

Cayman Aggressor IV

Aggressor Adventures Reservations Office

Office Hours

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AIRPORT, BOARDING, TRANSFERS & FEES

NEW DOCK LOCATION: You will fly into Grand Cayman's International Airport (GCM), officially the Owen Roberts International Airport. Once you clear customs – you walk outside where the taxi dispatch stand is located and take a taxi to the yacht. Airport transfers are not included.

The Cayman Aggressor IV docks at the **George Town Yacht Club (Restaurant), located in the Barcadere Marina**. If you arrive early on the departure day, you may leave your bags at the yacht location and enjoy lunch at the beautiful Marina Bar/Restaurant before boarding at 4 pm.

For some reason if the yacht is unable to dock at The Barcadere Marina due to weather; you will be notified by an Aggressor agent.

If you are already in Grand Cayman, please make your own way to the Cayman Aggressor IV any time after 4:00 p.m. Passengers can arrive at the yacht until the last flight Saturday evening. The Cayman Aggressor IV departs from the dock early Sunday morning. At the end of the charter, the captain will assist with organizing transportation to the airport or hotel (if staying in the area) if you are extending your stay.

The taxis in Grand Cayman do not have meters. Please confirm the price with your driver before entering a cab. The government publishes a fixed fare schedule based on distance,

number of passengers, and number of pieces of luggage. Travelers can use the CI:Go app to input their journey to learn what the government-published tariff should be. To download the app, search for "CIGO Taxi Fare" in your app store.

Sample fares from the app for 2 guests and 6 bags are: Airport to George Town Yacht Club, Barcadere Marina USD \$12 and Airport to South Terminal USD \$23.

FEES & TAXES:

A port fee of \$95 pp (7 nights) or \$135 pp (10 nights) will be collected at the end of the week. These fees can be paid by Visa, MasterCard, or cash (USD or Cayman Islands currency). Travelers' checks are not accepted. All fees are paid on board at the end of the week.

**Many countries that accept USD cash require the bills to be in exceptionally good condition. Any that have excessive wrinkles, tears, wear marks and are old-style bills are not normally accepted. **

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 staff hosts a sunset Guest Appreciation 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 airport or a local hotel near the yacht location.

DETOURS TRAVEL DEPARTMENT

The Aggressor Detours travel department can book your airline travel, hotels, and tours while you are in Cayman. Please visit our website (<u>https://www.aggressor.com/pages/aggressor-detours</u>) or email <u>travel@aggressor.com</u> to learn about all the options available to you.

WELCOME

In an emergency, family and friends may contact you at the numbers listed on the first page.

We recommend you pack a swimsuit, change of clothes, medication, telephone charger, and toiletries in your carry-on bag. We recommend having these items with you in the event of an unexpected luggage delay.

PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

All travelers must have a passport valid for at least six (6) months beyond their period of stay, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket when traveling. It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have the correct documentation for entry into each country on their itinerary, including any visas required, as well as documentation for re-entry to their home country.

Visa and entry requirements vary by destination and are subject to change. Travelers should check with the appropriate consulate or embassy of each country they plan to visit. U.S. citizens may refer to the U.S. Department of State website at www.travel.state.gov for passport and visa information, including requirements for children and consulate contacts by country. International travelers should consult the equivalent agency or foreign affairs office in their own country for destination-specific travel requirements and re-entry regulations.

A useful resource for checking current travel, visa, and health requirements is the IATA Travel Centre.

Please note: There are specific requirements for children departing the United States, and many countries have adopted similar measures for child protection. The Reservation Office and staff cannot assume responsibility for passengers who do not have the 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 rooming list.

GIS (GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM)

The Reservations office and the Cayman Aggressor IV require each guest to complete a cruise 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) or need to make updates or changes to the information within, please call an Aggressor agent. *Passengers who fail to complete it will be denied boarding.* Many Aggressor destinations require passenger information for itinerary approval. Your information will assist the staff to locate guests more easily in case of any last-minute changes, or travel delays.

TELEPHONE/INTERNET SERVICE/EMAIL

There is no satellite phone or internet service onboard; only cell, a sat messenger (for emergencies) and a single side band. Cell service is available most of the time around Grand Cayman and when on a mooring. It is possible your cell phone/email will work depending on your service provider; however, we suggest you check with your provider prior to traveling.

INSURANCE

We strongly recommend each guest purchase a CFAR (cancel for any reason) insurance policy and LiveAboard Rider. To learn more about these policies, visit our website and go to 'Purchase Insurance.' <u>https://www.aggressor.com/pages/insurance</u>. For any insurance policy information/questions, please contact your chosen insurance provider.

CAYMAN AGGRESSOR IV INCLUDES:

Accommodations of the luxury yacht liveaboard staterooms include climate controls, TV and media players, and private bathrooms. The yacht has 110-volt power with US outlets. The Cayman Aggressor IV staterooms each have a safe aboard to store valuables such as passports, cash, credit cards or anything else you would like to store. Diving amenities on the liveaboard yacht include a camera table with low-pressure air hoses, and two hot, freshwater showers. All meals (excluding Friday night dinner ashore), snacks, beverages, and local beer and wine are provided.

