



SCUBA SCENE TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please find some important information regarding your Red Sea booking, please ensure you have read and understood this letter.

Please ensure you have your flight e-ticket for arrival at the airport, passport and liveaboard vouchers including accommodation, Nitrox and any equipment hire or specifications such as 15 ltr tanks. If you have not yet ordered these then it is better to do so by e-mailing info@oysterdiving.com before you depart as some of the items are not generally stored on the boat.

COVID-19 health declaration:

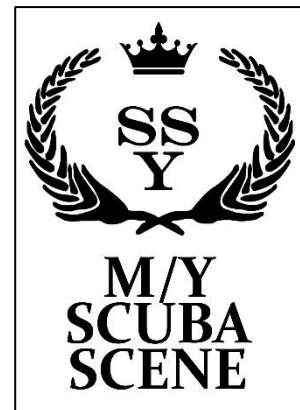
Please print and fill the Health Declaration Form of the Egyptian Ministry of Health (preciously emailed or attached here), and have it ready after disembarking in Hurghada (or Cairo) airport to be collected by Egyptian officials.

UPON ARRIVAL

After handing over your health declaration, please proceed towards passport control. Please look out for the representative holding up this sign of the boat name & logo (A4 size). They will be located in the bank area, where they will assist you with purchasing your visa stamp (25 US\$ or equivalent in GBP/€) and then through passport control.

Make sure you have the filled out LANDING CARD ready (should have been handed to you either at check-in or on the plane) before passport control.

After collecting your luggage, you will be directed to your transfer car/bus. Transfer to the New Marina in Hurghada takes about 15 minutes, transfer to Port Ghalib around 2.5-3 hours.



When you arrive at the boat you will receive some refreshments as well as a general boat briefing. You will then be able to start setting up your equipment ready for the next day. Please remember to check all of your gear, as once the boat leaves we cannot get you replacement equipment. In our effort to reduce water wastage and our plastic footprint, we ask all passengers to bring their **own reusable water bottle** to be refilled throughout the week on board.

Any additional items purchased on the boat such as alcohol and gifts can be paid for by credit/debit card, US\$, Euros, £GBP or Egyptian Pounds.



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Important Additional Visa Information

A visa is required to visit Egypt. It is the individual traveller's responsibility to ensure they have organised the relevant visa for a holiday booked with us. If you are in any doubt we recommend you contact the visa section of your local Egyptian embassy, in some cases it is necessary to acquire your visa in advance.

Please visit the following website of the Egyptian Consulate for current visa eligibility including visa upon arrival:
<http://www.egyptianconsulate.co.uk/visas.php>

UK Passport holders can purchase a visa at the airport which is £25 (at time or writing) and can also be paid in US\$ and Euros. They do not accept cards. Please use the official booths in the airport and not a person approaching you.

Alternatively, you can get a visa from an Egyptian Consulate outside Egypt before you travel. If you're entering Egypt for work or business it is preferable to get a visa before you travel.

Yellow fever certificate requirements - check whether you need a yellow fever certificate by visiting the National Travel Health Network and Centre's [HealthTravelPro website](#).

Passport Validity

Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into Egypt.

Restrictions

Evidence of a previous visit to Israel like an Israeli entry/exit stamp in your passport does not normally cause any difficulties when entering Egypt. It is, however, for the Egyptian authorities to determine the right of entry into the country. If you have any concerns, you should contact the Egyptian consulate.

Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/egypt> for the most up to date advice.

Israeli Nationals - Please contact us BEFORE booking as there are restrictions related to entry visas as well as cruise permissions with all liveboards.

Please also check the following links for more information on what you are allowed to bring in to Egypt - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/changes-to-uk-aviation-security> or check with your airline. For further information please see <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/egypt>.

Important Information About Your Liveboard Holiday

Inclusions

The following are included in the advertised price: Transfers between Hurghada Airport or Local hotel and M/Y Scuba Scene on embarkation and

disembarkation days, 7 nights full board accommodation on vessel based on two sharing (unless a single room has been booked and not including lunch on the last day),

All soft drinks (including Schweppes tonic & soda), tea & coffee, up to 4 dives per day* with single 12ltr (DIN/INT) cylinder with air fills and lead weights, and marine park and port fees.

