how to set up and use their gear. We have never looked back. Over the past 8 years, all of our family vacations have been with Kids Sea Camp. There were challenges along the way. The hardest part for Sam was completing the book work for his Jr. Open Water class. But you put Sam in a wetsuit and scuba gear and the little diver in him takes right over. Sam and Hunter love zero gravity, and that little kid that once sank to the bottom of the pool is now a varsity swimmer and triathlete. They want to experience life to the fullest, and nothing holds them back.

We have taken them diving at Kids Sea Camp Bonaire, Grand Cayman, Roatan, Utila, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and, coming up this month, Belize, and then our first liveaboard Kids Sea Camp in Socorro Islands is planned for this December.

Some of those KSC places have seen our faces more than once. Each time we go, we reconnect with families we have met before and meet new ones. We have watched as our kids (and other families’ kids) have transitioned from SASY to Seals to JOW to AOW divers. We are all divers, and watching our kids become divers is a bond we get to share. I am really the lucky one. I have three men in my life that share my passion for the sea.

Not all of the places Margo researches for Kids Sea Camp pass her muster, because it takes a special family-friendly place, a special family-friendly PADI dive instructor and a special local family-owned operation for her to feel safe entrusting “her kids” in the underwater world. Margo is a PADI instructor whose whole life is dedicated to keeping kids safe while teaching them about the ocean. All of the resorts are PADI five-star dive centers. Then there are the extras that are included, like private boats, kids dive gear, private instructors and even Margo and Tom. There are other things to do, like zip-lining, chocolate tasting, spa, jungle biking, beach volleyball, fire dancers, sunset cruises and cultural excursions.

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Then there is the tradition of family poetry writing inspired by the SeaLife camera prizes. Andy sets out to write about this magical journey at each destination, the highlights of the week, the precious moments captured in the smiles on our sons’ faces each day. There is overwhelming joy expressed in these poems, as each trip creates lifelong memories for Kids Sea Camp families. And when Andy reads his poems, he is always choking back emotion and tears, as is the entire group.

You see, it was wreck diving off the coast of North Carolina that brought us together 28 years ago, and it’s Kids Sea Camp that rekindles that with the perfect family dive vacation.
THE RESORT
The Mayan Princess offers four restaurants, two huge pools with waterfalls running through the center of the resort and a PADI five-star dive center with four state-of-the-art dive boats.

The Mayan Princess Dive Resort has spacious oceanfront and garden condos that make returning from a fun day of diving at a Kids Sea Camp feel like home.

This all-inclusive KSC week includes fire dancers, sand sculptures, a unique trip to Gumbalimba Park and eco-presentations on sharks, turtles and coral restoration.

THE DIVING
About five years ago, the Roatan government created a Marine Park reserve in West Bay. Diving in Roatan has always been good — the marine park made it great. The protected reefs have blossomed into a wealth of fish, turtles and diverse, healthy coral.

The diving is perfect for beginners or experienced divers of all ages with warm, clear water to enjoy.

THE PACKAGE
7-nights stay, 6 days of diving, 3 dives daily, 3 meals daily, afternoon volleyball, zip lining, fun in the sun beach day, drinks and West Bay shopping trip

WHY THE MAYAN PRINCESS?
1. Offers very spacious 1- & 2-bedroom villas
2. Diving the healthiest protected reefs in Roatan in the West End Marine Park
3. Located one of the Caribbean’s most stunning beaches, West Bay Beach
My eyes sting not from the salt water, many loved the diving. Jacob Camp scuba diving, Jacob has always loved the water; many autistic children do. When he was young he would stay in the pool until his lips were blue. He became obsessed with the tragic story of the Edmund Fitzgerald, a freighter with the tragic story of the blue. He became obsessed the pool until his lips were numb, unable to buddy not in defiance, but because as a child with autism, he was most comfortable alone. Today is the last day of our 11th trip with Kids Sea Camp at Brac Reef Beach Resort, and it is the heralded Family Dive with Reef Divers. There was a time I dreaded the family dive, witnessing other family’s revel in their child’s progress while I watched my son search out sea biscuits in the sand, oblivious to everyone else. He has grown exponentially from that child, and I now look forward to this event, eager to see how far Jacob has come in his week of diving. Positioning myself towards the back of the group, next to Jacob and his instructor Patric, I watch as the dive master outlines the plan on the dry-erase board. “Any questions? No! Awesome! The pool is open!” he exclaims.

The excitement is palpable as the smiling children and their parents’ gear up, ready to enter the beautiful blue water. I stand next to the tank racks fighting my wet suit strap as Jake’s instructor huddles us together. Confirming Jake understood the dive plan, and with complete confidence, Patric says, “Jacob, you are going to lead the dive.” I am surprised, Jacob has become a very good diver, but is he capable to lead the dive? I hold my breath, as my eyes turn to my quiet tall, brown-haired 14-year-old son, and without a single second of hesitation, he replies, “Ok.” “Why isn’t your dive plan?” Patric asks.

