

Investor Trips to the Atocha/Margarita Sites

POLICY & GUIDELINES

The following policies and guidelines have been put together to help answer any questions you may have about visiting the Atocha/Margarita wreck sites. A trip to the site can be a wonderful experience and it is our intention that you have a fun, safe, memorable day of treasure hunting.

For your safety and the safety of others around you, please read and follow the information and guidelines below:

No overnight visits are permitted. Trips to the site are done on a Day Trip basis only.

Trips to the Atocha site are for current investors only. Your contract must be current on the day of your trip in order to go out to the site. There are no exceptions to this rule. Each current investor may bring a spouse and or family member as their guest. Any additional trips or guests may be considered on a stand-by basis.

It is important to remember that this is a salvage operation and not a recreational dive charter. The crews onboard the salvage vessels are professional treasure hunters, with a very methodical plan and routine while working the site. Their job is to find treasure. In the interest of maximum productivity for you and for the company, we need to not interrupt their routine. The Captain will determine the dive schedule and who will dive when.

For safety reasons, a certified divemaster will be hired to accompany you out to the site.

As a guest to the site, we are visiting and joining an already existing salvage plan. Our crew members are looking for treasure, and they cannot also serve as divemasters and look after guests on the boat, so a divemaster will be hired to accompany all investors to the site. You will need to be a qualified, strong, and self-sufficient diver.

Schedule Your Trip to the Site

We are dedicated to keep our search vessels on the wreck sites as much as possible. Only bad weather, equipment repairs and regular turnaround reprovision trips for fuel and groceries will bring our boats back to our dockside headquarters in Key West.

When our investors want to schedule a trip to dive with our divers, we ask that they call one of our Investor Relations team about two weeks ahead. They will put your name on our online calendar, noting how many people will be diving that day. Then, a few days before your scheduled trip, we ask that you call our Investor Relations department again to confirm that weather conditions are good enough for your trip (15 knots or less). We are in the sub-tropical Florida Keys, where weather conditions often change in a matter of days, making long-range weather predictions unreliable.

Even if weather conditions are perfect, our boats must return to dock about every two weeks for fuel and reprovisions. All our salvage vessels are in good repair, but working on the open ocean every day will sometimes require equipment repairs at dockside, which are unpredictable events.

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For all these reasons, our investors' scheduled trips to dive the Atocha/Margarita could be canceled or postponed. Before you spend the time and money to travel to Key West, reserve a hotel room, get off work, etc., please remember that it is your responsibility to call us to confirm that your scheduled trip to the site is still going to happen.

The majority of the time, our investors plan their dive trip, and everything goes according to plan. Hundreds of our investors have dived the wreck sites, found treasure, and had an exciting day diving with us. Others have been disappointed by being blown out by high winds or by not calling prior to coming to Key West to confirm that their trip is still going out. Mel Fisher's Treasures does not reimburse investors for travel or hotel expenses if their trips to the Atocha/Margarita sites are cancelled or postponed.

Investor Charters

As an investor in the Atocha/Margarita Expedition, you will receive one full-day charter to the Atocha site, with divemaster, paid for by Mel Fisher's Treasures, a value of \$650. The site is 35 miles offshore, an hour and a half ride in a fast boat. If other investors are in Key West and they want to go diving, they will be allowed to join your charter boat if space is available. We allow 6 people per boat.

Stand-by Charters

Stand-by visits to the Atocha site are available as often as you like during the one-year period of your investment. This is like flying stand-by on an airline flight – if there is space available, you get to go. There is no cost to you for stand-by charters.

Stand-by charters are available very often. Any time there are other investors in Key West wanting to dive the Atocha site, you are welcome to join their charters if space is available. All 150 of our investors have been promised one free charter to the wrecksite. A good way to plan for this is to check the online calendar at www.melfisher.com and plan your trip when other investors will be in Key West diving.

In the past few years, our investors have been able to dive the Atocha site as often as they like about 95 % of the time at no cost to them.

In the event you want to dive the Atocha multiple times, and no stand-by charters are available, we can help you book a charter boat to the Atocha site, with divemaster, at a cost of \$650. Contact our Investor Relations team for bookings.

Before leaving for the site, everyone must have read, understood, filled out and signed the following forms:

- **Boat release form**
- **Policy and Guidelines sheet**
- **Copy of drivers license**
- **If you intend to dive, a copy of your certification card**
- **If you intend to dive, read and sign the divers guidelines sheet.**
- **If you intend to dive, read and sign the equipment checklist.**

These forms make up the “trip pack.” When coming to dive the site, you must hand-deliver an updated copy of your “trip pack” to the salvage boat Captain.

3 Special Events a Year – During our Division Week in May, Mel Fisher Days in July and Emerald Week in September, special rules apply due to the large number of investors who want to participate. All bookings for diving and emerald searching during these 3 weeks will be handled through Barb Haveland (305-296-2204), atocha1@bellsouth.net, not the Investor Relations office. Each investor, along with one guest, will be invited to choose one day of diving or one day of emerald searching, not both. You may also choose to book yourself (and one guest) on stand-by for a second day of diving or emerald searching.

Pack a Lunch: Our salvage crews have limited provisions on board. Please bring whatever you would like to eat and drink for the day. **No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the salvage vessels or on the charter boats.**

Dress for the weather. Generally in the winter months it is much cooler on the water than on shore and in the summer months it is much warmer. Suntan lotion is always a good idea.

