



**Alberta Adventure Divers
Feb. 18, 2018**

Mexico oceans/caverns/caves
Future dive trips & Pool fun



Mexico: After a short return to Canada after St Lucia, we were off to Mexico to our son's wedding. Kevin and Ulyana wanted everyone who joined the wedding party to have fun; with a diving family, and diving friends, you know where this lead to - an unexpected dive holiday!! The divers spent a few days diving with Dive Aventuras in Puerto Aventuras – our favourite fishing village. Nils and his dive store staff are very accommodating, and always treat us very well.

I could write an entire newsletter on the diving we did here; as we love the caves, the caverns, and also the ocean diving. There is no other place in the world like it. For now, enjoy a few pictures.

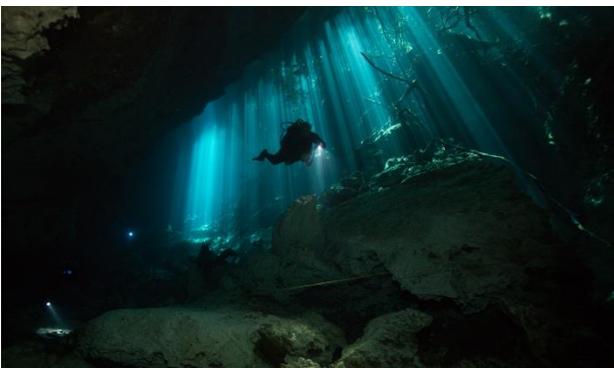


All who have dove the ocean with us here on previous trips will be happy to hear that Connie's favourite reef, with the schools of happy fish is still thriving. The invasive lionfish are not as prevalent as before,

with local guides hunting them and eating them.

And, Deb and Sue, the turtles were there and asked where you were - they miss you!!!!

The ocean pictures are all by Mark - he is picking up the camera, and has David's eye for good pictures!



We also had a couple of days in the cenotes. The cavern zone was glorious, with the light rays playing with the divers.



The changes in the cenotes over the past 20 years are incredible. They had been isolated places where you rarely saw others, to now, when they are busy places with many snorkelers, cavern divers, and even booths set up selling snacks.



The main event for this trip was the family wedding. While the groom and bride were busy, the rest of the Faas'- Jamie, David, Connie and Mark; had a non-typical family photo taken.

The grim reaper warning sign cautions to not proceed unless properly trained – rest easy, all of us are cave trained and qualified to be behind the sign.



Congratulations to Kevin and Ulyana – you will conquer the world together!



Kevin and Uly – many toasts were held throughout the week to celebrate your wedding. May you feel everyone's love and support long after the wedding glow is just a memory.



Antarctica: David and I headed directly to Ushuaia, Argentina after the Mexico trip. Incredibly, all of our luggage has arrived for all legs of our trip so far. We are sightseeing at the 'end of the world' for a few days before boarding the Ortelius for our dive trip to the Antarctica. There may be a few Facebook posts before the next newsletter comes out – if you are a facebooker, follow our adventures on it.

Our next booked group dive trip is to the Philippines – join us for one week or both weeks:

Dumaguete, Philippines: March 14-23, 2019

- Land based all-inclusive resort, suitable for divers and non-divers
- Transfers to/from Manila airport to the resort included.



Tubbataha, Philippines: March 23-31, 2019 –, details attached

- live aboard diving on the Atlantis Azores
- Transfers from Dumaguete to Tubbataha included

For those who have indicated expressions of interest, we will be contacting you for the first payment arrangements on our return in March; our seats are held for us until June, and then any left go on the open market and we cannot guarantee availability.

Other group travel:

We've had a few requests to put together a couple of trips: one a shorter/simpler trip to somewhere warm - the Caribbean or Mexico perhaps in the fall of 2018; and another to a 'cooler' place – we are considering Iceland. Dan at the dive store will take expressions of interest, and we'll see what we can put together on our return. An expression of interest is just that – cool, that sounds like fun, I want to join you, and I'll see if I can pull it together when you have the details.

Pool sessions:

The Jan and Feb pool sessions rocked! Instructors, students and certified divers felt refreshed and happy after a mid-winter dive break.



Shake out the equipment and join us!

All of the dates below are for:

Discover Scuba, Certified Divers, Seal kids & Reactivate

The dates in May are for these programs, plus Open Water.

- March 17: Vermilion Pool, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm:
- April 14: Vermilion Pool, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
- May 26 & 27: Wainwright Pool, 10 am to 12:00 pm

- When you register for the pool session, pay by credit card by calling in to the dive store, or bring cash/cheque to the pool – our credit card machine is neither portable nor waterproof.
- Pre-registration is required for all programs – email or phone the dive store.

Movie night: Date to be determined – once the jet lag settles after our return.



*Enjoying our travels,
Connie and David Faas*

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