

Okeanos Aggressor I & II Itineraries:

Cocos Island – Year Round Know Before You Go Supplement – View travel updates by going to https://www.aggressor.com/pages/special-message

Port: All yacht departures are from Puntarenas **Transfers:** Times are noted at the end of the Know Before You Go.

Day Before Charter Start Date: Guests are to arrive the day before the charter start date and overnight in San Jose, Costa Rica

Starting August 2, 2021: Host Hotel/Pick Up Change: Note the pick ups from the two host hotels are the Holiday Inn Escazu and Park Inn by Radisson San Jose (new)

Reservations Office Contact Information

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AIRLINE CHECKED BAGGAGE

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 overweight pieces.

Subject to change without notice August 2, 2021

COCOS ISLAND ITINERARY

10 nights Charter Sample Itinerary

-	Day 1	Meet in front of host hotel (See last page for pick up times).
		Transfer to Puntarenas for boarding and departure for Cocos Island.
-	Day 2 - 3	Arrive to Cocos Island, diving begins.
-	Day 4 - 9	Eat, Sleep & Dive.
-	Day 9 -10	Travel back to Puntarenas.
-	Day 11	Check out at 7 am and transfer to San Jose Airport or host hotels.

COCOS ISLAND EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN/INSURANCE

Mandatory Emergency Evacuation Program Fee \$30

When medical evacuation is needed, this fee establishes, and funds pre-established and pre-authorized emergency evacuation protocols that have been created to facilitate the immediate dispatch of medical transport. Depending on the benefits under other policies held by the guest, their insurance carrier may or may not have logistics (services or funding) in place to deal specifically with Cocos Island - which could result in delayed response times for the medical evacuation and ultimate first responder care. This new program benefits every passenger aboard, not only the injured diver. Currently if the injured diver's insurance plan fails to respond quickly enough with evacuation plans, the captain of the yacht would be obligated to terminate the cruise early and head back to port – thus impacting everyone's travels. This new program minimizes this risk for all guests. *This fee is paid onboard the yacht*.

Dive accident insurance is mandatory prior to traveling on the Okeanos Aggressor I or II. Proof is required prior to diving. 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 Aggressors cancellation policies. For more information on insurance, visit Diveassure or Divers Alert Network insurance on our website.

FEES & TAXES (required per person)

Cocos Island Park Fee (10 night charters):\$490 non-diver \$350 plus 13% government taxCocos Island Park Fee (8 night charters):\$350 non-diver \$250 plus 13% government taxCocos Island Emergency Evacuation Plan:\$30

Park fees and government tax may be paid in cash or by credit card. If paid by credit card, there is a 3% fee added to the above. All prices are in USD. Costa Rica residents/locals 65 years and older do not pay the above referenced government tax.

COCOS ISLAND DIVING CONDITIONS

You will be diving in water that averages 72 - 82°F with cool thermoclines. Most guests make as many as 3-4 dives each day (night diving is currently not offered), so some sort of protection is needed. A 3-5mm wetsuit is recommended year-round.

The primary attractions in Cocos are the large pelagics, i.e. hammerhead sharks, rays, mantas, turtles, and enormous schools of fish. Occasionally, there are sightings of whale sharks, marlin, and Bottle-Nosed. The bottom of the ocean floor at Cocos Island is volcanic rock. Most of the action is between 50 100 feet with visibility in the 80-100 feet range. All diving is from pangas. You can make up to 4 dives a day: night diving is currently not offered. The approximate 36-hour cruise to the island, and return cruise 28-32 hours, can be uncomfortable to some. We recommend taking precautions for motion sickness. Beginner divers may consider Cocos Island diving slightly difficult due to its ruggedness and currents. This trip is not recommended to new divers or handicapped divers.

THE YACHTS INCLUDE:

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private toilets, showers and sinks. Breakfast (cooked to order), lunch and an elegant chef prepared 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.

WELCOME

Please download or view the most recent "Know Before You Go" before your vacation from <u>www.aggressor.com</u>. It is important to notify our office of last-minute changes concerning your airline arrival and departure times or any changes in your e-mail address and telephone numbers. The Reservations Office and Okeanos Aggressor I & II are in constant communication. In the event of an emergency

family and friends may contact you at the numbers listed on the first page.

We recommend you pack a regulator, mask, fins, and 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.

EXTENDED TOURS AND TRAVEL IN COSTA RICA

Costa Rica is Central America's jewel. It is certainly worth your time to tour Costa Rica before or after your Okeanos stay. Active volcanoes, cloud and rain forest preserves, white water rafting, touring the jungles, canopy and zip line tours through the jungles, visiting the most beautiful beaches in the world; these are just a few of the amazing things to do while in Costa Rica. Aggressor Travel, Aggressor Adventures in house travel department specializes in day tours and extended packages throughout Costa Rica. You may contact them at travel@aggressor.com if you need assistance.

