

**WHERE IS SRI LANKA?** Sri Lanka has maritime borders with India to the northwest and the Maldives to the southwest. It's documented history spans 3,000 years, with evidence of pre-historic human settlements dating back to at least 125,000 years. Its geographic location and deep harbors make it of great strategic importance from the time of the ancient Silk Road through to World War II.

**SRI LANKA AGGRESSOR INCLUDES:** All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private toilets, showers, sinks and hair dryers. 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. Beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are complimentary while onboard. Linens are changed as requested and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed. Filled tanks, weights and weight belts are included.

**FACTS ABOUT THE ISLAND OF SRI LANKA** \* Sri Lanka has maritime borders with India to the northwest and the Maldives to the southwest. \* The continental shelf drop off surrounds the island and its unique monsoon weather patterns and ocean currents make it a unique habitat to attract sea mammals to the island year round. \* Official language of Sri Lanka is Sinhala and Tamil, but many of the people speak English. \* Population: Over 20 million with the capital being Colombo. \* Local currency is the Sri Lankan Rupee. (Approximately LKR 135 = USD \$1) \* Sri Lanka's close position to the Equator means that temperatures remain fairly constant year-round. Sri Lanka is unusual as it has two monsoon periods, with the wettest periods being December and January in the North. Humidity is high everywhere throughout the island.

**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, the cost is a 65% surcharge and will guarantee you a private room.

**ITINERARY** - (Recreational Diving & Tech Wreck Charters) Sample Itinerary (All charters are Saturday to Saturday) - Saturday; Arrival Colombo or Trincomalee, boarding at 3:00 pm until 6 pm. - Sunday – Friday Afternoon; Sri Lanka; Eat, Sleep & Dive. - Friday Evening –Cocktail party 6:00 pm and dinner ashore at 7:00 pm. - (Friday night dinner is the only meal not included in the cruise). - Saturday, Check out 7:00 am. **ITINERARY** - (Whale & Dolphin Snorkeling Charters) Sample Itinerary (All charters are Saturday to Saturday) - Saturday; Arrival Colombo or Trincomalee, boarding at 3:00 pm up until 6 pm. - Sunday – Friday Afternoon; Sri Lanka; Eat, Sleep & Snorkel - Friday Evening –Cocktail party 6:00 pm and dinner ashore at 7:00 pm - (Friday night dinner is the only meal not included in the cruise). - Saturday, Check out 7:00 am.

**WELCOME** As you prepare for your snorkel or diving adventure onboard the Sri Lanka Aggressor, we extend a most hearty welcome. 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" prior to traveling from [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com). The Reservations Office and Sri Lanka Aggressor 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 them at the numbers listed above. For divers we recommend you pack a regulator, mask, fins, swimsuit, change of clothes, medication and toiletries in 3 your carry on bag. For snorkelers, we recommend you pack mask, fins, snorkel, swimsuit, change of clothes, medication and toiletries in your carry on bag. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected luggage delay more bearable. Don't forget to use your Aggressor luggage tags. They will help the crew

identify your bags.

**EXTENDED TRAVEL** We highly recommend adding an extension to your itinerary by spending 3 extra nights in Sri Lanka at the Aggressor Safari Lodge. Leaving from either Trincomalee or Colombo, you travel to the Aggressor Tented Safari Lodge near the Wilpattu and Minneriya National Parks. Over the next 3 days you will experience the big game viewing in both parks, viewing Leopard, Elephant, Bear, Buffalo, Deer, Crocodile, Jackel and many other animals and birds in their natural jungle habitat. In addition over the 3 days you will visit two world heritage sites, the 3rd Century BC ancient city in Anuradhapura and 5th Century AD Sigiriya Rock Palace.

**ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE** If guests are on an itinerary departing from Colombo (Dickowita Harbor), we highly recommend arriving early and spending at least one night in one of the hotels in the Negombo beach resort area. November to April Charters – Transfers are provided if arriving Saturday from the Colombo Airport for transfer to Dickowita Harbor – (40 minute trip by mini bus or taxi) May to October Charters – Guests will fly into the Colombo International Airport (CMB). A charter flight will be prearranged from the Colombo Airport to the Trincomalee Airport by fixed wing or helicopter charter flight then guests are transferred to Trincomalee Harbor to board the Sri Lanka Aggressor. The charter flight will be on one of the following aircraft: MA-60 (52 Seater), 1 x Y- 12 (15 Seater), 1 x MI - 17 (20 Seater) Helicopter or 1- 12 (15 Seater). The charter flight will depart from Air Force Controlling Department, located 10 minutes from the Colombo International Airport's Main Gate at 3:00pm to Trincomalee. An advanced request for complimentary transfers from local Negombo Beach hotels to the domestic terminal for this charter flight can be requested. The Sri Lanka Aggressor will arrange a pick up for guests arriving at the airport in Colombo on Saturday, the start date of the charter. Guests should plan to arrive at the airport for this flight no later than 12:30pm. At the end of the week, guests who depart Trincomalee for Colombo will be provided a complimentary transfer directly from the Sri Lanka Aggressor for the domestic flight at 8:00am. Reservations must be made in advance to confirm the domestic flight. The cost is \$275 per person each way. Check out is Saturday at 7 am. Please be sure to include your arrival time and/or hotel reservations when completing your online paperwork through the GIS. At the end of the charter, the boat will dock at Colombo (Dickowita Harbor) or Trincomalee Harbor where guests will depart by mini bus to the Airport. (Taxis can be arranged to other locations through the GIS) Once the yacht departs the port Saturday evening, no passengers can board the yacht due to local law. This is another reason we recommend arriving a day early and to help get acclimated to the local climate and ensure all your bags arrive. Colombo Itinerary - Dickowita Harbor: The Sri Lanka Aggressor operates out of Dickowita Harbor which is located 45 minutes north of Colombo, 30 minutes from the Colombo International Airport and 30 minutes from Negombo Beach area. It is highly recommended guests arrive the day before the charter start date and stay in the Negombo Beach area.

