



Palau Aggressor II

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Office Hours are Central Daylight Time

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Saturday/Sunday Closed

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Palau is located 900 miles southwest of Guam and 400 miles south of Yap, at the westernmost edge of Micronesia. Palau is north of New Guinea and east of the Philippines. It is surrounded by warm, tropical water with spectacular reefs, walls and wrecks, making Palau a diver's paradise. Palau is also very scenic above the water, with azure lagoons and white sandy beaches. The Rock Islands, mushroom shaped limestone formations with rainforest foliage, provide unparalleled tropical beauty. As you prepare for your diving adventure on board the Palau Aggressor II, we extend a most hearty welcome. The enclosed information will help you.

COMMUNICATIONS IN PALAU

The Reservation Center and the Palau 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 yacht, please call or e-mail the boat. There is an onboard satellite phone and e-mail. There is a charge for this service.

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 or telephone numbers.

To ensure the timely arrival of your luggage into Palau, we recommend re-checking it at the ticket counter before your international departure to Palau. Don't forget to use your Aggressor luggage tags. They will help the crew identify you and your luggage.



PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket to travel to Palau. 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 & FEES

The Palau Government has levied a cruising tax of \$35 US per person per week for live-aboards. A dive tax is also charged by the local government of \$55 US per person. These fees will be collected at the end of the charter when settling your tab. The airport departure tax is \$20 US (cash) and is paid upon departure. Government fees are subject to change without notice. They are not included in the charter rate.

C-CARDS & DIVE THE WORLD CLUB

Please bring your c-card 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 10% off onboard services.

WAIVER & APPLICATION

The Reservation Center and the Palau Aggressor II require each guest to fully complete and sign a Cruise Application and Liability Waiver form prior to departure and diving. The Cruise Application/Liability Waiver may be completed online by going to www.aggressor.com. It must be completed at least 90 days prior to departure. *Passengers who fail to complete this will be denied boarding.*

INSURANCE

Every effort is made to ensure you have a safe trip. However, unforeseen circumstances can and do happen. We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation, accident, medical, and baggage insurance. We recommend a policy with Diveassure, Divers Alert Network or a policy of your choice. For coverage information, go to: www.aggressor.com

HEALTH

We have a complete first aid kit on board, including oxygen. You may want to bring motion sickness medicine if you feel you'll need it. We recommend a complete physical before your trip.

There is no smoking allowed inside the yacht or on the dive deck. Smoking is only permitted on the sun deck. The nearest recompression chamber is in Koror. This facility is fully operational and a short skiff ride from the dive sites. Air ambulance service from Guam is available, but expensive.

ARRIVAL

If you arrive on the Sunday evening flight, you will be greeted and transported to the Palau Aggressor. If you fly in prior to Sunday, which we recommend, you will have to take a taxi to your hotel. Sunday, we will pick you up at your hotel at approximately 4:30-5:00 p.m. and transfer you to the yacht. Please notify the Reservations Center of your arrival time and/or hotel reservations to assist in transfer to the boat. The Palau Aggressor II docks at the Neco Marine Harbor in Palau.

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 may not exceed 50 pounds. Also, you are allowed one carry-on bag not to exceed 40 pounds. Under no circumstance is a bag to exceed 70 pounds.

THE YACHT

The Palau Aggressor II is a 106' yacht, built and powered for comfort, safety and stability and certified by the certificate of SOLAS "Safety of Life's at Sea." She is diesel-powered, cruises at 10 knots and has 110-volt power on board. The Palau Aggressor II has a beautiful spacious salon, 50' of sun deck with shading, chaise lounges and deck chairs, bar, grill, hot tub, and a complete photo/video center.

Accommodations include 9 spacious cabins, 8 deluxe of which have a queen and single bunk, private head and shower and one double cabin #9 with a full and single bunk, private head and shower. Cabin #9 is located on the dive deck level. Each stateroom has extra storage and individual climate controls. The Palau Aggressor II sleeps 18 guests and 7 crew in privacy and comfort.

MEALS

The menu onboard is varied and plentiful, with American feasts, barbecues and local cuisine. Breakfast features fresh fruit, hot entrees, cereal, and juices. Lunches are buffet-style, featuring hot soup, salad, sandwiches and/or entrees. Dinners are diverse, including seafood, beef or chicken. Each evening, enjoy fresh homemade desserts. Please notify our office of special dietary requests and speak to the Chef after boarding.

BEVERAGES



Soft drinks, tea, beer, and wine are complimentary. The bar is open throughout the week. Remember, drinking and diving don't mix. Alcohol consumption during diving hours is prohibited. Once you drink alcohol, you become a snorkeler until the next day.

CLOTHING

T-shirts and shorts are the usual attire, due to the warm and sunny days. Evenings can be cool. Therefore, you should pack a sweatshirt or



windbreaker. Tennis shoes are recommended for land tours. For easy luggage storage, we recommend you pack a soft duffel bag.