“We will enter the water, descend together and move in a counterclockwise direction. Passing the wreck of the Kissimmee tugboat, we will continue heading on a diagonal plane to the coral outcrops and onto the fishing dock, in hopes of finding some lemon sharks. The DM indicated the water will become shallow the closer we get to the pier so watch your gauges, we may end up in only 8 feet of water!” Nodding at Jacob, Patric suits up and moves to the back of the boat while I stand there with Jacob’s diving career flashing through my mind. All of the issues he has struggled with, and slowly overcome. I remember his calm demeanor when his air hose blew in a freak moment on a dive a few years earlier. How unfazed he was when he signaled and swam to his instructor for his second stage at Buddy Dive in Bonaire. He has mastered his navigation dives with Sam’s Tours in Palau, and how he has spent this past week at Brac Reef Beach Resort Islands, diligently asking his group every 15 minutes their air consumption levels. I believe Jacob is capable to lead us, I just hope he can. As we enter our mask one final time, I take a giant stride and leap of faith into the blue. Jacob enters last, checks we are OK and signals for us to descend as a group. He gives Patric and I the sign for buddy-dying, waits for our nod of understanding and turns away from us. I watch my son glide over coral heads, slowing to investigate areas and point out the soft corals hidden like chameleons among the marine life. He moves on, looking every few minutes to ensure we are behind him. He pauses to check our air and contemplates our answers, he continues. I smile, because when I heard the DM say he saw lemon sharks off the dock the night before, I knew my son would be him to give the sign, but he doesn’t. Instead, he takes his hand points to his eyes, rocks his hand back and forth, twists his finger in a circle and turns us around. Due to the turbulent waters, he has aban-
doned his initial dive plan and hopes of finding a shark. I am stunned, Jacob is known for his single focus mentality and when he decides on something, it’s almost impossible to change his mind.

Following Jake, I am momentarily thrown off wondering if we are headed in the right direction. Leading us to another group of coral, he begins to methodically investigate. Spying a white pipefish nestled along the base of the coral in the sand he waves me over excited to show me the fish I’ve unable to locate all week. Pointing to his air gage, I signal 1300 PSI, and he nods. Still unsure of our location, I begin to needlessly worry because as we pass one more coral outcrop, he slows, points up signs boat and instructs us to complete a three-minute safety stop.

As the Kids Sea Camp motto says, “Give them a week they will remember, a lifetime they will cherish.” This one is mine — now on to the Philippines or Palau in 2019.
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I am 18 years old, and there have always been other divers my age to dive and hang out with, and I really enjoy scuba diving with my own family. The memories that have left lasting impressions in my mind are countless. In Fiji, Tom Peyton and I had the best time after shark diving. We would entertain families in the afternoons with volleyball; in the evenings, I played the guitar and Tom sang which got everyone else singing and dancing too. My favorite KSC instructor is Woody Tinsley; he is hilarious and makes learning fun. Woody invented the Zombie Apocalypse course and was my PADI dive master instructor. I learned how to teach my dive skills and give dive briefings perfectly.

Woody is the kind of instructor I hope to be one day. He is just one of a great team of fun and friendly professionals to learn from. I can honestly say some of the greatest people I have ever met are at Kids Sea Camp. I have grown closer to my own family through these diving and traveling experiences. On our first trip, my sister had never dove and was afraid. She did not want to learn how to dive. I was able to help her overcome her fears. Now she is a certified diver. Our whole family looks forward to diving together and planning our next KSC trip.

The best way these experiences have enriched my life is how special it is in my eyes to be able to dive with my little brother Jason. He has a passion for the sport just like the rest of our family, and there is no better feeling in the world than to teach someone his age to dive. Jason was 9 for our Palau trip and a PADI Seal. Per Margo’s safety record at KSC, the Seal Team has a special waiver with Margo to dive Ulong and San’s Tours Dock. We would normally have had to split up our family and not be able to include Jason. At Kids Sea Camp, we are able to dive as a family.

Not only has diving enriched my life, but also the lives of my entire family. Any family can clearly see dive travel is like attending a living classroom. I think KSC is the greatest family vacation in the world! Families unplug from electronics and reconnect to each other through adventure, diving and fun. I am grateful for my family and the memories my parents create with us. I wish there were more people like Tom and Margo (owners of Kids Sea Camp) because they make the world a better place for families. This year Jason will get certified in Cayman Brac and our entire family will be divers. Margo has a passion for teaching kids and parents how to dive together safely. I will continue to dive and travel with my family and hopefully become a PADI dive instructor so I can change lives too.
By Janet Martin, three-time Kids Sea Camp family and a nondiver

So, I wanted to tell you about two things that happened to me today that reminded me of Kids Sea Camp. To be truthful, there is really not a day that goes by that someone in our family doesn’t speak of Kids Sea Camp. It is Aug. 15. This morning, when I woke up and went downstairs to the kitchen to make coffee, I looked out the window saw the subtle changes of the season. The color of the water was different, the wind was blowing the trees differently and, when I opened the door, the air had a crispness to it and it smelled different — it smelled like fall! Ahh! I love fall, but it means winter is just around the corner. I am not a fan of winter. I try to embrace it, but my thoughts always return to Kids Sea Camp. I think of Kids Sea Camp and I’m a nondiver, that’s how amazing the weeks are.

The second thing that happened was with my son. We went to get the mail, and he received an envelope from PADI. He was beyond excited. Enclosed was his PADI Seal Team card. His smile will be in my memories forever. He is a PADI Seal because of Kids Sea Camp. Kids Sea Camp is special to us. Perhaps that is why we think of it often. Our children now can explore and experience things in life that before they would not have had the opportunity to do.

