

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO AGGRESSOR ADVENTURES

## ***Bahamas Aggressor & Bahamas Aggressor II***

***\*Freeport; Tiger Beach\****

***\*Nassau; Exuma Cays and Southwest Eleuthera \****

***Note each itinerary has a different boarding location***

***Airport transfers are not provided; however, taxis are available at the different airports.***

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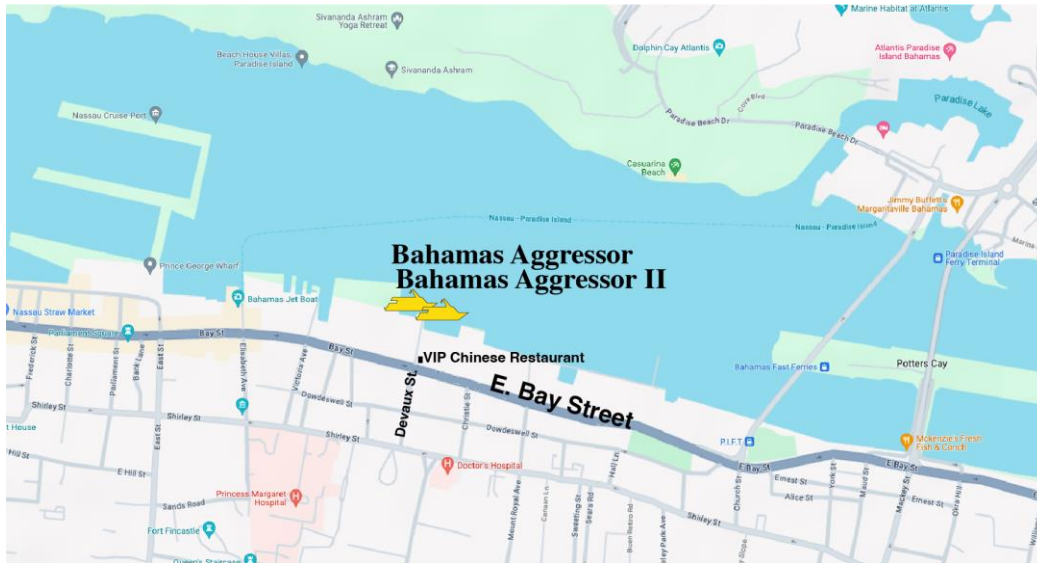
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### **Nassau Dock Address and Map (*Exuma Cays and Southwest Eleuthera*):**

Both Bahamas Aggressor's dock at the "F Dock" annex which is part of the "Bay Street Marina". To get to the yacht, head towards East Bay Street from the cruise ship dock and turn left on the corner of VIP Chinese restaurant. "F dock" is located at the end of the road. Please see the map below.



## Freeport Dock Address (*Tiger Beach*) “Old Bahama Bay Resort”

The yacht docks at the Old Bahama Bay Resort.

## ARRIVAL (Nassau Itinerary)

The Bahamas Aggressor operates out of Nassau. Once you are cleared of customs – you walk out the doors – turn left and 50 feet in front of you is the exit from the terminal and the taxi stand. If you look to your left – on the wall there is a sign hanging that lists the fixed fares to different regions around the island. The taxis are lined up and a “starter” will assign you to a cab. Tell the taxi driver you want to go to “Bay Street Marina,” near downtown Nassau. Airport Transfers are not included with the cost of your charter. At the end of the charter, the captain will assist with organizing transportation to the airport or hotel if you are extending your stay.

If you are already in Nassau, please make your own way to the Bahamas Aggressor anytime between 4 – 6 pm. The yacht departs for the first anchorage at 6 pm. Dockage: The yacht will dock in and out of “Bay Street Marina” downtown Nassau. Airport: Guests will fly in and out of Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA), formerly known as the Nassau International Airport. It is a 20-minute taxi ride from the airport to “Bay Street Marina” and cost approximately \$30. The Bahamas Aggressor will be docking at the “F Dock” annex which is part of the Bay Street Marina Complex.

