



Turks & Caicos Aggressor II

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Itinerary:	Dominican Republic — Silver Bank Whale Snorkel
Adventure Schedule:	Saturday to Saturday
Yacht Local Name:	M/V Turks & Caicos Aggressor II
Home Port:	Ocean World Marina, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic
Season:	January through April only

Aggressor Adventures Reservation Office

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Quick Reference Summary

Charter Schedule: Saturday to Saturday Home Port: Ocean World Marina,
Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

Arrival & Transfers

Item	Details
Recommended Airport	Gregorio Luperón International Airport, Puerto Plata (POP) — ~30 minutes to Ocean World Marina
Alternate — not recommended unless no other flights are available Airport	Santo Domingo International Airport (SDQ) — ~3 to 3.5 hours to Ocean World Marina
Arrive By	The staff strongly recommends arriving 1 day early. If arriving on embarkation day, your flight must land at POP before 4:00 pm.
Check-In / Out Window (from the yacht)	Check-In: Saturday 4:00 – 9:30 pm Check-Out: Saturday by 8:00 am
Transfers:	Taxi Only — Airport transfers are NOT included in the charter price. Taxis are readily available at POP Airport — travel time ~30 minutes; tell the driver you are going to "Ocean World Marina" in Cofresi Beach. Private transfers can be arranged through Aggressor DeTours (detours@aggressor.com).

Deadlines & Documents

14 Days Before Departure	Complete Guest Information System (GIS) — include flight arrival details and any special requests.
Item	Details
Passport	Valid ≥ 6 months beyond trip.
Guest Info System (GIS)	Complete all sections ≥ 14 days before departure.
Dominican Republic eTicket	— Complete the online eTicket form before you leave home — it generates a QR code that immigration will scan when you land

Fees & Payments

Item	Details
Whale Sanctuary & Port Access Fee — 7-night trip	\$625 USD per person (\$200 of this must be paid in CASH)
Professional Photo/Video Permit	Fee set by the Sanctuary Commission — apply before traveling
Payment Methods	USD cash, Visa / MasterCard (no personal checks, traveler's checks, or American Express)

On Board Highlights

- All rooms air-conditioned with private bath (Twin rooms share a bath between two rooms).
- Power: 110V (Type A/B plugs) – same as USA/Canada.
- Wi-Fi: OnAdventure local network (free) + SeaFi internet available for purchase (8 GB per code). Cell service available at marina
- Meals: Full breakfast, lunch buffet, dinner served. Snacks on Tender.
- Beer & wine included. Bring preferred spirits from duty-free.
- Hot tub on sun deck.
- Smoking → rear sun deck only.

Diving Essentials

- Approximately 2 whale runs per day from tenders (1.5–3 hours each).
- Snorkel only — no scuba diving or rebreathers permitted in the Sanctuary.
- Bring: Mask, fins, snorkel, wetsuit (1mm–5mm depending on season), mesh bag.
- Wetsuits NOT available for rent — bring your own.
- Drones are PROHIBITED at the Silver Bank (Marine Sanctuary regulation).

1. BEFORE YOU GO

Passports

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your trip ends.

Children traveling: Some countries have special rules for children leaving the country. Check your government's travel website for requirements.

Visa

Most visitors do NOT need a visa for the Dominican Republic. This includes citizens of the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, European Union, and many other countries.

Tourist Fee: Most air travelers pay a ~\$10 USD tourist fee, which is included in their airfare. Check with your airline.

You are responsible for:

- Getting the correct entry documents for the Dominican Republic
- Having documents to re-enter your home country
- Checking entry rules for any connecting flights

Where To Check:

- USA citizens: www.travel.state.gov
- Other countries: Contact your foreign affairs office or embassy

Note: A dive certification card is NOT required for this trip — the Silver Bank Whale Sanctuary does not permit scuba diving; all water encounters are snorkel only.

