



**READ BEFORE YOU GO**

## **WHERE ARE THE BAHAMAS**

The islands of The Bahamas are sprinkled over 100,000 square miles of ocean starting just 50 miles off the coast of Florida. The archipelago is an ecological oasis featuring 2,000 breathtaking islands and cays that boasts the clearest water on the planet. Incredible marine diversity is found right beside breathtaking white and pink sand.

Scuba divers travel to find three things: dramatic walls, lush coral reefs and exciting animal encounters - and the Bahamas Out Islands offer all this! Warm, turquoise crystal-clear waters and drop-offs close to shore make these islands a diver's dream. Mysterious blue holes and caverns, shipwrecks and vibrant living reefs, soaring wall dives and thrilling shark encounters all await both novice and experienced divers.

## **BAHAMA AGGRESSOR INCLUDES:**

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private toilets, showers and sinks. Breakfast (cooked to order), buffet lunch and an elegant chef prepared dinner with tableside service are served in addition to fresh mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks. Beverages (soft beverages, local beer and wine) are complimentary while onboard. The yacht is equipped with hairdryers in each stateroom. Linens are changed mid-week and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed. 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, the cost is a 65% surcharge and will guarantee you a private room.

## **ITINERARY - Nassau**

The Bahamas Aggressor will cruise through the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park bringing easy access to remote yet premier dive spots. The Exumas consist of an array of more than 350 small islands and cays. The crystal-clear tropical Atlantic pours over the deep cuts between the cays and constantly shifting sand bars. Waters are thick with coral reefs that are alive with every imaginable ocean critter from the living jewels - angelfish and butterfly fish - to the charismatic food-chain toppers like grouper and barracuda - right down to the tiniest living invertebrates. Night diving allows guests to experience an entirely different group of critters and bevy of behaviors not visible during the day. With all dives from the mothership, five dives a day are offered except for the last diving day. All 7-night trips, diving begins Sunday morning and ends Friday before lunch when the Aggressor returns to port (one dive is offered Friday). The crew hosts a sunset cocktail party at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner ashore. Saturday morning at 8:00 am is check out. The Captain can assist guests with organizing transportation to the Nassau International Airport or a local hotel. Throughout the week there will be opportunities to go ashore for swimming, snorkeling and beach combing.

## **ITINERARY - Tiger Beach**

The Tiger Beach itinerary is an exploration of the remote areas around the West End of Grand Bahama Island. This is a dedicated liveaboard trip with up to 5 dives per day offered. The West End area is rarely visited by guests and is home to many creatures - both large (sharks and dolphins) and small (grouper, snapper, assorted other reef fish). At least one afternoon during the trip will be dedicated to a dive at the area known as "Tiger Beach" where we will try to attract sharks using a "scent triangle" filled with bait. Both Caribbean Reef Sharks and Tiger Sharks are known to frequent the area. Please note: All shark interactions on Aggressor Fleet yachts are natural, passive and observational in style. The Aggressor Fleet does not actively feed sharks nor chum the waters. Night dives are not offered on the site of Tiger Beach.

**Duration:** Trips are either 6 night trips or 7 night trips, please be sure you know which one you are on and the embark/disembark days. Boarding is at 4 pm and the yacht departs for the first anchorage at 6 pm. Everyone must be onboard by that time. Check out is at 8 am. Dinner is not included the last night of the trip, however, there is a restaurant at Old Bahama Bay Resort or guests can venture into Freeport.

**Extended Stay:** Guests may stay at Old Bahama Bay or in Freeport Proper.

## **ITINERARY - Best of the Bahamas 10 Night Charters**

The 'Best of the Bahamas' unique itinerary will depart West End for Bimini and dive around North Bimini to South Bimini moving to South pass Cat Cay, Ocean Cay and to the Orange Cay area. The yacht will do some early morning and late night traveling to cover the area. The itinerary will then travel to the Tiger

Beach area for 3 – 4 days. Most days 4 – 5 dives a day will be offered. The itinerary will be dependent on weather and is up to the discretion of the Captain. There are no additional fees over and above the Exuma Land and Sea Park itinerary and Tiger Beach itinerary.

## **WELCOME**

As you prepare for your diving adventure onboard the Bahamas 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 email address and telephone numbers. Please download the most recent “Know Before You Go” before your vacation. The Reservations Office and Bahamas 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 the boat. There is a computer station and satellite phone onboard. It is likely your cell phone/email will work depending on your service provider and cellular reception in the area where the yacht is located; however, we suggest you check with your provider prior to traveling. Cell service is usually available in the Exumas and Eleuthera.

If you need to send an email, you may use the boats email account for a fee. Don't forget to use your Aggressor luggage tags on your luggage handle.

We recommend you travel with a carry on bag with a change of clothes, bathing suit, medication and toiletries. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected luggage delay more bearable. In any case whereas your dive gear is delayed, you will be provided with ‘Free’ loaner equipment.

## **PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION**

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your period of stay, you must have adequate funds to support yourself, and a return airline ticket to travel to the Bahamas. US citizens require a passport with two empty pages 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. 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.***

## **ARRIVAL (Nassau Itinerary)**

The Bahamas Aggressor operates out of Nassau. Once you are cleared from customs – you walk out a set of twin double doors. As soon as you are out the doors – turn left and 50 feet in front of you is the exit from the terminal and the taxi stand. If you look to your left – on the wall is a sign hanging that states the fixed fares to different regions around the island. The taxis are lined up and a “starter” will assign you to a cab. Tell the taxi driver you want to go to “Elizabeth on Bay Marketplace and Marina”, aka the Yoga Dock in downtown. This is just 2 blocks past the cruise ship terminals. Airport Transfers are not included with the cost of your charter. At the end of the charter, the Captain will assist with organizing transportation to the airport or hotel if you are extending your stay. If you are already in Nassau, please make your own way to the Bahamas Aggressor anytime between 4 – 6 pm. The yacht departs for the first anchorage at 6 pm.

