



## Jean-Michel Cousteau and Aggressor Fleet Join Forces for an Exciting New Program

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Surrounded by the open ocean, the Cousteau divers were tiny compared to the huge whale. That anyone would dare to go in the water with such a giant astounded me. Then one of the divers did an amazing thing—he grabbed the whale's dorsal fin. As I watched, totally enthralled, he was taken for the ride of his life; a minuscule figure being pulled along by an immense creature that probably didn't even know he was there.

I was a girl when I watched the scene described above but the image of that diver and the whale, from TV's *The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau*, remains in my mind's eye. I was an avid follower of Cousteau adventures; they eventually inspired me—as they have millions of other people—to take up diving.

As we watched the Cousteau expeditions, many of us dreamed of taking part in one—but we never thought it would ever be possible. Well, starting this year that dream will become a reality for hundreds of divers through L'Aventure Cousteau. Created by Aggressor Fleet and Jean-Michel Cousteau Productions,



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Above left: Jean-Michel and one of his staff prepare to make a night dive. Above: Jean-Michel observes the reaction of clownfish when faced with their own reflections in a mirror. Below: Jean-Michel also runs land based educational adventures known as Project Ocean Search. Bottom: Ten Aggressor vessels now ply the world's oceans. This year, four of them will offer cruises with JM Cousteau or members of his team.

This year L'Aventure Cousteau will make hundreds of divers' dreams come true—it will allow them to work with Jean-Michel Cousteau while on special dive trips aboard Aggressor Fleet vessels.

it will offer Aggressor Fleet guests the opportunity to work with Jean-Michel Cousteau via a number of programs: Sail with Jean-Michel Cousteau; Project Ocean Search; Jean-Michel Cousteau Film Expeditions; Jean-Michel Cousteau Team Cruises; *World Aggressor Rendezvous*; and the Jean-Michel Cousteau Data/Image/Video Bank.

### SAIL WITH JM COUSTEAU

Each year Aggressor Fleet will sched-  
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