

Oman Aggressor



Note: 14-Day Advance transportation reservations are required for pick up from all airports. Each of the 4 itineraries have different embark/disembark locations. Be sure to know which itinerary you are traveling on.

WHERE IS THE SULTANATE OF OMAN?

Located on the southeastern tip of the Arabian Peninsula, Oman borders the United Arab Emirates - Saudi Arabia – Yemen; surrounded by the Arab Gulf, Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.

FACTS ABOUT THE SULTANATE OF OMAN

- Length of Oman's Coast: 1966 miles/3.165 km
- Oman has a subtropical desert climate with mild warm winters and hot summers
- Highest Mountain Peak: 9,934 ft/3.028 m - Jebel Shams
- The average temperature in the southern of Oman: 30C/86F all seasons
- Day temperature: summer time 33C/ 91F - Winter time 21C/69F
- Night temperature: summer time 26C/78F - Winter time 17C/62F
- In the summertime in the North temperatures can reach up to 45C/113F, average about 38-40C/100-104F
- The official language of Oman is Arabic; commercial language is English
- Population: 3.3 Million
- Local currency is OMR, Omani Rial (Approximately OMR 0,39 = US\$ 1)

TIME ZONE

The time zone is GMT + 4 hours with no daylight savings time.

OMAN AGGRESSOR INCLUDES:

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private bathrooms, hair dryers and flat screen TVs. 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 mid-week upon request and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed. All staterooms and the interior of the yacht are new and have a stylish design for your convenience. Filled tanks, weights and weight belts are included.

OMAN AGGRESSOR – HOME PORT

The Oman Aggressor operates 4 itineraries from the following ports:

- Jebel Sifah Marina (Muscat): Daymaniyat Islands itinerary (7 nights) -*Embark/Disembark: Jebel Sifah Marina*
- Khasab Port (Musandam): Musandam Peninsula itinerary (7 nights) -*Embark/Disembark: Khasab Port*
- Jebel Sifah Marina (Muscat): Daymaniyat & Hallaniyat Islands itinerary (10 nights) -*Embark: Jebel Sifah Marina*
-*Disembark: Salalah Beach Marina*
- Salalah Beach Marina: Hallaniyat Islands itinerary (7 nights) -*Embark/Disembark: Salalah Beach Marina*

Jebel Sifah Marina and Salalah Beach Marina are beautiful and safe communities with many fine restaurants and shops. Khasab Port is within walking distance to many restaurants and shops.

We highly recommend arriving at least one-day prior and staying at our host hotels:

- **Khasab:** Atana Khasab Hotel (Musandam Peninsula itinerary -7 nights)
- **Jebel Sifah:** Sifawy Boutique Hotel (Daymaniyat itinerary-7 nights & Daymaniyat/Hallaniyat 10 night itinerary)

- **Salalah Beach:** Juweira Boutique Hotel (Hallaniyat itinerary – 7 nights)

All resorts are located close to the Airports (Khasab 15 min./Jebel Sifah 60 min./Salalah Beach 30 min.) and next to the Marinas where the Oman Aggressor docks. Guests are able to go right up to the yacht for easy boarding.

If you are already in Musandam, Muscat or Salalah and making your own way to the Oman Aggressor, boarding starts at 3 pm. Please be sure to include your arrival time and/or hotel reservations when completing your online paperwork through the GIS. (Taxis can be arranged to other locations) We highly recommend arriving at least one day prior to boarding on Saturday.

ITINERARY

Sample Itinerary (7-Night Charters are Sat-Sat, 10 Night Charters Wed-Sat)

- Saturday: Arrival Musandam, Muscat or Salalah (according the itinerary) boarding from 3:00 pm
Musandam & Salalah: you may board anytime after 03:00 pm as the boat departs the dock Sunday approximately 06:00 am
Muscat: you may board anytime between 03:00 – 09:00 pm as the boat departs the dock Saturday night approximately 10:00 pm.
- Sunday: 6:00 am departure for 1st dive
- Sunday – Friday Afternoon: Eat, Sleep & Dive
- Friday Afternoon: 3:00 pm return to the port according the itinerary
- 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 8:00 am

WELCOME

As you prepare for your diving adventure onboard the Oman 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 Reservations Office and Oman Aggressor are in constant communication. In the event of an emergency, family and friends may contact the Aggressor Fleet Reservations Office. After hours they may call the Aggressor Fleet emergency cell number.

