

Captain Marvin's – Mini Review

We used Captain Marvin's (<http://captainmarvins.com/>) in March 2003 and August 2005 for the stingray and reef snorkel tour. We were on the Conquest and docked in Georgetown Grand Cayman. Captain Marvin's is not far from where the tenders drop you off. Just go left and walk along the shoreline. You will see Captain Marvin's across the street. We reserved our spots online before we sailed. By not going through the ship we saved lots of money and were with a smaller group of people.

We arrived early and spent some time walking around before heading to the shop. We got there and everyone was very friendly. I had reserved with a credit card but had the option of paying in cash or keeping it on the card. We kept it on the card. The van arrived and loaded us up for the drive to the boat.

When we arrived everyone was fitted with a snorkel gear. We loaded up and made our way to the sandbar. It wasn't a bad ride, the water was pretty calm. We got to the sandbar and there weren't many boats. After we off loaded the cruise ship tour arrived. I have never seen that many people on one boat. It was one of those double-decker boats and they barely got everyone off and it was time for them to get back on. It looked like a cattle call and I know they paid more then we did. We felt very lucky.

They had a video-tographer onboard who taped many of the things. You could order a DVD to be mailed to your home. I think it was like \$35. They also provided squid to feed the stingrays. We spent a lot of time at the sandbar. The water was at chest level (I'm 5'3"). They have life vests for those that feel they need it. The stingrays were really neat. They are very docile but I'm sure if you stepped on one you would get stung. You just have to remember to shuffle your feet.

After we finished at the sandbar we went over to the reef where they stopped just over an area were a couple moray eels called home. It was really neat. One of the eels came out. Close but not too close. We swam around for a while taking in the colorful fish and then it was back on the boat. They provided punch if you wanted something to drink.

We had a really good time and know we had a much better tour then the people who opted for the cruise line tour. There are many vendors who do this type to tour. Just be sure to check them out.