

## **WHERE IS KAILUA-KONA, HAWAII?**

The historic Kailua Village (Kailua-Kona) is a beautiful seaside town located 15 minutes south of the Kona International Airport (KOA). Once a sleepy fishing village and retreat for Hawaiian royalty, it is full of restaurants, shopping and rich Hawaiian culture. From the Hulihee Palace and the Mokuaikaua Church to the King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel Courtyard by Marriott, it is all very close to the Kailua-Kona pier where guests board the Kona Aggressor II.

**KONA AGGRESSOR II INCLUDES:** All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private toilets, showers, sinks, hair dryers and robes. Beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are complimentary while onboard. Linens are changed mid-week and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed. Breakfast (cooked to order), buffet lunch and an elegant meal at dinner with tableside service are served in addition to fresh mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks. Filled tanks, weights and weight belts are included.

## **SINGLE TRAVELERS & SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

All rates are quoted on a share basis; therefore you will be roomed with another person of the same gender. If you would like a private room, there is a 65% surcharge and will guarantee you a private stateroom.

## **ITINERARY**

Throughout the week you will dive the west and south sides of Kona. The yacht departs the Kailua-Kona Pier Saturday evening with diving beginning Sunday morning. Guests will dive all week and return to port Friday afternoon. That evening, the crew hosts a sunset cocktail party at 4:30 p.m. followed by dinner ashore. Saturday morning, guests check out at 8:00 am. Be sure to remember the suggested 24 hour no-fly rules when planning your departure.

## **WELCOME**

Aloha! Exotic Hawaii is well known for its diving, beaches, waterfalls, gardens, surfing, active volcanoes, and whale watching. As you prepare for your diving adventure onboard the Kona Aggressor II, we extend a hearty welcome. The following information will assist you. It is important to notify our office of last minute changes concerning your airline arrival and departure times or any changes in your address and telephone numbers. The enclosed information will assist you. Please download the most recent "Know Before You Go" just prior to your vacation from [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com). The Reservations Office and Kona Aggressor II are in constant communication. 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 at the numbers provided above. Most cell phones work throughout the week depending on your service provider. Don't forget to use your Aggressor luggage tags. We recommend you pack a carry on bag that includes a swimsuit, change of clothes, medication and toiletries. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected luggage delay more bearable.

## **PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION**

It is the travelers' responsibility to ensure they have the proper documentation to travel into each country on his or her itinerary as well as for re-entry and return to their country. Please check with the appropriate consulate to ensure you have the proper documentation. Many countries require a passport that must be 3 valid for at least 6 months beyond your period of stay. Always check your passport and visa requirements. 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.

## **ARRIVAL**

(Saturday to Saturday) Guests will fly into the Kona International Airport (KOA) on Saturday. Transfers are not included in the cost of your charter. Due to strict DOT and TSA regulations, the Kona Aggressor II crew are not allowed to pick guests up at the airport. Commercial vehicles other than taxicabs are forbidden to stop at the airport curbside at arrival areas. There are taxi's readily available at the curb in front of all baggage claim area's. The Kona Aggressor II operates out of the downtown pier in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. This is a 20 minute drive from the airport. The yacht will dock Saturday afternoon at the Kailua Pier between 5:30- 6:00 p.m. to greet passengers. For guests arriving prior to the 5:30 PM boarding time, (it is recommended you arrive as close to this time as possible), you can have the taxi driver take you to the Kailua pier to drop off your luggage. You will need to call the Captain at +1-808-937-0975 who will have a crewmember meet you at the end of the pier to take your luggage to the yacht so you can shop and sightsee until boarding time. At the end of the charter, the Captain can assist with helping you organize transportation to the airport or hotel if you are extending your stay.

## **C-CARDS & DIVE THE WORLD CLUB**

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 Dive 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 Kona Aggressor II require each guest to complete a Cruise Application and Waiver prior to departure and boarding 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 Fleet agent. Passengers who fail to complete it online prior to boarding will be denied boarding. Many Aggressor destinations require passenger information for itinerary approval.

## **INSURANCE**

We strongly recommend each guest purchase comprehensive accident, medical, baggage and trip cancellation and interruption insurance when space is reserved. Trip insurance will protect you from financial disappointment if you are prevented from making your scheduled trip due to illness, family illness or in the event that unforeseen circumstances prevent the airline or yacht from making its scheduled trip. In the event you cancel your trip, be familiar with Aggressor Fleet's cancellation policies, which can be found on [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com). More information can be found on Diveassure or Divers Alert Network insurance on our website.

**FEES & TAXES** (per person) There are no additional taxes or fees.

## **HEALTH**

The Kona Aggressor II has a first aid kit onboard, including oxygen. 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 no smoking allowed inside the boat or on the dive deck. Smoking is only permitted on the sun deck. 4 The nearest recompression chamber is in Honolulu, on the island of Oahu. This facility is located approximately six hours from the Kailua-Kona dock. The Kona Aggressor II 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 crew 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.

