



*General information
for your
liveaboard tour*

Included in the tour price

- ✓ Accommodation in a (half) double cabin
- ✓ Full board (Beginning with dinner on the first day and ending with breakfast on the last day)
- ✓ Soft drinks, water, tea and instant coffee
- ✓ Diving (3-4 dives daily. On the first and last day at sea approx. 2 dives)
- ✓ 12 l aluminium cylinder, weights, dive guide
- ✓ Nitrox
- ✓ Transfer airport Hurghada to Marina Hurghada
- ✓ Transfer airport Marsa Alam to Marina Port Ghalib
- ✓ Shared transfer from Hurghada Airport to Marina Port Ghalib
- ✓ Wifi (internet network coverage provided)
- ✓ ENOS Electronic Rescue & Location System (yacht MY SeaFriend)

Services not included in the tour price

- ✓ Entry visa (US\$25) per person. Payable at the arrival airport (payment in Euros possible)
- ✓ Flight to Marsa Alam or Hurghada
- ✓ Private transfer ***
- ✓ 180 € service charge package for Marine Park, port fees, reef surcharges and taxes
- ✓ 250 € additional costs package (for the 10-day tours)
- ✓ Alcoholic drinks (beer, wine)
- ✓ Diving courses (pre-booking required)
- ✓ Diving gear rental (pre-booking required)
- ✓ Surcharge for sundeck cabin: 100 € per cabin (once-off)
- ✓ Surcharge for double cabine for single use: 350 € (once-off)

***private transfer costs per car one way

	Airport Hurghada	Airport Marsa Alam
Marina Hurghada	15 €	80 €
Marina Port Ghalib	80 €	15 €

The following applies for a shared transfer:

For transfers from Hurghada to Port Ghalib there may be a maximum waiting time of 3 hours (e.g. due to flight delays or merging of transfers).

The group transfer is included in the tour price

Additional costs which may arise per tour

Rental equipment:	per day	per diving week (6 days):
Mask and snorkel ~~~~~	3 €	15 €
Flippers ~~~~~	3 €	15 €
Booties ~~~~~	3 €	10 €
Wetsuit ~~~~~	5 €	25 €
BC ~~~~~	5 €	30 €
Regulator ~~~~~	5 €	35 €
Dive computer ~~~~~	8 €	40 €
Underwater lamp ~~~~~	5 €	15 €
Signal buoy (compulsory!) ~~~~~	2 €	10 €
Complete diving equipment ~~~~~	30 €	160 €
15 l cylinder ~~~~~	9 €	50 €
Nitrox ~~~~~	12 €	60 €

PADI dive course incl. textbook, course fees and certificate

PADI Open Water Diver ~~~~~	350 €
Advanced Open Water ~~~~~	250 €
PADI Nitrox special ~~~~~	120 €
PADI Deep Diver special ~~~~~	180 €

Accessories

T-Shirt ~~~~~	15 €	Mouth piece ~~~~~	5 €
Polo Shirt ~~~~~	20 €	Marine identification book ~~~~~	25 €
Hoodie ~~~~~	35 €	Batteries, O-rings ~~~~~	Price on request
Cap ~~~~~	10 €		
Shower towel ~~~~~	30 €		
Poncho ~~~~~	40 €		
Bathrobe ~~~~~	45 €		

Coronavirus immigration regulations

The crews have received special training and are educated on symptoms and necessary preventive measures related to COVID-19. DAN, WHO and CDWS guidelines are applied and implemented on our vessels.

The following information is provided without guarantee and does not absolve the guest from his/her responsibility to inform him/herself about the documents required for entry and to obtain them.

The regulations for entry into Germany in the currently valid version are authoritative. Please note that these regulations may change at any time, even at short notice.



Immigration requirements for Egypt

At the moment, there are no special entry regulations for Egypt.

Return journey from Egypt to Germany

When entering Germany, the 3-G regulation does not apply from June 1st, 2022 up to and including August 31st, 2022. So far there have been no new entry requirements for returning to Germany. If any changes arise, we will inform you immediately.

Visa

A visa is required to enter Egypt. It can be purchased directly at the airport at the bank counter. The cost is currently US\$25. It is advisable to bring this amount in cash with you. In this way, problems with currency conversion and change can be avoided. Payment in Euros, however, is generally not problematic. The visa is pasted into a blank page of the passport and stamped by customs. It is then valid for four weeks. If you are traveling with an ID card, please remember to have two passport photos ready. These do not have to be biometric. The passport as well as the identity card must be valid for at least 6 months upon entry.

General information

To facilitate diving permit applications from the Egyptian authorities, we require a copy of your passport upfront when you book your trip (at the latest one week before departure for short-term bookings). The passport must be valid for at least 6 months upon departure. In the event of non-compliance, we accept no liability if there are delays in departure.

