

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO AGGRESSOR ADVENTURES

## *Belize Aggressor III & Belize Aggressor IV*

### **Aggressor Adventures Reservations Office**

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M/V Belize Aggressor III

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M/V Belize Aggressor IV

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**PLEASE NOTE** that the Belize government has launched a new Online Immigration and Customs Declaration System. This will be extended to all ports of entry for guests entering Belize. Digital forms can be accessed and completed in advance of travel by clicking this link:

[https://belizetravel.immigration.gov.bz/Belize Digital Forms/](https://belizetravel.immigration.gov.bz/Belize_Digital_Forms/)

### **ARRIVAL (Saturday to Saturday)**

The Belize Aggressor III and Belize Aggressor IV operate out of Belize City, Central America. Guests arriving in Belize on Saturday are greeted at the Philip S.W. Goldson International Airport (BZE) by a staff member in uniform who will have a “Belize Aggressor III and Belize Aggressor IV” sign when guests exit outside of the airport. At approximately 12 pm and 4-4:30 pm (due to flight times) a complimentary transfer is offered from the Belize City International Airport to the Fort George Marina where the dock is located. Guests are transferred in an air-conditioned shuttle to the dock where they can store their bags until boarding. The yacht agent cannot enter Customs but will be just outside at the international arrivals area. Guests are welcome to take a taxi if they prefer not to wait (approx. \$25) and bags can be stored until boarding time. Baggage handlers may aggressively offer to help with your luggage those few feet for a mandated per bag fee.

Guests may board the boat starting at 4:00 pm and all guests must be onboard by 6 pm. At the end of the week, there will be two complimentary shuttles back to the airport at approximately 8:00 am and 12:00 pm. With limited things to do in Belize City, we highly recommend everyone depart early.

It is highly recommended all guests arrive one day prior to Belize City and stay at the Fort George Hotel and Spa which is located across the street from where the yachts dock. The hotel facilities can only be used by those staying at the hotel.

In the event you arrive a day late, you can still board the yacht by having the yacht agent hire a water taxi to transport you to the Belize Aggressor III or IV. Water taxis from the mainland to the outer islands range approx. \$500 - \$1000 USD one way. (cost is determined by the location of the yacht) and is the client’s responsibility. *(This cost is subject to change without notice)*

## ITINERARY

Throughout the week guests will dive at Turneffe and Lighthouse Reef. Sheer walls like Painted Wall, Half Moon Caye Wall and Quebrada are adorned with huge crimson gorgonians and wandering, lilac rope sponges. Weather permitting; divers explore the mystical Blue Hole, a collapsed freshwater cave system. With all dives from the mother ship, up to five dives a day are offered and two on Friday morning. Diving begins Sunday morning and ends Friday before lunch when the yachts return to port. The staff hosts a Guest Appreciation Cocktail Party at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner ashore (not included) at a local restaurant. Saturday morning at 8:00 am, guests are transferred to the Belize International Airport.

## WELCOME

In the event of an emergency, family and friends may contact you at the above numbers. If you need to reach the yacht, please call, or e-mail the boat. There is a satellite phone onboard; however, it does not have a recorder. Phone calls and emails may be sent from the yacht and will be billed at the end of the week. To ensure the timely arrival of your luggage into Belize City, we recommend re-checking it at the ticket counter before your international departure to Belize City.

We recommend you travel with a carry-on bag with a change of clothes, bathing suit, medication, and toiletries. If your dive equipment is delayed, you will be provided with a 'Free' set of loaner equipment. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected luggage delay more bearable.

## FEES & TAXES (per person)

\$130 (7-nights) and \$185 (10-nights) pp port fee (includes cruising tax and park fees) These may be paid by Visa, MC, US or BZ cash at the end of your trip. 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.

## PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Visitors must have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months beyond your period of stay, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket to travel to Belize. It is the travelers' 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. USA citizens may go to the USA Department of State website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://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 USA, and many countries have adopted them for child protection. 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 Dive 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, Belize Aggressor III and Belize Aggressor IV require each guest to complete a Cruise Application and Waiver prior to departure and diving through our online GIS (Guest Information System). If you have not received a link to complete the online Guest Information System (GIS), please call an Aggressor Liveboards agent. ***Passengers who fail to complete it online will be denied boarding.***

## 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](http://www.aggressor.com) and go to 'Insurance.'

## 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. There are two recompression chambers located in Belize.

The yachts and their staff are 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 of or responsibility for the proper care and storage of medication. This should be kept in your stateroom.

Belize has reported cases of malaria and dengue fever, therefore, medication is recommended for extended stays into the mainland. We suggest that you consult your doctor. There is NO smoking allowed inside the yacht or on the dive deck. Smoking is only permitted on the rear of the sun deck.

## **BOTH YACHTS**

Diving amenities include Nitrox (unlimited Nitrox is \$100 per week or \$150 for 10 nights), individual dive lockers, camera table with low-pressure air hoses, and two hot, freshwater showers. 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. The yachts are not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items.

## **FOOD**

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. Dinners are served each evening and include salads, vegetables, seafood, beef, or chicken with a fresh homemade dessert. Once onboard, please speak to the chef about any special needs.

## **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 special brand from the U.S. Liquor can be purchased from the airport duty free shops prior to departing on your last flight to Belize City. Drinking and diving do not mix. Once you consume alcohol, you become a sunbather 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 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.

## **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 crew especially loves new releases of movies, recent magazines, and books. A small library of books for exchange 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 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. All diving is from the mother ship.

## **DIVING**

The staff onboard, with their unique combination of talents, offer the ultimate service. While onboard, you may pick a dive buddy of your choice, or dive with one of the crewmembers. The yachts offer 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 Belize Aggressor III and Belize Aggressor IV provide 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 Belize Aggressor III and Belize 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 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.

## **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 refillable water bottle for hydration.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Use an environmentally safe sunscreen.
- Conserve and responsibly use fresh water when at your adventure destination.
- Be environmentally conscious in everything you do.

## **CONSERVATION LAWS**

Conservation laws do not permit spear fishing or collecting. **Additional Note:** Belize does not allow drones.

## **RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT**

A full line of Mares rental gear is available onboard 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. However, wetsuits are not available for rental, and you must bring 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.

## **UNDERWATER VIDEO**

The Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard to share with family and friends. The video for the week (including 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 crew will have a 'boutique day.' The yachts accept cash, Visa, & MasterCard. If you would like to purchase additional boutique items after your trip, feel free to visit [www.aggessor.com](http://www.aggessor.com).

## **FRIDAY (7 Night Trips)**

After diving on Friday, the Captain will collect payment for purchases made throughout the week. The yachts return to Belize City at approximately 1:00 p.m. to provision and fuel. Shopping, a visit to the Belize Zoo, Cave Tubing, or a tour of a Mayan Ruin are available weather permitting (inquire with your agent prior to traveling). The yachts will host a sunset cocktail party Friday evening then dinner ashore at a local restaurant (this is the only meal not included in the price of the charter).

## **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 Friday, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the crew. Payment can be made by cash, or credit card. Many Belize banks do not accept traveler's checks.

## **CHECKOUT**

Saturday morning after a continental breakfast, guests will depart for the International Belize Airport at approximately 8 a.m. If you are extending your stay in Belize other than staying at the Fort George Hotel & Spa, taxis are available.

## **ADVENTURE LOGS**

Each week we post the log of the previous charter on the website and Facebook. Visit [www.aggessor.com](http://www.aggessor.com) and go to the Adventure log to find out water temperature, visibility, and sightings.