## ARRIVAL (Tiger Beach Itinerary, Freeport, Grand Bahama Itinerary)

The Bahamas Aggressor operates out of Freeport, Grand Bahama Island for the Tiger Beach trips. Airport transfers are not included in the cost of your charter. At the end of the charter, the captain will assist with organizing transportation to the airport or hotel if you are extending your stay. If you are already in Freeport, please make your own way to the Bahamas Aggressor anytime 4 – 6 pm at the Old Bahama Bay Resort. Everyone must be onboard by that time. The yacht will depart for the first anchorage at 6 pm.

Guests will fly in and out of Grand Bahama International Airport, (airport code is FPO). It is about 30 - 45 minutes taxi ride to “Old Bahama Bay”. The cost is approximately \$75. Trips are either 6-night trips or 7-night trips, please be sure you know which one you are on and the embark/disembark days. Check out is at 8 am. Dinner is not included on the last night of the trip, however, there is a restaurant at Old Bahama Bay Resort or guests can venture into Freeport.

**Extended Stay:** Guests may stay at Old Bahama Bay or in Freeport proper. For assistance with booking an extended stay, contact our Aggressor Detours Travel department, [travel@aggressor.com](mailto:travel@aggressor.com).

## BAHAMAS AGGRESSOR INCLUDES:

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private toilets, showers, and sinks. Breakfast (cooked to order), lunch and an elegant chef-prepared dinner with tableside service are served in addition to fresh mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks. Beverages (soft beverages, local beer, and wine) are complimentary while onboard. The yacht is equipped with hairdryers in each stateroom. Linens are changed mid-week and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed. Filled tanks, weights and weight belts are included.

## DETOURS TRAVEL DEPARTMENT

The Aggressor Detours travel department can book your airline travel, hotels, and tours while you are in the Bahamas. Please visit our website (<https://www.aggressor.com/pages/aggressor-detours>) or email [travel@aggressor.com](mailto:travel@aggressor.com) to learn about all the options available to you.

## WELCOME

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 a computer station and satellite phone onboard. It is likely your cell phone/email will work depending on your service provider and cellular reception in the area where the yacht is located; however, we suggest you check with your provider prior to traveling. Cell service is generally available in the Exumas and Eleuthera. If you need to send an email, you may use the boats email account for a fee.

We recommend you travel with a carry-on bag with a change of clothes, bathing suit, medication, and toiletries. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected luggage delay more bearable. In any case where your dive gear is delayed, you will be provided with 'Free' loaner equipment.

## FEES & TAXES (per person)

Each guest must pay a \$299 port fee for a 7-night trip or \$389 for a 10-night trip.

All amounts will be paid at the end of the charter when settling your bill. These may be paid by Visa, MasterCard, or cash. Personal checks and travelers' checks cannot be accepted. 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.

## PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

All travelers must have a passport valid for at least six (6) months beyond their period of stay, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket when traveling. It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have the correct documentation for entry into each country on their itinerary, including any visas required, as well as documentation for re-entry to their home country.

Visa and entry requirements vary by destination and are subject to change. Travelers should check with the appropriate consulate or embassy of each country they plan to visit. **U.S. citizens** may refer to the U.S. Department of State website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for passport and visa information, including requirements for children and consulate contacts by country. **International travelers** should consult the equivalent agency or foreign affairs office in their own country for destination-specific travel requirements and re-entry regulations.

A useful resource for checking current travel, visa, and health requirements is the [IATA Travel Centre](http://www.ata-travel.com).

Please note: There are specific requirements for children departing the United States, and many countries have adopted similar measures for child protection. The Reservation Office and staff cannot assume responsibility for passengers who do not have the 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 Bahamas Aggressor require each guest to complete a Cruise Application and Waiver prior to

departure and diving through our online GIS (Guest Information System). If you have not received a link to complete the online Guest Information System (GIS), please call an Aggressor agent. ***Passengers who fail to complete it will be denied boarding.*** Many Aggressor destinations require passenger information for itinerary approval.

## INSURANCE

We strongly recommend each guest purchase CFAR (cancel for any reason) insurance with Liveaboard Rider. To learn more and to purchase trip cancellation insurance and diving insurance, visit <https://www.aggressor.com/pages/insurance>.

## HEALTH

The Bahamas Aggressor 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. There is a recompression chamber located in Nassau.

