

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO AGGRESSOR ADVENTURES

BVI Aggressor **Aggressor Adventures Reservations Office**

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BVI Aggressor Local Numbers

(Fri & Sat at Dock) Yacht Cell: +284-544-0518

Host Hotel & Dock Location:
Village Cay Hotel & Marina, Tortola

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Important Information to Know Before Booking Your Air Arrangements:

- Arrive 1 – 2 days early to enjoy the beautiful island of Tortola
- Boarding time: Saturday 4 – 5 pm (7-night trips)
- Travel direct to Tortola or through San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU); most major airlines have direct flights to SJU; JetBlue, Southwest Airlines, Azul Airlines, American Airlines, Spirit Airlines, Frontier Airlines, United, and Delta.
- Book your airline ticket sooner rather than later (flights into Tortola fill up quickly)
- Be aware of logistical issues if you plan to take a ferry to Road Town, Tortola, where the yacht departs; added costs, departure times not dependable, overbooking, etc.
- Guests are to start making their own way to the yacht and board between 4 – 5 pm Saturday. Everyone must be onboard Saturday evening after the last flight arrives by 8 pm. The yacht departs the dock at 6 am Sunday morning.

QUICK REFERENCE – AIRPORT, TRANSFERS & FEES

Recommended Arrival/Boarding/Departure –The British Virgin Islands’ international airport (EIS), officially the Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport (also known as Beef Island airport), is located on Beef Island, which connects to Tortola via the Queen Elizabeth II bridge. The yacht operates from the Village Cay Hotel & Marina in Road Town which is the host hotel and located 30 minutes from the airport. It is highly recommended for guests to arrive one day prior and stay there. Guests arriving on Saturday or those already on the island should make their own way to the yacht anytime between 4 – 5 pm for boarding. Taxi rates are published and should be \$36 for one passenger, \$18 each if two passengers, and \$15 each if three or more passengers (rates are subject to change). Passengers arriving by air on Saturday

must be onboard Saturday evening after the last flight arrives by 8 pm. Airport transfers are not included in the cost of your charter. At the end of the week, the captain will assist with organizing transportation to the airport or hotel if you are extending your stay.

The BVI Aggressor docks at the Village Cay Hotel (host hotel) & Marina, located on the south side of Tortola in Road Town, the BVI capital and main shopping area. Vehicles drive on the left side of the road in the BVI.

FEES & TAXES:

A port fee of \$95 pp (7-nights) or \$135 pp (10-nights) will be collected at the end of the week.

All amounts will be paid at the end of the charter when settling your bill. These may be paid by Visa, MC or US cash only.

Many countries that accept USD cash require 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.

ITINERARY

Throughout the week, you may dive several areas of the British Virgin Islands, mainly on the outer islands consisting of Norman, Peter, Salt, Cooper, and Virgin Gorda. The itinerary is entirely dependent on the winds and weather. With all dives from tenders, diving is offered daily throughout the week. Diving begins Sunday morning and ends Friday around noon when the BVI Aggressor returns to port. On Friday, the staff hosts a sunset Guest Appreciation Cocktail Party at 5:00 pm., followed by dinner ashore (not included). Saturday morning check-out is at 8:00 am. Transportation can be arranged to the Airport or a local hotel near the yacht. There will be opportunities to go ashore for swimming, snorkeling, and beach combing throughout the week.

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, a change of clothes, travel documents, medication, and toiletries in your carry-on bag. These few items 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 Tortola, BVI. Travelers must have a passport valid for six months from the entry date. It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have the proper documentation to travel into each country on their itinerary and 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 visit 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 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 BVI Aggressor require each guest to complete an Application and Waiver before departure and boarding through the online GIS (Guest Information System). Please call an Aggressor agent if you have not received a link to complete the online Guest Information System (GIS). ***Passengers who fail to complete it will be denied boarding.*** Many Aggressor destinations require passenger information for itinerary approval.

TELEPHONE/INTERNET SERVICE/EMAIL

There is an onboard computer station and satellite phone (fee charged for use). Your cell phone/email may work depending on your service provider; however, we suggest you check with your provider before traveling. If you need to send an email (short text-only), you may use the yacht's email account (there is a fee for this service). Web browsing is not available.

INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that each guest purchase a CFAR (cancel for any reason) insurance policy and Liveaboard Rider. To learn more about these policies, visit www.aggessor.com and go to 'Insurance.'

HEALTH

The BVI 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. There is a recompression chamber in St. Thomas, USVI, at the Roy Lester Schneider Hospital.

