

# The Journey

Thank you for deciding to go on safari with us. We are already looking forward to welcoming you on board and enjoying many exciting moments with you. A liveaboard is certainly one of the most impressive experiences in a diver's life. Sleeping, living, eating and relaxing on board, the sea always beneath you and full of adventure - that is every diver's dream. Waking up to dreamy sunrises, diving three to four times and jumping into the turquoise water in between, warming sunbaths, exciting book pages and lots of funny and serious conversations. Not to forget the delicious food that our chefs conjure up. Below you will find some detailed information about our safaris and their schedule. If there are still open questions, you can contact us at any time by email.

At Hurghada or Marsa Alam airport, the driver of your transfer will be outside the airport and will take you to the bus or limousine that will take you to the yacht. Please look out for the Carlton Fleet sign.

When you get on board, the first thing you do is take off your shoes. The check-in formalities are then completed over a welcome drink. Then everyone can move into their cabin and possibly get to know their roommate. Now the diving equipment is unpacked and assembled. In this way we can ensure in good time that all the necessary material is on board.

Please check your equipment carefully again and possibly also have the right patching tool for your equipment and suitable spare parts (e.g. O-rings, mask and fin straps) with you.

If you still need diving equipment, let us know as soon as possible, but no later than 14 days before departure. We will be happy to help you get the right equipment.

After the first welcome briefing by your guides, which includes the most important rules and precautionary measures on board, the rest of the day or evening can be tailored to the wishes of the guests. Maybe you can enjoy a little stroll through the harbor or make yourself comfortable on board. The next morning we start early and set sail. However, the exact timing is at the discretion of the Coast Guard.

The day on a safari ship is characterized by alternating between diving, eating and relaxing. The first briefing takes place very early in the morning, shortly after getting up. You are welcome to enjoy the morning tea or coffee. Diving is definitely not neglected on a safari. Depending on the route, fifteen to twenty-two dives are possible in a week. A night dive is certainly a wonderful end to the diving day. In this, many sea creatures show themselves from another side, or there is also a lot to discover that you don't see during the day. Night dives are unfortunately not allowed on Marine Park reefs (Brothers, Daedalus, Rocky and Zabargad). The fact that guests rarely lose weight despite so much physical activity is due to the delicious buffets and snacks that are prepared and served by our super chefs.

A few rules on board:

Your safety is our top priority! Please note the following rules to ensure a smooth and accident-free tour.

- Smoking is prohibited anywhere inside the ship and at the dive filling station.
- Take off your street shoes. It is safest to walk barefoot on board.

- Do not enter the saloon or the cabins with a wet diving suit or bathing suit - risk of slipping!
- Close the portholes in the cabin while the ship is sailing or in stormy sea conditions.
- Do not throw toilet paper or other objects down the toilet.
- Do not throw cigarette butts or other rubbish into the sea.
- Please note the country-specific moral standards: Please do not lie "topless" on deck.
- Please respect the country and its religion.

#### Diving rules

- Please drink enough water (rule of thumb: one liter per dive).
- No alcohol before diving!
- A check dive is mandatory.
- Only dives within the no-stop times are allowed. We do not do deco dives!
- Each diver must have their own dive computer and signal buoy.
- The maximum depth is 40 meters, provided the necessary certification is available.
- Diving is always done in buddy teams. • A safety stop at 5m for 3 min is mandatory at the end of each dive.
- Dive responsibly and within your personal ability.
- To protect yourself from injury and the underwater world from destruction, do not touch anything underwater.
- Make sure your buoyancy is always controlled.
- Watch the underwater world from a reasonable distance and don't scare the animals.
- Take nothing with you but good memories and pictures - leave nothing behind only your bubbles.

Compliance with these rules is for your own safety and the safety of the entire group. The instructions of the dive guides and the crew must always be followed during the diving activities. Violations or gross violations of these rules can result in the exclusion from further activities.

Hardly put to sea ... .. the safari is already coming to an end. Upon arrival at the port, the guides will give you the times for the transfer back to the airport. You can now arrange the last evening in the harbor according to your wishes. The cabins must be vacated by around 10 a.m. on the day of departure, but you can still make yourself comfortable on the various decks.

#### A few good tips!

- Don't expect the same as at home, because isn't that why you went away to see and experience something different?
- Don't take everything too seriously, because a clear head is the key to a great vacation.
- Try not to get angry because if you get angry you won't have the same fun.
- As a stranger in a strange land - behave like the locals do.

- Do not judge all people from a country just because you have had a bad experience with one.
- Treat others as you would like to be treated, with respect.

Currency The local currency is the Egyptian pound (EGP). In most shops, restaurants etc. you can also pay in euros. The current exchange rate can be researched on the Internet.

Zodiac: We have two Zodiacs with us for safety but also to dive from the Zodiac or to be taken back on board, depending on the dive site



### Transfers

Of course, the transfer from the nearest airport to the yacht and back is organized for you (e.g. Marsa Alam Airport - Port Ghalib or Port Marsa Alam - Marsa Alam Airport). Since we try whenever possible to organize several arrivals or departures in one transfer, there may be a maximum waiting time of 1 hour at the airport. Transfer from the airport that is not the nearest or to a later arrival will be organized by us, but must be calculated with a long-distance flat rate, e.g.: Hurghada Airport - Port Ghalib - Hurghada Airport). You can request the current surcharge by email.

### Diving emergency

Our crew is equipped and trained in first aid. For diving emergencies, there are several oxygen bottles with accessories and first-aid equipment on the yacht. We recommend that you take out special insurance that will cover your rescue, decompression chamber costs and transport home in the event of a diving accident. You can take out insurance before on board - costs 30 EUR per week

### Rescue facilities

The rescue facilities on board are: life jackets (2 in each cabin), life rafts and several life rings. You will find fire alarms and fire extinguishers in all cabins, in the saloon and engine room for emergencies. Upon arrival on the yacht, we will inform you about the exact location and handling of the rescue equipment. As a rule, in the event of an emergency, everyone should go to the upper deck as quickly as possible.

### Nitrox/15 liter tank

Nitrox will be filled on board to suitably certified divers at an additional cost - advance notice required. For safety reasons (often deep dives) and depending on the workload, we dive with about 28% Nitrox. If you would like a 15 liter tank, please register this in advance so that we have everything on board for you when you arrive.