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, musical CD's, magazines, and books. Feel free to bring along your favorites.

DIVING

The crew of the Palau Aggressor II, with their unique combination of talents, offers the ultimate in service. While on board, you may pick a buddy of your choice, or dive with one of our crewmembers. Computers are highly recommended.

There is ample storage space for your diving equipment in your personal locker. The Palau Aggressor II has 80 cubic foot tanks, weight belts, and weights. The dive platform is very spacious. The boarding ladder was designed for convenience to allow divers easy exits and entries.

The Palau Aggressor II has a 35' custom built high speed, outboard skiff capable of carrying 18 guests for quick access to even the most remote dive sites. The tender returns to the mothership after each dive. Each diver has his/her own tank rack, locker, and spacious seating area. There is very little diving done from the mother ship, but by utilizing the custom dive skiff for these short runs, guests will still be in close proximity to Palau's finest diving. Skiff diving has proven itself in this location. In between dives, you may snorkel, explore secluded beaches, or just relax with a cold drink and mid-morning snack. Guests may dive up to 4-5 dives per day and there is night diving on 3 nights of the charter, conditions permitting.

DIVE GEAR SUGGESTIONS

We suggest you pack the following: mask, fins, snorkel, regulator with pressure gauge, buoyancy compensator, depth gauge, Dive Alert, mirror, safety sausage, dive computer, wetsuit, dive light, and batteries. Dive computers are mandatory. Each piece of gear should be marked with waterproof paint or tape.

PALAU DIVING CONDITIONS

You'll be diving in water that averages 78-84°F. Most guests make up to 4 dives a day, so some sort of protection is needed. A 3mm wetsuit should be comfortable and adequate. Due to swift currents in Palau, we suggest divers bring safety items such as a Dive Alert, Safety Sausage, and any other safety items you feel necessary. We also recommend you bring a dive computer. Dives are made from the high-speed skiff, which accommodates all 18 guests. Most diving in Palau is drift diving so guests should be experienced divers.

CONSERVATION LAWS

We do not permit spear fishing, Hawaiian slings or collecting from any Aggressor yacht.

RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT

A full line of rental dive gear is available aboard including regulators, BCs, dive computers, and night lights.

CERTIFICATION & SPECIALTY COURSES

The crew of the Palau Aggressor II offers a variety of certification and specialty courses such as Advanced Open Water, UW Photography, and Nitrox.

PHOTO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT

The Palau Aggressor II is equipped with state of the art digital photo/video equipment. Photo pros are available for free coaching with equipment rental. Photo equipment is available to rent separately or as a complete set up.



The Palau Aggressor II has a strobe charging station and large camera tables available for your camera and video equipment. Guests should bring their own battery chargers.

Please visit our web site, www.aggressor.com, for detailed information and costs of rental equipment, courses, and photo/video equipment. Also, please reserve equipment and courses in advance to ensure availability.

UNDERWATER VIDEO/DVD

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

DVD of the Week - \$65 per copy



SHIP'S BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS

There is a mini-boutique onboard with t-shirts, shorts, batteries, and other miscellaneous items. We highly recommend you bring extra batteries and supplies you may need. Your bill for onboard services and boutique items is settled on Saturday. The Palau Aggressor II accepts cash, traveler's checks, Visa, American Express, & MasterCard. Sorry, no personal checks or Discover.

SATURDAY

Saturday afternoon, the Palau Aggressor II returns to port at 12:00 p.m. to provision and re-fuel for the following week's charter. Following lunch, this is your opportunity to stroll through town, shop, sightsee or visit the Museum. The Palau Aggressor II hosts a cocktail party Saturday evening. Dinner is not served onboard which is the only meal not provided with the cruise. The crew can recommend a restaurant and arrange transportation to a local restaurant of your choice.

TIPS

We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service your crew has provided. When settling your bill at the end of the charter, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities, to be divided equally among the crew.

CHECK-OUT

Checkout time is between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning. If you are traveling on the 1:35 a.m. Monday morning flight, you may consider a day room at the West Plaza Hotel. If you are extending your stay or are traveling Monday morning the crew will transport you to your hotel.

CAPTAINS LOG

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

TRAVEL IN PALAU

- Palau's water is not potable; visitors should drink bottled water. Distilled water is available in most supermarkets. Check with your local health authority for latest information.
- Two bottles of liquor and up to 200 cigarettes can be brought in duty free.

Importation of narcotics and deadly weapons is strictly prohibited. Plants, fruits, and animals are prohibited. Luggage will be thoroughly inspected on entry.

- Single-phase 60-cycle at 115/130, 220/240 voltage Electrical outlets on board are standard US 110.
- U.S. currency is accepted.
- Major credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted at most hotels, restaurants and stores.

READING AND INFORMATION

For more information about Palau, you may log on to www.palaunet.com.



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