My name is Janet Martin. My husband, Tim, and our two children, Isaac (8) and Allie (5), would like to tell you about our experience with Kids Sea Camp. It has taken me a long time to focus on describing what Kids Sea Camp truly means to me. I have had a lot of thoughts run through my head, but I keep coming back to the word “peace.” Kids Sea Camp means peace to me. Sort of silly, I know, because you would not naturally put these two things together.

Our journey with Kids Sea Camp began with a desire to get back into traveling. After the long winters everyone endured on the Northeastern coast, we were looking for a vacation where we would be happy, comfortable and accommodating, and of course, Tim has to dive. I often read my husband’s dive magazines (being a nondiver) to see what is happening in the dive world. I came across a Kids Sea Camp advertisement and asked Tim, “What do you think about this? Should we call and see what this is about?” (Keep this in mind, this is not something we would ever do.) Curious and desperate to find a solution, he called (I believe several times). We had a lot of questions. The Martins are thoughtful and practical decision-makers; we fall horribly in the “quick decision” department. So in July 2013, the Martins did something we have a hard time doing — we took a leap of faith and went to Cayman Islands at Cobalt Coast for the Kids Sea Camp experience. In return, we got peace. We finally got peace. Kids Sea Camp literally changed our lives forever. It was one of those “ah ha” moments for some, one of those handfuls of moments that have forever affected them. Corny, I know, but it’s true.

I still remember the feelings I had on the first morning when I arrived in the Grand Cayman for the first time. I was in awe. All that was going through my head was the fact that all of these kids do this with their families — and they are happy, they get along and these kids can dive! I want this for my children. I want Tim to dive with Isaac and Allie. I was getting more excited by the moment. It amazes me still that kids can dive! I wanted this for my children so badly that I was somewhat obsessed with it. I spoke of diving and Kids Sea Camp to Tim all year. I knew he was tired of me talking about it. But, I felt Isaac and Allie had found their “thing.” Really, I was so happy.

Kids Sea Camp’s goal is to take care of you, and everything was taken care of. They provide a safe diving haven for families. Everyone at Kids Sea Camp had the same goal for their families. This is something that we really appreciated. We were so happy with the Cobalt Coast vacation that we have returned every year. Tim and Margo Poyton relieved our worries, which ultimately led to peace.

I don’t know how else to describe it. It was a beautiful weeklong masterpiece. Everything just worked. Every best and note was perfectly in place. Tom and Margo constantly made sure everything was perfect. As the end of the latest Kids Sea Camp trip in St. Lucia at Anse Chastanet, Isaac, only 8, was able to participate in his first 12-foot dive with his instructor and his father. WOW! The thought makes me speechless, and happy tears come to my eyes. Allie was in the SAST unit looking at and swimming with the resident reef fish. Her week in St. Lucia allowed her to find her “inner fish” and become even more passionate about animals and sea life. Her happiness gives us peace. Sometimes it is big moments that change our lives — births, deaths, marriages. Sometimes it is small changes in our people or situations.

I can honestly say Kids Sea Camp is one of those moments for us. The people we have met and the experiences we’ve had have all contributed to the peace we desired for our precious time. Peace…it’s important, it will change your life … it is good for you.

This is something that all of us are likely to experience in our lives, and the experiences we have at Kids Sea Camp are one of those moments that will change your life. Peace… it is important, it will change your life … it is good for you.
THE RESORTS
Cobalt Coast Resort in Grand Cayman is liking going back home for us, this was one of the original destinations 17 years ago. The newly renovated property has a unique nautical inspiration to it. Offering one- or two-bedroom oceanfront suites or garden-view accommodations. Complete with a pool and restaurant on property.

THE DIVING
World-class diving and world-class service go hand and hand with the Reef Divers staff at Cobalt Coast. Explore the underwater world in Grand Cayman at the famous Stingray City and Kittiwake wreck. Their house reef is some of the best the island has to offer, just off the dock. Those feeling a little more adventurous can take a short swim to the North Wall from the house reef.

THE PACKAGES
7 nights accommodations, 6 days of 3 tank boat dives, 3 meals daily, Stingray City and Kittiwake dives, transfers from the airport and to shopping or beaches, hotel taxes and fees.

WHY THE CAYMAN ISLANDS?
1. Little Cayman and Cayman Brac have an old world peaceful island vibe, perfect for families and safe for kids to explore
2. Sheer pristine walls and wrecks to dive below. Caves and majestic bluffs to explore above
3. Grand Cayman is the easiest & least expensive to get to from the U.S.

FROM
$1,975
Based on 2 adults in 1 hotel room with all meals and 3 dives daily

Divers education:
SASY, Seal Team, JOW, OW, AOW and Nitrox

Additional options:
Fly-fishing for bonefish and tarpon
Deep-sea charters

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Dancing with sea lions is not a normal practice of mine — not anyone’s really, except with Kid Sea Campers on the Quino El Guardian.

But, in the Sea of Cortez, you need to learn the fin steps as soon as you get on this ocean’s dance floor. A week of diving in the Sea of Cortez is a week spent dancing with the stars, and that’s what it’s like diving with sea lions.

The sound of your bubbles is their beat, and they are eager to get you kicking to the rhythm. Juan’s dive briefing included the sea lion-dance instructions. He said they will mimic you, and if you roll to your right, they will mirror you and so on.

