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Philippines Aggressor

Itineraries have different embark/disembark locations, please familiarize yourself. Transfers are complimentary if arriving/departing on the charter start/end dates. (reservations must be made prior to arrival)

Itineraries:

- * Visayas - North (7 nights): Cebu/Cebu (CEB)
- * Visayas - Central (Bobol) (7 nights): Cebu/Cebu (CEB)
- * Visayas - South (7 nights): Cebu (CEB)/Dumaguete (DGT) & Dumaguete/Cebu
- * Visayas - 360 Itineraries (7 & 10 nights): Cebu/Cebu (CEB)
- * Tubbataha - (7 nights) Puerto Princessa/Puerto Princessa (PPS)

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Philippines Aggressor Yacht Cell: TBA

AIRLINE CHECKED BAGS

Check with your airline or airlines (if traveling with more than one carrier) regarding luggage allowances, limitations and overage fees. Some airlines have seasonal restrictions to certain destinations that may limit guests to one checked bag or a maximum weight of all checked bags and prohibit extra pieces or over weight pieces.

ARRIVAL/TRANSFERS

Guests arriving at the above airports on the arrival start date of the charter will be greeted by a staff member in uniform and transferred to the Philippines Aggressor.

BOARDING

Boarding is at 4:00 pm on the charter start date. Please notify the Reservations Office of your arrival time and/or hotel reservations to assist in transfer to the yacht. The yacht docking locations will be announced:

Dock location in Cebu:
Dock location in Tubbataha
Dock location in
Dumaguete:

At the end of the charter the staff will assist organizing transportation to the airport or a hotel if you are extending your stay. Be sure to remember the suggested 24-hour no-fly rule when planning your departure.

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- Day of Embarkation – Prearranged pick up from the airport 4 – 5 PM for transfer to the Yacht for boarding.
Guests may board between 4 – 6 pm. Everyone must be onboard by 6 pm. Dinner is served at 6:00 followed by an orientation and yacht safety briefing.
- Diving the next morning.
- Disembarkation Day – Check out is at 8:00 am. The staff will assist organizing transportation to either the airport or a local hotel if you are extending your stay.

THE YACHT INCLUDES:

All staterooms are air conditioned and fitted with private toilets, showers, sinks, and hair dryers. Linens are changed upon request and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed. Breakfast (cooked to order), buffet lunch and an elegant chef prepared 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. Filled tanks, weights and weight belts are included.

WELCOME

Please download or view the most recent “Know Before You Go” before your vacation from www.dolphinscuba.com/ It is important to notify our office of last minute changes concerning your airline arrival and departure times or any changes in your e-mail address and telephone numbers. The Reservations Office and the yachts are in constant communication. In the event of an emergency family and friends may contact you at the above numbers.

We recommend you travel with a carry on bag with a change of clothes, bathing suit, medication and toiletries. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected luggage delay more bearable. In any case whereas your dive gear is delayed you will be provided with free loaner equipment.

EXTENDED TRAVEL

We highly recommend adding an extension to your itinerary. Aggressor Travel, Aggressor’s in house travel agency specializes in extended packages. For more information, email randy.haight@dolphinscuba.com.

TIME ZONE IN THE PHILIPPINES (GMT+8) is year round, no DST

When it's Noon Sunday in the Philippines, it is:

New York 12:00 A.M. (EDT) Sunday
Saturday

Los Angeles 9:00 P.M. (PDT)

PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, to travel to the Philippines. US citizens require a passport that must be valid for 6 months from date of entry. 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 on board discounts. Your membership is indicated on the Captain's rooming list.

GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

The Reservations Office and both yachts require each guest to complete a Cruise Application and Waiver prior to departure and diving. The GIS (Guest Information System) allows guests to interactively complete all required paperwork that includes the application/waiver, special requests and travel information. If you haven't received a link to access the GIS, please contact an Aggressor agent. **Passengers who fail to complete the GIS or an application/waiver will be denied boarding.** The Palau yachts require passenger information in advance for Port Authority and/or customs clearance.

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 or 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 Aggressors cancellation policies and insurance policies you may have purchased.

FEES & TAXES (per person) (To be announced)

Each guest must pay a \$_____ port fee and additional \$_____ for trips diving at Tubbataha (paid onboard) by cash, Visa or MC at the end of the week. The port fee is not included in the charter rate.

HEALTH

The yachts have 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 _____. This facility is fully operational and _____ from most of the dive sites.

The yacht staff is unable to accept any medication brought onboard for safekeeping 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 crew will be happy to store and recharge the blue ice but are unable to accept possession or responsibility for the proper care and storage of medication. This should be kept in the stateroom. There is **NO smoking allowed inside the boat or on the dive deck**. Smoking is only permitted on the rear of the sun deck.

THE YACHT

The Philippines Aggressor is 135' long with a 28.5 ft. beam, built and powered for comfort, safety and stability. There is a beautiful spacious salon, sun deck with shading, chaise lounges and deck chairs, bar, grill, and a complete photo/video center. They are diesel powered, cruise at 10 knots and have 220V and some 110V power onboard. Comfortable accommodations for 24 guests include 12 spacious staterooms, with 5 on the lower deck, 4 on the main deck, and 3 balcony suites on the upper deck. All have a private bathroom and shower. Each stateroom has ample storage and individual climate controls.

Staterooms have a safe aboard to store valuables such as passports, cash, credit cards or anything else you would like to store. The yachts are not responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen items. We highly recommend extreme 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.

INTERNET/EMAIL

Email is available onboard through the satellite system. There is a charge for incoming and outgoing email. Private calls may be made from the yacht for a charge.