*2 morning dives on the day before disembarkation to allow plenty of time for off-gassing before flying.

Guests are reminded that it is recommended to allow 24 hours between diving and flying.

Exclusions

The following are NOT included in your booking: Equipment hire, Nitrox, 15 litre tank, crew and dive guide gratuities, alcoholic drinks, and dive courses.

Embarkation & Disembarkation

Vessel embarkation is available from 17:00. Disembarkation is usually between 09:00 and 10:00.

Last Day: On leaving the liveaboard, and depending on your return flight times, you will be provided with local day use facilities. This does not include the use of a hotel room although these may be available to book at an additional cost. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a hotel room for your last night or for day use.

Upgrades and Extras

Cabin selection – Guarantee your favourite cabin by contacting us and booking in advance

Hotel – We would be happy to book you a hotel room for your last night as the boat will remain in the marina prior to disembarkation.

Travel & Diving Insurance – You are responsible for obtaining the necessary diving and travel insurance suitable to your certification and depth limits. Diving insurance is mandatory.

Diving Equipment

Please ensure that you have pre-ordered all of your equipment and gases that you require for your trip within at least one week prior to departure. All divers are required to have Surface Marker Buoys (DSMBs), dive computers and alternative air source such as an octopus or redundant air source.

Dietary Requirements

Please inform us about any allergies, dietary requirements or special requirements you may have. The Chef can look after most diets as long as we are pre-informed. If you or a member of your party have a special occasion whilst on board including weddings, Birthdays etc, then please let us know and we will see what we can do to help make their day extra special.

Advanced Passenger Information (API)

Please complete the pre-check in form and send it back completed no less than 6 weeks prior to your departure. If you have booked a flight through

Oyster Diving then you will also need to go to the 'manage my booking' page on the airline website and enter your API details there too. You can find your flight number/reference on your itinerary/e-ticket. Please use the 'lead passengers name' when booking in.

Airline Check-In

Most airlines now require you to check in online prior to you arriving at the airport. Please check with the airline as they can issue you with a financial penalty if you have to check in at the airport.

Diving Qualifications

Please ensure you are qualified and have the required number of dives for the itinerary you have booked. For marine parks such as Brothers, Shark Reef, Daedulus and Elphinstone you must be a minimum of Advanced open water with 30 logged dives.

Non-marine park itineraries such as North & Safaga, Deep South etc are suitable for open water with at least 10 recent dives. If the SS Thistlegorm is on your itinerary, then you need to have a minimum of 20 logged dives.

You must have dived within the last 12 months or have taken a refresher course prior to your trip. If you do require a refresher then please visit our [ReActivate](#) page or contact your local dive centre.

Technical Diving

CDWS requires that we have a suitably qualified technical dive guide on board for the duration of the trip when any passengers are planning on technical diving. The dive guide must have the same, or greater, level of diving qualification (depth limit and gas mix). If you do not have your own dive buddy with the same technical qualifications booking on the trip with you, you will need to pay for a private technical dive guide.

If you are planning on making any decompression dives, or any dive deeper than 40 meters, you must notify us prior to the point of booking your liveaboard to ensure we are able to accommodate your request. The CDWS considers technical diving to include any decompression dives or any dive deeper than 40 meters, regardless of gasses used or your certification agency.

If you fail to notify us in advance and you may not be able to engage in any technical diving. If 'Diving: Technical Support' is not shown on your Booking Confirmation document then this has not yet been confirmed, please contact us to arrange.

