Turks & Caicos Aggressor II

(Trips are 6, 7 or 10 nights)

Aggressor Adventures Reservations Office

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ARRIVAL (Saturday to Saturday on Standard Itinerary)

The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II operates out of Providenciales (Provo). Transfers are included as part of your package on the embark/disembark days of the charter from the airport to the yacht and at the end of the trip from the yacht back to the airport. Guests arriving Saturday on the day of your charter, are greeted at the airport by a staff member in uniform that will have a 'Turks & Caicos Aggressor II' sign. If you are already on the island, please make your own way to the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II, which docks at the Turtle Cove Marina, any time after 3:00 p.m. Guests arriving early Saturday may store their luggage onboard; however, they cannot board the yacht until 3:00 p.m. The staff needs this time to prepare for the charter. In the unforeseen event you arrive on Sunday, arrangements can be made to get you onboard. There may be a charge for this depending on the location of the yacht.

ITINERARY

The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II departs from Providenciales or better known as 'Provo'. Throughout the week guests will visit Providenciales, West Caicos and French Cay. The sheer walls of Providenciales begin at 40 feet, plunging into the deep blue abyss and include crevasses and ledges that are decorated with huge orange Elephant Ear sponges, Gorgonians and Crimson Rope Sponges. The itinerary April through

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December departs from Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Islands and is completely dependent on the winds and weather. With all dives from the mothership, unlimited diving is offered. On the standard 7-night itinerary, diving begins Sunday morning and ends Friday around noon when the Aggressor returns to port. The staff hosts a sunset cocktail party at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner ashore (within walking distance). Saturday morning guests are transferred to the 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. Be sure to remember the suggested 24-hour no-fly rule when planning your departure. Please review your invoice to confirm your exact embarkation and disembarkation dates as the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II offers several different itineraries.

FEES & TAXES (per person)

Each guest must pay a \$110 (7-nights) or \$158 (10 nights) per person bed tax. The tax will be collected onboard at the end of the charter. (not included in the charter rate)

TURKS & CAICOS AGGRESSOR II INCLUDES:

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private toilets, showers and sinks. Breakfast (cooked to order), lunch and an elegant meal at dinner with tableside service are served in addition to fresh midmorning 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 upon request and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed. Filled tanks, weights and weight belts are included.

WELCOME

Please download the most recent "Know Before You Go" prior to traveling from www.aggressor.com. The Reservations Office and Turks & Caicos Aggressor II are in constant communication. In the event of an emergency, family and friends may contact you at the above numbers. There is a satellite phone onboard; however, it does not have a recorder.

We recommend you pack a 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

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 Providenciales, BWI. 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.

C-CARDS

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 Travel 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 Turks & Caicos Aggressor II require each guest to complete an

Application and Waiver prior to departure and diving 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 Liveaboards agent. *Passengers who fail to complete it online will be denied boarding.* Many Aggressor destinations require passenger information for itinerary approval.

TELEPHONE/INTERNET SERVICE

There is a computer station onboard and the satellite communications system can be used for phone calls and incoming/outgoing emails, there is a cost for this. It is likely your cell phone/email will work part of the time depending on your service provider and the location of the yacht. Wi-Fi is available at the marina where the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II docks and cell service is available when diving North West Point which is usually the first and last day of the charter.

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 Adventures's cancellation policies, which can be found on www.aggressor.com. More information can be found on Diveassure or Divers Alert Network insurance on our website.

HEALTH

The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II 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 nearest recompression chamber is in Providenciales.

Aggressor liveaboard yachts and their staffs 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 staff 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 Turks & Caicos Aggressor II is a beautiful 120-foot yacht, designed and powered for comfort, safety and stability. She is diesel-powered, cruises at 10 knots and has 110-volt power on board. Accommodations include six Deluxe staterooms, each having a double and single berth with ensuite bath and flat screen TV and DVD player, two Single-Share staterooms each with two single berths that share a bathroom/head between the two staterooms with flat screen TV and one Master suite for couples that has one large double bed with ensuite bath and a flat screen TV and central climate control.

She features a roomy, air-conditioned salon and dining area, sun deck complete with a hot tub, lounge and deck chairs, stereo, 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), individual dive lockers, camera table with low-pressure air hoses, and two hot, freshwater showers. Custom-designed chase boats with outboard motor are available for shore excursions.

The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II 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 lost, damaged or stolen items. We highly recommend 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 feature 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. 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.

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 better yet 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.

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 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.

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 staff can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the Reservations Office prior to traveling so the staff 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 staff of the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II, 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 staff. 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 Turks & Caicos Aggressor II 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 freshwater showers on the back deck after your dives and dry off with a warm towel.

All diving onboard the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II 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 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. The yacht 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, 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.

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 Turks & Caicos Islands conservation laws do not permit spear fishing or collecting.

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 Turks & Caicos Aggressor II 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 Turks & Caicos Aggressor II has 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, and photo/video equipment.

UNDERWATER VIDEO

Our Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II to share with family and friends. Video of the week (includes all guests and staff) are USD \$65 per person and put on a thumb drive.

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 staff will have a 'boutique day'. The yacht accepts cash, Visa, & MasterCard. Sorry, no AMEX, personal checks, travelers checks or Discover Cards. In addition to the boutique onboard, Aggressor Adventures has an online boutique at www.aggressor.com.

LAST DIVING DAY

Friday morning, the Captain or assistant will collect payment for purchases made throughout the week. After the early morning dives, the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II returns to Provo at approximately noon to provision and fuel for the following week. This is your opportunity to shop, sightsee, just relax or check e-mail (wireless is available at the dock). The Turks & Caicos Aggressor II 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. Turtle Cove has 5 restaurants within walking distance of the boat's dock. The staff can recommend a restaurant and arrange reservations. A variety of activities can be arranged by your agent or the onboard manager with advanced notice. Feel free to discuss any available excursions with the Captain or staff on board during the week who can arrange for such activities with local operators.

GRATUITIES

Staff 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 staff. Payment can be made by cash, or VISA/MC. (Sorry no personal checks, AMEX or travelers checks)

CHECKOUT

If you do not have plans to extend your stay in Provo we recommend an early morning departure.

EARLY MORNING DEPARTURES FROM YACHT: The taxi will pick up between 5:45 AM – 6:15 AM. A continental breakfast is available.

ALL OTHER DEPARTURES: Check out is at 8:00 AM. Guests may keep their luggage onboard but must depart at 8:00 AM to prepare for the following week. The Captain will inform you of your departure time to the airport and the designated meeting area. If you have a Saturday afternoon flight and would like to do an island tour, the Captain can arrange this for you. If you are extending your stay in Provo the staff can assist you in organizing a taxi to your hotel.

ADVENTURE LOG

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