It was the first Kids Sea Camp “Citizen Science Trip” on Quino El Guardian, and the senior dive guide on Day 1 gave me six teen-age girls, a 12-year-old boy and Sport Diver’s Linda Sue Dingel — the perfect team to waltz our dance. No wallflowers here, we were fully engaged with rolls and spins.

There’s quite a lot of instant action. As soon as we rolled in, the entire colony came jetting over. Juan’s dive briefing was instantly put to the test. There were sea lions dancing in every direction. I had a back-flipping diver in most of my shots. I observed the kids mimicking the sea lions, which kind of blow the whole diving briefing, and then the sea lions were mimicking the kids too! That totally made it one of the more memorable moments of my diving career. I could not tell who was having the most fun on this dive — the sea lions or the kids.

We learned about sea lions before diving with them from our Citizen Science marine biologist, Dr. Robert Rubin from UC Davis. Dr. Rubin, “Bob,” has been studying marine mammals longer than most of us have been alive. The sea life in the Sea of Cortez was both abundant and diverse.

We encountered super pods of dolphins, snorkeled with whale sharks and saw a finback whale come right up under the boat. We met daily on the swim deck performing plankton tows and gathering field data. We studied our samples under a microscope and then observed the whole basis for ocean life zipping around in a petri dish, narrated by Bob.

Throughout the trip, when I asked what the families would like to do after dinner, there was always one answer — “A Bob Talk!”

The most requested information was what awesome marine life we could encounter the next day. There were several evenings of marine presentations, and Bob made us all eagerly await the next day’s dives.

We saw whalesharks! As luck would have it, the best place for snackin’ on plankton was in slightly choppy waters, but none of that really mattered. When it’s time to swim with the whale sharks, the boat unloads so fast that you would have thought the last person in the water had to do dinner dishes.

For one week, the ocean is a classroom and the Quino El Guardian is our home. The crew were more like brothers and sisters instead of a crew. I have never felt so at ease and welcomed on a liveaboard in my life. The food was excellent and the service even better. The water was warm and the subject matter superb.

Linda Sue Dingel from Sport Diver Magazine handed out SeaLife cameras provided by Kids Sea Camp to use each day. Our dive logs and photo cards were filled with all the big stuff and loads of unexpected macro life, such as seahorses, jaw fish, blennies, gobies, some fancy nudibranchs, a horn shark and even a great white shark tooth!

As for me, all the different corals kept my 100mm lens busy on most days, and I brought home gigs of new-to-me marine subjects.

Personally, I learned far more than I had imagined about the ocean and marine mammals during the first Kids Sea Camp Citizen Science Week, and the next time I dive with a sea lion, I’m bringing my dancing fins.
THE RESORTS
Little Cayman Beach Resort reflects the island’s quaint charm and intimate warmth. It is a secluded oceanfront oasis with a laid back atmosphere. Guests get the true island experience through personalized customer service and Caribbean cuisine.

The rooms are air-conditioned and decorated in tropical colors and textures. The spacious rooms are situated in two-story “palm tree” heights surrounded by lush tropical foliage.

THE DIVING
Little Cayman has been named a top dive destination in the Caribbean. The iconic Bloody Bay Wall and year-round idyllic diving conditions make this for a perfect recipe for avid divers. The spectacular marine and coral are all made better with the valet diving service while on board their custom Newton-built dive boats.

THE PACKAGES
7 nights accommodations, 6 days of 3 tank-boat dives, all meals including Thanksgiving dinner, Turkey bowl football game, airport transfers, biking, kayaking, yoga paddle boarding, hotel taxes and fees.

CARIBBEAN DIVING

$2,999

Based on 2 adults in 1 pool-view room with all meals and 3 dives daily

Divers education: SASY, Seal Team, JOW, OW, AOW and Nitrox

Additional options:
- Fly-fishing for bonefish and tarpon
- Deep sea charters

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THE RESORT
Palau Royal Resort is your oasis after a wonderful day of diving the best sites that Palau has to offer. The resort is nestled in 64 acres of lush tropical gardens with the Pacific caressing its white sand beach.

THE DIVING
World-famous Sam’s Tours takes you on unforgettable daily journeys. Certified divers experience Blue Corner, German and Ulong channels all in one week. Kids and adults dive wrecks, walls, planes and caverns. Seal Team through adults enjoy daily boat dives, including Mandarin fish dives and Jake’s Sea Plane.

Enjoy daily beach lunches on secluded private islands, with time to soak up the sun before your next dive of the day.

THE PACKAGE
- 10 nights at Palau Royal Resort
- 8 days of the best diving Palau has to offer: 2-tank diving
- Daily and afternoon dives
- Babeldaob Island tour
- Mandarin fish dusk dive
- German Channel and Ulong Channel
- World-famous Blue Corner dive
- Chandelier Cave dive
- 3 meals daily
- WWI and WWII wrecks
- Milky Way excursion
- Airport transportation
- Welcome ceremony
- Free nitrox and kids rental gear

FROM
$4,228

Based on 10 nights, 2 adults in a standard room with one queen or two double beds and 2 dives daily.