Fit to Dive

Please ensure that you are fit to dive. As a condition of booking this holiday, you accept that it is a requirement to complete a medical statement upon arrival in resort. If you are unable to complete the statement as directed, you accept that you may not be able to take part in certain aspects of the holiday you have booked with us. The medical statement is available on the Oyster Diving website at <http://oysterdiving.com/wp-content/uploads/PADI-Medical-Form-2020.pdf>

Please obtain a doctor's note to clear you for diving if required prior to arriving on the boat, if you are unable to complete the statement as directed and/or have any symptoms that could be restrictive to your diving. Scuba Scene reserves the right to request that you obtain a medical examination if they are not satisfied with your statement; however, it may not be possible to do this in resort and therefore it is your responsibility to ensure you have a doctor's note to clear you for diving prior to arrival.

Accessibility

Due to the nature of the activities Scuba Scene offer, some parts of the trip may be more difficult to access for people with physical disabilities. However, we can cater for people with limited mobility but please notify us in advance. Please be specific with your requirements and disability when you make an enquiry.

Scuba Scene Capacity

26 passengers maximum

Accepted payment methods on-board

- Cash Currencies: Euros (€), US Dollars (\$), Bank of England Sterling (£), Egyptian Pounds (LE)
- Debit Cards
- Credit Cards: Visa Delta, Switch, Solo, Electron, Maestro, Visa Credit, Master Card are accepted with a surcharge. Payment can be processed in Euros (€), US Dollars (\$), & Sterling (£).

Local tax* will be applied to all onboard payments.

***Currently 14% (subject to change without notice).**

Contact numbers

Scuba Scene Guest & Ground Services Team:

+20 1124005577 (english & arabic)

+20 1094894844 (english & german)

Oyster Diving: 0800 699 0243 or Emergency +44 (0)792 051 6006.

Diving Holiday Packing Check List



THE ULTIMATE SCUBA VACATION Checklist

Scuba Gear

- Scuba Certification Card
- Scuba Gear Bag
- Mask and Snorkel
- Defog
- Fins and Booties
- Buoyancy Compensator
- Wet Suit
- Gloves
- Dive Knife (don't carry on)
- Regulator with Gauges
- Watch/Bottom Timer
- Dive Computer
- Compass
- Save a Dive Kit
- Dive Lights
- Extra Batteries
- Tank Marker Light
- Log Book
- Extra Mask
- Extra Fin Straps
- Underwater Slate
- Magnifying Glass

Photography Equipment

- Camera
- Housing
- Spare O-rings
- Camera Bag
- Camera Manual
- Memory Cards
- Batteries
- Strobe
- Tools
- Laptop
- Card reader, USB
- Cable

Clothing

- Shirts
- Shorts
- T-Shirts
- Dress/Skirt
- Pants
- Shoes/Sandals
- Socks
- Swim Suit
- Underwear
- Sweater
- Rain Jacket
- Hat/Visor
- Belt

Health and Hygiene

- Allergy Pills/Anti-Histamines
- Aspirin/Pain Relievers
- Motion Sickness Pills
- Prescription Medications
- Antacid/Laxatives
- First Aid Kit
- Dental Floss
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Feminine Hygiene
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Hair Care Products
- Lip Balm
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Hair Dryer
- Moisturizer
- Nail Clipper (don't carry-on)
- Shaving Equipment
- Sun Screen
- Insect Repellent
- Hand Sanitizer
- Important Documents
- Cash
- ATM Card and/or Travelers Checks (receipts separate)
- Proof of Dive Accident Insurance
- Proof of Trip Insurance
- Driver's License
- Passport and Visas
- Credit Cards
- Vaccination Certificate
- Airline Tickets
- Travel Vouchers
- Itinerary

Miscellaneous

- Backpack
- Binoculars
- Flashlight
- Maps
- Camera(s)
- Chargers
- Books/Magazines
- Portable Music Player
- Sewing Kit
- Swiss Army Knife (don't carry-on)
- Wall Socket Adapter
- Water Bottle
- Batteries
- Bungee Cords/Rubber Bands
- Extra Glasses/Contact Lenses
- Spare Passport
- Beach Towel
- Plastic Bags
- Sunglasses
- Umbrella
- Watch
- Travel Alarm Clock
- Empty Soft Bag for Souvenirs