

Omneia Spirit & Omneia Soul



Arrival in Egypt

Upon your arrival at Hurghada or Marsa Alam Airport, a staff member will be waiting for you in the arrivals hall to hand you your visa. You can recognize him by a sign reading "Omneia Spirit" or "Omneia Soul." At the airport exit, after you have passed through passport control and retrieved your luggage, another staff member will be waiting for you. You can also recognize this person by the "Omneia Spirit"/"Omneia Soul" sign. They will direct you to the transfer bus. Since our guests arrive on different flights, we ask for your understanding that we organize a group transfer for all guests who land within a 1-hour window. This may result in short wait times at the airport.

Arrival / Departure

Day On the day of arrival, check-in on the boat begins at 4:00 p.m. Departure from the harbor takes place the following day, once the harbor master has cleared the boat. The boat returns to the harbor on the afternoon before departure. On the day of departure, check-out from the cabin begins at 9:00 a.m., and check-out from the boat at 12:00 p.m. Should it become necessary due to unforeseeable events (necessary work on the ship, technical incidents, rescheduled arrival and departure times, etc.), guests will spend the first or last night in a hotel (half-board basis). Omneia or your airline will cover the costs for this. If you wish to spend the first or last night of the safari in a hotel at your own request, you will be responsible for all associated costs.

Alcoholic Beverages

On board, we offer local canned beer, local wine, and local prosecco for a fee. You can also choose from a variety of mixed drinks.

Medical Certificate

Egyptian regulations stipulate that a medical certificate of fitness for diving must not be more than 1 year old (regardless of age). For us, the "Health Declaration" form is sufficient, provided you can truthfully answer "No" to all questions on it.

Diver

Equipment In addition to standard equipment, the following items are required for every diver:

Each diver must dive with their own dive computer (do you have a spare battery?)

One safety buoy

per diver; a regulator with an alternate air supply

. For night dives, at least one dive light per diver must be

carried. If a diver is carrying an air-integrated dive computer, an additional analog pressure gauge is

strongly recommended.

On board the M/Y Omneia Spirit, one ENOS tracking system transmitter is available free of charge per buddy team.

Weights and weight belts are available on board.

Bathrobes in various sizes are available on board.

Bathrooms and Toilets

: Please use shampoo and shower gel sparingly; the wastewater is discharged untreated into the sea. For the sake of the environment, please choose biodegradable products when purchasing toiletries for your vacation. Under no circumstances should you flush toilet paper or other hygiene items down the toilet; instead, use the trash cans provided for this purpose, as flushing them may cause the toilets to clog.

Required Information for Booking

To approve each liveaboard trip, we require the following information from each guest no later than 4 weeks before the trip begins:

Last name, first name, date of birth, nationality, passport number, complete flight details, diving certification, scan of the certification, number of dives, month/year of the last dive, any rental equipment or 15L tanks that may be needed, as well as special considerations such as allergies

Documents Required On Site

: 1 copy of your passport; it must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your departure date

Dive Log

: A valid dive certification; without proof of a valid dive certification, we reserve the right to exclude the guest from diving activities

Payment on board

: All prices on board are listed in euros. Foreign currencies may sometimes be subject to a less favorable exchange rate on board. We accept euros and dollars. Credit card payments are not accepted.

Onboard Shop / Onboard Prices: In our onboard shop, we offer clothing and other small items. A current price list, including prices for alcoholic beverages, rental equipment, and spare parts, is posted onboard.

Check Dive

: The dive guides will accompany the first dive after departure—the so-called check dive—and assess the diving skills of all guests. The check dive also serves to test the functionality of the equipment and ensure the correct amount of weights.

Spare Parts

Each guest should bring their own essential spare parts for their equipment, especially for the regulator. Please also remember to bring spare batteries for dive computers, camera equipment, etc.

Tanks

A 12-liter aluminum tank is available to each diver on board. 15-liter tanks are available and must be pre-

ordered at least three weeks before the trip begins. All dive tanks are equipped with DIN valves; INT adapters are available on board if needed.

Flight

Booking If you did not book your flight through Omneia, you are required to inform us independently of your flight details and any possible flight schedule changes. Otherwise, we cannot guarantee a timely pickup.

Fresh Water / Showers

Our liveaboard begins every tour with full fresh water tanks and is equipped with three desalination systems. Nevertheless, we ask that you use fresh water sparingly and avoid taking multiple, lengthy showers per day or rinsing your diving equipment after every dive.

Lost or Damaged

Luggage If you notice at the airport that your luggage has been damaged or lost, you must immediately have a Property Irregularity Report (PIR) issued at your airline's counter at the airport—our staff member at the airport will be happy to assist you with this.

Health

Please bring your own first-aid kit and check whether any medications you are taking are safe for diving. Every safari participant is required to ensure their physical fitness and, by registering, declares that they will do so. Omneia shall in no event be liable for bodily injury or property damage resulting from illness, mental health issues, misconduct, or other acute limitations on the safari participant's fitness to participate.