If you get involved in recovering treasure and artifacts aboard one of the salvage vessels, upon finding such items you must turn them over to the Captain or designated crewmember immediately. You will be allowed to take photographs of the finds. Make sure when the artifact is tagged and bagged, your name is put on the bag and in the Captain’s log sheet as you may be able to receive this piece in your division! **Fill out the Artifact Recovery Sheet** (attached) and have it signed by the Captain and keep it for your records. Once back to shore make sure the Investor Relations team gets a copy of this sheet.

Investors will be awarded the first piece they find up to six times the amount they invested. This artifact will be considered part of the investor's annual division of treasure, not an addition to it.

Under no circumstances are investors allowed to bring metal detectors and/or spear guns.

No one under the age of 18 is allowed to visit the site.

I have read and agree to all of the above guidelines for visiting the wreck sites.

Your Signature here

Print your full name here

Date

Local Phone #



BOAT RELEASE FORM

IN CONSIDERATION of being allowed to board one or more vessels owned or under the control of MOTIVATION, INC., hereinafter referred to as MOTIVATION, for the purpose of transport and/or boarding, diving, etc., to the Atocha/Margarita sites in the Gulf of Mexico.

IN FURTHER CONSIDERATION on behalf of MOTIVATION, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I satisfy and forever discharge MOTIVATION of and from any and all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, damages, claims and demands whatsoever in law or in equity which I hereafter can, shall or may have against MOTIVATION, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever which arises or is caused by my boarding the vessels of MOTIVATION.

THIS IS A GENERAL RELEASE OF MOTIVATION, its officers, agents or employees from any and all liability, and I will hold MOTIVATION harmless from any and all claims and causes of actions which might be brought by me, my agent or employees for loss of property, personal injury or death sustained by me or arising out of or in connection with my transportation aboard the vessels of MOTIVATION, or other activities in which I participate.

Print Name

Date

Signature

PERSONS TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

NAME

PHONE NUMBER

Scuba Diver Guidelines Sheet

Before diving all divers must sign this form.

Even though fun and excitement is what we are all after, safety must come first.

These criteria must be met in order for any diver to dive on the wreck sites.

If a diver does not meet these requirements they will be required to enroll and graduate from a refresher course before diving on the wreck sites.

- **We must have a copy of your diver's certification card on file and you must have one in your "trip pack".**
- **We must have a copy of your driver's license on file and you must have one in your "trip pack"**
- **Check log book (Must have dove within last 6 months)**
- **Must have minimum of 20 dives**
- **Must have a minimum of 5 boat ocean dives**
- **Must have all required equipment**

Diver Info

Please fill out so that we can learn a little more about your diving history:

What year were you certified? _____

What agency were you certified by? _____

Do you own your own gear? _____

How old is your dive gear? _____

When was it last serviced? _____

When was your last dive? _____

How many dives have you done _____

How many open water dives have you done? _____

How many boat dives have you done? _____

Where were you diving? _____

Do you know how to use a compass? _____

Do you smoke? _____

Have you ever had a heart attack? _____

Have you ever had any diving accidents? _____

When was your last physical? _____

Do you have any health conditions that could hinder your diving? _____

If yes please explain _____

Your Signature _____ **Date** _____ **Print your full name** _____

Required Equipment Check list

You will need to supply all your own dive gear with the exception of tanks and weights, which we provide.

Mask _____ Fins _____ Snorkel _____ BC _____

Regulator with alternate air source and pressure gauge _____ Depth gauge _____

Surface Marker Buoy _____ Compass _____ Dive Knife _____ Time piece _____

Optional Equipment:

Kneepads _____ Camera _____ Boots _____ Gloves _____

Wet Suit or Dive Skin _____
(Dive skin in summer, full 3 to 5 mm in winter)

NOTE: PLEASE CHECK ALL YOUR GEAR TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING WORKS PROPERLY BEFORE LEAVING THE DOCK. WE DO NOT HAVE SPARE GEAR TO LOAN YOU.

If you need to rent gear, call Lost Reef Adventures Dive Shop 305/296-9737, 261 Margaret St., Key West, FL.

By signing this form, I understand that the Captain of the vessel I am on has total control over the boat, this includes but is not limited to safety issues. The Captain of the salvage vessel I am visiting may terminate my dive at any time.

Your Signature

Date

Print your full name

Please don't hesitate to call us with any questions and to book a trip.

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ARTIFACT INVESTOR FIND FORM

Must be completed to receive your find

Full name printed _____

Contract name invested under _____

Guest of _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

Please Circle Boat you were on:

J B MAGRUDER

DARE

BLUE WATER ROSE

Date _____

Tag Number _____ of Artifact found

Detailed Artifact Description

Signature _____

**Directions from Mel Fisher's Treasures to Sunset Marina
Diving and Emerald City Trips
Boats Depart Between 8:00 & 8:30 am**

Directions from Greene Street Distance

Total Est. Time: 13 minutes Total Est. Distance: 4.91 miles

- START 1: Start out going **NORTHEAST** on **GREENE ST** toward **WHITEHEAD ST.** <0.1 miles

- 2: Turn **RIGHT** onto **WHITEHEAD ST.** 0.6 miles

- ← 3: Turn **LEFT** onto **US-1 / TRUMAN AVE.** Continue to follow **US-1.** 3.5 miles

- NORTH
1 4: Turn **LEFT** onto **US-1 N / FL-5 N.** 0.2 miles

- ← 5: Turn **LEFT** onto **COLLEGE RD.** 0.3 miles

- END 6: End at **Sunset Marina: on left**
5555 College Rd, Key West, FL 33040, US

Total Est. Time: 13 minutes Total Est. Distance: 4.91 miles

