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AGGRESSOR ADVENTURES

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Madagascar Aggressor

Use this guide to complete your travel preparations, arrange transfers, and know what to bring. Start with the essentials below, then review the sections that apply to your trip.

Madagascar Aggressor | Sunday to Sunday (7 nights) | Calendar | Hell-Ville Harbor, Nosy Be

BOARDING

Sunday 3pm

All aboard by 5:00 pm Sunday

⚠ Arrive one day early recommended. Embarkation-day arrivals must check in on board by 5 pm Sunday (NOS before 4 pm) — if your flight is delayed, the yacht cannot wait.

CHECK OUT

Sunday by 8 am

HOME PORT

Hell-Ville Harbor, Nosy Be

Nosy Be and Radamas Archipelago

GIS DEADLINE

7 days before departure

Complete your Guest Information System profile

ON BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- ✔ All staterooms A/C with private bath
- ✔ Power: 220V (Type C) — bring adapters
- ✔ Wi-Fi only available in port
- ✔ Meals: breakfast à la carte, lunch buffet, dinner served
- ✔ Beer & wine included; bring liquor from duty-free
- ✔ Smoking: main deck bow only

ACTIVITY ESSENTIALS

- ✔ 18-20 dives per 7-night adventure
- ✔ Max 3–4 dives per day; recreational diving only
- ✔ Mask, fins, BCD, regulator, computer, SMB + reel & wetsuit (bring or rent)
- ✔ Tanks (12L / 80 cf) provided; 15L available for rent
- ✔ Nitrox available (extra fee)
- ✔ Nearest hyperbaric chamber: Viet et Harmonie Health Center in Darsalam.

EMEGENCY **+20 120 0820 326 (Sunday only)**

KEEP THESE WITH YOU

Contacts

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Destination office

madagascar@aggressor.com

Aggressor Adventures reservations

Aggressor Adventures Reservation Office Office Contact Details Reservation Office Mon–Fri 8 am – 5 pm EDT Sat/Sun 9 am – 5 pm EDT 1-800-348-2628 (USA) -or- +1-706-993-2531 [madagascar@aggressor.com] www.Aggressor.com Emergency / Travel Delays (After Hours Only) +1-706-664-0111 [info@aggressor.com] Aggressor DeTours (Private Transfers) +1-706-434-8158 [travel@aggressor.com] Yacht Contacts: Local Office — Sunday only: +20 120 0820 326 In an emergency, family and friends can contact the Aggressor Reservations Office. After hours, they may call the Aggressor emergency cell number.

PLAN AHEAD

Your preparation deadlines

60 DAYS — **Diving Medical Form review (if doing scuba training) – make plans if you need a physician signature (no doctors available in Nosy Be to sign)**

14 DAYS — **Private transfer bookings due (travel@aggressor.com)**

7 DAYS — **All passport uploads due**

7 DAYS — **Aggressor's Guest Information System (GIS) registration due – include flight arrival time or hotel name**

DOCUMENTS & HEALTH

Before you travel

Passport

A passport upload is required at least 7 days before departure.

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.

Immigration requires passenger lists before arrival for port departure clearances. If you miss the upload deadline, you may not be allowed on the yacht.

Visa

Madagascar charges visa fees. These fees can change without notice (government fees, accurate as of the last document update): A single-entry tourist visa on arrival in Madagascar costs $35 for up to 15 days - USD cash only

You are responsible for: - Getting the correct visa for Madagascar - Having documents to re-enter your home country - Checking visa rules for any connecting flights

Where to check: - USA citizens: www.travel.state.gov - Other countries: contact your foreign affairs office or embassy - All travelers: the IATA Travel Centre

Required Forms: Guest Information System (GIS)

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 7 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.

Required Forms: Dive Certification Card (C-Card)

2. DIVE CERTIFICATION CARD (C-CARD) What: Your diving certification card Bring: The physical card or digital proof Note: If diving with Nitrox, bring your Nitrox certification card as well.

Required Forms: Medical Form (RSTC)

3. MEDICAL FORM (RSTC) (Only if doing scuba training) What: Diving Medical History Form When: Required only if you plan to take a scuba training or certification course during your trip. How: - Download the form now at http://www.aggressor.com/RSTCMedical.pdf - Answer all questions honestly - The form will tell you if your answers require a doctor's approval. - If no doctor approval is needed, you can sign it yourself - Print it and bring it to the yacht

ALREADY HAVE ONE? If you have a medical form signed by a doctor in the last 12 months, you can use that instead.

There are no doctors once the yacht leaves the dock. If you need a doctor's signature and don't have it, you cannot participate in any SCUBA training.

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.

What if I forget to complete these forms?

- 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 or SCUBA dive without a medical form.

Getting to the yacht

The Madagascar Aggressor is located at Hell-Ville Harbor, Nosy Be

Arrival airports

CODE	AIRPORT	DISTANCE TO PORT
NOS	Fascene Airport, Nosy Be (NOS)	25 Minutes

PAID ON BOARD

Mandatory fees and payments

Local onboard taxes and fees are subject to change without notice.