ARRIVAL

Guests travel arrangements **MUST** include a one-night stay-over in San Jose, Costa Rica one day prior to the yachts departure to meet the transfer schedule to Puntarenas from San Jose regardless of which itinerary you are traveling on. Upon your arrival at the airport in San Jose, you are responsible for your transfer to your hotel. Aggressor Liveaboards recommends you stay at the The Holiday Inn Escazu. There are two hotels the Okeanos bus picks up from. On the first day of the charter a bus will pick passengers up at the Park Inn Radisson San Jose then the Holiday Inn Escazu and travel approximately 1 1/2 hours to meet the Okeanos Aggressor I or II, (**times listed on the last page**) If you are not staying at one of these hotels, you will need to make your own way to one of these hotels prior to the pick up times. At the end of the charter, transportation will be provided back to these hotels and the San Jose Arport. The reason for the different pick up times is due to the change in tides. Please notify the Reservations Office 14 days prior to traveling with the name of your hotel or alternate arrangements and your passport numbers. Passport numbers must be submitted for approval to apply for the Park permissions. Failure to do so will result in cancellation.

All guests are required to provide their basic dive certification number and agency they were certified with as well as passport numbers. This information must be submitted through the online Guest Information System (GIS) so proper permits can be obtained prior to arrival.

If you plan to make your own way to Puntarenas, where the Aggressor docks, it is imperative the Aggressor Reservations Office has been notified of your plans. You may board the boat one hour prior to the 'departure from Puntarenas' posted at the end of the Know Before You Go.

This scenic route from San Jose to Puntarenas is a beautiful way to see the lush countryside. Upon your arrival at the Okeanos Aggressor I or II, you will be greeted by the staff. The yachts may be moored offshore due to low tides. Should this occur, you will be transferred by boat and your luggage will be handled for you. (See pick up/departure times at end of KBYG)

PUNTARENAS DOCK ADDRESS

For guests making their own way to Puntarenas, Costa Rica to the Okeanos Aggressor I or II, here is the address:50 metros Oeste de la "antigua municipalidad" de Puntarenas, Tapia azul, porton blanco or 50 meters West of the "old municipality" of Puntarenas, Blue wall, white gate. You may also find it on Waze as "Okeanos Aggressor Dock / Muelle" and in Google Maps as "Okeanos Dock / Muelle / Okeanos Aggressor".

PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your period of stay and you must have a return airline ticket to travel to Costa Rica. 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. 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.*

VACCINE ADVISORY

If you will be traveling to Costa Rica from South America and/or sub-Saharan Africa, you will need the Yellow Fever vaccine. Some of the countries at risk are: Angola, Nigeria, Sudan, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Guyana and Venezuela. Exceptions do exist and we recommend checking the following website for an update. Details can be found at: <u>http://www.costarica-embassy.org</u>

C-CARDS

Remember to bring your c-card or proof of certification if you have not traveled with us before. The divemaster requires proof of certification before the first dive. If you are a repeat guest, you are automatically enrolled in the Travel he World Club and will receive onboard discounts. Your membership is indicated on the Captain's rooming list.

GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

The Reservations Office and the yachts require each guest to complete a Cruise Application and Waiver form, prior to departure and diving. The GIS (Guest Information System) 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 agent. Passengers who fail to complete the GIS or an application/waiver will be denied boarding. Many Aggressor destinations require passenger information for itinerary approval.

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 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 chambers are located in San Jose, Golfito and Puntarenas, Costa Rica.

The 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 yachts 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 inside the boat or on the dive deck.** Smoking is only permitted on the rear of the sun deck.

THE OKEANOS AGGRESSOR I YACHT

The Okeanos Aggressor is a 110' yacht, built and powered for comfort, safety and stability. She is diesel powered, cruises at 10 knots and has 110-volt power on board. Comfortable accommodations for 22 guests includes 9 double staterooms and a quad stateroom. Each stateroom features a private head and shower, and storage space for your luggage. The Okeanos Aggressor has a spacious salon, 40 feet of sun deck, chaise lounges, deck chairs, bar, gand grill.

THE OKEANOS AGGRESSOR II YACHT

The Okeanos Aggressor II is a 120' yacht, built and powered for comfort, safety and stability. She is diesel- powered, cruises at 10 knots and has 110-volt power on board. Comfortable accommodations for 22 guests include 9 deluxe staterooms with double bed lower and twin bed upper, 1 master deluxe stateroom with a queen bed, and 2 suites of which one has two twin beds and the other a king bed. Each stateroom features a private head and shower, and storage space for your luggage. The Okeanos Aggressor II has a spacious salon, covered and uncovered sun deck area, chaise lounges, deck chairs, bar, and grill.