We recommend guests arrive in Oman prior to the start day of the charter. We recommend you prepare for this if you are scheduled to fly in the day of the charter by packing a mask, fins, swimsuit, change of clothes, medication and toiletries in your carryon bag. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected luggage 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 prior to boarding the Oman Aggressor. There are several options to choose from.

ARRIVAL/DOCKING

Reservations are required for all transfers included in the price of your trip.

Airport transfers are included if arriving and departing from Muscat International Airport, Khasab Airport and Salalah International Airport on the charter start date. Reservations must be made at least 14 days in advance for complimentary service. The transfer to the airport after the charter is at 08:00 am.

CHARTER END DATE

On the charter end day, check out is at 08:00 am for transfer to the airport.

PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your period of stay. It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have adequate funds to support themselves, a return airline ticket, and the proper visa to travel into each country on his or her itinerary and for re-entry and return back to their country. Please check with the appropriate consulate to ensure proper passport and visa requirements are met. All visitors to Oman or Dubai (UAE) require an entry tourist Visa. *You may log into the following website to purchase an E-Visa ESTA, <https://evisa.rop.gov.om/voa>. It takes about 10 minutes to fill in and pay for online and is good for a 30-day stay in Oman. The airlines will want to see the printed and approved ESTA at check-in when flying to Oman.*

For many nationalities this can be purchased on arrival in Muscat and Salalah for 20 OMR (approx. 52 USD) or in Dubai (UAE) for 220 AED (approx. 60 USD). However, please check with the appropriate consulate to ensure you have the proper documentation.

US citizens may go to the US Department of State website at **www.travel.state.gov** for more information. 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

Remember to bring your c-card or proof of certification. The dive masters require 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 Oman 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, please be familiar with Aggressor Fleet cancellation policies.

FEES & TAXES (USD)

At the end of the week, all guests must pay the marine park fee and port fee of USD 150 for 7 night charters for diver/non diver and USD 200 for 10-night charter (diver and non diver). These fees are paid onboard the yacht and need to be paid in cash. The yacht cannot accept traveler's checks due to the banks in Oman not accepting them. All onboard charges need to be paid in USD cash only. A credit card facility will be set up onboard at a later date.

HEALTH

The Oman 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 Oman Aggressor 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. There is **NO smoking allowed anywhere inside the boat or on the dive deck**. Smoking is only permitted on the rear of the sun deck and flying bridge.

THE YACHT

The Oman Aggressor is a spacious 148 ft. steel yacht with a 28 ft. beam, built and powered for comfort, safety and stability. She is diesel powered, cruises at 12 knots and has 220-volt power. Comfortable accommodations for 22 guests include 11 spacious staterooms each with an independently controlled air-conditioning, a private bathroom, picture window, large panorama window or porthole view, mirrored cabinet, hair dryer, fresh towels and volume controls. Each stateroom has a 32" flat screen TV offering a selection of over 400 movies, TV shows and documentaries. Guests will also be able to plug their computers into the TV screen to edit underwater pictures and video.

The Oman Aggressor has two master staterooms with a king, one suite with a king, and 8 deluxe staterooms, each with two twin beds. The yacht has a beautiful spacious salon, large sun deck with shading, Jacuzzi, chaise lounges and deck chairs, bar and a complete photo/video center. The onboard video format is both NTSC and PAL. The yacht is not responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen items. We highly recommend extreme 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.