ITINERARY		SUBTOTAL PER GUEST
Marine Park Fee	$0	**$0**
Port Fee	$0	**$0**

PACK LIGHT

What to bring

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

Required Dive 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 Dive Equipment

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

- Wetsuit or Rash Guard - Dive Booties - Action Camera - Dive Light (For night dives)

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

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.

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.

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.

Packing Checklist

PACKING CHECKLIST: Use this link to download your FREE Packing Guide! This simple checklist will help make sure you have everything you need for your adventure, so you can spend less time worrying about forgotten essentials and more time getting excited for your trip!

Download your FREE Packing Guide here: https://cms.aggressor.com/directus-master/public/uploads/_/originals/travel-list-packing-guide.pdf

Diving and life onboard

Dives are performed from the back of the main yacht or from one of two large tenders; each tender carries up to 13 guests. On yacht dives at least one staff member is in the water; on tender dives a staff member accompanies each group. Buddy teams plan and manage their own dives — no direct supervision. Recreational, non-decompression diving only.

Typical schedule

DAY	ACTIVITY
Sunday	Boarding at 3pm
Sunday	Afternoon departure, est. 5 pm (based on port authority authorization)
Monday - Friday	Eat, Sleep & Dive — 3–4 dives per day (including night dives)
Saturday	AM: 2 dives in the morning. 2–4 pm: return to Hell-Ville Harbor, Nosy Be. 6 pm: cocktail party on board, then dinner off the yacht (not included).
Sunday	8 am: Last check-out

Conditions by season

SEASON	CONDITIONS
Jan – May	84°F (29°C) water, use 3mm wetsuit or shorty, very warm
Jun	81°F - 85°F (27°C - 29°C) water, use 3mm wetsuit or shorty
Jul – Sep	77°F - 82°F (25°C - 28°C) water, use 3mm wetsuit
Oct – Dec	81°F - 84°F (27°C - 29°C) water, use 3mm wetsuit or shorty

Nearest recompression chamber

FACILITY	LOCATION
Viet et Harmonie Health Center	Darsalam

Internet & communications

Wi-Fi is only available when the yacht is in port. Email and satellite phone are not accessible on board. At sea: no contact for 5–6 days.

Meals

Mediterranean and local cuisine, along with some Western dishes. Breakfast made to order; lunch buffet-style; dinner is a formal sit-down meal with tableside service; snacks mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Limited selection of local beer and wine included; purchase preferred liquor from airport duty-free before departing for Madagascar. Sunday evening: cocktail party on board, then dinner off the yacht (not included).

Itinerary details

60% of dives are drift dives from tender, while the other 40% are from the mother yacht's back deck. Guests enjoy 3 to 4 dives per day with 2 dives on the last day. The typical trip features 18-20 dives. Between dives, guests can snorkel if permitted or relax with a cold drink and a mid-morning or mid-afternoon snack.

Gear availability

Tanks: 80 cu ft (12L) aluminum, provided, with convertible valves for K-valve and DIN regulators; 15L / 100 cu ft large tanks available for rent. Default fill is air; Nitrox (32% blend) available to Nitrox-certified divers for an additional fee. SMB (safety sausage) + reel required for all guests — drift diving means surfacing away from the yacht. Rentals available: mask, fins, snorkel, BCD, regulator system, dive computer, dive light, SMB, large capacity tank, and wetsuits. Wetsuit rental: request via the GIS 'other' section on the rental page; the yacht keeps only a small stock of emergency rentals in standard sizes. If your equipment fails on board, staff will loan you gear free of charge.

Exposure protection

3mm wetsuit all year.

Wetsuit rental

Wetsuits are rented via pre-order in the Guest Information System

Beverages

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

Dietary Medical Restrictions

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.

Entertainment

There are a variety of nightly entertainment options: - Diving videos - Movies - Marine life identification and destination presentations

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.

Special Occasions

If you will be celebrating a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, honeymoon, wedding, or your 100th dive please notify the Reservation office before traveling.

Communication with Home - Staying in Touch

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: Cell phones will work sporadically based on distance from towers. Return day: Most cell phones will work if they have international roaming or data.

Green the Fleet Tips

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.

Health & Medications

The Madagascar Aggressor has a first aid kit on board, including oxygen and an AED.

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.

Diving 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.

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 Red Sea 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 Red Sea 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.

Chec-Out Time

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.

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.

⚠ Drones and satellite phones / satellite communicators (e.g. Garmin inReach) are prohibited. Underwater scooters and electric surfboards (e-foils, jetboards, powered surfboards and similar) are prohibited. Some Egyptian airports still require paper tickets — bring printed copies plus confirmation numbers.

⚠ The following diving activities are not supported and prohibited on Aggressor Liveaboards - 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.

RESOURCES

Useful links

Packing Checklist