

Humpback Whale Expedition

TENTATIVE RESERVATION PLANNER



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Deposit Policy:

Individuals: 40% of the charter rate is due within 14 days of the reservation. Final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure.

Groups (1/2 boat or more): A non-refundable, non transferable deposit of \$1500 accompanied by a signed contract is required within 14 days of the reservation. Reservation will only be confirmed with signed contract.

Cruise Application/Waiver Policy: The Cruise Application/Waiver found under 'Downloads', must be fully completed, signed (digitally or manually) and received by the Reservations Center at least ninety (90) days prior to departure date. Many Aggressor destinations are required to submit passenger information for itinerary approval. Passengers who fail to comply will be canceled and denied boarding. If a reservation is made (90) days or less prior to the charter date, completed and signed Cruise Application/Waiver must accompany full payment in accordance with the payment policies to confirm reservation.

Final Documents Package: After receipt of your final payment, you will receive a **final documents package**. This package contains luggage tags which will help the crew identify your bags. Prior to your departure, please download a current "**Know Before You Go**" by going to www.aggressor.com to the "Download" section of the website to print a copy.

Visit www.aggressor.com for more details on the Deposit, Cancellation and Cruise Application/Waiver policies.

*The following information is important.
Please read carefully*

ARRIVAL & BOARDING

The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II offers whale charters departing from **Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic**. Please check with your travel agent or the Reservations Center prior to making your airline reservations to confirm the arriving and departure cities of your charter. The first charter of the season departs from Grand Turk (the yacht docks at the Government Dock in Grand Turk) and ends in Puerto Plata. The last charter of the season starts in Puerto Plata and ends in Grand Turk.

If your charter departs from Puerto Plata, we highly recommend you arrive Friday, the day before your charter begins on Saturday afternoon. This is to ensure you and your bags arrive timely. If you or your bags were to miss the flight Saturday and arrive Sunday, there would be no way to get you onboard the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II.

If you arrive in Puerto Plata on the day of your charter, Saturday, you will be met at the airport (POP) by a representative and transferred to the boat. If you are already on the island (Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic), please make your own way to the Turks & Caicos Aggressor anytime after 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. The boat contracts the transfer service so the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II is unable to pick up at the surrounding hotels. *In Puerto Plata, the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II docks at the Ocean World Marina, www.oceanworldmarina.com*. The yacht departs the Puerto Plata Ocean World Marina dock at 9:30 p.m. Saturday night so all passengers must be onboard prior to that time. Dinner is served on board Saturday evening.

We highly recommend you pack your mask, fins, swimsuit, change of clothes, toiletries and any medication you may need in your carry-on bag. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected luggage delay more bearable.

SILVER BANK SNORKELING CONDITIONS

You will be snorkeling in water that averages 78°F. Most guests make as many as 3 "whale runs" each day, so some sort of protection is needed. A 3mm wetsuit or shorty is recommended. Full-foot fins are a plus. Most snorkeling is done from the inflatables. Some whale observations do occur from the mother ship.

The Whale Commission does not allow scuba units or rebreathers in the Whale Sanctuary. Guests will board inflatables and when the whales are located, guests will

slip into the water and snorkel with the whales face-to-face.

PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket to travel to Dominican Republic. US citizens require a passport which must be valid for 6 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 Dept. of State website at www.travel.state.gov for more information. *The Reservation Center cannot assume responsibility for passengers not having correct documentation.*

DIVE THE WORLD CLUB

If you are a repeat guest, you are automatically enrolled in the Dive the World Club and will receive 10% off on-board services. Membership is indicated on the Captain's rooming list.

WAIVER & INSURANCE

The Reservation Center and the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II require each guest to complete a Cruise Application and waiver form at least (90) days prior to departure. Many Aggressors have to submit passenger information for necessary permits. Please download one from our web site, www.aggressor.com, and email it to turkscaicos@aggressor.com.

We highly recommend the purchase of travel and accident insurance with Dive Assure, Divers Alert Network or a policy of your choice. For coverage information, go to www.aggressor.com.

COMMUNICATIONS

In case of an emergency, family and friends may contact you by calling the boat telephones +1-809-890-4752, +1-809-890-6236, the office in Provo (649) 342-3052, (649) 231-0404 or the Reservations Center (after hours) cell phone for emergencies and delay in travel +1-985-714-1300. The Turks & Caicos Aggressor e-mail is tcaggressor@embarqmail.com and the office email is tcaggressor@express.tc. The Turks & Caicos Aggressor is equipped with a computer with e-mail access via satellite phone.

FEES & TAXES

An arrival and departure tax to the Dominican Republic is collected when entering and leaving the country. Fees range between \$10-\$20 per person US. There is an additional \$150 fee per person to cover the costs of the Whale Sanctuary fee and port taxes. This fee will be paid upon boarding the vessel. All fees must be paid in CASH. Fees and taxes are not included in the charter rate and are subject to change.

SHIPS BOUTIQUE AND CREDIT CARDS

There is a mini-boutique on board with assorted t-shirts, shorts, batteries and miscellaneous items. We highly recommend you bring extra batteries and supplies you may need. The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II accepts Visa, MasterCard and Travelers Checks. Sorry, no personal checks.

FRIDAY

The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II returns to the Ocean World Marina in Puerto Plata late Friday afternoon. Dinner is not included Friday evening, however, the crew will recommend a restaurant close to the Ocean World Marina.

TIPS ONBOARD

Gratuities are voluntary and based upon the quality of service the crew has provided. When settling your account on the final day of the trip, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities, to be divided equally among the crew.

CHECKOUT

Checkout is Saturday morning between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. If you are extending your stay in Puerto Plata and staying at a resort that is located on the route to the airport (POP), a transfer can be arranged to your hotel. Please check with the agent at Aggressor Fleet to confirm this information for you.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

SATURDAY: If you arrive on the day of your charter you will be met at the airport by an Aggressor representative and transferred to the boat. If you are already on the island, please make your way to the yacht anytime after 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: Arrival in Silver Bank 8:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Sunday weather permitting. Brunch/late breakfast while crew prepares mooring and assembly of inflatables. The first inflatable run begins at 2:00 p.m. (2 inflatable's running). Afternoon inflatable run, return to yacht 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY: First inflatable run will commence after breakfast. Whale runs throughout the day. "Sundowner" cocktail parties on the sun deck every afternoon following whale runs. Slide show and video will be after dinner.

THURSDAY: Two inflatable runs will be offered prior to departure from Silver Bank.

FRIDAY: Arrive back to the dock late afternoon. Dinner will be at a local restaurant.

SATURDAY: Check out is between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.



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