

Fiji Aggressor II (18 passenger yacht)

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Bula! Fiji is known for brilliantly colored soft corals as well as their diversified marine life including a multitude of brightly colored tropical fish, nudibranchs, Leafyfish, sharks, and other pelagics. As you prepare for your diving vacation on board the Fiji Aggressor II, we extend a most hearty welcome. The enclosed information will assist you.

COMMUNICATIONS IN FIJI

The Reservations Center and Fiji Aggressor II are in constant communication. In the event of an emergency, family and friends may contact you at the above numbers. If you need to reach the yachts, please call or e-mail the boat.

In the event you receive this document more than 90 days prior to traveling, please download the most recent “Know Before You Go” from www.aggressor.com It is important to notify our

office of last minute changes concerning your airline arrival and departure times or any changes in your address and telephone numbers.

To ensure the timely arrival of your luggage into Fiji, we recommend re-checking it at the ticket counter before your international departure to Fiji. Don't forget to use your Aggressor luggage tags. They will help the crew identify you. If possible we recommend you pack a regulator, mask, fins, swimsuit, change of clothes, medication and toiletries in your carry-on bag. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected luggage delay more bearable. Also, if you are taking camera equipment, we suggest you hand-carry it onto the plane.



PASSPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION

Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket to travel to Fiji. US citizens require a passport which must be valid for six months from date of entry. It is the travelers' responsibility to ensure they have the proper documentation to travel to the destination and return to their country. Please check with the appropriate consulate to ensure you have the proper documentation. Always check your passport and visa requirements. US citizens may go to the US Department of State website at www.travel.state.gov for more information. *The Reservations Center cannot assume responsibility for passengers not having correct documentation.*

TAXES AND FEES

The Fijian Government charges a VAT tax of \$150 per person. In addition there is a VAT tax of 17.5% for items services and items purchased onboard and a park fee of \$25 FJD or \$15 USD that goes towards protecting Kubulau's Namena Barrier Reef. These fees and taxes are not included in the charter rate and may be paid in cash or with a credit card.

PACKING

When packing, please watch the weight and size of your bags. For international travel, you are usually allowed 2 bags. Each piece of baggage must not exceed 50 pounds. You are allowed one carry on bag not to exceed 11 pounds. If you are taking a flight to Suva from Nadi, you are allowed to check in two

bags up to 44 lbs each. Baggage over 20 kilos (44 pounds) is subject to an excess baggage fee. The fee for excess baggage is \$1.20 Fiji/kilo to Suva. The airline does not guarantee the excess baggage will be sent on the same plane with you; however, if you speak with an airline clerk and inform him/her that you are catching a yacht in Suva, the airline will ensure the baggage arrival the same day. The above weight restrictions are subject to change without notice.

C-CARDS & DIVE THE WORLD CLUB

Remember to bring your c-card and/or proof of certification. The divemaster requires proof of certification before the first dive. If you are a member of Aggressor Fleet's Dive the World Club, you will receive on board discounts.

WAIVER & APPLICATION

The Reservations Center and the Fiji Aggressor II require each guest to complete and sign an application and waiver form prior to departure and diving. The completed and signed Cruise Application/Waiver must be received by the Reservations Center at least 90 days prior to departure. *Passengers who fail to fax or mail it will be denied boarding.* Please complete online by going to the download section of our website, www.aggressor.com.

INSURANCE

We highly recommend that scuba divers purchase a travel insurance policy such as the comprehensive DiveAssure, Divers Alert Network or a policy of your choice. For more information, go to www.aggressor.com.

HEALTH

The Fiji Aggressor II has a complete first aid kit onboard including oxygen. You may want to bring motion sickness medication, if you feel you'll need it. We recommend a complete physical before your trip. The nearest recompression chamber is located on Viti Levu. There is no smoking inside the yachts or on the dive deck. Smoking is only permitted on the sun deck.