Both yachts have a safe onboard to store valuables such as passports, cash, credit cards or anything else you would like to store. The yachts are 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.

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. When diving at Cocos Island, there is a cell tower with intermittent reception.

FOOD

The menu onboard both yachts is varied and plentiful, with a variety of American feasts, barbecues and local cuisine. If you have any special dietary requirements, please advise the US office as soon as possible so the yacht can adequately prepare to meet your needs. You will wake up to fresh fruits, hot entrees, cereals and juices. Lunches feature 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/International. 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 stateroom. Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear and bathing suits 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, and walking shoes for your time on shore. Cocos Island is a rain forest and it can be quite damp so its recommended you travel with warm clothing such as sweat suits, socks and include a long sleeve shirt for nighttime.

ENTERTAINMENT

There is a variety of nightly entertainment, including diving, fish identification slide shows, movies, games and more. If you have a favorite movie, digital slide show or a video to share, we encourage you to bring it along. The staff especially loves new releases of movies, recent magazines and books. A small library of books for exchange is maintained onboard as well as fish 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 staff can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the US office prior to traveling so they are notified in advance.

DIVING

The staff of the Okeanos Aggressor I and II with their unique combination of talents offers the ultimate service. While on board you may pick a buddy of your choice or dive with a staff member. There is ample storage space for your diving equipment in your personal locker. The Okeanos Aggressor yachts provide 80 cubic ft. tanks, weight belts and weights. All tanks have K-valves (American type) and DIN (European) valves. Adaptors are no longer need DIN adaptors to convert the tanks to fit DIN regulators.

There are a limited number of 100 cu ft/13-liter tanks available. With advanced notice, these can be rented from another operation. The cost is \$120 and must be rented in advance due to availability. Diving amenities include Nitrox (unlimited Nitrox is \$150 for 10-night charters).

The pangas are 22 feet in length. There is ample space for camera equipment and the panga tender will handle it with care. Getting you in and out of the water from the pangas is easy. Once your dive is completed and you're preparing to get back in the panga, a staff member will assist and help take your tank. There is a divemaster on each panga for every single dive. You hand him your weight belt, and the rest is easy. All diving should be within the limits and standards of the training agency that certified you. All dives should be planned with no decompression dives. This trip is recommended for advanced divers. The divemaster has the authority to decide if a diver is able to dive certain dive sites according to their perception of the divers ability to ensure his safety.

Guests will be provided free of charge a GPS locator that operates through satellite in case of an emergency, it sends an SMS to the Okeanos local office with coordinate and to the rescue coordination center with a web link to your location.

We suggest you pack the following: mask, fins, snorkel, 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. Dive computers are mandatory. Each piece of gear should be marked with waterproof paint or tape. Due to the thermoclines and upwelling, we recommend a 3mm wetsuit as a minimum. Most divers use a 5mm wetsuit with booties and a hood. Please see our "Adventure 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. Our staff will be on the dive deck providing surface support for divers. The yacht has 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 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.

GREEN THE FLEET

Contribute to our Green the Fleet sustainability initiatives. Here are a few reminders:

- Avoid traveling with single-use plastics.
- Remove packaging from any new purchases before traveling.
- Travel with a reusable cloth facemask or neck gator verses a disposable one.
- Travel with a refillable water bottle for hydration.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Use an environmentally safe (i.e.: "Reef Safe") sunscreen, or use fabric to cover up instead of relying on chemical protection.
- Conserve and responsibly use fresh water when at your adventure destination.
- Be environmentally conscious in everything you do.

DRY CAMERA CASE

There can be a wet landing by dinghy when going ashore, so photographers should bring a waterproof case such as a Pelican Case for their cameras. Land tours are at the Captain's discretion.

CONSERVATION LAWS

Aggressor Liveaboards do not permit spear guns and Hawaiian slings on any of the yachts.

RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT

A full line of **Aqua Lung** rental gear is available aboard including regulators, BCs, dive computers, and night-lights. If any of your dive equipment fails while onboard, the staff 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 Okeanos Aggressor yachts offer 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. They have a strobe charging station and a large camera table available for your camera and video equipment. Guests should bring their own battery chargers.

Please refer to our web site, www.aggressor.com for detailed information and costs of rental equipment, certification courses, nitrox and photo/video equipment.

