

Turks & Caicos Aggressor II

Providenciales, West Caicos, and French Cay Itinerary (**Trips are 7 or 10 nights**)

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ARRIVAL (Saturday to Saturday on 7-Night Itinerary) TRANSFERS

Transfers are included as part of your package only on the embark/disembark days of the charter from the airport to the yacht and at the end of the trip from the yacht back to the airport. Delano Taxi service has been hired to greet guests and take them to the yacht each Saturday. After clearing customs, exit the airport and look for the Taxi Dispatcher. Let the taxi dispatcher know you have transfers with Delano's Taxi service, and they will call for you (TEL: 1-649-346-1623). Greeters and taxi drivers are prohibited from waiting outside the customs area with signs. Delano's has a copy of the guests' scheduled arrival times on Saturday and will be in the area. They have two taxis, if one is transporting another guest the second should be available shortly.

For all guests arriving early (before charter departure date) and staying at a hotel, please check with your hotel to assist you with getting transportation to the Turtle Cove Marina.

Boarding: The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II docks at the Turtle Cove Marina and boarding is any time after 4:00 p.m. Guests arriving early Saturday may store their luggage onboard; however, they cannot board the yacht until 4:00 p.m. The staff needs this time to prepare for guests' arrival. In the unforeseen event you arrive on Sunday, arrangements can be made to get you onboard. There may be a charge for this depending on the location of the yacht.

ITINERARY

The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II departs from Providenciales or better known as 'Provo.' Throughout the week guests will visit Providenciales, West Caicos, and French Cay. The itinerary April through December departs from Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Islands and is completely dependent on the winds and weather. With all dives from the mothership, unlimited diving is offered. On the standard 7-night itinerary, diving begins Sunday morning and ends Friday around noon when the Aggressor returns to port. The staff hosts a Friday night sunset cocktail party at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner ashore (within walking distance). Friday night dinner is *not* included in the price of the charter. Saturday morning guests are transferred to the airport or a local hotel near the yacht. Be sure to remember the suggested 24-hour no-fly rule when planning your departure. Please review your invoice to confirm your exact embarkation and disembarkation dates as the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II offers several different itineraries.

FEES & TAXES (per person)

Each guest must pay \$110 (7-nights) or \$158 (10 nights) per person bed tax. The tax will be collected onboard at the end of the charter. (Not included in the charter rate) Fees and taxes can be paid by credit card or USD cash.

**Many countries that accept USD cash require the bills to be in exceptionally good condition. Any that have excessive wrinkles, tears, wear marks and are old-style bills are not normally accepted. **

WELCOME

In the event of an emergency, family and friends may contact you at the above numbers. There is a satellite phone onboard; however, it does not have a recorder. We recommend you pack a change of clothes, medication, and toiletries in your carry-on bag, in case of an unexpected luggage delay. The outlets in the staterooms are 3 prong, 110 US outlets.

PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your period of stay; you must have adequate funds to support yourself, and a return airline ticket to travel to Providenciales, BWI. It is the travelers' responsibility to ensure they have the proper documentation to travel into each country on their itinerary and for re-entry 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 website also has information for consulates by country to assist with requirements. There are unique requirements for children leaving the US and many countries have adopted requirements for the protection of children. Since regulations vary by country, contact your consulate or embassy of your country for the requirement. The Reservation Office and staff cannot assume responsibility for passengers not having correct documentation.

C-CARDS

Remember to bring your c-card or proof of certification. The divemaster requires proof of certification before the first dive. If you are a repeat guest, you are automatically enrolled in the Travel the World Club and will receive onboard discounts. Your membership is indicated on the captain's rooming list.

GIS (GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM)

The Reservations office and the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II require each guest to complete a Cruise Application and Waiver prior to departure and diving through the online GIS (Guest Information System). The GIS (Guest Information System) allows guests to interactively complete all required paperwork that includes the application/waiver, special requests, and travel information. If you have not received a link to complete the online Guest Information System (GIS), please call an Aggressor Liveaboards agent. The earlier you complete your GIS the better for the staff to adequately prepare for the charter. In addition to your arrival and departure flight information, please include any lodging information if applicable. *Passengers who fail to complete the GIS or an application/waiver prior to boarding will be denied boarding*. Many Aggressor destinations require passenger information for itinerary approval.

TELEPHONE/INTERNET SERVICE

It is likely your cell phone/email will work part of the time depending on your service provider and the location of the yacht. Wi-Fi is available at the marina where the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II docks and cell service is available when diving North West Point which is usually the first and last day of the charter. There is a computer station onboard connected to a satellite communications system. Voice calls can be made and received. Emails can be sent or received through the ship's SAT mail account. There is a cost for both voice communications and emails based on the amount of data (airtime) used. Please note emails are limited to messages like long texts. Note emails are limited to messages like long texts.