Divers education:
SASY, Seal Team, JOW, OW, AOW and Nitrox

Additional options:
Helicopter island tour
- Shark diver certification
- Wreck diver certification
- Ngardmau Waterfall excursion

WHY PALAU?
1. Manta, dolphin, sharks, coral spawning, aggregation sites, massive schools of fish
2. The rock islands, WWII wrecks, caves, culture and history
3. Milky Way mud baths
“WOW” is all I can think now. We are a family of five that submerged ourselves in the beautiful turquoise waters of Yap, a tiny island off the beaten path, for sure. The island is located in the Federated States of Micronesia. We live in Hawaii, so when I contacted Margo Peyton at Kids Sea Camp, the bar was set pretty high for expectations in taking a family dive vacation. She personally guided us through a magical family adventure to Yap and Palau, and just like her tagline says, “Give them a week they will remember forever.” All our expectations were surpassed.

We were surrounded by pristine reefs, large schools of fish and plenty of large pelagics on a daily basis in Yap. On our list were sailfish, reef sharks, manta and even a rare baby whale shark encounter. Not to make less of the most beautiful corals and amazing visibility any diver could ask for.

As I descend with my family into the blue, a euphoric feeling overcomes me. But what is really on my mind is the fact that all three of my daughters are getting this experience along with my husband and myself TOGETHER! How amazing is it to have us all experiencing this beautiful, untouched, majestic destination together?

A moment to remember forever; my youngest daughter, 7-year-old Emma, floats above my head and dives down for a “high five.” She still dreams of the day she can officially dive with us. For now, she is snorkeling with sharks, learning about the ocean and doing SASY, and that will have to suffice. The view she is getting while scuba diving is fantastic and just as great as ours is, if not better. She is being circled by schools of fish and small whitetip reef sharks. She shoots me a huge smile and a great big shaka from the surface and an “OK” signal. Yeah, she is totally stoked to be part of this!

Sierra (age 11) is out in the blue, following in her dad’s footsteps with her camera just waiting for that chance to capture the perfect shot. She is still dreaming of the day she can, too. She is in her zone. Perfectly focused and ready for the shot. Smiling and happy as can be. She signals me a huge “OK,” and I know all is good. Another “WOW!” Her wish granted as out of the blue comes a juvenile whale shark. He poses inches from her lens, and she has the shot.

Jos (age 14) is busy being Brad Holland’s diving model. Brad is the professional photographer on the Manta Ray Bay Resort. It’s a perfect fit — a teen diver who has her buoyancy and diving down like a master diver. She is so into the dive that she doesn’t even notice all of the attention she is getting by the photographer. And for this short 60 minutes or so, she gets to spend with the loves of her life, manta rays and sharks. Jos is in heaven right now, and there is no interrupting her. She’s just soaking in the experience. These moments at Kids Sea Camp are so magical.

Jeff, my husband, is taking the opportunity to spruce up his photography skills and is loving it. He has been spoiled having Brad spend a week with him, sharing tips of the trade. He is pumped to be using his newfound skills. And I even have a few photos of him taking photos, which is rare since he is always the one shooting the photos (thanks to Brad for that).

And me, I’m just thrilled to share this unforgettable journey to Yap and Palau with my family. This type of experience cannot be purchased in any store or found in some prepackaged deal online, and it’s not going to be on a cruise ship or in a theme park. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity created and personally hosted by Kids Sea Camp, for us to all connect and embrace the majesty of the underwater world. We don’t have to say a single word. We just look at each other and smile when we surface. We all know what each other feels; it’s plastered all over our faces. “WOW!” Oh my goodness, how could it possibly get any better?

Kids Sea Camp is the perfect family experience and is a trip of a lifetime. Thanks so much to Margo.

By Julie Wettstein
Kids Sea Camp mom

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June 15th-20th, Cabilao: Pura Vida Resort: 5 nights with 4 days of diving, all meals, school presentations, village excursions, basketball, special cultural night dinner and dance.

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THE PACKAGE
Fully escorted, fully supervised, private transfers, private boats, 3 meals daily, 3 dives daily, excursions, private group.

CABILAO DIVE RESORTS & PURA VIDA HOMES
2019 WEEKS: 06/20 - 06/27 (12 NIGHTS)

AMUN INI RESORT AND DIVING WITH SEA EXPLORERS
2019 WEEK: 06/11 - 06/15

FROM
$6,850
Per adult for 16 nights, dbl.
Divers education: SASI, Seal Team, OW, OW, AOW and Nitrox
Certified kids price same as adult

WHY THE PHILIPPINES?
1. 76% of the world’s coral species and 6 species of marine turtles
2. Over 2,000 different species of reef fishes
3. Diving and snorkeling with whale sharks
4. Located in the coral triangle, the highest marine biodiversity hot spot in the world
cool face cloths, bottled water and hugs. We quickly headed to board a banca boat which reminded me of a giant bamboo water spider; it was spacious and smooth sailing, like a mystical chariot to our first dive location. Malapascua has become well-known as a premier dive destination fairly recently. This tiny island, just a little more than a mile long, is home to several villages that exist either directly or indirectly to support the growing dive-tourism industry. I have read that Malapascua is the only known place on Earth where one can dive with the endangered thresher sharks and, as I prefer, in a natural setting on seamount clean-tracks devil rays, pelagic fish and hammerheads; more than enough to thrill any diver.