UNDERWATER VIDEO/DVD

The Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard the yachts to share with family and friends. Video of the week/DVD (includes all guests and staff) are USD \$65 per person.

SHIPS BOUTIQUE & PAYMENT

There is a mini boutique onboard with assorted t-shirts, and miscellaneous items. The Okeanos Aggressor I & II accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express and traveler's checks. Sorry, no personal checks. Many credit card companies charge a conversion fee. If this happens to you, please contact your credit card company if you have questions. After returning home if you still want boutique items, please visit the Aggressor online boutique at www.aggressor.com. All onboard sales/services (excluding evacuation program) have a 13% government tax added.

GRATUITIES

Staff gratuities are not included in the charter. We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service the staff has provided. When settling your account at the end of the trip, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the staff. Payment can be made by cash, or credit card. (sorry no personal checks or travelers checks)

CHECKOUT

Checkout time is at 7:00 a.m. the morning of departure. The staff will transport you to one of the host hotels, the San Jose airport, or, if

you are not departing until the late afternoon you may take advantage of the jungle crocodile safari or canopy tour. Departing flights should be scheduled after 12:30 p.m. Due to traffic, tides, etc. you will not be able to make an early morning departing flight.

Each week we post the Adventure Log of the previous charter. Please feel free to visit www.aggressor.com and go to the Adventure Log to find out water temperature, visibility, and sightings.

Host Hotel Pick Up Times/Puntarenas Departure Time

The bus picks up at two host hotels in San Jose for transfer to Puntarenas to meet the Okeanos Aggressor I & II. On the first day of the charter a bus will pick passengers up at the Park Inn by Radisson San Jose and then the Holiday Inn Escazu and travel approximately 1 1/2 hours to meet the Okeanos Aggressor I & II. If you are not staying at one of these hotels, you will need to make your own way to one of these hotels prior to the pick- up times. At the end of the charter, transportation will be provided back to these hotels and the San Jose Arport.

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HOLIDAY INN Escazu, Al lado del hospital CIMA, Plaza Tempo Tel: +506 25065052

2021 Schedule for Okeanos Aggressor I and II

8 August – 18 August Park Inn by Radisson: 12:00pm Holiday Inn Escazu: 12:20pm Puntarenas: 3:00pm

14 August – 24 August Park Inn by Radisson: 3:00pm Holiday Inn Escazu: 3:20pm Puntarenas: 6:00pm

26 August – 5 September

Park Inn by Radisson: 1:00pm Holiday Inn Escazu: 1:20pm Puntarenas: 3:00pm

28 August – 7 September

Park Inn by Radisson: 3:00pm Holiday Inn Escazu: 3:20pm Puntarenas: 6:00pm

11 September – 21 September

Park Inn by Radisson: 2:00pm Holiday Inn Escazu: 2:20pm Puntarenas: 5:00pm

18 September – 28 September

Park Inn by Radisson: 9:00am Holiday Inn Escazu: 9:20am Puntarenas: 12:00pm

25 September – 5 October

Park Inn by Radisson: 2:00pm Holiday Inn Escazu: 2:20pm Puntarenas: 5:00pm

5 October – 15 October

Park Inn by Radisson: 11:00am Holiday Inn Escazu: 11:20am Puntarenas: 2:00pm

14 October – 24 October

Park Inn by Radisson: 7:00am Holiday Inn Escazu: 7:20am Puntarenas: 10:00am

20 October – 30 October

Park Inn by Radisson: 12:00pm Holiday Inn Escazu: 12:20pm Puntarenas: 3:00pm

30 October – 9 November

Park Inn by Radisson: 7:00am Holiday Inn Escazu: 7:20am Puntarenas: 10:00am

9 November – 19 November

Park Inn by Radisson: 1:00pm Holiday Inn Escazu: 1:20pm Puntarenas: 3:00pm

14 November – 24 November

Park Inn by Radisson: 8:00am Holiday Inn Escazu: 8:20am Puntarenas: 11:00am

22 November – 2 December

Park Inn by Radisson: 11:00am Holiday Inn Escazu: 11:20am Puntarenas: 2:00pm

4 December – 14 December

Park Inn by Radisson: 11:00am Holiday Inn Escazu: 11:20am Puntarenas: 2:00pm

10 December – 20 December

Park Inn by Radisson: 10:00am Holiday Inn Escazu: 10:20am Puntarenas: 1:00pm (Vessel Transfer)

18 December – 28 December

Park Inn by Radisson: 12:00pm Holiday Inn Escazu: 12:20pm Puntarenas: 3:00pm

28 December – 7 January 2022 Park Inn by Radisson: 7:00am Holiday Inn Escazu: 7:20am Puntarenas: 10:00am