Dominican Republic eTicket (Required)



Complete the Dominican Republic eTicket at [Complete the online eTicket form](#) before you leave home — it generates a QR code that immigration will scan when you land.

Required Forms

You need two things before you can dive and a third if you plan to do scuba training:

1. GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

What: Aggressor's online cruise application forms, including waiver and travel details

When: Complete 14 days before departure

How: You'll receive a link by email. If you didn't get it, contact reservations.

Include your flight arrival time or hotel name in the GIS.

- An incomplete or Missing GIS will result in denied boarding and possible trip cancellation without refund.
- You cannot dive without a certification card.
- You cannot participate in SCUBA training courses without a medical form.

Travel & Health Insurance

Aggressor Adventures strongly recommends all guests purchase insurance to protect your investment and health.

SUGGESTED COVERAGE:

- Travel Insurance (Trip Cancellation and Interruption)
- Dive Insurance (Dive Accident and Medical)
- Equipment Insurance

CONSIDER ADDING:

- "Cancel For Any Reason" (CFAR) upgrade - extends coverage beyond traditional policies without the constraints of "covered situations".
- "Liveaboard Rider" upgrade - addresses liveaboard-specific issues such as missed dives due to illness, weather, or accidents to others, which impact your experience and more.

These policies provide financial security if unexpected events occur.

Get quotes: www.aggressor.com → Insurance for options.



Currents and winds may cause moderate movement of the yacht at times — especially on the overnight transit to and from the Silver Bank. Bring motion sickness medication if you think you may need it.

2. PREPARING FOR YOUR ADVENTURE (2-4 WEEKS BEFORE)

Recommended Packing

Travel light. Space on the liveaboard yacht is limited.

LUGGAGE: Use soft luggage, such as duffel bags (not hard suitcases), for easy storage in your room.

CLOTHING TO BRING:

- Lightweight, comfortable sportswear
- Swimsuits
- Light sweater or jacket for evenings
- Walking shoes for time ashore
- Sunglasses and hat

Dress code: Always casual and informal

ESSENTIALS:

- Sunscreen (reef-safe recommended)
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Walking shoes

PACKING CHECKLIST: Use this QR code to grab a free Packing Guide. It's a simple checklist that makes sure you bring everything you need for your adventure. No more forgotten essentials!

Electronic Devices

Personal Electronics are welcome:

Cameras, phones, satellite phones, computers, tablets, and e-readers

The following devices are prohibited:

Underwater Scooters | Prohibited.

Electric Surfboards | Includes e-foils, jetboards, powered surfboards, and similar devices.

CHECK WITH AIRLINE: Some airlines have restrictions on lithium batteries in checked bags. Check your airline's rules before packing.

Required Snorkel Equipment

All divers are required to have the following equipment. You may either bring your own or rent on board.

- Mask
- Fins
- Snorkel
- Buoyancy Compensator (BCD)
- Regulator with an Alternate Air source and a visible pressure gauge
- Dive Computer
- Tank (provided)
- Weights (provided)
- Weight belt (provided)
- Wetsuit

Personal Equipment

Mark each piece of your personal gear with waterproof paint or tape. Equipment can look similar — make sure yours is clearly labeled.

Guests should also consider additional personal safety equipment such as:

- Dive Alert
- Nautilus Rescue Radio
- Whistle
- Mirror
- Surface Marker Buoy (SMB) with reel

WHY SMB & REEL ARE RECOMMENDED:

If you surface away from the main yacht, your surface marker helps the yacht staff to track your location for pickup. You are encouraged to practice deploying yours before the trip or on the initial check-out date.

Airline Travel & Checked Bags

WHAT TO CARRY ON THE PLANE: Pack these in your carry-on bag (NOT checked luggage):

- Passport and travel documents
- Dive certification card
- Medical form
- Money and credit cards
- Prescription medications
- One change of clothes (including swimsuit)
- Basic toiletries

Why? If your checked bag is delayed, having essentials in your carry-on means you can still dive on Day 1. Once the yacht leaves port, it cannot receive deliveries until it returns.