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 in Grand Cayman. Aggressor 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 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.

FOOD & BEVERAGES

Aggressor yachts, river cruises, signature lodges and floating resorts operate in remote locations which limits the availability of certain foods and edibles, which can be unavailable in grocery stores and markets. While our culinary teams strive to accommodate individual requests, it is important to recognize that they cannot guarantee it despite their best efforts. Guests with dietary restrictions and food allergies should be aware that the same meal is prepared for all guests, making cross-contamination a possibility. Based on this, travelers should plan accordingly and bring pre-packaged goods if needed. The availability of fresh produce may vary weekly, and they may have a limited selection depending on the destination and availability. The concept of "organic" is infrequent, and items like "gluten-free" products are seldom found in these remote locations.

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.

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 sunbather until the next day.

PACKING

Please plan to travel light, as on all liveaboard dive yachts, space is limited. Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear; sunscreen and swimsuits are a must. A light sweater or jacket is ideal for evenings. Dress attire is always casual and informal. Additional items you may want to bring are sunglasses and walking shoes for your 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 staff especially loves new releases of movies. A small library of books and fish identification books for reference is maintained onboard.

CELEBRATING A SPECIAL OCCASION

If you will be celebrating a special occasion like an anniversary, birthday, honeymoon, wedding, or your 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

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. The staff of the Cayman Aggressor IV, with their unique combination of talents, offers the ultimate service. The yacht offers up to five dives per day (2 on the last day) including night dives.

The Cayman Aggressor IV provides 80 cubic ft. tanks, weight belts and weights. The stern and platform area are 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 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

We understand that diving is not just an activity; it's a passion for exploring our underwater world. That's why we empower you and your buddy to take charge of your diving experience. While in the water, you and your buddy are in charge. Every dive begins with a comprehensive briefing from our experienced staff, providing you with the information you need. As certified divers, you and your buddy are responsible for planning and conducting your dives while respecting the limits of your experience and those set by the briefing and your certification agency.

When diving is executed directly off the yacht, at least one staff member will be in the water offering support, underwater photography and videography, and critter spotting services. On select dive sites, a staff member may assist a group in finding specific points of interest. However, we do not directly supervise dives, and guests are not required to follow the in-water staff member. In some destinations, especially those with *tender diving*, a staff member will accompany each tender group and be in the water to offer assistance and ensure the group stays together. However, buddy teams can operate independently. If a buddy team needs to surface early, the entire group is not required to abort the dive and follow. The buddy team should follow their training procedures for surfacing from a dive and signaling the tender driver or yacht staff that everything is OK once on the surface.

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. Tanks with K valves will work with most standard regulators. A limited number of DIN valve adapters are available. If you require a DIN valve, we highly recommend you bring your own adapter.

CONSERVATION LAWS

The yacht does not allow spear fishing or collecting of any kind. Wearing gloves while diving or snorkeling in Cayman waters is prohibited

RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT

A full line of Mares 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. If your preference is a shorty wetsuit, we recommend bringing your own.

CERTIFICATION & SPECIALTY COURSES

Further your education while onboard an Aggressor yacht! The following courses are offered onboard: SSI Adventurer Course or the PADI equivalent Advanced Open Water Diver Course, and SSI or PADI Enriched Air / Nitrox Courses. Course fees are payable once onboard and the instructor confirms the course. The training agency utilized to provide your course will vary based on your instructor's affiliations. Other specialty courses may be available onboard and will be presented to you after your arrival as part of your initial briefings.

PHOTO/VIDEO

The yacht offers support for digital photographers, including a PC for downloading photos. The Photo pro teaches the digital U/W Photography specialty course and is available for coaching or tips to improve your shooting in this environment. The yacht has a charging station and a large camera table available for your camera and video equipment. A Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard to share with family and friends. The video of the week (includes all guests and staff) is \$65 US.

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 Cayman Aggressor IV accepts cash, Visa, & MasterCard. Sorry, no personal checks, traveler's checks, AMEX, or Discover Cards. You may also purchase boutique items online at <u>https://aggressorboutique.com</u>.

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 for fuel and to provision 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 Friday, which is the only meal not provided with the cruise. The George Town area has many fine restaurants that are within walking distance of where the yacht docks.

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 Friday morning, the captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the staff. Payment can be made using cash, Visa, or MasterCard.

CHECKOUT

Check out is Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. A continental breakfast will be offered prior to departing. The staff will assist with arranging transportation to the airport.

ADVENTURE LOGS

Each week we post the log of the previous charter on the website and Facebook. Please feel free to visit www.aggressor.com and go to the Adventure Log's page to find information about water temperature, visibility, and sightings.