**Dockage:** The yacht will dock in and out of “Elizabeth on Bay Marketplace and Marina”, aka the “Yoga Dock” in downtown.

**Airport:** Guests will fly in and out of Nassau International Airport, (airport code is NAS). Transfers are not included. It is approximately a 20-minute taxi ride from the airport to “Elizabeth on Bay Marketplace and Marina” aka “Yoga Dock” and should cost approximately \$30.

## **ARRIVAL (Freeport, Grand Bahama Itinerary)**

The Bahamas Aggressor operates out of Freeport, Grand Bahama Island for the Tiger Beach trips. Airport transfers are not included with the cost of your charter. At the end of the charter, the Captain will assist with organizing transportation to the airport or hotel if you are extending your stay. If you are already in Freeport, please make your own way to the Bahamas Aggressor anytime 4 – 6 p.m. The yacht will depart for the first anchorage at 6 pm.

**Dockage:** The yacht will dock in and out of Old Bahama Bay Resort: [Old Bahama Bay](#)

**Airport:** Guests will fly in and out of Grand Bahama International Airport, (airport code is FPO). Transfers are not included. It is about 30 - 45 minute taxi ride to “Old Bahama Bay”. The cost is approximately \$75.

## **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 Bahamas Aggressor require each guest to complete a Cruise Application and Waiver prior to departure and diving through our online GIS (Guest Information System). If you have not received a link to complete the online Guest Information System (GIS), please call a Aggressor Fleet agent. ***Passengers who fail to complete it 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.

## **FEES & TAXES (per person)**

Each guest must pay a \$100 (2017) and \$110 (2018) and \$158 (10-night charters) US port and park fee onboard at the end of the charter when settling your bill. These may be paid by Visa, MC or cash. Personal checks and travelers checks cannot be accepted.

## **HEALTH**

The Bahamas 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. There is a recompression chamber located in Nassau.

Aggressor Fleet yachts 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. There is NO smoking allowed inside the yacht or on the dive deck. Smoking is only permitted on the rear of the sun deck.

## **THE YACHT**

The Bahama Aggressor is a 100' yacht with a wide beam. Built and powered for comfort, safety and stability, she is diesel-powered, cruises at 12 knots and has 110-volt power onboard. All staterooms are equipped with standard US outlets and USB ports for charging electrical devices. Accommodations include 5 Deluxe cabins with a double and single berth and 1 Quad cabin with two sets of twin bunks. All staterooms have climate controls.

The Bahama Aggressor sleeps 14 guests in privacy and comfort. She features a roomy, air conditioned salon and dining area, sun deck complete with a hot tub, lounge and deck chairs, stereo and CD player, shaded wet bar and grill, a complete photo center with a digital video and still photo editing computer. Diving amenities include Nitrox (unlimited Nitrox is \$100 per week or \$150 for 10 night trips), individual dive lockers, camera table with low-pressure air hoses, and two hot, fresh water showers. The yacht is not responsible for 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.

## **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, 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. 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 the high duty charged on liquor, we suggest you bring your special brand from the U.S. 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 and walking shoes for you 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 movies, music, 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 100<sup>th</sup> dive, please let us know so the crew can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the USA reservations office prior to traveling so the crew is notified in advance.

## **DIVING CONDITIONS**

You will be diving in water that averages 78 - 84°F in the summer months and approximately 75 - 80°F in the winter months, though in January the water temperature may drop to 72F. Most guests make as many as 5 dives each day, so some sort of protection is needed. A 3-5mm wetsuit is recommended year round. All diving is from the mother ship.

## **DIVING**

The crew of the Bahama Aggressor, with their unique combination of talents, offers the ultimate 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 (one on the last day) including night dives.

There is ample storage space for your diving equipment in your personal locker. The Bahama Aggressor provides 80 cubic ft. tanks, weight belts and weights. The stern and platform area is very spacious. The boarding ladders were designed for convenience to allow divers easy entries and exits. Enjoy fresh water showers on the back deck after your dives and dry off with a warm towel.

All diving onboard the Bahama Aggressor should be within the limits and standards of the training agency that certified you. All dives should be planned no decompression dives.

## **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 yacht 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 as well as 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, they do 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.

## **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**

Conservation laws do not permit spear fishing or collecting.

## **RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT**

A full line of Aqua Lung rental gear is available onboard including regulators, BCs, dive computers, and night-lights: [Aggressor Fleet Rental Equipment](#) 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 Bahamas 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 Bahamas 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.

## **UNDERWATER VIDEO/DVD**

Our Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard the Bahama Aggressor 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. One day during the week, the crew will have a 'boutique day'. The Bahama Aggressor accepts cash (USD), Visa & MasterCard. Sorry, no travelers checks or personal checks, Amex or Discover Cards.

## **FRIDAY OR DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE**

After diving on Friday, the Captain or assistant will collect payment for purchases made throughout the week. The Bahama Aggressor returns to Nassau or Freeport (depending on itinerary) at approximately 1:00 p.m. to provision and fuel. This is your opportunity to shop, take a tour or just relax. These tours plus hotel arrangements can be arranged prior to traveling through Aggressor Fleet. The Bahama Aggressor crew will host a sunset cocktail party Friday evening. Dinner is not served onboard this evening and the crew will assist you with your dinner reservations and arrange transportation to a local restaurant.

## **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, or credit card.

## **CHECKOUT**

Saturday morning after a continental breakfast, you will depart for the airport at approximately 8:00 a.m. If you are extending your stay, arrangements can be made for transportation to your local hotel.