We require a valid diving certificate and logbook from each diver as well as a valid medical certificate, if available (not a must!). Your last dive should not be more than 1 year ago. The dive guide is free to exempted guests who do not meet these requirements or who have insufficient diving experience from diving in certain places (current, depth, etc.) without compensation.

The maximum permitted diving depth is 40 meters, subject to appropriate training. Decompression dives should generally be avoided. Carrying a dive computer and a signal buoy is mandatory and is for your own safety. On certain tours (e.g. BDE, Marine Park) night dives are not possible or only permissible to a limited extent.

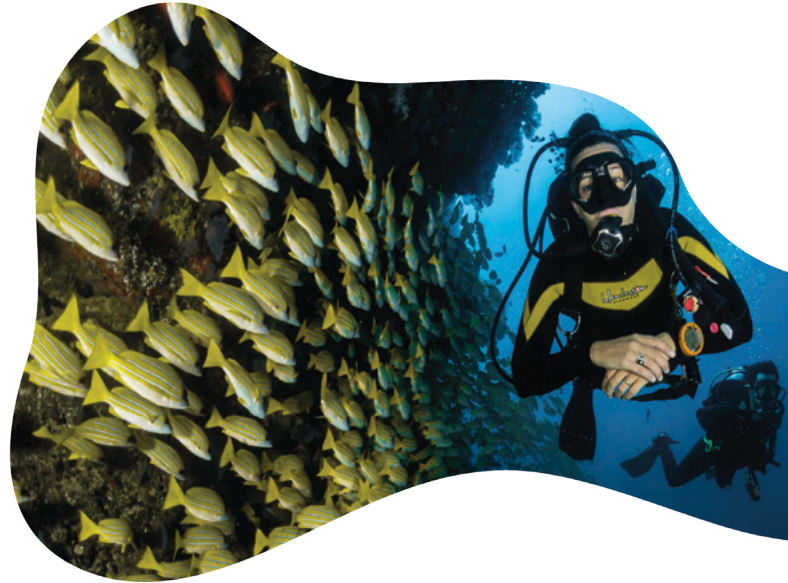
The exact itinerary of the liveboard is dependent on the weather as well as the diving experience of our guests. Route changes are reserved due to official orders from the maritime authorities.

We dive with 12-liter aluminum cylinders (15-liter cylinders with pre-booking and surcharge). There is usually no supply of equipment or spare parts on the yacht. Diving gear, underwater lamps and dive computers can therefore only be rented with advance notice (see above for prices).

We recommend taking out travel health insurance including pressure chamber treatment.

Rules on board...

Different yachts, different rules - you just need to know which ones appeal! There should be no unpleasant surprises on your liveboard. We have therefore compiled the most important information and rules for your behavior and life on board below:



Smoking on board

Smoking is strictly prohibited in the yacht's cabins and saloon. For safety reasons, our yachts are equipped with fire alarms which respond to the slightest amount of smoke. Please use the ashtrays provided and do not throw butts overboard. Cigarette filters do not dissolve and thus pollute the reefs for years.

Rescue equipment

Life jackets, life rafts and several lifebuoys are provided on board as rescue equipment. All cabins, the saloon and the engine room are equipped with powder fire extinguishers in case of fire. Please enquire after arrival on the yacht about the exact location and handling of the life-saving equipment.

Equipment for divers

In addition to the conventional equipment, the following items of equipment and papers are mandatory for every diver:

- ✓ dive computer
- ✓ Depth gauge and watch
- ✓ Pressure gauge
- ✓ Signal buoy
- ✓ Snorkel
- ✓ Logbook
- ✓ Diving certification
- ✓ Regulator with alternative air supply
- ✓ Underwater lamp

Diving experience

When booking a liveaboard, you should be able to show at least 50 logged open water dives in the logbook, with the last dive dated no longer than a year ago. If you do not have these requirements or sufficient practice and skills, the dive guide has the authority to exclude you from challenging dives or to adjust the planned route according to the level of experience of the guests.

Our dive routes to the reefs of the Fury Shoals and St. Johns are suitable for both beginners and returning divers! No minimum requirement of logged dives is necessary here.

Diving emergencies

Each of our yachts is fitted with a 50 liter oxygen cylinder with accessories, as well as a standard first aid kit for diving emergencies. We recommend that you take out special insurance that will cover the costs of your rescue, the hyperbaric chamber costs and transport home in the event of a diving accident.

Bathrooms and toilets

Please use soap and shower gel sparingly, since all waste water ends up in the ocean untreated. Biodegradable and environmentally friendly products are commercially available - please do your bit to help preserve nature.