Aggressor 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, travelers should plan accordingly and bring pre-packaged 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 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. Dinners are chef prepared and served each evening and include salads, vegetables, sea food, beef, or chicken with a fresh homemade dessert. Once onboard, please speak to the chef about any special needs.

## BEVERAGES

The Aggressor's selection includes fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water, iced tea, coffee, and a limited selection of local beer and wine, which are complimentary. Due to the high duty charge on liquor, we suggest you bring your special brand. Drinking and diving do not mix. Once you consume alcohol, you become a sunbather until the next day.

## CLOTHING

Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear; sunscreen and swimsuits are necessary. 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 (ie: "Reef Safe") sunscreen, or better yet use fabric to cover up instead of relying on chemical protection.
- 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 enjoys 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 78 - 84°F in the summer months and approximately 75 - 80°F in the winter months, though in January the water temperature may drop to 72°F. Most guests make as many as 5 dives each day, so some sort of protection is needed. A 3-5mm wetsuit is recommended year-round. All diving is from the mother ship.

## DIVING

The staff of the Bahamas Aggressor, with their unique combination of talents, offers the ultimate service. While onboard, you may pick a buddy of your choice. The yacht offers up to five dives per day (one on the last day) including night dives.

There is ample storage space for your diving equipment in your personal locker. The Bahamas Aggressor provides 80 cubic ft. tanks, weight belts and weights. The stern and platform areas are very spacious. The boarding ladders were designed for convenience to allow divers easy entries and exits. Enjoy freshwater showers on the back deck after your dives and dry off with a warm towel. All diving onboard the Bahamas Aggressor should be within the limits and standards of the training agency that certified you. All dives should be planned, no decompression dives.

## DIVING SUPERVISION

Diving is not just an activity; it is an opportunity for exploring our underwater world. That is 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 5 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.



## CONSERVATION LAWS

Conservation laws do not permit spear fishing or collecting.

## RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT

A full line of Mares rental gear is available onboard including regulators, BCs, dive computers, and night-lights: If any of your dive equipment fails while onboard, the staff will loan you equipment free of charge.

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.

## CERTIFICATION & SPECIALITY 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.

All course enrollments are finalized onboard. However, to enroll in any scuba training program, all students must complete the Diver Medical Participant Questionnaire. Minors must have this signed by a parent or guardian. The Medical Questionnaire is to find out if your doctor should examine you before participating in recreational diver training. If you have questions, please consult your physician. All certification agencies require students to complete this form before participating in in-water activities. Please present this form along with the signed Physicians Evaluation Form (if needed) to the onboard instructor to begin any course work. Visit the link below to download the 'Diver Medical Participant Questionnaire'.

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## PHOTO/VIDEO SUPPORT

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.

Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard to share with family and friends. The video for the week (including all guests and staff) will be available to purchase for \$65 US.

## SHIPS BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS

There is a 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 Bahamas Aggressor accepts cash (USD), Visa & MasterCard. Sorry, no travelers' checks or personal checks, Amex, or Discover Cards. If you would like to purchase additional boutique items after your trip, feel free to visit [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com).

## FRIDAY OR DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE

After diving on Friday, the Captain or assistant will collect payment for purchases made throughout the week. The Bahamas Aggressor returns to Nassau or Freeport (depending on itinerary) at approximately 1:00 pm to provision and fuel. This is your opportunity to shop, take a tour, or just relax. These tours plus hotel arrangements can be arranged prior to traveling through Aggressor Adventures. The Aggressor staff will host a Guest Appreciation Cocktail Party Friday evening. Dinner is not served on board this evening, and the staff will assist you with your dinner reservations and arrange transportation to a local restaurant.

## 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, the captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally

among the staff. Payment can be made by cash, or credit card.

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.

## **CHECKOUT**

Saturday morning after a continental breakfast, you will depart for the airport at approximately 8:00 am. If you are extending your stay, arrangements can be made for transportation to your local hotel.

## **ADVENTURE LOGS**

We post detailed trip logs of the previous charter on the website and Facebook. Please feel free to visit [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com) and go to the Adventure logs to find out water temperatures, visibility, and sightings.