CHECK YOUR AIRLINE'S RULES: Different airlines have different limits for:

- Number of bags
- Weight limits
- Size restrictions
- Extra fees

BUSY SEASON RESTRICTIONS:

- Some airlines reduce luggage allowance during high season (December - April).
- You might only get one checked bag instead of two.

DIVE GEAR FEES:

- Many airlines charge extra fees for dive equipment.
- Check if your airline offers a "sports equipment" allowance.

Communication with Home

Before departure: Share your itinerary with family

Emergency contact: +1-706-664-0111 available 24/7

In port (embarkation day/departure day): Most cell phones will work if they have international roaming or data.

At sea: SeaFi Internet is available for purchase

Cell phones will work sporadically based on distance from towers.

Return day: Most cell phones will work if they have international roaming or data.

Tip: Send a "heading out for 6 days" message embarkation day evening so family knows you may be offline by choice.

Green the Fleet

Contribute to the Green the Fleet sustainability initiatives. Here are a few reminders to keep in mind as you get ready for your adventure:

- 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 whenever possible. Plan to bring home used batteries so they can be properly disposed of.
- Use an environmentally friendly or ocean-safe sunscreen.
- Be environmentally conscious in everything you do.

3. GETTING THERE

Arrival Airports

Airport	Code	Distance / Time	Notes
Gregorio Luperón International Airport, Puerto Plata	POP	~30 minutes to Ocean World Marina	recommended
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Recommended Arrival Times

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Transfer Options

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Port and Dockage Details

The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II docks at Ocean World Marina, the only marina on the northern coast of Puerto Plata. The marina is located within a resort area featuring an adventure park, casino, and several restaurants. Ocean World Marina, Cofresi Beach, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic — www.oceanworldmarina.com

4. ON BOARD LIFE

Accommodations & Services

Room / Type	Configuration	Bath	Size
Master (1 room)	Queen bed	Private	96 sq ft (8×12 ft)
Deluxe — 5 rooms	Double (lower) + single (upper)	Private	56 sq ft (8×7 ft)
Deluxe — 1 room	Double (lower) + single (upper)	Private	49 sq ft (7×7 ft)
Twin (2 rooms)	2 single bunks	Shared (between 2 rooms)	42 sq ft (6×7 ft)

Electricity

110V 60Hz, plug types A and B — same as the USA and Canada. USB charging ports in common areas.

Meals

The culinary team prepares a variety of American and other cultural dishes with fresh ingredients. Breakfast: cooked-to-order hot entrees, fresh fruit, cereals, and juices. Lunch: hot soups, homemade bread, salads, sandwiches, and/or entrees. Dinner: plated service featuring seafood, beef, or chicken; a wine and cheese party is held the final evening on board. Snacks served on tenders during morning and afternoon whale runs. Friday night dinner is not served on board — the staff will recommend restaurants in the marina. Complimentary juices, soft drinks, iced water and iced tea, coffee, and a limited selection of local beer and wine; due to high import duties on liquor in the Dominican Republic, bring preferred spirits from your departure airport's duty-free shop.

If you have special medical dietary restrictions, please note them in your GIS reservation and discuss them with the yacht chef upon boarding so they can properly prepare to meet your needs.

Specialty dietary items may have limited availability on board. For strict dietary needs:

- Bring critical items with you (gluten-free pasta, specific protein powders, etc.)
- Discuss options with chef on Day 1
- Be flexible - ingredients may not match exactly what you eat at home.

Beverages

Complimentary beverages include:

- Fruit juices
- Soft drinks
- Iced water and iced tea
- Coffee
- Limited selection of local beer and wine

For other alcohol and spirits, you are encouraged to bring your special brand with you or purchase locally before boarding.