FOOD

The menu aboard is varied and plentiful, with a variety of American feasts, barbecues and local cuisine. If you have any special dietary requirements, please add this to your reservation through the GIS and speak to the yacht chef once onboard so he/she can adequately prepare to meet your needs. You will wake up to fresh fruits, hot entrees, cereals and juices. Lunches are buffet-style, featuring hot soups, homemade breads, salads and sandwiches and/or entrees. Dinners

are chef prepared and served each evening and include salads, vegetables, seafood, beef or chicken with a fresh homemade dessert. Certain special dietary and beverage requests may not be available due to the remote nature of this location so we highly recommend you bring these items with you.

BEVERAGES

The beverage 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 favorite brand. 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 and swim suits 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 sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat and walking shoes for your time on shore.

REEF SAFE SUNSCREEN

Some sunscreen ingredients are not safe for corals; these include oxybenzone, octinoxate, octocrylene, 4MBC, or butylparaben. Research indicates that these chemicals can cause DNA damage to corals, promote viruses in corals, and contribute to the bleaching of corals. So that we can help protect our reefs, and because some dive destinations have banned these chemicals, we encourage you to choose and use a sunscreen that is "coral safe".

ENTERTAINMENT

There is a variety of nightly entertainment, including diving, fish identification presentations, movies, games and more. If you have a favorite movie, digital slide show or a video to share, we encourage you to bring it along. The crew 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.

Whether it's your anniversary, birthday, honeymoon, wedding or you are celebrating a 100th dive, please let us know so the crew can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the US office prior to traveling so the crew is notified in advance.

DIVING CONDITIONS

You'll be diving in water that averages 70-85°F. Most guests make as many as 3-4 dives each day, so some sort of protection is needed. A 3mm wetsuit should be comfortable and adequate. Due to swift currents in some of the locations, we suggest divers bring safety items such as a Dive Alert, Safety Sausage, Life Line, and any other safety items you feel necessary. We also recommend you bring a dive computer which is mandatory and a DIN adaptor if needed. DIN adaptors are available. Most diving in the Philippines is drift diving so guests should be comfortable with a current.

DIVING

The staff of the Philippines Aggressor, with their unique combination of talents, offers the ultimate in service. While onboard you may pick a buddy of your choice or dive with one of the yachts crewmembers. There is ample storage space for your diving equipment in your personal locker. They provide 80 cubic feet tanks, weight belts, and weights. All tanks have K-valves (American type), no DIN (European) valves.

All dives are made from the 20' custom built high speed, outboard zodiacs capable of carrying 12 guests for quick access to even the most remote dive sites. The boarding ladders were designed for convenience to allow divers easy exits and entries. The tenders return to the mother ships after each dive. Each diver has his/her own tank rack, locker, and spacious seating area. There is very little diving from the mother ships but by utilizing the custom dive skiffs for these short runs, guests will still be in close proximity to the Philippines' finest diving. Skiff diving has proven itself in this location. In between dives, you may snorkel, explore secluded beaches, or just relax with a cold drink and mid- morning snack. Guests may dive up to 4-5 dives per day and there is night diving on 2 or 3 nights of the charter, conditions permitting.

We suggest you pack the following: mask, fins, snorkel, regulator with visible pressure gauge, depth gauge, dive computer, buoyancy compensator, and night diving light. Strongly recommended: Spare mask, a dive watch, dive light, safety sausage, whistle, mirror and/or other safety devices. Each piece of gear should be marked with waterproof paint or tape. Please see our “Captain’s Log” on our website for current diving conditions.

Lifelines are recommended and are available for rent for \$25 per unit per week. Dive alerts and safety sausages are required and are available for use at no charge.

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 the 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 and 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, the yachts 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.

CONSERVATION LAWS

Aggressor Liveboards do not permit spear guns or Hawaiian slings on any of the yachts. Diving gloves are illegal to wear while diving at all dive sites in the Philippines.

RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT

A full line of **Aqua Lung** 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, compliments of **Aqua Lung**. If your luggage is delayed or lost, you will be provided a loaner set of equipment based on availability.

CERTIFICATION & SPECIALTY COURSES

Several diving specialty courses are offered onboard including Nitrox, Advanced Open Water, UW Photography, Master Diver and more. The list of available courses and prices are available on our website.

PHOTO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT

Both yachts offer a complete digital photo facility including a PC for downloading photos. The Photo pros are available for free coaching with equipment rental. Photo equipment is available to rent separately or as a complete set up. They have 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/DVD

The Video Professional can capture your diving adventure to share with family and friends. The video of the week (includes all guests and crew) is \$65 US.

SHIPS BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS

There is a mini-boutique onboard with assorted t-shirts, and miscellaneous items. Due to limited availability, we recommend bringing extra batteries and CD's for photos. The Philippines Aggressor accepts cash, Visa, and MasterCard. Sorry, no personal checks, travelers checks or Discover cards are accepted. After returning home if you still want boutique items, please visit the Aggressor online boutique at www.dolphinscuba.com/

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 on Saturday, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the staff. Payment can be made by cash, or MC/Visa (AMEX, personal checks and travelers checks not accepted).

CHECKOUT

Checkout time is at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of disembarkation. If you are extending your stay or flying out, the staff will assist in arranging transportation.

ADVENTURE LOG

Each week we post the ADVENTURE LOG of the previous charter. Please feel free to visit www.aggressor.com and go to the log to find out water temperature, visibility, and sightings.

TRAVEL IN THE PHILIPPINES

- Electrical outlets onboard are 220V and 110V.
- U.S. currency and most major credit cards such as Visa, and MasterCard are accepted at most hotels, restaurants and stores.