

Akumal Mexico 2012

End of the World Dive Adventure!

May 25 - June 1, 2012

The HSA returns to beautiful Akumal, 'Place of the Turtles' in the Maya language, for 5 days of warm Caribbean scuba diving and great snorkeling just a few feet from your room. You can expect to see



corals, sponges, colorful tropical fish, three varieties of Rays, numerous Green sea turtles and the occasional Long-nose Sea Horse. And talk about convenient, the reefs are 7 minutes off shore by boat, and with water temperatures ranging from 80 to 90 degrees and visibility from 40 to 100 feet, this is true warm water diving!



Just a few feet from the fabulous, unspoiled beach are your private, beautifully furnished and air-conditioned casita ("a small house") with two bedrooms and bathrooms, a fully equipped kitchen, living and dining rooms, a private patio, and gardens with one-of-a-kind views of Akumal



Bay. In addition to aquatic activities enjoy a private tennis court, sea kayaks; and exemplary personal service that can include, at an additional cost, your own *Chef* to prepare breakfast, lunch or dinner in *your* kitchen! **Note: You will have a private bedroom & bath, and share kitchen, dining/living areas and patio.**



In the Village of Akumal, within a short walk, you can enjoy fine and casual dining, a palapa beach bar; spa treatment, sailing and fishing. Additionally, there are tours of the - not to be missed - ancient Mayan ruins of Tulum, Coba & Chichen Itza.



Located near the casitas is the ECOLOGICAL CENTER (CEA). Learn all about the Akumal eco-systems, go on jungle and turtle tours, and find out why it is so important we protect these turtles' habitats.

Let us not forget *Apocalpyto*, the END OF THE WORLD, according to the Maya calendar. Our trip is in good shape because this won't happen until December 21, 2012. Or are we? Calculations are often times wrong, especially when it covers 5,126 years! The Mayans set this calendar to begin in the year 3114 B.C, and continue for 5,126 years, so the "end date" is this year! ***Yipes!***

Diver: \$850 per person double occupancy, \$1150 single occupancy.

- 7 nights' Accommodations & 5 days Boat Diving, 2 dives per day.

Non-diver: \$550 double occupancy, \$900 single occupancy.

- 7 nights' Accommodations.

Note: Those traveling alone. We will do everything possible to pair you with an appropriate roommate, if we are unable to do so you will be required to pay the single occupancy rate & there may be additional charges for dive buddy support.

Additional Activities - Akumal 2012

Aquatic Activities

XCARET: Located 30 km north is a large recreational park with river snorkeling, restaurants, paddleboats, etc. Admission is around USD \$ 56.00 per person, plus an extra fee to [swim with dolphins](#). <http://www.xcaret.com/>

SNORKELING:

Just about all types of hard and soft coral abound in Akumal Bay, with shallow depths near shore to well over 40 feet reefs further out. *This is located right in front of your Casita!*

YAL-KU LAGOON: Located 2 km from the casitas at the north end of Akumal; the snorkeling here is wonderful among deep rock formations and mangroves. There is a small admission fee for this hidden jewel of a National Park. No diving, fishing or use of suntan lotion.

XEL-HA: Located 12 km south, Xel-Ha is another rock and mangrove lagoon National Park with a USD \$ 30.00 admission fee. Avoid midday crowds.

FISHING: Both dive shops can arrange fishing trips, generally for half days, but also for full day trips that include lunch.

Land Activities

AKTUNCHEN CAVES: Located 4 km south of Las Casitas are thousands of stalactite and stalagmite formations.

TULUM: Located 20 minutes south, we suggest you get there early before the tour buses arrive. There are small admission and parking fees.

COBA: One-hour drive south to Tulum, turn right at the sign. Here you will find the tallest temple pyramid on the Yucatan Peninsula. This is an enormous site in the jungle amidst 5 lakes. Take insect repellent, and of course, it will be cooler in the morning. Lunch is available at Villas Arqueológicas.

CHICHEN ITZA: A 3-hour drive north towards the Cancun Airport. Turn west onto the toll road to Coba. From there, head towards the most famous of the Mayan ruins.

GOLF: 9-hole courses are located 15 minutes north at [Puerto Aventuras](#). 18-hole courses are located 25 minutes north at Playa del Carmen. Please ask Reception for directions.

HORSEBACK RIDING: Horses may be rented at several locations. Enquire at Reception.

JUNGLE WALKS: Bike to a cenote in the jungle. You will need to hire a guide from [CEA](#).

SIAN KA'AN RESERVE: Located 40 km south on the Boca Paila road. This park consists of a protected 1.3 million-acre biosphere (mangrove swamp, forest, and savanna with lots of wildlife). Reservations from Akumal travel agency are suggested for day trips.

SPAS: Various spas and massage therapists are available in the area, most within walking distance. Please contact Reception for names and numbers.

BIKE RENTALS: Bikes are available to rent in Akumal. Please check at Reception.