Aggressor yachts and their staff cannot accept any medication brought onboard for safe keeping, including those that require refrigeration. Should a guest have a prescription requiring temperature control, they will need to travel with a travel cooling case or a small storage cooler with several blue ice packets. The staff will be happy to store and recharge the blue ice but cannot accept possession or responsibility for the proper care and storage of the 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

The menu onboard is varied and plentiful, with a variety of American feasts, barbecues, and local cuisine. If you have any special dietary restrictions, please note these when completing the GIS. You will awaken to fresh fruits, hot entrees, cereals, and juices. Lunches feature hot soups, homemade bread, salads, 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.

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.

BEVERAGES

The BVI 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 particular brand from the U.S. or the last duty-free point. 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 space is limited on all liveaboard dive yachts. Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear; sunscreen (or UPF clothing) and swimsuits are a must. A light sweater or jacket is ideal for evenings. Dress is always casual and informal. You may also want to bring sunglasses and walking shoes for your time on shore.

GREEN THE FLEET

Please 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 refillable water bottle for hydration
- Use rechargeable batteries
- Use environmentally safe sunscreen.
- 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 video to share, we encourage you to bring it along.

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 before traveling, so the staff is notified in advance.

DIVING CONDITIONS

You will dive in water that averages 82-84°F in the summer months and approximately 76-78°F in the winter months. Most guests make as many as five dives each day, so some thermal 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 tenders, so there will be some transit time from the yacht to a dive site mooring.

DIVING

The staff of the BVI Aggressor, with their unique combination of talents and skills, offer the ultimate service. While onboard, you may pick a buddy of your choice. Guests are offered up to 24 dives (2 on the last day), including 2 night dives.

The BVI Aggressor provides 80 cubic ft. tanks, weight belts, and weights. The stern and dive platform areas 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 BVI Aggressor should be within the limits and standards of the dive training agency that certified you. All dives should be planned as no decompression dives. If you exceed the NDL of your dive computer, you will have to remain out of the water until the dive computer has cleared the NDL violation. This is generally 24 hours.

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 necessary information. 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.

On the BVI Aggressor, all dives are conducted from a tender. A staff member will accompany each tender group and be in the water to offer assistance and ensure the group stays together. However, we do not directly supervise divers; each buddy team still manages their dive. 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 the briefing and their training procedures for surfacing from a dive and signal the tender driver that everything is OK once on the surface. Once the dive time expires (per the briefing), the staff member will organize the remaining buddy teams to surface together for pickup by the tender.

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 other safety devices. Dive computers are mandatory for each guest. Each piece of gear should be marked with your name using waterproof paint or tape.

CONSERVATION LAWS

The BVI government does not allow spearfishing or collecting of any kind.

RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT

A complete line of Aqualung rental gear is available aboard, including regulators, BCs, dive computers, and dive lights. 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.

All course enrollments are finalized onboard. However, to enroll in any scuba training program, all students must complete the Diver Medical Participant Questionnaire. Minors must have this signed by a parent or guardian. The Medical Questionnaire aims to determine if your doctor should examine you before participating in recreational diver training. If you have questions, please consult your physician. All certification agencies require students to complete this form before participating in any in-water activities. Please present this form and the signed Physicians Evaluation Form (if needed) to the onboard instructor to begin any course work. Visit the link below to download the 'Diver Medical Participant Questionnaire.

https://cms.aggressor.com/directus-master/public/uploads/_originals/rstc-medical-2022.pdf

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.

During the week, the Video Professional will capture your diving adventures onboard and create a trip video (includes all guests and staff) to share with family and friends. Topside and underwater shots of the guests will be put to music and shown on Thursday evening. After previewing the video, you can purchase it for USD 65.

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 BVI Aggressor accepts cash, Visa & MasterCard. Sorry, no personal checks, traveler's checks, AMEX, or Discover Card.

FRIDAY

The captain or assistant will collect payment for purchases made throughout the week on Friday morning. After lunch, the BVI Aggressor returns to Village Cay Hotel & Marina to provision and fuel for the following week. This is your opportunity to go shopping or sightseeing. The BVI Aggressor hosts a sunset cocktail party Friday evening at 5:00 p.m. Dinner is not served onboard, which is the only meal not provided with the cruise. The Road Town area has many fine restaurants (taxis are available) and restaurants in the marina within walking distance of the yacht.

GRATUITIES

Staff gratuities are not included in the charter. We believe gratuities should be voluntary based on the quality of service the staff provides. 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.

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CHECKOUT

Check-out is Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. A continental breakfast will be offered before departing. The staff will assist with arranging transportation to the airport or your hotel in the Road Town area (transportation costs are not included in the charter price).

ADVENTURE LOGS

Each week, we post the log of the previous charter on the website and Facebook. Please visit www.aggressor.com and go to the Adventure Logs to find water temperature, visibility, and sightings.