Families can enjoy diving the coral gardens and coral walls, as well as further-out sites including Gato Island and Kamod Shoal. Malapascua has at least 20 dive operations and hotels situated along Bantayan Beach, however Tom and I found only two properties we would deem as family-friendly Ocean Vida and Buena Vida both have connecting rooms, family-friendly food and kid-friendly staff Ocean Vida is oceanfront, and Buena Vida is right in the middle of the local village, hosting an amazing spa and restaurant that would please any pallets. Gourmet breakfasts, vegan and vegetarian dishes and fresh seafood are featured.

Sea Explorers, a PADI five-star IDC, is our No. 1 pick for diving and island-hopping throughout the islands of the Visayas Sea. Exceptional service and knowledge, smaller dive gear; tanks sized for kids and a well-trained gear, tanks sized for kids and a well-trained
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Certified kids price same as adult
WHEN I TELL MY FRIENDS I’M DIVING WITH WHALE SHARKS... THEY THINK I’M FEARLESS.

By Holly Wakely, age 14

I was 4 years old when I attended my first Kids Sea Camp (KSC), my brother, Zebedee, was 5. My parents discovered KSC in Sport Diver magazine reading a story just like this.

My mom and dad are both keen divers and were hoping my brother and I would like diving as well. Luckily for them, we absolutely love it, and diving is a regular part of our family lifestyle. KSC makes sure all programs and diving are safe, fun and interactive for our entire family. Traveling with KSC has become my favorite family holiday.

Each year, our family picks one or two different trips to attend. I have been to Curacao, Utila, Roatan, St. Lucia, Bonaire, Grand Cayman, Little Cayman, Dominica, Fiji, Yap, Palau and the Philippines for a grand total of 24 dive weeks with KSC.

I have worked my way through the PADI certifications from SASY, Seal Team and JOW, and currently both Zebedee and I have become PADI Jr. Master scuba divers, all through KSC.

I feel that snorkeling is rarely as interesting as diving, but snorkeling with the whale sharks of Oslob with Sea Explorers last summer in the Philippines was so remarkable and far more exciting than diving. The sharks came so close that I had to keep moving out of their way, because they would not move out of mine. Zeb shouted, "Margo, this is the best day of my life!" I think we all agreed.

Not all people feel about diving like I do, and encourage those with a passion for underwater photography. KSC gives away SeaLife cameras and helps nurture possibilities for young divers too. For example, my brother, Zeb, is very interested in photography KSC gives away SeaLife underwater cameras and helps nurture and encourage those with a passion for underwater photography Zebedee’s picture of a ghost pipefish from our Philippines trip won the RSPCA Photographer of the Year award.

Meeting kids from around the world is also a special part of the trips. In the Philippines, a group of children would greet us each morning before and after our dives. We talked with them, took pictures with them and just had fun together. We looked forward to seeing each other daily. We played basketball and visited villages and schools. On our final day, the children ran beside our van, crying and waving goodbye. I loved the father-daughter trip we took to Dominica for spring break, and can’t wait for the Galapagos and Cayman Brac this summer.

Thank you, Margo, Tom and the KSC crew, for some of the most memorable experiences of my life. I also would like to thank the staff at the dive resorts we have visited for keeping us safe and being so much fun.
OUR AMAZING KIDS SEA CAMP DIVE TEAM
PADI PROS WHO CREATE MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME

STAFF

Jennifer: Founder KSC 2000. She is a PADI OWSI instructor. Jen has a bachelor’s in biology and is attending graduate school for her veterinary degree. She has traveled the entire KSC world.
USA-VA


Tom: Joined KSC in 2006, vice president of Kids Sea Camp and Ocean Wishes. Tom is the coordinator for all land-based events. He is head of marketing and design for both companies. Tom is an AOW diver and fly-fisherman. USA-SC

Robert: Founder KSC 2000. Born in the Cayman Islands. In 2014, Robbie became a PADI OWSI, and in 2016, a MSDT instructor and completed his Tec 50 training. Robbie is currently in college for business. USA-SC

Olivia: Joined KSC in 2018. She is the operations manager with KSC. Olivia is a PADI rescue diver. She is an active diver, adventurer, foodie and enjoys fly-fishing.
USA-SC

GREAT STAFF

Jennifer
Margo
Tom
Robert
Olivia

Aly: Joined KSC in 2015. Aly is a PADI staff instructor with a passion for marine conservation. She made diving her career and became an MSDT staff instructor.
Utila Honduras

Fraser: Joined KSC in 2005. Fraser is a PADI OWSI and a Tec instructor. He is a SeaLife and ScubaPro rep. Sophie is 14 years old and a PADI master diver. Cayman Islands

Sven: Joined KSC in 2011. Sven is a PADI MSDT instructor. Sven is a father of two girls. He loves teaching Seal Team and Jr. Open Water. Sven speaks 4 languages.

Brad: Joined KSC in 2015. Brad is a PADI DM, a professional underwater photographer, writer and blogger. Brad owns his own resort in Nicaragua Finca Las Nubes, “Farm in the Clouds” Nicaragua

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By Sophie Purdon, age 15

I was born in the Cayman Islands. As my dad works in the scuba-diving industry, I have had a mask and snorkel strapped to my face most of my life.

In the summer of 2008, I was given the opportunity by my parents to join Kids Sea Camp (KSC) on my home island of Grand Cayman. This is where my love and passion for the underwater world began.

