

WHERE ARE THE CAYMAN ISLANDS?



The Cayman Islands is a British Crown Colony made up of three islands. Grand Cayman is located 480 miles south of Miami. Little Cayman and Cayman Brac are 80 miles to the northeast of Grand Cayman. They are an attractive mix of Caribbean charm and American efficiency. The islands are emerging peaks of the submarine Cayman Ridge, which extends from the Cuban Sierra Maestra Range to the Misteriosa Banks off Honduras. The islands were formed by living corals gradually capping the mountain peaks. The Cayman Islands were discovered in 1503 by Christopher Columbus.

CAYMAN AGGRESSOR IV INCLUDES:

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private toilets, showers and sinks. 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. 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.

ITINERARY

Throughout the week you may dive all areas of Grand Cayman, the Russian Destroyer in Cayman Brac and the Bloody Bay Wall area of Little Cayman. The itinerary is completely dependent on the winds and weather. With all dives from the mother ship, unlimited diving is offered. Diving begins Sunday morning and ends Friday around noon when the Aggressor returns to port. The crew hosts a sunset cocktail party at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner ashore. Saturday morning check out is at 8 am. Transportation can be arranged to the Grand Cayman Airport or a local hotel in the vicinity of the yacht. Throughout the week there will be opportunities to go ashore for swimming, snorkeling and beach combing.

WELCOME

As you prepare for your diving adventure onboard the Cayman Aggressor IV, 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. The Reservations Office and Cayman Aggressor IV 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. There is a satellite phone onboard; however, it does not have a recorder. Don't forget to use your Aggressor luggage tags. They will help the crew identify your bags.

We recommend you pack a 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.

PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket to travel to Grand Cayman, BWI. Travelers must have a passport that is 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 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 (Saturday to Saturday)

The Cayman Aggressor IV operates out of George Town, Grand Cayman, BWI (GCM). Guests arriving on Saturday from 11:30 am – 6 pm are greeted at the airport by a Cayman representative who will assist you with your luggage and getting a taxi at the dispatch station. He will be wearing a Cayman Aggressor IV hat and shirt and will have the guests name on a sign. If guests are unable to locate the representative, they are to go to the taxi dispatch stand (right when you walk out of customs/immigration) and call the local boat cell number provided on the first page of the Know Before You Go. Telephones are located throughout the airport. Cayman taxi regulations only allow tourists to be picked up from the airport by registered taxis. **Airport transfers are not included in 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 Grand Cayman, please make your own way to the Cayman Aggressor IV anytime after 3:00 p.m. Passengers can arrive up until the last flight Saturday evening.

The Cayman Aggressor IV docks in downtown George Town at the North Terminal, weather dependent. During the winter months and the occasional times when the downtown area experiences chopping seas, the Cayman Aggressor IV may be moored at an area named “Spotts Dock” or dockside on Ann Drive in North Sound Estates. Note that if the Cayman Aggressor IV is not docked in town because of rough seas or weather; there is always somewhere calm you can board the yacht.

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 Cayman Aggressor IV require each guest to complete an Application and Waiver prior to departure and boarding through the 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 will be denied boarding.*** Many Aggressor destinations require passenger information for itinerary approval.

TELEPHONE/INTERNET SERVICE/EMAIL

There is a computer station and satellite phone onboard. It is likely your cell phone/email will work depending on your service provider; however, we suggest you check with your provider prior to traveling. If you need to send an email, you may use the boats email account. Web browsing is not available.

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. More information can be found on dive accident and travel insurance on Aggressor Fleet’s website.

FEES & TAXES (per person)

A port fee of \$45 per person \$75 (2018) and \$108 (10-night charters) will be collected at the end of the week. Airport transfers are not included.

HEALTH

The Cayman Aggressor IV 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 recompression chamber is located in Grand Cayman.

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 Cayman Aggressor IV is a 110' yacht with a wide beam. Built and powered for comfort, safety and stability, she is diesel-powered, cruises at 10 knots and has 110-volt power onboard. Accommodations include six Deluxe staterooms, each having a double and single berth, two Single-Share staterooms each with two single berths that share a bathroom/head between the two staterooms and one Master stateroom with one full bed. All staterooms have climate controls.

The Cayman Aggressor IV sleeps 18 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 (has an iPod plug-in), 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 Cayman Aggressor IV has a safe aboard to store valuables such as passports, cash, credit cards or anything else you would like to store. 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, homemade breads, salads and sandwiches and/or entrees. Chef prepared dinners are seated and served each evening including: 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. or last duty free point. Due to local regulations; the bar will be closed while the boat is in port. 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 DVD's, movies, 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 Reservations Office prior to traveling so the crew is notified in advance.

DIVING CONDITIONS

You will be diving in water that averages 82°F in the summer months and approximately 78°F in the winter months. Most guests make as many as 5 dives each day, so some sort of protection is needed. A 1-3mm wetsuit or shorty is recommended year round, however some people prefer a 5mm in January/February. All diving is from the mother ship.

DIVING

The crew of the Cayman Aggressor IV, 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 (2 on the last day) including night dives.

There is ample storage space for your diving equipment in your personal locker. The Cayman Aggressor IV 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 Cayman Aggressor IV 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. 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 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

The yacht does not allow spear fishing or collecting of any kind.

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 Cayman Aggressor IV 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 Cayman Aggressor IV 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 Cayman Aggressor IV 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, and miscellaneous items. One day during the week, the crew will have a 'boutique day'. The Cayman Aggressor IV accepts cash, Visa, & MasterCard. Sorry, no personal checks, travelers checks, AMEX or Discover Cards.

FRIDAY

Friday morning, the Captain or assistant will collect payment for purchases made throughout the week. After lunch, the Cayman Aggressor IV returns to George Town to provision and fuel for the following week. This is your opportunity to go duty-free shopping or sightseeing. The Cayman Aggressor IV hosts a sunset cocktail party Friday evening at 6 p.m. Dinner is not served onboard which is the only meal not provided with the cruise. The George Town area has many fine restaurants that are in walking distance from where the yacht docks.

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 Friday morning, 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

Check out is Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. A continental breakfast will be offered prior to departing. The

crew will assist with arranging transportation to the airport or to your hotel in the George Town area. (transportation costs not included in price of charter) Once on island, if you have a late departure Saturday afternoon, the crew can check the availability of the Sunset House for a day room. They are only able to confirm this Friday, the day before your departure.

Wishing you a wonderful vacation. Please don't hesitate to call or email us if you have any questions.