

Discover The East End

The East End of Grand Cayman Island is an underwater Mecca for those wanting to experience pristine snorkeling, wall dives, caverns and canyons, and tunnel dives. Divers have known for decades that The East End provides isolated dive sites, calm currents and a plethora of indigenous plant and animal life that are exclusively East End.

The Wildlife

The conditions on The East End offer an incredible tapestry of plant life and it's teeming with marine life found in deep cut canyons, tunnels and caverns that are home to:

- Tarpon
- Reef and nurse sharks
- Eagle rays
- Rare sightings are Manta rays and whale sharks

Plant life

- Brilliantly pigmented hard and soft corals plus: Large Gorgonians, sponges and Sea Fans

On Site Dive Facilities at The Reef Resort

The resort's off the beaten path location offers some of the most unique dive destinations on the island in addition to clear-water snorkeling. Guests who want a true water adventure will find it at the East End as unspoiled dive or snorkeling sites are abundant. The Beach Locker, a satellite dive center operated by Ocean Frontiers, is now open at The Reef Resort. Ocean Frontiers a PADI 5 Star Gold Palm IDC Center offers all levels of instruction from a basic beginner lesson in the pool to Divemaster and Instructor programs.

Scuba Diving

Known for scuba diving Grand Cayman Island offers over 200 underwater dive destinations, while The East End provides 55 *named* dive sites with many other sites currently being discovered, and mapped. East End diving is unlike other dive sites on Grand Cayman Island. A respite from the crowds is obvious, but the diversity and breathtaking drop-offs or wall dives which start at 45-55 feet, plunging vertically to 6,000 feet into a kaleidoscope of color and splendor is what really characterizes an East End dive from others.

Additional distinguishing aspects of The East End are the glorious mid-reef dives, which are between 55—65 feet, and feature intricate tunnel systems, tarpon-filled coral caverns, and canyons encrusted with corals and sponges which open-up to a labyrinthine of winding passageways.

Listed are some of the most renowned dive sites of The East End:

- Snapper Hole
- Kelly's Caverns
- Fantasy Land
- Groupers Grotto
- Ironshore Caves
- Chub Hole

Snorkeling:

Snorkeling at The East End can be very mysterious due to the magnitude of the area as it's the largest district on the island. Wade out 20 yards, put your face in the water and viola; some of the most beautiful sites the ocean has to offer are within plain view. Conch, sea fans, tarpons, lobsters, schools of fish and more illustrate how untouched this area remains. Queen's Monument, is celebrated by divers everywhere for being one of the best locations for off shore diving and snorkeling. The reason for its celebrity status is its diverse geography is a stage for barrier and shallow reefs, plus a framed wall close enough to explore without dive gear. While the entrance is easy to navigate, it's rocky so booties are necessary. For advanced snorkelers a 120-yard swim to the wall, which starts at 55 feet, is easy to view as the water is clear enough to see the majestic drop-off from-above.