As my parents dove with other parents, I started my days learning about marine life. The afternoons were spent playing on the beach with new friends. I love that there also is dedicated family time for us to dive together. At age 6, I was snorkeling with my dad and KSC owner Margo Peyton at Stingray City and was stung by a jellyfish, causing an allergic reaction. Safety is very important to Margo, and she knew just what to do. She responded quickly with her emergency protocol in place. That experience left me with a fear of jellyfish, but Margo helped me overcome that fear. A couple years later at Palau KSC, Dad and I snorkeled Jellyfish Lake with millions of jellyfish that did not sting. I’m so glad that I shook that fear.

I became a PADI OW diver in Micronesia. My dad, Fraser Purdon, is a Tec instructor, and I knew he’d been waiting for that day my whole life. He was so very proud of me. I was a little scared on that dive because there were lots of reef sharks in the water. Margo said I would be safe, and my dad said I didn’t have to do the dive, but I plucked up the courage and jumped in right behind my dad. I am so glad that I did; being a 10-year-old shark diver was pretty cool.

Learning about and diving with sharks eliminated fears, and I learned how important it is to protect them. Traveling with my parents has taught me so much about the world. I learned about diving pressure by cracking eggs underwater. Did you know they stay together and you can even bat them around, unless a fish eats the yolk?

I have developed courage, confidence and knowledge as a diver, and I try to inspire others that are just starting out. I dove with mantas that are 10 times my size, big sharks like bull sharks, white tips and black tips, and I have even been face-to-face with tiger sharks and survived!

I think my parents’ favorite KSC week was Anse Chastanet, St. Lucia. Our room was on the top of the mountain with amazing views of the Pitons, and it had one wall open to the ocean. I loved St. Lucia because that’s where I experienced my first night dive. It was fun seeing all the marine life that you don’t see during the day, like basket stars, octopus, lobster and giant crabs.

I meet children from around the world through KSC and have learned to be more environmentally conscious. So many in the world have so little, but we have so much and take it for granted. You learn that when you travel and experience the local culture. Each year, I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. Scuba diving has been a big part of my family’s life. (I even used diving as my science project — and got second place at the county level.)

Mum isn’t as big a diver as Dad and I, but we enjoy diving together at KSC. We have become good friends with Margo and Tom Peyton, as my family hosts some of the weeks too. I get to welcome everyone and assist Dad with the SeaLife photo weeks.

Margo is my KSC mum; she treats all of us that way. After all, it is Kids Sea Camp. From helping me put my first set of ScubaPro gear together to holding my hand in strong currents, she always makes me feel safe.

Tom is the zen diver. He calms everything down by saying “There is only kung fu,” as he does wax on, wax off hand motions. He makes everyone laugh.

I earned my PADI Rescue Diver and Master Dive certification this year. Tom and Margo have already offered me a job, so I know becoming a PADI dive master is on the way.

Diving is not my whole life, but it certainly has become the foundation for family fun. It’s not often you publicly get to say thank you parents, but thank you Mum and Dad.

I love my Kids Sea Camp life!
A PASSION FOR SHARKS AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Introducing Zebedee Wakely, Jr. master scuba diver, age 16

FDA: Family Dive Adventures (not to be confused with the Food and Drug Administration) and KSC (Kids Sea Camp)

I just don’t know where to begin. Kids Sea Camp is just so awesome to even attempt to write about. But here you are now, reading my excited mess of ideas and thoughts on what diving means to me, so I’ll give it a go (no promises, though.)

I should probably start with the exciting stuff, like where I backward roll into a school of 50 plus sharks in Yap (the country, not the small annoying noise made by dogs) or when I’m charging at top speed through the current of Ulong channel in Palau, but instead, I’ll start at the beginning.

At the age of 5, I joined my first KSC. My parents signed me up in the PADI group known as SASY. Little kids get to put on scuba gear but substitute the BCD for a life jacket, so we float on the surface while breathing through a regulator. This was my first incredible experience with scuba diving.

Since I was already a water baby by 6 months and swimming by 1. I thought KSC was created just for me. Quickly making my way through the dive ranks, I again returned to KSC in Roatan for Seal Team. This was a landmark in my interest in scuba diving.

Seal Team is a program for 8- and 9-year-old kids to experience diving in confined water. However, KSC Seals can dive in the ocean. I just fell in love with diving.

On my 10th birthday, my mom and dad chose Yap and Palau for our family adventure, and that’s where the real story begins. The experiences I had in Yap and Palau were likely some of the best I thought I would ever have. Completing my PADI Jr. Open Water certification with reef sharks daily was phenomenal, too amazing to fully describe. It’s funny, everyone said it was all downhill from there. I guess they didn’t know Margo and Tom Peyton or Kids Sea Camp. Since then, I have dove with and learned about tiger sharks and bull sharks with the shark school at KSC Fiji. I traveled with my family to the Philippines, where I dove with rare thresher sharks and had the second best day of my life diving in Oslob with whale sharks. The memories created at KSC are outstanding. The friends I have made are the best friends in my life. This is also where I properly learned photography. The support from Margo and my family is the reason I have stuck with it.

Margo hired me to be the photo pro for the Philippines 2016 trip, and I photographed the entire 17-day journey above and below. You can see for yourself my passion for photography in the Philippines photo gallery on the KSC website. I can safely say these experiences have significantly contributed to who I am today.