Drinking and diving do not mix. Once you consume alcohol, you become a sunbather until the next day.

Communications / Internet

OnAdventure local area network (LAN) — free connection with access to destination resources.

SeaFi internet codes available for purchase from the Captain/Cruise Director — each code provides 8 GB of data; supports VoIP (WhatsApp, Google Voice, etc.), messaging, and email.

Cellular service: available at Ocean World Marina and intermittently when the yacht is near islands with cell towers. No cell service at the Silver Bank (Sunday–Friday).

Ship's Boutique

- There is a small on board boutique offering assorted t-shirts and other items.
- Your bill for on board services and boutique items will be settled on the last day of diving.
- After returning home, if you still want boutique items, please visit the Aggressor online boutique at aggressorboutique.com.

Fees & Taxes (Pay on Board)

Fee	Amount	Notes
Whale Sanctuary & Port Access Fee	\$625 USD per person (\$200 of this must be paid in CASH)	7-night trip
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USD bills must be crisp, undamaged, and recent-series; worn or older bills may be refused or surcharged.

Paid on board at the end of the charter. The \$200 USD cash portion of the Sanctuary fee must be in clean, new-condition bills — old-style, torn, or heavily worn bills are often not accepted in the Dominican Republic. Prices subject to change by government authorities without notice; fees for future seasons are announced shortly before each season starts, once confirmed by Dominican Republic authorities.

Entertainment

There are a variety of nightly entertainment options:

- Diving videos
- Movies
- Marine life identification and destination presentations

The yacht offers a collection of movies and TV shows that can be watched in the salon or in your room. If you have a favorite movie, digital slideshow, or video to share, bring it along!

A small library of marine life identification books is also available for reference.

Special Occasions

If you will be celebrating a special occasion — such as a birthday, anniversary, honeymoon, wedding, or your 100th dive — please let the staff know so they can help celebrate.

Notify the reservations office before traveling so the staff can be informed in advance.

Gratuities

- Staff gratuities are not included in the charter.
- Gratuities are voluntary and should be based on the quality of service provided by the staff.
- When settling your account on the final evening, the captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the staff
- Payment can be made by cash (USD or USD cash, Visa / MasterCard (no personal checks, traveler's checks, or American Express)), Visa, or MasterCard.

Health & Medications

The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II has a first aid kit on board, including oxygen and an AED.

Motion Sickness: Consider bringing over-the-counter motion sickness medication if you think you may need it. Consult your doctor about prescription options such as the transdermal patch or Scopace tablets. Currents and winds can cause moderate movement of the yacht at times.

Medication Storage:

The yacht and its staff cannot accept any medication brought on board for safekeeping, including those requiring refrigeration. Guests needing temperature-sensitive medication should travel with a cooling case or a small cooler with blue ice packets. The staff will gladly store and recharge blue ice packs but cannot accept responsibility for proper care or storage of medication. Medication must be kept in your room.



Professional Photographers & Videographers: anyone traveling to the Silver Bank to film professionally must submit an application to the Sanctuary Commission prior to traveling. The Commission determines the permit cost; these fees are not included in the charter rate. Advance notice is required — contact the reservation office.

5. WHALE ENCOUNTER INFORMATION

Diving Operations

Guests experience two types of whale encounters: (1) Surface Observation — from the mothership and tenders, watch whales breach, tail slap, pectoral fin wave, and spy hop; rowdy groups and humpback whale song are highlights. (2) In-Water Snorkel Encounter — when a cooperative whale is located, guests enter the water with mask, fins, and snorkel. This is a soft encounter: guests float calmly and allow the whale's natural curiosity to draw them close; the most approachable whales are typically mothers with calves, escort trios, and resting individuals. The whales choose whether to participate — an encounter may last a few minutes or more than an hour.

