

Arrival

On arrival in Hurghada or Marsa Alam Airport, inside the arrival hall the guests will find a representative holding a sign by the name of the boat and the company; he will help the guests to buy an entry visa from the bank desk at the arrival hall.

The price of the visa is about 15, - \$, it is better to have the correct money prepared.

Your passport must be valid for at least six months after arrival.

Transfer

Out of the arrival hall, the representative will give the assistance required for the guests by their luggage to reach their transfer vehicle.

With comfortable and air conditioned touristic vehicle the guests will be transferred to Hamata harbour.

Compulsory diving equipment and papers

Diving computer (check the battery)

Surface mark buoy

Alternate air source (Octopus)

Torch per buddy team at every day dive

Logbook

Certification card

Medical statement (less than 1 year old)

Dive insurance details

Arriving onboard:

Salon

It is air-conditioned, also it is dry area; no one allowed entering wet, you should dry yourself before entering the salon.

Cabins

All the cabins are air-conditioned and have portholes to open to let fresh air in. However, make sure that the portholes closed while cruising.

We provide bath towels to use inside the cabin, please bring your own towel to use on deck.

To recharge any batteries please use the recharging facility on the dive deck as this is matter of safety.

Sleeping on deck

It is not allowed to take bed sheets, pillows, blankets or mattresses out of the cabins. If you like to sleep outside on deck, please bring your sleeping bag and use the sun beds.

Bathrooms

The water on board is desalinated water and not drinking water. Please use the water sparingly and choose biodegradable soap to help us to protect the environment.

Please do not throw any toilet paper or sanitary rubbish into the toilet, as it will cause a block up of the plumbing.

(It is almost impossible to solve this problem during the safari; also, it is unfair towards the crew who has to do this job).

Shoes

Wearing shoes in the salon and the cabins is prohibited. Outside you can wear light sailing shoes or beach shoes, as well; it is good idea to bring worm socks from late autumn until early spring.

Electricity

220 volt AC, the sockets are European standard (2 pin).

Recharging facilities are on the dive deck; do not use any chargers in the cabins.

Food

The three main meals per day on board served as open buffet; the menu is well balanced with a variety of international cuisine as well as oriental food specialties, snacks between the main meals.

For special dietary request, please inform us prior to arrival. Feel free to bring your favourite snack with you.

Beverages

Mineral water, coffee, tea and soft drinks are complimentary and available 24 hours. Local beer and wine purchased on board. It is forbidden to consume alcohol before the last dive of each day.

Smoking on board

Smoking is strictly forbidden in all closed rooms the fire alarm system is sensitive to any smoke, as well the dive deck is non-smoking area.

Outside please use the ashtrays, do not throw the cigarette stub over board.

Health

On board there is a medical kit, but it is advisable to bring your own small first aid contains pain killers, stomach and diarrhoea medication, sea sickness tablets, ear drops and plaster.

Make sure that the medicine is compatible with diving.

Check with your local doctor for recommended vaccinations and remember to bring any prescribed medicines.

Safety equipment

There are enough life jackets for all passengers and crew onboard, as well life rafts (self-inflatable). Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers placed in all cabins, salon, galley, engine room and bridge. International satellite radio, radar system, VHF marine band radio and mobile phones secure the contact to the coast and other boats.

You will have an introduction to the safety system and emergency plan during the boat briefing.

Emergency cases

For case of emergency, there is a 50l oxygen tank on board with mask and a first aid kit.

Each diver is supposed to have an international decompression insurance, which covers medical evacuation and hyperbaric treatment. A local insurance for the duration of 3 weeks can be purchased on board.

Languages & qualifications

The crew on the boat speaks English in parts; the dive guides are speaking English, Italian and German.

The guides are diving instructors and have an excellent knowledge about the area, as we are specialists only at Hamata.

Contribution to nature reserve, statement of the environmental law:

- No fishing or spear fishing
- No feeding fishes or birds
- Do not walk on the reef
- No gloves or knives
- No anchors
- Do not throw any waste to the sea, even a filter of a cigarette,
- No corals, shells or else collecting

Always remember this say: 'leave nothing but bubbles and take nothing but memories'

Rental equipment & spare parts

Equipment is available for rent, should be requested before arrival. The rental equipment is not insured, you are responsible for any damage or loss.

It is recommended to bring the most important spare parts for your own diving equipment like mask strap, fin strap, o-rings for your regulator, spare batteries.

On the boat there are 12l aluminium tanks with DIN fitting (adapters for INT regulators are available) and weights.

15l aluminium tanks are available for rent; please request it before arrival.

Nitrox

If you like to dive with Nitrox, please inform us 7 days prior to arrival.

Courses

Nitrox course, Adventure dives and Advanced Courses are available onboard, should be requested before arrival.

Payment on board

All prices onboard are in Euro. We accept Euro, Egyptian pounds, Sterling pounds, US dollars and Swiss francs.

Climate, clothes & water temperature

It is a dry desert climate at the area of the red sea. Water temperatures range from 20°C in winter month to 30°C in summer. The air temperature ranges between 38°C and 45°C from May to September and from October through to April between 22°C and 29°C.

From December to February the nights can be quite cold (we recommend to bring a sweater or jacket with you), but in summer the nights are warm. Divers can use a 3mm suit or shorty during late spring, summer and early autumn. During winter a 5mm two pieces or 7mm suit is suitable.

Culture

With consideration of the Muslim religion and culture, it is not allowed to lay topless.

Please respect the culture and religion of the country.

Tips on board

We believe that tips should be on voluntary basis, depending on the quality of service from the guide and the crew, as a recommendation you can consider 30, - € per week and per guest.

The trip price is including

- Permission fees and Taxes
- Transfer 2 ways; from the airport (Marsa Alam or Hurghada) to the boat at Hamata and back

- Soft drinks, mineral water and hot drinks
- 3 main meals and 2 snack meals per day
- Minimum of three guided dives per day including 12l. tank and weights

Extra payments on board:

Environmental fee per person per week (obligatory reef tax) 12, - €

Nitrox

1 dive with Nitrox EAN 32% 4, - €
 Whole week Nitrox EAN 32% 60, - €

Rental equipment prices per week

Mask* 15, - €
 Snorkel* 5, - €
 Fins* 15, - €
 Boots* 10, - €
 Wet suit 1/2 25, - €
 Wet suit full* 35, - €
 Regulator* 35, - €
 BCD* 35, - €
 U/W Torch 35, - €
 SMB* 5, - €
 Full equipment (Items marked * only) 135, - €
 15l aluminium tank 30, - €
 Pre-booking is required for Nitrox, 15l tank and rental equipment
 Local decompression insurance 6, - €

Alcohol drink: 15, - € for a bottle of wine (red, white, rose) and 3, - € for a bottle of beer.