People to People Group Travel Programs

Walls of Zapata, Bay of Pigs (7 Nights)

AIRLINE CHECKED BAGS

Check with your airline or airlines (if traveling with more than one carrier) regarding luggage allowances, limitations and overage fees. Some airlines have seasonal restrictions to certain destinations that may limit guests to one checked bag or a maximum weight of all checked bags and prohibit extra pieces or over weight pieces.

IMMIGRATION UPON ARRIVAL



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ARRIVAL HAVANA & TRANSFERS

The Cuba Group Travel Program begins on Saturday from the Havana José Martí International Airport. Guests arriving on flights between 10:45 am – 3:30 pm will be greeted by a Cubatur representative wearing a yellow shirt. If you do not see a representative, you may ask for the Cubatur office or counter which is located at the Havana Terminal 3 at the airport. They will assist you with your luggage and transfer you

to the Hotel Paseo, which is about 30 minutes from the airport. The transfer from the Hotel Paseo to the Jardines Aggressor I departs between 4 - 5 pm and is about 3 hours. For anyone who has a delayed flight and does not make the transfer will need to make their own way to the Jardines Aggressor I. It is important the boat if you are making your own way to notify the Jardines Aggressor I. Everyone must be onboard by 9 pm.

Jardines Aggressor I Dock Location for Zapata Itinerary:

Caleta del Sábalo. Km 8 Road to Girón, Road on the right 200 meters passing the entrance to Caleta

FEES & TAXES (per person)

All fees and transportation costs have been prepaid as part of the Cuba Travel Program. Gratuity to the conservation guides and crew is not included.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Sunday – Thursday

The first dive begins Sunday morning. The week will include 5 1/2 days of diving and conservation program.

Friday

After 2 dives the Jardines Aggressor I will return to port where guests will enjoy a cocktail party then dinner onboard.

Saturday Departure to the Airport

Saturday morning travelers will have a continental breakfast then depart at 7:30 am for an approximate three-hour bus ride back to the Havana José Airport International Airport. Most airlines require a minimum of a 2-hour check-in prior to the flight.

PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, a return airline ticket and the verification letter from Oceans For Youth Foundation to travel to Cuba. 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 <u>www.travel.state.gov</u> 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*.

WELCOME

The Reservations Office is in communication with the leaders of the Cuba Group Travel Program. In the event of an emergency, family and friends may call the numbers listed above to relay information. Don't forget to use your Cuba Travel Program luggage tags; they will help the tour guide 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.

JARDINES AGGRESSOR I

The Jardines Aggressor I is a 110' yacht with a wide beam. Both are built and powered for comfort, safety and stability, they are diesel-powered, cruise at 10 knots and have 110-volt power onboard. Accommodation on the Jardines Aggressor I sleeps 20 and includes two Master staterooms, each having 2 twins that can be made into a king, eight Deluxe staterooms, each with single side-by-side beds. All staterooms have hair dryers, air conditioning climate controls with private bathrooms fitted with a shower, toilet and sink. Linens are changed mid-week, by request, and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed. Filled tanks, weights and weight belts are included.

The Jardines Aggressor I 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 (must be prepaid), individual dive lockers, camera table with low-pressure air hoses, and two hot, fresh water showers. The yacht 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 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.

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.

C-CARDS

Remember to bring your c-card or proof of certification. The divemaster requires proof of certification before the first dive.

GIS (GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM)

The Reservations office and the Cuba Travel Program 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 participating in the program.*

TELEPHONE/INTERNET SERVICE/EMAIL

There is no email or internet available onboard the yacht.

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 the cancellation policies. HEALTH

The yachts have 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 transdermal 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 Havana.

The yachts 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.

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 yachts 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 your time on shore.

MISCELLANEOUS TRAVEL INFORMATION

Drones, satellite phones, stand-alone GPS, Nautilus Lifeline Rescue Units (and other units), dive knives and walkie-talkies are not allowed in Cuba.

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 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 4 dives each day and 2 on Friday, 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 tenders.

DIVING

The crew of the Jardines Aggressor I 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 including night dives and 2 on the last day.

There is ample storage space for your diving equipment in your personal locker. The Jardines Aggressor I 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 Jardines Aggressor I 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

Cuban conservation laws do not permit 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 but must be pre-paid. If any of your dive equipment fails while onboard, the crew will loan you equipment free of charge.

UNDERWATER VIDEO/DVD

Our Video Professional will capture your diving adventure onboard the Jardines Aggressor I to share with family and friends.

FRIDAY

Friday afternoon the Jardines Aggressor I returns to Playa Larga (Zapata) in the afternoon to provision and fuel for the following week. Friday night the crew will host a sunset cocktail party followed by dinner onboard.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included in the Cuba Travel Program. We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service the staff has provided. When traveling back to Zapata on Friday, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided with the yacht staff, those who assisted you in Havana and you and the transport drivers. <u>Payment can be made by cash only.</u>

CHECKOUT

Check out is Saturday morning at 7.30 am after a continental breakfast is offered.

PROGRAM LOGS

Each week we post the Cuba Travel Program log of the previous program on the website and facebook. Please feel free to visit the Oceans For Youth, oceansforyouth.com website and go to the log to find out the weather in Havana, water temperature, visibility, and sightings.

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