The yacht has two aluminum V-hull tenders, each 17 ft long and 7 ft wide, holding up to 11 guests, equipped with a full-length Bimini top, dive ladder, VHF radio, and 90 hp 4-stroke Suzuki engines. Tenders launch after breakfast (approx. 8:30 am) and again in the afternoon; snacks are provided on the tenders.

Approach technique: enter the water quietly with minimal noise and splashing; move slowly and gently; stay together as a group; always follow instructions from the tender operator.

Up to Approximately 2 whale runs per day from tenders (1.5–3 hours each) per day.

Typical Schedule

Day	Activity	
Saturday	Boarding at Ocean World Marina 4:00 pm; room orientation; dinner on board; welcome and safety briefing; departure for Silver Bank by 9:30 pm	
Sunday	Arrival at Silver Bank 8:30–10:30 am (weather dependent); late breakfast/brunch while crew prepares mooring and tenders; first tender runs begin 2:00 pm (2 tenders running); tenders return approximately 5:00 pm	
Monday – Thursday	First tender runs after breakfast (approx. 8:30 am); whale runs throughout the day; sundowner cocktail party on sun deck each afternoon; nightly whale behavior presentations and movies after dinner	
Friday	Two final tender runs in the morning; return to Ocean World Marina, Puerto Plata in the afternoon; Sunset Guest Appreciation Cocktail Party; dinner at a local marina restaurant (not included — staff will assist with reservations)	
Saturday	Continental breakfast 7:00–8:00 am; check-out by 8:00 am; guests may wait in the Ocean World Marina lobby (free WiFi); taxis arranged to airport or hotel (not included)	

Dive Supervision

- Diving is not just an activity; it's a passion for exploring the underwater world. That's why the dive program is built around empowering you and your buddy to take control of your diving experience.
- While in the water, you and your buddy are in charge.
- Every dive starts with a thorough briefing from the dive staff, covering site conditions, points of interest, and safety procedures.
- As certified divers, you and your buddy are responsible for planning and carrying out your dives while respecting your experience limits and those set by the briefing and your certification agency.
- Divers are not directly supervised - each buddy team manages their own dive.
- If you surface early, only your buddy team surfaces – other divers may continue their dive per the plan and briefing.

Equipment Storage

- Each guest will be assigned a designated seat on the dive deck and a personal locker or cubby to store items.
- There are rails and hangers for wetsuits.
- Freshwater showers are located on the back deck for post-dive comfort.
- Warm towels are provided after each dive.

Wetsuit Rentals

Not Available — Required snorkel equipment: mask, fins (full-foot preferred), snorkel, wetsuit (bring your own). Rental snorkel equipment available on board: mask, fins, snorkel, U/W cameras — free loaner replacement if your equipment fails. Consider binoculars for spotting whale activity from the mothership, a neck buff or sun-protective clothing for long tender runs, and a waterproof bag for cameras on tenders. Photography: land camera 28–85mm and 200–400mm zoom lenses recommended for topside whale shots (a 300mm lens works well from the mothership); underwater — housed camera with 10–24mm lens; strobes are of limited use (hard to get closer than 10 feet to a whale). Bring a dry bag or O-ring sealed dry box and plenty of memory cards. All lithium-ion batteries must be charged at the dedicated camera charging station on deck — not inside staterooms.

Itinerary Details

The Silver Bank is a shallow, submerged reef plateau located approximately 80 miles north of the Dominican Republic and about 100 miles southeast of the Turks & Caicos Islands. It is officially designated as the "Sanctuary for the Marine Mammals of the Dominican Republic."

Every year from January through April, thousands of North Atlantic Humpback Whales gather here to court, mate, calve, and rear their young — one of the largest concentrations of humpback whales on the planet, with estimates ranging from 5,000 to 7,000 animals during peak season.

The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II is one of the few yachts permitted access to the Silver Bank during the humpback mating and breeding season. All activities

within the Sanctuary are subject to strict regulations that protect the whales from harassment; the staff reviews the Sanctuary guidelines at the initial briefing.

