



## OMAN AGGRESSOR

Multiple itineraries let you really delve into this spectacular and varied destination

The convergence of three exotic seas—the Persian Gulf, the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea, each rich in its own unique marine life—makes diving Oman’s 200-plus square miles of reefs incredibly diverse.

To fully explore this abundance, the *Oman Aggressor* divides its time between multiple itineraries.

The Daymaniyat Islands, the first marine reserve in Oman, can be found off the country’s northern coast.

Together, these nine islands are perhaps Oman’s best-known destinations for divers. Think healthy reefs with thick shoals of fish punctuated by dens of moray eels and troops of cuttlefish, as well as sting-rays, leopard sharks and more.

Plus, because these islands are home to nesting grounds for hawksbill and green sea turtles, sightings are common on most dives. This area also supports a wide diversity of macro life,

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**BOAT SPECS** Length/Beam 148 feet/28 feet **Passenger-to-Staff Ratio** 22/13 **Staterooms/beds** 11/22 **Bathrooms** Staterooms have private head and shower, individual climate control, toiletries, fresh towels daily and hair dryer **Sundeck** Yes **Food/Beverages** Yes, including local beer and wine



## NEED TO KNOW

### HOME PORT

Depends on itinerary

### DIVE SEASON

Year-round

### DIVE CONDITIONS

74-86° F

### TRAVEL TIP

The souks can be wonderfully addictive for shoppers keen to scoop up deals on pottery, frankincense, clothing and more. Shipping back to the States can be unreliable, so tuck an empty duffel bag inside your suitcase—that way you can travel home with delicate buys protected in the suitcase, and dirty clothes in the duffel.

from seahorses to nudibranchs.

In the Hallaniyat Islands, an archipelago found off the southeastern coast of Oman, tourism is still relatively new as the dive community is just beginning to explore the vastness of the region.

The diving highlights are big, starting with a resident pod of humpback whales. Add to that manta rays,



*Oman Aggressor* offers multiple itineraries, each with its own rugged beauty. Whichever you choose, an overwhelming array and density of wildlife is guaranteed, from massive schools of fish of all kinds to nudibranchs—often of a wondrous size—galloping across practically every site; big pelagics like whale sharks also are not uncommon. Onboard, the Euro-stylings of the sleek yacht have the feel of a luxury cruise ship more than a typical dive liveaboard.

sperm whales and huge pods of dolphins, which stay in the area thanks to the massive schools of fish found at the dive sites.

It's also possible to get a taste of both the Daymaniyat and Hallaniyat Islands, for a broader taste of Oman's underwater wonders, with a combined itinerary.

Regardless of which itinerary you choose, you can expect not only untouched reefs, but also that feeling of remote wilderness, of escaping the crowds entirely for an experience all your own in this up-and-coming destination.

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### GET MORE

From the heady spices in the souks to the feeling of smallness in ancient Petra, the desert abounds in sensory riches and a history unmatched by most of the world. With a few days added onto your adventure, the Aggressor Travel team can arrange every detail of a visit to a site such as Petra, a city in Jordan dating to 312 BC. This location is best known for Al Khazneh, a treasury carved into a canyon, recognizable to modern generations as the scene of the finale in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*. From here, carry on to the Dead Sea, where swimming is easy thanks to high salinity. The Aggressor Travel team also specializes in trips to Mutrah Souk near Muscat City in Oman, as well as visits to the natural splendor of Khalidiya Park or the glistening city of Dubai, both in the United Arab Emirates.