INSURANCE

We strongly recommend the purchase of Travel Insurance and Dive Insurance to protect your trip investment and your health. These policies give you a safety net in the event of unforeseen circumstances happening. To maximize your protection against the volatility of possible changes in travel plans before you depart (beyond the scope of traditional coverage) consider enhancing your Travel Insurance protection by adding a "Cancel For Any Reason" (CFAR) upgrade. You may also want to consider adding a "Liveaboard Rider" to your coverage that will address unique situations when traveling on Liveaboards compared to land-based adventures. To learn more about these policies, visit www.aggressor.com and go to 'Insurance and Resources.'

HEALTH

The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II has a first aid kit onboard, including oxygen and an AED. You may want to bring motion sickness medication if you feel you will need it. We suggest you bring over-the-counter motion sickness medication or consult your doctor about prescription brands, such as the trans-dermal patch or Scopace tablets. Currents and winds may cause moderate movement of the yacht at times. We recommend a complete physical before your trip. The nearest recompression chamber is in Providenciales.

Aggressor liveaboard yachts and their staff are unable to accept any medication brought onboard for safe keeping including those that require refrigeration. Should a guest have a medication requiring temperature control, they will need to travel with a travel cooling case or small storage cooler with several blue ice packets. The staff will be happy to store and recharge the blue ice but are unable to accept possession of or responsibility for the proper care and storage of medication. This should be kept in your stateroom. There is NO smoking allowed inside the yacht or on the dive deck. Smoking is only permitted on the rear of the sun deck.

FOOD

Aggressor yachts, river cruises, signature lodges and floating resorts operate in remote locations which limits the availability of certain foods and edibles, which can be unavailable in grocery stores and markets. While our culinary teams strive to accommodate individual requests, it is important to recognize that they cannot guarantee it despite their best efforts. Guests with dietary restrictions and food allergies should be aware that the same meal is prepared for all guests, making cross contamination a possibility. Based on this, travellers should plan accordingly and bring prepackaged goods if needed. The availability of fresh produce may vary weekly, and they may have a limited selection depending on the destination and availability. The concept of "organic" is infrequent, and items like "gluten-free" products are seldom found in these remote locations.

The menu onboard is varied and plentiful, with a variety of American feasts, barbecues, and local cuisine. If you have any special dietary requirements, please be sure these are noted under *Special Dietary Requests* when completing the GIS. You will awaken to fresh fruits, hot entrees, cereals, and juices. Lunches feature hot soups, homemade breads, salads, and sandwiches and/or entrees. Chef prepared dinners are seated and served each evening including salads, vegetables, seafood, beef, or chicken with a fresh homemade dessert. Once onboard, please speak to the chef about any special needs. You are welcome to bring your preferred brand of food and beverage items with you.

BEVERAGES

The Aggressor's selection includes fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water, iced tea, coffee, and a limited selection of local beer and wine, and are complimentary. Due to the high duty charged on liquor, we recommend bringing your preferred spirit brands from the U.S. or the last duty-free point. Drinking and diving do not mix. Once you consume alcohol, you become a sunbather until the next day.

CLOTHING

Please plan to travel light, as on all liveaboard dive yachts, space is limited. We recommend that you pack your gear in soft luggage such as a duffel bag for easy stowage and to add to your comfort in your cabin. Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear; sunscreen and swimsuits are a must. A light sweater or jacket is ideal for evenings. The dress is always casual and informal. Additional items you may want to bring are sunglasses and walking shoes for your time on shore.

GREEN THE FLEET

Contribute to our Green the Fleet sustainability initiatives. Here are a few reminders:

- Avoid traveling with single-use plastics.
- Remove packaging from any new purchases before traveling.
- Travel with a refillable water bottle for hydration.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Use an environmentally safe sunscreen.
- Conserve and responsibly use fresh water when at your adventure destination.
- Be environmentally conscious in everything you do.

ENTERTAINMENT

There is a variety of nightly entertainment, including diving, fish identification presentations, movies, games and more. If you have a favorite movie or digital presentation to share, we encourage you to bring it along. The staff especially

loves new releases of movies, recent magazines, and books. A small library of books for exchange and fish identification books for reference is maintained onboard.

CELEBRATING A SPECIAL OCCASION

If you will be celebrating a special occasion like an anniversary, birthday, honeymoon, wedding, or your 100th dive, please let us know so the staff can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the Reservations Office prior to traveling so the staff is notified in advance.

DIVING CONDITIONS

You will be diving in water that averages 82°F in the summer months and approximately 78°F in the winter months. Most guests make as many as 5 dives each day, therefore some sort of protection is needed. A 1-3mm wetsuit or shorty is recommended year-round, however some people prefer a 5mm in January/February. All diving is from the mother ship.

DIVING

The staff of the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II, with their unique combination of talents, offers the ultimate service. While onboard, you may choose your dive buddy. The yacht offers up to five dives per day (2 on the last day) including night dives. Enjoy freshwater showers on the back deck after your dives and dry off with a warm towel. There is ample storage space for your diving equipment in your personal locker. The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II provides 80 cubic ft. Tanks, weight belts and weights.