VOLTAGE ABOARD THE YACHT

The voltage aboard the yacht is 220v and the plug sockets around the boat will accept American plugs. You should bring a voltage adaptor on a power strip if you can. Most electrical devices are either 110 or 240 volts (look on your cable on the charger that plugs into the wall to verify).

INTERNET/EMAIL/PHONE

Internet (WLAN) is available when close to shore. Email is not available. Skype, Viber and WhatsApp are not available; unless you have a private VPN account. A satellite phone is available for incoming and outgoing calls for a fee.

FOOD

The menu aboard is varied and plentiful, with a variety of Omani 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. (pork is not available)

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. We suggest you purchase your favorite liquor

from the duty free shop at the airport prior to departing to Oman. 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 400 classic and new release movies that can be viewed in the boats salon or taken to your stateroom to watch. However, if you have a favorite movie or digital slide show to share, we encourage you to bring it along. The crew especially loves new releases of movies, music and books. A small library of books for exchange is 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 74 - 86F / 23 - 30C. Most guests make 4 - 5 dives each day; so some sort of protection is needed. A 5mm - 7mm wetsuit and a hood should be comfortable and adequate. We suggest divers bring safety items such as a Dive Alert, Safety Sausage, Nautilus Lifeline (Nautilus Lifelines available onboard for rent) and any other safety items you feel necessary. Dive computers are mandatory so please bring yours or complete the dive computer rental form in the GIS.

DIVING

The crew of the Oman 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 staff. There is ample storage space for your diving equipment. The Oman Aggressor provides 12 L aluminum tanks, weight belts, and weights and has both K-valves (American type), and DIN (International) valves. The majority of the dives are made from the mothership and others are made from the Oman Aggressor skiffs which are capable of carrying up to 11 guests. In between dives, you may snorkel, explore secluded beaches, or just relax with a cold drink and mid-morning/mid afternoon snack. Guests may dive up to 4-5 dives per day including night diving when possible. We suggest you pack the following: mask, fins, snorkel, and regulator with visible pressure gauge, depth gauge, dive computer, and buoyancy compensator. Strongly recommended: Spare mask, a dive watch, dive light, safety sausage with 20 feet of line, 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 amenities include the offer of unlimited Nitrox which is \$100 7-nights/ \$150 10 nights.

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 the 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 and 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 the yachts 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 (wetsuits not available). If any of your dive equipment fails while onboard, the crew will loan you equipment free of charge, compliments of **Aqua Lung**.

CERTIFICATION & SPECIALTY COURSES

Several 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 Oman Aggressor offers a complete digital photo facility including a PC for downloading photos. The Photo pro is available for free coaching with equipment rentals. Photo equipment is available to rent separately or as a complete set up. The yacht has a charging station and a large camera table for your camera and video equipment. Guests should bring their own battery chargers.

UNDERWATER VIDEO/DVD

The Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard the Oman Aggressor to share with family and friends. The video of the week/DVD (includes all guests and crew) is \$65 US.

SHIPS BOUTIQUE

There is a mini-boutique onboard with assorted t-shirts, and miscellaneous items. Due to limited availability, we recommend bringing extra batteries and flash's for photos. The Oman Aggressor accepts cash. (no personal checks, no travelers checks, no credit cards). We will charge you for all your purchases including the park and port fees on the last day of your charter when you arrive back to the Marina.

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. The yacht does not accept travelers checks. (Oman banks don't accept them) and credit cards are not accepted at this time.

Note: When traveling abroad, it is a common occurrence for a credit card charge to be declined due to a fraud alert. To help avoid this, it is recommended you contact your credit card company prior to traveling to notify them of the countries you are visiting.

FRIDAY

The Oman Aggressor returns to the port Friday mid afternoon. A sunset cocktail party will be held then you may go ashore for dinner at one of the many fine restaurants located in the marina. There is also shopping and night life. Dinner Friday evening is the only meal not provided with the cruise.

CHECKOUT SATURDAY MORNING

Checkout time is at 8:00 am Saturday morning.

Thank you for choosing to travel with us!