# BIOL 314 - Biology of West Indian Coral Reef Organisms December 28, 2017 - January 6, 2018

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# Program offered in collaboration between Lynchburg College and our long-standing partnership with the Gerace Research Center





# **Flight Information**

DATE: Thu, Dec 28

Flight: BAHAMA	ASAIR 378			
From	NASSAU, BAHAMAS	Departs	11:00am	
То	SAN SALVADOR, BAHAMAS	Arrives	12:00pm	
Duration	1hr(s) Omin(s)	Class	Standard	
Туре	ATR TURBOPROP	Meal		
Stop(s)	Non Stop			

### DATE: Sat, Jan 06

Flight: BAHAMA	ASAIR 379			
From	SAN SALVADOR, BAHAMAS	Departs	12:20pm	
То	NASSAU, BAHAMAS	Arrives	1:20pm	
Duration	1hr(s) Omin(s)	Class	Standard	
Туре	ATR TURBOPROP	Meal		
Stop(s)	Non Stop			

### **Hotel Information**

#### Nassau:

Orange Hill Beach Inn
W Bay St, Nassau, The Bahamas
+1 242-327-7157

#### San Salvador:

Gerace Research Centre
Queens Hwy, The Bahamas
+1 242-331-2520

## **Program Fee of \$1500 includes:**

Round trip airfare from Nassau to San Sal, transportation in San Sal, a boat trip (weather depending), room and meals in San Sal, emergency insurance while on the island, a technology fee, dinner and accommodations the night of the 27th in Nassau and (if there is time) breakfast and the ride to the airport on the 28th. Already purchased supplies for the course include some loaner books, dive slates (for notes while swimming), dive lights for a night snorkel.

## **Additional Expenses:**

- ❖ Tuition: \$510/credit hour. With the ELG applied (50% tuition discount) the final cost for tuition is \$765.
- Not included in the program fee: Meals while flying; your flight to Nassau (and luggage fees) from wherever; a cab to the hotel in Nassau; snorkel gear (get good stuff). If you need to stay in Nassau on the 6th, Dr. Benson can help arrange accommodations (which are very reasonable).

#### **Tentative Itinerary**

#### 27 December:

Meet in Nassau, stay in Orange Hill Beach Hotel (included), Bahamian buffet dinner at Orange Tree

#### 28 December

Arrive from Nassau, flight 378 Bahamas Air, snorkeling introduction Graham's Harbour, lecture with fish slides in evening

#### 29 December

Telephone Pole Reef, Snapshot Reef, Grotto Beach, French Bay (field lunch required), lecture fish in evening.

#### 30 December

Cockburn Town, Watling's Castle, Blue Hole, Blowholes on South of Island, Pigeon Creek, (return via eastern shore) (field lunch required), invert lecture evening

#### 31 December

Lighthouse, Lighthouse Cave, Rice Bay, inland lake, Graham's Harbour (night snorkel)

## 1 January

Monument Reef (pm), tides and zones lecture evening

## 2 January

Dump Reef, Graham's Harbour (intertidal zone) – behavior lecture evening

# 3 January

Half day boat trip to Green Cay, White Cay and outer reefs, Graham's Harbour (night snorkel) ecology lecture evening

## 4 January

Sanddollar Beach, a.m., project planning, project presentations evening

# 5 January

Independent projects, Final exam, afternoon visit Rocky Point

## 6 January

Flight 379 to Nassau, return to USA - if need accommodations, not included, but can help arrange.