



KEY WEST WRECK DIVING AT IT'S FINEST

JOIN THE MIGHTY VESSEL SPREE AS WE DIVE THE KEY WEST GHOST FLEET

Planned dives include the USS Wilkes Barre, a Cleveland class Cruiser sunk 20 miles east of Key West in 250 feet of water, the S-16, a WWI submarine sunk 20 miles east of Key West in 280 feet of water, and the USS Curb, a Former Navy salvage and towing vessel, sunk just 4 miles south of Key West in 185 feet of water. Other wrecks including the USS Kendrick and the USS Fred T. Berry may also be on the itinerary depending on diver comfort level and weather.



USS Wilkes-Barre (CL-103) was a Cleveland-class light cruiser of the United States Navy that served during the last year of World War II. She was named after the city of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Decommissioned on 9 October 1947, Wilkes-Barre was simultaneously placed in reserve at Philadelphia. She remained in "mothballs" at Philadelphia until struck from the Naval Vessel Register on 15 January 1971, the last light cruiser on the Register list. Thereafter, the ship was subjected to underwater explosive tests. On 12 May 1972, her battered hulk broke in two. The after section sank of its own accord on that day; the forward section sank on the 13th, as a result of a scuttling charge.

USS S-16 (SS-121) was a second-group (S-3 or "Government") S-class submarine of the United States Navy. Her keel was laid down on 19 March 1918 by the Lake Torpedo Boat Company in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She was decommissioned on 4 October 1944 and struck from the Naval Vessel Register. S-16 was intentionally destroyed by sinking on April 3rd, 1945 off Key West, Florida. S-16 is in 265 ft (81 m) of water, upright with a 20° tilt to her starboard side. The Gulf Stream flow over her hull allows little coral growth and makes diving difficult. The wreck is accessible through large hatches both forward and aft of the conning tower. Both steel screws are covered by invertebrate growth.



The salvage vessel **USS Curb (ARS-21)** was built by the Basalt Rock Company of Napa, California in late 1942 and launched April 24, 1943. The Curb is 214 feet long with a 39 foot beam. The Curb was sunk by the US Navy on November 23, 1983 in 185 feet of water, with her crow's nest coming to within 110 feet of the surface. Due to it's location near the Key West Ship Channel, visibility can vary greatly. Additionally, there is a large amount of fine silt throughout the wreck's interior that is easily stirred up.

The USS Fred T. Berry (DD-858) was a Fletcher class destroyer built by the Bethlehem Steel Company of San Pedro, CA and launched on January 12, 1945. She is 391 feet long and 41 feet in breadth. She was deliberately sunk on May 14, 1972 due to an underwater explosion. She sits upright in 350 feet of water approximately 30 miles East of Key West. Due to her depth, divers rarely visit the Fred T. Berry. Those that have, however, report an intact wreck rising high off the sand. Her superstructure and radar mast sit within 290 feet of the surface. Divers and submersible operators report that extremely cold conditions can be found there.



The WWII destroyer USS Kendrick (DD-612) was built by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and launched on April 2, 1942, in San Pedro, CA. She is 348 feet long with a 36 foot beam. Sunk as a target in March, 1968, she rests upright in 320 feet of water inline with the prevailing current in 2 pieces. She is encrusted with oysters and other invertebrates, and Snowy Grouper, Red Snapper, Scamp, and other game species are commonly seen here. The Kendrick can be an arduous dive because of high currents in the area.

This is a true liveaboard experience. Charter includes all food, soft drinks, beer, wine, bedding and linens, and is limited to 12 passengers maximum. 2 dives per day are planned. Dives may be conducted from an anchored vessel, or may be conducted live boat depending on local conditions. Gear setup outside will begin at 3 PM on boarding day, with inside boarding and briefing at 8 PM. Dinner the final night of the trip is in Key West on your own, and you are welcome to remain on the boat the final night. You must depart by 9 AM the day following the trip.

We have steel and aluminum doubles for rent, 80 and 40 ft3 stage bottles (slick, no rigging) and rebreather bottles. A limited number of rental scooters may be available. 812 mesh sorb is available for purchase onboard, and you may ship your dive gear to us ahead of time to prevent high airline baggage fees. Be sure to pre-print a UPS label for your return shipment.

Additional charges for helium, oxygen, cylinder rental, and sorb. Bring your instructor and complete your advanced trimix training, advanced wreck, or Rebreather trimix training. This trip is open to advanced trimix divers and advanced trimix students ONLY. Please see the Spree technical diving policies [here](#).