

News, Travel & Events

Garden Of The Queens, Cuba Jardines Avalon II - Feb 5-12, 2022



Join Berkley White for an underwater photo adventure in the famous Jardines de la Reina (Gardens of the Queen) Cuba.

We had such an amazing trip in 2020 that we immediately started planning a return trip in 2021 and 2022. Cuba has become one of our favorite places to go to shoot silky sharks, saltwater crocodiles, and the abundant marine life on the healthiest reefs we've ever seen in the Caribbean.

Just over 60 miles from Cuba's southern coast lie a series of small islands that have been protected from development, tourism, and fishing. Christopher Columbus named the area Jardines de la Reina, or Gardens of the Queen, and it's one of the most



pristine coral reef and mangrove ecosystems in the world.

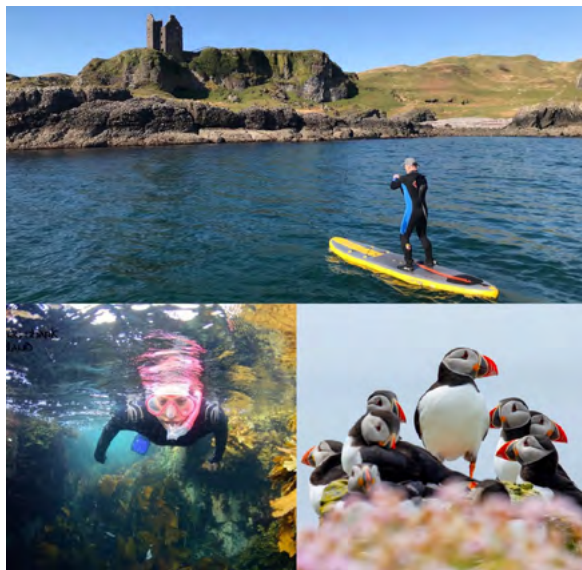
This year we have selected a larger ship but we are bringing fewer divers. This will provide all photographers ample room for cameras and extra space to spread out. Solo cabins are available as well.

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A diver underwater with a large fish and a championship logo. The diver is holding a camera and a light. The fish is large and silvery. The logo is for the 4th World Championship of Underwater Video. The background is a deep blue underwater scene with a coral reef at the bottom.

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It's been a long winter but we're planning to re-open when the travel restrictions end on 26th April. This is just a short email on info for us re-opening!

We're able to offer all our day tours from when we open but we also have spaces for basking shark peak season too!

Hope to see you on and in the water soon!

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Virtual Author Visits with Michael Patrick O'Neill

I hope everyone is doing well during these unprecedented times! It has been tough on all of us, but I think there is light at the end of the tunnel! I can't wait to start visiting schools in person again. There is nothing like it. For me, it's the best part of the job; hands down.

But until then, I'm getting in touch to let you know that I have been doing virtual author visits for years (using Zoom, Skype or GotoMeeting) and would love to present to your students in 2021 or 2022, either in person in the near future or via one of these presentation platforms.

My virtual visits are extremely cost-effective and can reach countless students in the most distant locations. From my home in Florida, I've presented to kids as far away as France and Brazil, not to mention all over the United States.

Having presented to more than 500,000 students in the last 16 years, I absolutely love what I do, and I can't wait to share with you the images and stories behind my latest book, completed during the Covid lockdown.



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Born and raised in São Paulo, Brazil, Michael is an award-winning photographer, author and FAA Certified (Part 107) drone pilot specializing in marine wildlife and environmental issues.

He lives in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, and for the last 27 years has traveled extensively worldwide photographing diverse aquatic animals, habitats and man's impact on them.

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Galapagos with Amos Nachoum

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Trips to Galapagos usually force you to choose between land and sea, but if you join us on this unique Big Animals expedition to one of the most significant UNESCO World Heritage Sites on Earth, then you will get to experience the best of both worlds.

We make this possible for you through a strong collaborative relationship with the most knowledgeable team on the islands guided by the steady and innovative leadership of the incomparable Fiddi Angermeyer. His family members were some of the first colonizers of the islands, and he has lived on Galapagos his entire life.

When you join me in the Galapagos, it will be my 21st visit

there since 1982. The only other locations in the world I have visited as many times are Antarctica and the High Arctic. Considering I find these two places to be the most exciting, dynamic and rewarding for diving and exploration, this says all you need to know about my opinion of Galapagos. Diving there is like attending the Oscars underwater.

This archipelago and its many volcanic islands traversing both sides of the equator are all impacted by three powerful and opposing currents creating the unique and wondrous laboratory of life both on land and underwater that is Galapagos.

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