**DOCKING** The Sri Lanka Aggressor docks at Dickowita Harbor between November and April on the west side of the island and Trincomalee at Ashrof Jetty between May and October on the east side of the island. For hotel and tour packages, visit [www.aggressortravel.com](http://www.aggressortravel.com).

**SAMPLE TIME ZONE & FLIGHT SCHEDULE** The time zone is EST + 9.30 hours with no daylight savings time. When it's 3 pm Tuesday in Sri Lanka, it is: Los Angeles 02:30am Tuesday Frankfurt 11:30am Tuesday Moscow 12:30 pm Tuesday London 10:30 am Tuesday

**PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION** Visitors must have a current passport, adequate

funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket to travel to Sri Lanka. US citizens require a passport that must be valid for 6 months from date of entry. 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. All visitors to Sri Lanka need an entry Visa to enter. The e-visa can be completed online and is good for a 30-day stay in Sri Lanka. Most airlines require seeing the printed and approved ESTA at check in prior to traveling to Sri Lanka. Following is the link:

<https://eta.gov.lk/etaslvisa/etaNavServ> For many nationalities this can be purchased online. However, 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](http://www.travel.state.gov) for more information. The website also has information for consulates by country to assist with requirements. There are special 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 & DIVE THE WORLD CLUB** If you are scuba diving, 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 on board discounts. Your membership is indicated on the Captain's rooming list.

**GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)** The Reservations Office and the Sri Lanka Aggressor require each guest to complete a Cruise Application and Waiver form, prior to departure and boarding through the GIS (Guest Information System). The GIS allows guests to interactively complete all required paperwork that includes the application/waiver, special requests and travel information. If you haven't received a link to access the GIS, please contact an Aggressor Fleet agent. Passengers who fail to complete the GIS 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 or 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 prior, be familiar with Aggressor Fleet 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** Each guest must pay the marine park and port fee. The marine park fee is USD \$100 and the port fee \$50.

**HEALTH** The Sri Lanka 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. The nearest recompression chamber is located at Trincomalee Naval Base, Trincomalee Harbor. Aggressor Fleet yachts and their staff are

unable to accept any medication brought onboard for safekeeping 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 or responsibility for the proper care and storage of medication. This should be kept in the stateroom. Certain ladies sanitary products are not available in Sri Lanka; suggest you bring what you will need. There is NO smoking allowed inside the boat or on the dive deck. Smoking is only permitted on the rear of the sun deck.

**THE YACHT** The Sri Lanka Aggressor is a spacious 145 ft. yacht with a 30 ft. beam, built and powered for comfort, safety and stability. She is diesel powered, cruises at 10-12 knots and has 220- volt power onboard (with below plug in). Comfortable accommodations for 26 guests include 13 spacious staterooms each independently air-conditioned, a private head and shower, picture window or porthole view, mirrored cabinet, hair dryer, fresh towels and volume controls. Each stateroom has a 22-inch flat screen TV.

**INTERNET/EMAIL** Email is available onboard through the satellite system. There is a charge for incoming and outgoing email. Private calls may be made from the yacht.

**FOOD** The menu aboard is varied and plentiful, with a variety of Sri Lankan feasts and local cuisine. If you have any special dietary requirements, please add this to your reservation through the GIS and speak to the yacht chef once onboard so he/she can adequately prepare to meet your needs. You will wake up to fresh fruits, hot entrees, cereals and juices. Lunches are buffet-style, featuring hot soups, homemade breads, salads and sandwiches and/or entrees. Dinners are chef prepared and served each evening and include salads, vegetables, seafood, beef or chicken with a fresh homemade dessert. Certain special dietary and beverage requests may not be available due to the remote nature of this location so we highly recommend you bring these 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, which are complimentary. Due to the high duty charged on liquor, we suggest you bring your favorite brand. 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 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 sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat and walking shoes for your time on shore.

**ENTERTAINMENT** There is a variety of nightly entertainment, including diving, marine life identification presentations, movies, games and more. We have a selection of 500 classic and new release movies and 500 hours of top rated TV shows on hard drive that can be viewed in the boats salon or taken to your cabin on a small flash drive to watch. However, if you have a favorite movie, digital slide show 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 6 maintained onboard as well as marine life identification books for reference. 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 US office prior to traveling so the crew is notified in advance.