The yacht moors near the backbone reef of the Silver Bank, where an old Greek freighter called the Polyxeni lies aground being reclaimed by the sea. The reef provides protection and a comfortable anchorage.

Diving Conditions

Water: 78°F (26°C) average during the January–April season — Most guests find a 3mm wetsuit comfortable; guests who run cold should consider a 5mm; a 1mm or shorty is adequate for warmer weeks. Bring your own — wetsuit rentals are NOT available on board.

Visibility: 40 to 100 feet (12–30 meters) depending on conditions

Scuba Training

Enhance your education while on board an Aggressor yacht!

The courses available include:

- Advanced Open Water Diver (SSI or PADI)
- Enriched Air / Nitrox Courses (SSI or PADI)

Course fees are due once on board and after the instructor confirms your course. The training agency providing your course will depend on your instructor's affiliations.

A diver participating in scuba training will need to complete a medical history form. Please be sure to review the form prior to traveling and ensure you do not need a physician's signature.

Photo & Video

Photography: The yacht offers photography coaching while on board. The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II has a camera table with low-pressure air hoses and a dedicated charging station for your camera and video equipment.

As a safety precaution, all lithium-ion batteries must be charged outside at the camera station and cannot be charged inside the yacht.

Video Service: The Video Professional can capture your diving adventure on board the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II to share with family and friends.

The video of the week (including all guests and staff) is available for an additional fee. See www.aggressor.com for current pricing.

Prohibited Diving Activities

The following diving activities are not supported and prohibited on Aggressor Liveboards

- Use of Spear guns, Hawaiian slings or collecting of any kind are not permitted.
- Solo Diving
- Use of double tanks
- Decompression or Technical Diving
- Touching, chasing, or disturbing marine life of any kind.

Sanctuary rules (government regulations — no exceptions):

- No scuba diving or rebreathers — marine mammals perceive bubbles as aggression; snorkel only.
 - No drones — prohibited by the Silver Bank Marine Sanctuary.
 - No gloves — prohibited by conservation law.
 - No spearfishing or collecting of any kind.
 - Do not chase or pursue whales; stay together as a group during in-water encounters; follow all instructions from the tender operator.
- Underwater scooters and electric surfboards (e-foils, jetboards, powered surfboards) are also prohibited on board.



6. AFTER YOUR ADVENTURE

Check-Out Time

Saturday by 8:00 am

Check-out time is 8:00 am for all guests. At this time, all guests and their luggage must be off the yacht, so staff have adequate time to prepare for new guests arriving in just a few hours. If you are making your own transfer arrangements, please ensure that you are picked up at or before check-out.

Departure Schedule

Check-out is 8:00 am Saturday for all guests. After checking out, guests may wait in the Ocean World Marina lobby (free WiFi) before taking a taxi to their hotel or airport — transfers are not included. Staff can assist with restaurant recommendations and tours in Puerto Plata; contact Aggressor DeTours (travel@aggressor.com) for hotel stays or land excursions.

Guest Surveys

You will receive a detailed survey via email three days after your adventure ends. (If you've completed back-to-back adventures, you'll receive one survey for each.) Aggressor Adventures truly values guest feedback and integrates it into the continuous improvement of Aggressor programs.

Many amenities and experiences you enjoyed during your adventure were inspired by guest suggestions. Your feedback is sincerely appreciated as it helps Aggressor enhance operations and exceed future guest expectations.

Your survey also offers a valuable opportunity to recognize exceptional staff performance. These evaluations directly influence staff recognition programs, awards, and promotions. The staff is dedicated to making your adventure memorable, and your feedback helps celebrate their outstanding service. The time you take to provide thoughtful responses is greatly appreciated and helps maintain the highest standards of the Aggressor experience.

Stay Connected

Each week, the previous charter's Adventure log is uploaded to the website. Feel free to visit www.aggressor.com and check the Adventure log for water temperature, visibility, and sightings.