Please do not throw used toilet paper, sanitary towels or other hygiene items down the toilet as they can become blocked. Separate bins are provided for this purpose. Please also keep in mind that toilet paper floats over the reef and is not a very attractive sight when diving. Repairing the toilets during the liveaboard is usually not possible and involves dirt and a strong unpleasant smell!



Footwear and clothing on board

Street shoes may not be worn on board. Please bring slippers, warm socks or light sailing shoes with you. Entering the salon or cabins wearing diving equipment is prohibited. Please do not sit on the seat cushions in the salon with wet swimwear - due to the high humidity, they dry very poorly.

Cabins

Each cabin has portholes that can be opened. We recommend that you open them as often as possible to let fresh air into your cabin. The existing air conditioning does not offer fresh air exchange! Please keep the portholes closed during sailing.

Beverages

Instant coffee, tea, water and chilled soft drinks are always available during the dive safari. Beer and wine are available but are NOT included in the tour price and will be charged separately.

Sleeping on deck

It is not permitted to take bed linen, blankets and mattresses out of the cabins onto deck. If you wish to sleep on deck, we can provide you with a rental sleeping bag. We charge a one-off fee of € 5 per diving week for this service.

Payments on board

These may be made in Euros, US-Dollars, or Egyptian Pounds. Unfortunately NO credit card payments are possible at the moment!

Health

We have a small selection of common medicines (nausea, diarrhoea, earache) on board our yachts. If necessary, please bring your own small first-aid kit with you. Please check beforehand whether the medication is compatible with diving.

Electricity

Generally 220 volts AC. We recommend taking along a standard Euro plug. Attention: Automatic chargers are not suitable for use on board due to the frequent voltage fluctuations.



Climate and clothing

The Red Sea has a dry desert climate. During the summer months in particular, you can expect temperatures of around 35 °C during the day. In the winter months it cools down noticeably in the evenings, and even during the mostly sunny day a windbreaker or a warmer sweater is sometimes advisable. On board, light, summery clothing and a warm sweater are sufficient for cool evenings. You should definitely bring some protection for your ears.

Language

The crew on board mostly speaks English. Our dive guides are usually English-speaking and occasionally also speak some German.

Rental equipment and spare parts

There is usually no rental equipment available on board our yachts. It is imperative that you pre-book your required rental equipment or individual pieces of equipment with us before you travel. Please bring the most important spare parts for your personal equipment with you. In addition to mask and fin straps, this includes a repair kit for your regulator. Please also think about batteries, storage media and replacement bulbs for your lamp.



Tips

A "baksheesh" is expected in Egypt more than in most other countries. To avoid unnecessary discussions about tipping, we recommend € 90 per week per guest. Tipping is an important source of income for the crew on board. The basic salary of crew members is usually so low that it can only be considered as an adequate income after an additional contribution by the safari guests. The collected tip is then given to the captain at the end of a tour. He shares it fairly among all members on board. Please consider: The Zodiac skippers are out and about for our guests for up to eight hours under the scorching sun on the swaying sea. The cook spends 14 hours for us in the small, cramped and hot galley. The salon boys take care of the physical well-being of the guests almost around the clock and the captain sometimes has to sail all night.

Nitrox diving

Diving with Nitrox is basically possible on our yachts. However, we ask that you pre-book in advance to ensure that we have Nitrox on board.

Transfer

Our transfer staff member - easily recognisable by a "Hamata Mangroves" sign with the name of your booked yacht - will be waiting for you at the airport. If you have any questions or problems about your liveaboard, our dive guides and the crew will be happy to help and advise you.

Diving operations

Dive - Eat - Sleep - Repeat !

A dive safari on the MY SeaFriend or the MY Admira leaves nothing to be desired. Generally, 3 - 4 dives per day including night dives are offered (On the first and last day of the liveaboard: 1 - 2 dives). Prior to each dive a detailed briefing takes place. There are usually two experienced dive guides on board. Diving is done with 12-liter aluminum cylinders (DIN connection). 15-liter cylinders or rental equipment are available on board if booked in advance at an additional cost. Nitrox 32 is available for certified Nitrox divers at an additional cost of € 60 per person per dive week. Freshwater showers, sinks, toilets and boxes and sufficient storage space for equipment are located on the dive deck and diving platform. Diving is done either from one of the two spacious 6 m long and 2.45 m wide Zodiacs (equipped with environmentally friendly Yamaha 4-stroke engines) or from the diving platform. In general, the maximum diving depth is 40 m. ENOS (GPS-based Electronic Rescue & Location System for divers) is also used on board the MY SeaFriend. The use of a dive computer and a signal buoy is mandatory!

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