ARRIVAL

The Fiji Aggressor II offers charters departing from the Fisheries Jetty, located adjacent to the Tradewinds Hotel in Suva. All charters will depart from Suva and transportation will be provided from and to the Suva (SUVA) airport only, not the Nadi International Airport). Pick up from the Suva airport will be at 10:30 a.m. for transfer to the Fiji Aggressor II. (30-45 minute ride)

Guests already staying in Fiji may make their own way to the Fisheries Jetty at their own cost to meet

the boat. Please make sure arrival is for 12:00 pm boarding as the yacht departs at 1:00 pm for an 8 hour crossing to the night anchorage.

If you fly from an outer resort into Suva or Nadi you will be responsible for cab fare to the Tradewinds Hotel. The bus transportation on the day of arrival from the Suva Airport is included in the charter price. Diving begins Sunday morning.

FIJI AGGRESSOR II

The design of the Fiji Aggressor II is almost identical to the Palau Aggressor II. She is a 106' yacht, built and powered for comfort, safety and stability. The Fiji Aggressor II has 8 luxurious deluxe staterooms and 1 double stateroom accommodating 18 guests. Each stateroom has a double bed with twin bed loft, private bath and shower and individually controlled air conditioning. She is diesel powered, cruises at 9 knots and has 110-volt power onboard. All electrical plugs are standard USA sockets, so please bring your own adapters if necessary. Other amenities include: a spacious salon area, 50' of sun deck with shade, chaise lounges and deck chairs, bar, grill, hot tub, two camera tables, a complete photo/video center and email access.

MEALS

The menus on board are varied and plentiful with American feasts, and local Fijian cuisine. Breakfasts offer fresh fruits, hot entrees, cereals and juices. Lunches are buffet style featuring salad, sandwiches and/or entrees. Dinners are more diverse with three courses including seafood, beef or chicken and a Fijian feast cooked in a local earth oven. Each evening, enjoy fresh homemade desserts. Please notify our office of special dietary requests as well as speak to the Chef after boarding.

BEVERAGES

Soft drinks, tea, beer, and wine are complimentary. We suggest purchasing your special brand of liquor from the U.S. or pick some up going through the Duty-Free shop, which is located in the arrival lounge before customs. Drinking and diving do not mix. Once you consume alcohol, you become a snorkeler until the next day.



CLOTHING

While aboard, dress is very casual. Days are warm, bright and sunny. For easy luggage storage, we recommend you pack in a soft-sided bag. Pack walking shoes or sandals and rain gear in case an island visit is made during the trip. When going ashore for the village visit, it is customary to wear a "sulu," a traditional wrap-around skirt worn by men and women. The crew will gladly loan you one.

ENTERTAINMENT

There is a variety of nightly entertainment including night diving, fish identification slide shows, movies, games and more. The crew especially enjoys recent DVD movies, CD's, magazines, and books.

DIVING

The Fiji Aggressor II offers guests a variety of diving, all from a dive tender that includes a variety of bommies covered in soft corals, walls, drift dives and thrilling shark dives. The crew, with their unique combination of talents, offer the ultimate in service. While on board, you may pick a dive buddy of your choice or dive with one of the crewmembers. Each yacht has many of their own dive sites and moorings that are not visited by other divers.

There is ample storage space for your diving equipment in your personal locker. The Fiji Aggressor II provides 80 cubic ft. tanks, weight belts and weights.

DIVING CONDITIONS

-January through March is summer with warm water temperatures averaging 80-85F and visibility averaging 80 feet.

-April through September is a little cooler with the water temperature as low as 76F and visibility averaging 100-150 feet.

-October through December is back to summer with water temperatures averaging 79-83F and visibility averaging 80 to 130 feet.

DIVE GEAR SUGGESTIONS

We suggest you pack the following: mask, fins, snorkel, regulator with pressure gauge, depth gauge, dive computer, buoyancy compensator, dive watch, dive light, safety sausage, mirror, Dive Alert and/or other safety device. Dive computers are mandatory. Each piece of dive equipment should be marked with waterproof paint or tape for easy identification.