**DIVING CONDITIONS** You'll be diving in water that averages 27° C or 80° F degrees year around. You can dive or snorkel in just a rash guard throughout the year, however as wreck and reef diving are a major part of the itinerary in Sri Lanka, a 3mm wetsuit is recommended for protection. We suggest divers bring safety items such as a Dive Alert, Safety Sausage, Nautilus Lifeline (can be purchased online) and any other safety items you feel necessary. We also recommend you bring a dive computer which is mandatory for each dive and a night light to get the best visual experience on the wrecks and of marine life.

**DIVING** The crew of the Sri Lanka Aggressor, 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 yacht's crewmembers. There is ample storage space for your diving equipment. The Sri Lanka Aggressor provides 12 liter aluminum tanks, weight belts, and weights and has both K-valves (American type), and DIN (International) valves. Chase Boats – Some dives and all snorkel trips are made from the Sri Lanka Aggressor outboard skiffs. The Sri Lanka Aggressor has two 21.3 ft. long by 8 ft. wide, Zodiac fiberglass V-hull boats that hold 13 people in each one. They are fitted with a dive ladder for easy exiting and entries, a full-length bimini top for sun protection, 2 x 100 hp 4-stroke Yamaha engines for extra safety and a VHF radio. In between dives, guests may snorkel, explore secluded beaches, or just relax with a cold drink and mid-morning snack. Guests may dive up to 4-5 dives per day plus night diving. Whale and Dolphin Snorkel Weeks – The chase boats (with Bimini tops) are launched several times daily and are solely used to bring guests closer to the whales. Inflatable runs last one and a half to three hours depending on the proximity of whale activity and time of day. We suggest you pack the following: mask, fins, snorkel, and regulator with visible pressure gauge, depth gauge, dive computer, buoyancy compensator, and dive gloves. Strongly recommended: Spare mask, a dive watch, dive light, safety sausage, whistle, Dive Alert, mirror and/or other safety devices. Each piece of gear should be marked with waterproof paint or tape. Please see our "Captain's Log" on our website for current diving conditions. Diving Supervision You've chosen a LiveAboard vacation for the diving freedom that it offers. While in the water, you and your buddy are in charge. Every dive starts with a dive briefing from our staff. However, as a certified diver, you and your buddy are responsible for planning and conducting your own dives within the limitations set forth by the briefing. The staff will be on the dive deck providing surface support for divers. They will also have staff in the water offering support, u/w photography and videography, and critter spotting services as well. On some dive sites a staff member will offer to lead a group and assist them in locating specific points of interest. However, the yacht does not offer direct supervision of dives. If you start out with a group, as long as you and your buddy remain in contact with each other and are ok – you may follow your own dive plan. Divers who desire more personal attention and structured/supervised dives should consider taking one of our numerous specialty courses. An underlying skill featured in all of specialty training is planning, executing, and debriefing after your dive in order to build a more confident diver.

**CONSERVATION LAWS** Aggressor Fleet does not permit spear guns or Hawaiian slings on any of the yachts.

**RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT** A full line of Aqua Lung Rental gear is available aboard including regulators, BCDs, Dive Computers, and Night Lights. If any of your dive equipment fails while onboard, the crew will loan you equipment free of charge, compliments of Aqua Lung. The Sri Lanka Aggressor is unable to provide rental wetsuits.

**CERTIFICATION & SPECIALTY COURSES** Several PADI diving specialty courses are offered onboard including Nitrox, Advanced Open Water, UW Photography, Master Diver and more. The list of available courses and prices are available on our website.

**PHOTO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT** The Sri Lanka Aggressor offers a complete digital photo facility including a PC for downloading photos. 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 Sri Lanka Aggressor has a strobe charging station and a large camera table available for your camera and video equipment. Guests should bring their own battery chargers. Voltage aboard is 220 volts. 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** The Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard the Sri Lanka Aggressor to share with family and friends. The video of the week/DVD (includes all guests and crew) is \$65 US.

**SHIPS BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS** There is a mini-boutique onboard with assorted t-shirts, and miscellaneous items. Due to limited availability, we recommend bringing extra batteries and anything else you may need. The Sri Lanka Aggressor accepts cash (USD and Sri Lankan Rupee), traveler's checks, Visa and Mastercard. (no personal checks) We will charge you for all your purchases on Friday upon arriving back to port. After returning home if you still want boutique items, please visit the Aggressor Fleet online boutique at [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com).

**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, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the crew. Payment can be made by cash (USD or Sri Lankan Rupee), traveler's checks, Visa or MasterCard credit card.

**FRIDAY** The Sri Lanka Aggressor returns to Dickowita Harbor or Trincomalee Harbor Friday afternoon. After the sunset cocktail party guests will have dinner ashore. After the Sri Lanka Aggressor returns to port guests also have the option to visit the city of Colombo or Trincomalee.

**CHECKOUT SATURDAY MORNING** Checkout time is at 7:00 am Saturday morning. The Sri Lanka Aggressor can arrange transportation to the airport or your hotel if it has not been prearranged.