At the age of 10, after returning home from Palau, I was so passionate about saving sharks (learning all about the Palau shark sanctuary) that I set up a small organization called Save our Sharks Bermuda. I collected over 1,000 signatures and met with the minister for the environment to discuss and plan how best to protect our sharks. Bermuda then signed the International Agreement on the Conservation of Pelagic Species. I was so typically delighted about this because I had made an impact on Bermuda and the conservation of the sea.

Having the privilege to dive from a young age is exceptional. Through diving with KSC over the years, I have climbed the PADI ranks from SASY Seal Team, Jr. Open Water, Advanced Open Water, Rescue and Master scuba diver with more than 150 dives and nine specialties. This feels too good to describe.

Having the family dive adventures that Margo and Tom create, and growing through all the PADI ranks like my dad, a PADI instructor too, is what I love the most. I have made lifelong friends around the world and have been encouraged by my family in a way I could never repay. So thank you, Mom, Dad and Holly. Margo created the best organization that I have ever known. She has influenced me, trusted me and helped me in every aspect of my life. She and dad have guided me through diving safely with each step.

I am even more grateful for my family finding Margo; she is an inspiring instructor with her focus 100 percent on safety first. She is the heart of Kids Sea Camp!

This year, we are heading to The Galapagos and Cayman Brac. KSC weeks so we can all dive together with the families we have met around the world. See more: instagram.com/zebwakely
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- Sam Tours and Palau Royal Resort Koror, Palau
  - 7 nights, ocean deluxe suite
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Discovering Kids Sea Camp was the real gift to my family and I. My two adult sons, Danny and Chris, are divers, and they convinced me 25 years ago to become a PADI certified diver. When they married their wives, Colleen and Stela, they also joined the adventures and became divers. Over the years, I had made taking dive trips with my sons and their wives a top priority for quality family time.

When my grandkids came along, much to my sadness the family-dive trips came to an end. Then one day as I was thumbing through Scuba Diving magazine, dreaming of taking dive adventures with my grandkids, I discovered Kids Sea Camp. I immediately called and shared my find with my sons, and suggested we start taking family dive trips again. They were all for it, and in 2013, we were off on our first trip — to Palau Royal Resort and diving with Sam’s Tours and Kids Sea Camp.

The grandkids were 3, 7 and 10. Benjamin, Sophia and Hunter started SASY with Margo, while at age 10, Jackson joined the PADI Jr. Open Water diver class.

We adult kids felt like we had gone to heaven. We enjoyed diving during the days while the kids had fun learning with other kids. It was absolutely PERFECT for everyone! There are set times when adults and kids dive or snorkel together too.

Because of owner Margo Peyton’s expertise, instructor training and perfect safety record with kids, she is provided a special waiver so dive in the ocean with PADI Seal Team kids age 8 and 9 all over the world. We have traveled with Kids Sea Camp to Fiji where the kids had run of the entire resort and while Benji was still in SASY, Hunter and Sophia advanced to the PADI Seal Team classes.

We had lots of interaction with the local people, and everyone on staff could not have been more helpful, warm and hospitable.

When we were leaving Fiji, my grandkids were crying and hugging the very special people they had come to know and love. Hunter even said (while sobbing), “How can I possibly leave these people?” You know your grandkids have had a life-changing experience when their emotional reactions are so intense, and they don’t want to leave.

In the summer of 2017, we traveled to Kids Sea Camp Philippines with Sea Explorers. My second grandson, Hunter, became a PADI Jr. diver and joined Jackson diving with the other certified kids. We now have three generations of divers in our family diving together.

It seemed impossible to top Palau or Fiji, but Margo and Tom managed to do it yet again. As always, the Pura Vida Homes resort was luxurious, and the staff and service was nothing short of excellent. I had a torn ankle random prior to the trip, and a divermaste was always right there at the ladder to help me take off my equipment and hand it up. The Banks boats were the coolest and most spacious dive boats I have ever been on.

We all went to Oslob Island where we swim and dove with EIGHT whale sharks!! An absolutely mind-blowing experience and a memory created that we, as a family, will never, ever forget. How many families get to have an experience like that! Each trip is better than the last. Kids Sea Camp sets the bar high with dive operators. Margo runs her trips with expert organization, safety and professionalism.

I love the many interesting and educational presentations and activities that are planned for us to enjoy as a family out of the water.

All of our trips have been, as the MasterCard commercial says, “priceless.” I know for absolute certainty that our next trip will be another amazing adventure filled with precious family time, diving and unforgettable memories. Sophia and Benji are next to get certified, then we will all be a family of divers again. Owners Margo and Tom Peyton, provide a very personal experience, from planning your trip to assisting you every step along the way.

Tom and Margo arrange visits to local schools, or villages, provide special-needs care and special occasion surprises, as well as educational presentations and so much family time. In Palau, Margo set up a spectacular helicopter ride over the Rock Islands for us. The result of all the personal service is why we keep coming back! It’s impossible to put into words how these unique family dive adventures have bonded our family and created memories for me with my grandkids that will last them a lifetime.

We have experienced fascinating cultures and explored new worlds so very different than our own. Each of these trips has expanded our knowledge, appreciation and love of people all over the world. At the end of each trip, Margo Peyton and Brad Holland have provided memories to last us a lifetime documented in their photo gallery on www.familydivers.com.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, Tom and Margo, for creating Kids Sea Camp, the gift of being able to dive and travel with my kids and grandkids.
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