The stern and platform area are very spacious. The boarding ladders were designed for convenience to allow divers easy entries and exits. Divers will board the tender from the yacht's back deck. Although our staff will be present to assist, the guest must have the physical ability to stand, climb, and embark/disembark the tender independently. If you have limitations due to a physical ailment, we advise you to consult with your doctor to obtain clearance for such activities. As a certified diver, guests must make an informed decision regarding their ability to safely execute the dive plan and all diving activities. All diving onboard the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II should be within the limits and standards of the training agency that certified you. All dives should be planned, no decompression dives.

DIVING SUPERVISION

We understand that diving is not just an activity; it's a passion for exploring our underwater world. That's why we empower you and your buddy to take charge of your diving experience. While in the water, you and your buddy are in charge. Every dive begins with a comprehensive briefing from our experienced staff, providing you with the information you need. As certified divers, you and your buddy are responsible for planning and conducting your dives while respecting the limits of your experience and those set by the briefing and your certification agency.

When diving is executed directly off the yacht, at least one staff member will be in the water offering support, underwater photography and videography, and critter spotting services. On select dive sites, a staff member may assist a group in finding specific points of interest. However, we do not directly supervise dives, and guests are not required to follow the in-water staff member. In some destinations, especially those with *tender diving*, a staff member will accompany each tender group and be in the water to offer assistance and ensure the group stays together. However, buddy teams can operate independently. If a buddy team needs to surface early, the entire group is not required to abort the dive and follow. The buddy team should follow their training procedures for surfacing from a dive and signaling the tender driver or yacht staff that everything is OK once on the surface.

DIVE GEAR SUGGESTIONS

We suggest you pack the following: mask, fins, snorkel, regulator with pressure gauge, depth gauge, buoyancy compensator, dive computer, dive light, mirror, safety sausage, Dive Alert and/or other safety devices. Dive computers are mandatory for each guest. Each piece of gear should be marked with waterproof paint or tape. Tanks with K valves will work with most standard regulators. A limited number of DIN valve adapters are available. If you require a DIN valve, we highly recommend you bring your own adapter.

CONSERVATION LAWS

The Turks & Caicos Islands conservation laws do not permit spear fishing or collecting.

RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT

A full line of MARES rental gear is available aboard including regulators, BCs, dive computers, and night-lights. If any of your dive equipment fails while onboard, the crew will loan you equipment free of charge. We highly recommend bringing your own wetsuit.

CERTIFICATION & SPECIALTY COURSES

Further your education while onboard an Aggressor yacht! The following courses are offered onboard: SSI Adventurer Course or the PADI equivalent Advanced Open Water Diver Course, and SSI or PADI Enriched Air / Nitrox Courses. Course fees are payable once onboard and the instructor confirms the course. The training agency utilized to provide your course will vary based on your instructor's affiliations. Other specialty courses may be available onboard and will be presented to you after your arrival as part of your initial briefings.

PHOTO/VIDEO

The yacht offers support for digital photographers, including a PC for downloading photos. The photo pro teaches the digital U/W Photography specialty course and is available for coaching or tips to improve your shooting in this environment. The yacht has a charging station and a large camera table available for your camera and video equipment. A Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard to share with family and friends. The video of the charter week includes all guests and staff and is available for \$65 US.

BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS

There is a mini boutique onboard which sells a selection of logo clothing including t-shirts, caps, and miscellaneous items. One day during the week, the staff will have a 'boutique day.' The yacht accepts cash, Visa, & MasterCard. Sorry, no personal checks, traveler's checks, AMEX, or Discover Cards are accepted. You may also purchase boutique items online at https://aggressorboutique.com.

LAST DIVING DAY

Friday morning, the captain or assistant will collect payment for purchases made throughout the week. After the early morning dives, the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II returns to Provo at approximately noon to provision and fuel for the following week. This is your opportunity to shop, sightsee, relax, or check e- mail (wireless is available at the dock). The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II hosts a sunset cocktail party Friday evening at 6 p.m. Dinner is not served onboard which is the only meal not provided with the cruise. Turtle Cove has 5 restaurants within walking distance of the boat's dock. The staff can recommend a restaurant and arrange reservations. A variety of activities can be arranged by your agent or the onboard manager with advanced notice. Feel free to discuss any available excursions with the captain or staff on board during the week who can arrange for such activities with local operators.

GRATUITIES

Staff gratuities are not included in the charter. We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service the staff has provided. When settling your account Friday morning, the captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the staff. Payment can be made by cash, or VISA/MC. (Sorry no personal checks, AMEX, or travelers' checks)

CHECKOUT

Check out is at 8:00 AM. A continental breakfast is available. Guests may keep their luggage onboard but must depart at 8:00 AM to prepare for the following week. The captain will inform you of your departure time to the airport and the designated meeting area. If you have a Saturday afternoon flight and would like to do an island tour, the captain can arrange this for you. If you are extending your stay in Provo, the staff can help arrange a taxi to your hotel. If you do not have plans to extend your stay in Provo, we recommend an early morning departure. For early morning departures from the yacht, the taxi will pick you up between 5:45 AM - 6:15 AM.

ADVENTURE LOGS

Each week we post the Adventure Log of the previous charter on the Aggressor Adventures website and Facebook page. Please feel free to visit www.aggressor.com and go to the logs to find information about water temperature, visibility, and recent sightings.