Most guests will make 4-5 dives daily so some sort of protection is needed. A 3-5mm wetsuit should be comfortable and adequate however, there are times when a 5-7mm with a hood are needed. Please check the Captains log for current information prior to traveling.

MARINE CONSERVATION

Spear fishing or collecting is not permitted from any Aggressor yachts.

RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT

A full line of rental dive gear is available on board, including regulator BCDs, dive computers, and night light.

CERTIFICATION COURSES

The crew offers a variety of certification and specialty courses such as a Shark Awareness Specialty, Advanced Open Water, UW Photographer, and Nitrox.

Visit www.aggressor.com, for detailed information.



PHOTO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT

All Aggressor yachts offer digital photo facilities. Photo-pros are available for free coaching with equipment rental. Photo equipment is available to rent separately, or as a complete set-up. (*reserve in advance to ensure availability*) The Aggressor has a battery charging station and large camera table available for your camera and video equipment. Guests should bring their own battery chargers.

UNDERWATER VIDEO/DVD

Our Video Professional can capture your diving adventure to share with family and friends.

DVD of the Week US\$65.00

SHIP'S BOUTIQUE AND CREDIT CARDS

There is a mini-boutique on board with assorted t-shirts, shorts, film, batteries, and miscellaneous items. Due to limited availability, we recommend bringing extra batteries, film and/or CD's for photos. The Fiji Aggressor II accepts cash, American Express, Visa, and MasterCard. Sorry, no personal checks. Many credit card companies are charging a conversion fee. If this happens to you, please contact your credit card company.



VILLAGE TOUR

During the week, you will visit a local Fijian village to experience some local culture which you will enjoy immensely. The Captain will give you a briefing before going ashore so you will know some of the customs of the village. You are required to wear a sulu (sarong or wrap) which you can bring or one will be provided for you. The village will do a kava ceremony and a meke which will include traditional songs and local dances. The cost of the visit is \$15 per person which goes towards a donation for the school. If you'd like to bring something from home, they appreciate any school supplies, clothing, outdoor games and educational materials for the school.

FRIDAY

Friday afternoon, the Fiji Aggressor II returns to port at approximately 3:00 pm after one morning dive. The Captain and crew host an evening sunset cocktail party. Dinner is not served on board. This is the only

meal not provided with the cruise. The crew will recommend a restaurant.

TIPS

We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon quality of service, which the crew provided. When settling your account, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities, which will be divided equally among the Captain and crew. Due to Fiji taxes, the crew can only accept cash gratuities.

CHECK-OUT

Check out time is Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. For guests not extending their stay in Suva, the bus to the Suva Airport departs at approximately 7:30 a.m. Saturday. If you are extending your stay, arrangements can be made for transportation to your local hotel; additional charges will apply. In addition, day rooms can be arranged by the yachts.

CAPTAINS LOGS

Each week the Captains post a log of the previous charter. Please feel free to visit www.aggessor.com and go to the Captains log to find out water temperature, visibility, sightings etc.

TRAVEL TO FIJI

The Republic of Fiji is a hospitable group of over 300 islands. The two largest islands are Viti Levu and Vanua Levu. The capital is Suva with Nadi (pronounced Nan-di) and Lautoka the other two major urban centers. The largest airport is in Nadi.

- Population – The population of Fiji is approximately 780,000 with a ratio of 50% Fijian, 46% Indian and the remainder consisting of Chinese, Rotunian and Europeans. English is widely used with Fijian and Hindi also predominant.
- Health – Fiji is free from most tropical diseases and inoculation is not required unless entering from a designated infected area.
- Electricity – Electricity is available to all main centers at 220 volts, 50 cycles A.C.
- Water supply – Water is safe to drink in towns, and resorts.



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