



Alberta Adventure Divers

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St. Lucia adventures: Jan 20-27, 2018

A teaser of our trip.



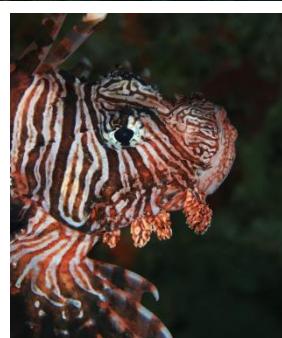
St. Lucia: Our first visit to this exotic island is filled with memorable events – our travel group was so much fun, the diving was excellent, meals were divine and the resort was everything we were promised and more. To top it all off, our entire dive group accepted the challenge to become ‘Invasive Lionfish Tracker’ PADI certified divers, which included lessons on how the lionfish came to be an invasive species in the Caribbean, how they damage the ecosystem, and the efforts

to eradicate it – which includes humanely killing the lionfish and creating an appetite in the public for eating the lionfish. After completing the theory on day #1, we spent the rest of the week applying our learning, and putting the theory to practice – and each of us was successful in our hunting.



Of particular note, this lionfish captured by Leana is very close to the record for the largest lionfish captured in the Caribbean.

Honourable mention goes to Guy, the Zookeeper holder for this ‘almost’ record.



The lionfish course concluded with a private 5 course meal, with wine pairing. We felt we had won a survivor show challenge: while the other team was preparing for tribal council, we were given a special



treat. To our happy surprise, we were delivered by boat to a private beach, and were greeted by the executive chef and the manager to a delightful table setting lit by tiki torches and a beach bonfire. We ate the lionfish we had killed, and every type of cooking and presentation was delicious!

I could write the entire newsletter on this trip: the massive sponges, the healthy reefs, the excellent dive staff; it was amazing in every way. For Mark, JD, Savanna and the others on their first tropical dive holiday with us, we set the bar way too high! For now enjoy a sampling of pictures and look forward to the next movie night. More travel adventures

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The Ultimate Lionfish Dinner

FLAMBÉED
Smoked Lionfish Skewer
Sea Urchin, Grapefruit, Spicy Mayonnaise
De Vilmont, Champagne, France NV

TAPAS
Lionfish Prepared in Many Ways
Sashimi, Ceviche, Lucian Style Fried, Steamed, Grilled in Banana Leaves
Sauvignon Blanc, Matua, Marlborough 2014, New Zealand

PEPPERPOT
Slow Cooked Lionfish
Okra, Seasoning Pepper, Caramelized Pineapple
M de Minuty, Côtes de Provence, France

Intermezzo
Green Papaya Granité
Guava, Exotic Foam, Lemon Balm

CHARCOAL GRILLED
Lionfish Fillet and Crispy Pork Belly
Light Curry Nage, Malabar Spinach, Rice Croutillant
Pinot Noir, Three Vineyards, Russian River Valley, 2009, USA

DESSERT
Caramelized Golden Apple
Cashew Nuts, Nougat Ice Cream, Black Currant Coulis
Carta Vieja, Late Harvest Reserva Oregon 2011, Chile



Movie night and picture sharing....date to be announced ... we're in Antarctica now!

Dan is at the dive store, if you need anything dive related.



Happy Travels,
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Yes, the toughest shot of the trip! 9 divers, looking great.

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