## **THE YACHT**

The Kona Aggressor II sleeps 14 guests in privacy and comfort. She is an 80-foot catamaran, built and powered for comfort, safety, and stability and certified by the U.S. Coast Guard. Accommodations include 5 double staterooms and 1 roomy quad stateroom on the upper deck. Each stateroom has ensuite private toilet and shower. Each stateroom has extra storage and individual climate controls. She has a beautiful spacious salon, 50 feet of sun deck with shading, chaise lounges and deck chairs, bar, and grill. Her diving amenities include freshwater rinse showers, camera tables, and nitrox. The sun deck features a “moon deck bar” with seating, lounge and deck chairs, stereo and CD player, shaded wet bar and grill. The Kona Aggressor II has safes in every stateroom to store your valuables. The yacht is not responsible any lost, damaged or stolen items. We highly recommend extremely caution and care be taken if you plan to travel onboard with electronic equipment. This equipment should always be stowed after use to avoid the risk of damage.

## **FOOD**

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 are buffet-style, featuring hot soups, salads and sandwiches and/or entrees. Dinners are served each evening and include salads, vegetables, seafood, beef or chicken with a fresh homemade dessert. Once onboard, please speak to the chef about any special needs. Certain special dietary and beverage requests may not be available due to the remote nature of this location.

## **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 local regulations; the bar will be closed when diving and when the boat is tied to the Kailua pier. Drinking and diving do not mix. Once you consume alcohol, you become a snorkeler until the next day.

## **CLOTHING**

Please plan to travel light, as on all live-aboard 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. Dress is always casual and informal. Additional items you may want to bring are sunglasses, hat and walking shoes for your time on shore.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

There is a variety of nightly entertainment, including diving, fish identification presentations, movies, games and more. If you have a favorite movie, digital presentation or a video to share, we encourage you to bring it along. The crew especially loves new releases of DVD's, movies, CD's, recent magazines and books. A small library of books for exchange is maintained onboard as well as fish identification books for reference.

## **CELEBRATING A SPECIAL OCCASION**

Whether it's your anniversary, birthday, honeymoon, wedding or you are celebrating a 100th dive, please let us know so the crew can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the Aggressor Fleet Reservations Office prior to traveling so the crew is notified in advance.

## **DIVING CONDITIONS**

You will be diving in water that averages 72 - 80°F with thermoclines. Most guests make as many as 5 dives each day, so some sort of protection is needed. A 3-5mm wetsuit and hood is recommended year round. All diving is from the mother ship.

## **DIVING**

The crew of the Kona Aggressor II, with their unique combination of talents, offers the ultimate in service. While onboard, you may pick a buddy of your choice or dive with one of the crewmembers. The yacht offers up to five dives per day (2 on the last day) including night dives. There is ample storage space for your diving equipment in your personal locker. The Kona Aggressor II provides 80 cubic ft. tanks, weight belts and weights. The stern and platform areas are very spacious. A large 20-foot x 6-foot swim step spans both hulls and it comfortably accommodates all divers. The boarding ladders were designed for convenience to allow divers easy exits and entries. Enjoy the fresh water showers on the back deck after your dives. All diving onboard the Kona Aggressor II should be within the limits and standards of the training agency that certified you. All dives should be planned no decompression dives.

## **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**

The Kona Aggressor II does not permit collecting, spear fishing, spear guns or "Hawaiian slings" onboard.

## **RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT**

A full line of Aqualung 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.

## **CERTIFICATION & SPECIALTY COURSES**

Several diving specialty courses are offered onboard including Nitrox, Advanced Open Water, UW Photography, Master Diver and more. Open Water Certification Courses & Check-Out Dives are offered as well. A list of available courses and prices are available on our website.

## **PHOTO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT**

The photo pro is available for free coaching with equipment rental. Photo equipment is available to rent separately or as a complete set up. The Kona Aggressor II has a strobe charging station and a large camera table available for your camera and video equipment. Guests should bring their own battery chargers. Please refer to our web site, [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com) for detailed information and costs of rental equipment, certification courses, and photo/video equipment.

## **UNDERWATER VIDEO/DVD**

Our Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard the Kona Aggressor II to share with family and friends. Video of the week/DVD (includes all guests and crew) are USD \$65 per person.

## **SHIPS BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS**

There is a mini-boutique onboard, which sells a selection of logo clothing including t-shirts, caps, CD's and miscellaneous items. We highly recommend you bring extra batteries and/or CD's for photos. One day during the week, the crew will have a 'boutique day'. The Kona Aggressor II accepts American Express, MasterCard, and Visa. No personal checks.

## **FRIDAY**

Friday, the Captain or assistant will collect payment for purchases made throughout the week. Friday afternoon, the Kona Aggressor II returns to Kailua-Kona at approximately 1:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to shop and sightsee in downtown Kailua-Kona. A sunset cocktail party will be hosted Friday evening. Dinner is not served on board this evening. This is the only meal not provided with the cruise. The crew can recommend a restaurant and/or luau, and can arrange transportation.

## **GRATUITIES**

Crew gratuities are not included in the charter. We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service the crew has provided. When settling your account on Friday, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the crew. Payment can be made by cash, traveler's checks or credit card.

## **CHECKOUT**

Checkout time is at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Transfers are not included with your cruise, however, the crew can help assist you in arranging transportation to the Kona International Airport (KOA) or a local hotel if you are planning to extend your vacation in Kona.

## **CAPTAIN'S LOG**

Each week we post the Captain's log 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 Captain's log to find the recent water temperature, visibility, and sightings or visit us on facebook. We look forward to having you on board and wish you the greatest vacation ever. MAHALO!