

General Safari Information



For liveaboard trips, you'll need to do a bit of preparation on your own, and these trips follow general rules, which we'll briefly outline here. In addition, you'll be familiarized with the boat through what's known as a "boat briefing" once on board.

Passport Information and Flight Times

Omneia must receive your passport information no later than one month before your departure. The following details are required: last name, first name, nationality, passport number, flight details including arrival and destination airports, flight numbers, and arrival and departure times. Please also bring two copies of your passport. Your passport must be valid for at least six months from the date of departure.

If you are entering Egypt with an ID card instead of a passport, you must now carry two biometric passport photos with you. There is no way to have biometric passport photos taken in Egypt. As a general rule, we still recommend entering the country with a German passport that has sufficient validity remaining.

Diving Requirements

Diving from safari boats is often more challenging than most dives from shore. Therefore, certain rules are strictly enforced on the boats:

- Every diver must be able to prove their diving experience with their certification and logbook
- For diving from safari boats, a minimum of 30 dives is generally required to participate in the safari. For underwater national parks, this requirement increases to 50 dives.
- Every diver must prove their medical fitness to dive with a medical certificate that is no more than one year old

Diving Equipment

: Complete sets of spare equipment are not always available on board the ships. Minor repairs or the provision of spare parts, such as O-rings, are usually possible. However, to be on the safe side, you should bring your own spare parts for your equipment.

The following are generally required for every diver:

- Dive computer or depth gauge and watch
- Safety buoy
- Dive light

- Alternative air supply

In many cases, individual pieces of diving equipment, dive lights, and dive computers can be rented on board with advance notice and for a fee. These items are not insured, so you are fully liable for any loss or damage.

Arrival and Transfers

Your transfers from the destination airport to the boat and back are generally already arranged. A tour guide acting on behalf of the boat operator will meet you at the airport. He or she will handle the visa stamp, accompany you through the rest of the transfer to the boat, and, at the end of your trip, will also arrange for the necessary return confirmation.

Check-In and Check-Out on the Boats

All boats require a certain amount of time between their arrival from the last safari and their departure for the next one to reload, clean, and perform minor maintenance. For this reason, check-in on the boat is often not possible until the afternoon or evening. Check-out times are usually in the morning. Sometimes, diving guests are accommodated in a hotel on the last night of the trip.

Sleeping on Deck

Many travelers enjoy spending nights on board under the open sky. If you plan to do so, please bring a sleeping bag. Mattresses or other bedding from the cabin may not be taken out onto the deck; the mattresses on the sun deck are suitable for use as a sleeping surface.

Medications

All ships carry a limited supply of medications. Therefore, please bring any medications you need and that you know are safe to take while diving.

Diving

: Diving is typically done using 12-liter aluminum tanks. Upon prior registration with Omneia and for an additional fee, 15-liter tanks can be booked on many boats.

Most vessels are also equipped for NITROX diving. Depending on the boat, this is either already included in the trip price or available for an additional fee.

Generally, you'll dive unaccompanied as part of a buddy team, which is assigned during the pre-dive briefing. Divers with less experience will dive accompanied, either by more experienced divers or by the dive guide. It is up to the dive guide on site to assess this. If you specifically request to be accompanied by a dive guide, please let us know when you book. Your request may require an additional dive guide to be assigned to the tour, which could increase your tour price.

Payment Methods On Board

: Cash is king. While it is possible to pay with credit cards on some ships, this is still the exception. Euros and U.S. dollars are accepted on all ships.



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