

# Roatan Aggressor

# **Aggressor Adventures Reservations Office**

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## **QUICK REFERENCE – AIRPORT, TRANSFERS & FEES**

Arrival/Departure — Roatan's International Airport (RTB), officially, Juan Manuel Gálvez International Airport. Upon arrival after you clear customs, all Saturday flight arrivals are met by a transportation service who will have a representative with a Roatan Aggressor sign at the arrival terminal. Guests will then be transported to the Roatan Yacht Club located in French Harbor, Roatan with their luggage (where the yacht docks) for \$15 USD cash per person paid to the driver. Many countries that accept USD cash requires the bills to be in very good condition. Any that have excessive wrinkles, tears, wear marks and are old-style bills are not normally accepted.

On Saturday at the end of the charter, transportation to the airport will be arranged onboard by the yacht staff. Transportation is provided back to the airport at 8 am for \$15 USD cash per person paid to the driver. As with any airport, it is best to keep track of your luggage and personal items.

**BOARDING:** Guests may board on Saturday (7-night trips) from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. If you arrive prior to this time, you relax at the beautiful Roatan Yacht Club. All guests should be onboard no later than 4:30 pm.

**DEPARTURE:** Saturday morning, check out is at 8 am. Guests will be served a continental breakfast then the staff can arrange a taxi (not included) from the yacht to the airport or a hotel if you are extending your stay.

**FEES & TAXES:** A port fee of USD \$145 must be paid onboard and in CASH. All onboard purchases including courses, boutique, etc. will incur a 19% VAT tax. The yacht accepts MC/Visa and cash.

### **EXTRA TIME IN ROATAN:**

Roatan and the Bay Islands is a beautiful and scenic year-round destination. If you would like to extend your stay, please contact our Aggressor Detours Travel Department, or visit <a href="www.aggressor.com">www.aggressor.com</a> to see

some of the properties we recommend. We highly recommend traveling to Roatan a few days early and staying at the Roatan Yacht Club.

**ROATAN AGGRESSOR INCLUDES:** All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private bathrooms and showers. Breakfast (cooked to order), 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. The yacht is equipped with 110 volt/USB outlets and hairdryers in each stateroom. Linens are changed midweek and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed. Filled tanks, weights and weight belts are included.

ITINERARY: Guests should fly in and out of Roatan, Bay Islands of Honduras (Airport Code RTB). Throughout the week you will be diving many beautiful sites located on the second largest barrier reef in the world including Roatan's West End walls, the south and north side shallow reefs and drop offs, wreck of the El Aguila, reef gardens of Cayos Cochinos, shallow peaked Seamounts off the southeast end of Utila, and north and south sides of Utila. 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 Roatan Aggressor returns to dock in French Harbor. The Roatan Aggressor 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. The Roatan Yacht Club has a beautiful restaurant located where the yacht docks Fri/Sat and is an island favorite. Throughout the week there will be opportunities to go ashore for swimming, snorkeling and beach combing.

**WELCOME:** 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 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.

PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION: Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket to travel to Roatan, Bay Islands of Honduras. Travelers must have a passport that is valid for 6 months from the end date of your travels back home. 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 specific 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:** The Reservations office and the Roatan Aggressor 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 Liveaboards agent. *Passengers who fail to complete it will be denied boarding*. Many Aggressor destinations require passenger information for itinerary approval in advance.

**TELEPHONE/INTERNET SERVICE/EMAIL:** There is a computer station and satellite phone onboard. It is likely your cell phone/email will work depending on your service provider; however,

we suggest you check with your provider prior to traveling. If you need to send an email, you may use the boats email account. Web browsing is not available.

**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 www.aggressor.com and go to 'Insurance.'

**HEALTH:** The Roatan Aggressor 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 located on the island of Roatan. Aggressor Liveaboards 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 "glutenfree" products are seldom found in these remote locations.

The menu onboard is varied and plentiful, with fresh local fruits and veggies, island seafood, and local grown meats serving Caribbean and American feasts, barbecues, and local cuisine. If you have any special dietary restrictions, please be sure these are noted when completing the GIS. You will awaken to fresh fruits, local specialties, 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, fresh local seafood, beef, or chicken with fresh homemade desserts. Once onboard, please speak to the chef about any special needs. Beverages include 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 port. 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:** Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear; sunscreen and swimsuits are necessary. 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. For an extensive packing list, please visit <a href="https://www.aggressor.com">www.aggressor.com</a>.

**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.

**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 Roatan Aggressor, 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. There is ample storage space for your diving equipment in your personal locker. The Roatan Aggressor 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 Roatan Aggressor 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 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: wetsuit, 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 yacht does not allow spear fishing or collecting of any kind.

**RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT:** A full line of Aqualung rental gear is available onboard including regulators, BCs, dive computers, and night-lights (wetsuit rentals are not available). If any of your dive equipment fails while onboard, the staff will loan you equipment free of charge.

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.

**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 Roatan Aggressor offers a photo pro who is available for free coaching. The Roatan Aggressor has a strobe charging station and a large camera table available for your camera and video equipment. The Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard the Roatan Aggressor to share with family and friends for \$65.

Please visit www.aggressor.com for information on rental dive equipment and courses.

**SHIPS BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS:** There is a boutique onboard the yacht, 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.' Onboard sales will be subjected to a 19% sales tax. The Roatan Aggressor accepts cash, Visa, & MasterCard. Sorry, no personal checks, Travelers checks, AMEX, or Discover Cards.

**FRIDAY:** Friday morning the Captain or assistant will collect payment for onboard purchases made throughout the week. After 2 dives, the Roatan Aggressor will return to port to provision and fuel for the following week. This is your opportunity to enjoy one of the many local attractions or go island sightseeing. The Roatan Aggressor 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. The Roatan Yacht Club restaurant which is where the yacht docks is an island favorite.

**GRATUITIES:** Staff gratuities are not included. 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 by cash, MC, or Visa credit card.

**CHECKOUT:** Check out is Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. A local continental breakfast will be offered prior to departing. The staff will assist with arranging transportation to the airport (not included) or to the host hotel (complimentary). Guests with an afternoon flight may enjoy the services of the host hotel and arrange a taxi to the airport from there.

**ADVENTURE LOGS:** Each week we post the Adventure log of the previous charter on the website and Facebook. Please feel free to visit www.aggressor.com and go to the Adventure log to find out water temperature, visibility, and sightings.