Beverages

: During the safari, water, tea, Nescafé, filter coffee for breakfast, Fanta, Sprite, Coke, and Coke Zero are available free of charge at all times. A Senseo coffee pod machine is available. If you wish to use it, please bring your own Senseo coffee pods, as they are not available in Egypt. Use of the machine is, of course, free of charge. Bringing beer on board and storing it in the ship's refrigerators is not permitted.

Towels

Each guest receives one large towel for outdoor use. A shower towel, a bathrobe, and a small hand towel are provided in each guest's cabin. The shower towel and small hand towel are changed twice during the safari.

Climate and Clothing

The Red Sea has a dry desert climate. During the summer months, daytime temperatures exceed 35°C, and it cools down only slightly at night. Lightweight, loose-fitting clothing is comfortable during this time. During the winter months, temperatures drop to 15°C in the evenings, but even during the day, when it's around 20°C, a fleece jacket or a warm sweater is recommended.

Be sure to bring ear protection (a hat, headband, or similar), sunscreen with a high SPF, and high-quality sunglasses year-round.

PADI / SSI

Courses We ask that you register for all desired diving courses in advance—otherwise, we cannot guarantee that the course will be offered.

Rental

Equipment If you need rental equipment or individual pieces of gear, please notify Omneia at least three weeks before the start of your trip, providing as precise a size specification as possible. In the event of damage to or loss of rental equipment, you are responsible for covering the resulting costs. There is no insurance for damaged or lost equipment—this also applies to our guests' personal equipment.

Marine

Parks: Night dives, swimming, and snorkeling are generally prohibited in the marine parks. Access to the islands is not permitted.

Medical Supplies on Board

Our ships carry only a limited supply of medications. Therefore, please bring your own small first-aid kit. Diving-safe seasickness tablets are available, as are local medications for diarrhea.

Unfortunately, our crew members do not have sufficient medical training to administer medication and are therefore not authorized to do so. Guests bear full responsibility for any medication they take on their own.

Minimum

Number of Participants In the rare event that the minimum number of 10 guests is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the tour up to a maximum of four weeks before the start of the safari. In this case, we will notify you immediately.

Nitrox / Rebreather

A nitrox membrane system is available on the ship. Should the nitrox system fail and nitrox not be available, there is no entitlement to compensation.

Smoking on Board

Smoking is strictly prohibited in all enclosed areas of the ships. The ships are equipped with smoke detectors that respond to even the slightest amount of smoke and have been installed for your safety. Please use the ashtrays provided and do not throw "remnants" overboard.

Life-Saving Equipment

Life jackets are available for all guests and crew members. There are 2 self-inflating life rafts on the upper deck. You will find dry-chemical fire extinguishers in all cabins, the salon, and the engine room for emergencies. Upon arrival on the ships, you will receive instruction on the location and use of the lifesaving equipment.

Itinerary / Dive Sites

You have an itinerary with planned dive sites. Our dive guides and the captain will adhere to these routes as much as possible. Weather conditions, ocean currents, technical issues, logistical considerations, or local legal requirements may result in deviations from the route and the advertised dive sites. The final

decision rests with the captain, who is responsible for the safety of everyone on board and the vessel. If dive sites cannot be reached due to force majeure—such as bad weather, changes in permit status, technical malfunctions, or similar circumstances—there is no entitlement to a replacement.

Salon / Restaurant

Please do not wear wet diving or swimwear in the salon or restaurant. We ask that you wear at least shorts and a T-shirt during meals.

Satellite

Phone The vessel is equipped with a satellite phone. In an emergency, this allows us to contact the mainland at any time. These phones do not have constant reception and are therefore not intended as guest phones for incoming calls. If guests need to make important calls, we will, of course, make the satellite phone available for a fee.

Sleeping on Deck

You are welcome to sleep on deck at any time of year. Please bring a sleeping bag—the cushions from the sun deck can serve as a base. However, bed linens, pillows, blankets, and mattresses from the cabins may not be taken out onto the deck.

Footwear

: Wearing shoes indoors on board is prohibited. In outdoor areas, flip-flops or lightweight sailing shoes are permitted; most guests prefer to walk barefoot.

Language

Each safari is accompanied by a German-speaking guide. The crew speaks Egyptian Arabic and, in some cases, a little English.

Electricity / Outlets / Charging

Station 220-volt AC power is available 24 hours a day. You do not need an adapter for the outlets on board. There is a charging station on the dive deck for lights, cameras, etc. The use of any chargers is prohibited in the cabins—fire hazard!

Dive Conduct and Planning

Before each dive, our dive guides provide guests with a detailed briefing about the dive site, its unique features, and potential hazards. The sequence of events for each dive is also discussed from start to finish. We ask that you pay close attention to these briefings and ask any questions during the briefing itself—that way, other divers can benefit as well. Please remember: there are no stupid questions, only stupid answers :-).

Diving Accidents

: Dive safaris sometimes take us to remote locations far out at sea—where communication options are limited. Our boats are equipped with first-aid kits and emergency oxygen for initial treatment. Transporting an injured diver to the nearest hospital or hyperbaric chamber can take up to 8 hours or longer, depending on the circumstances. Therefore, you should always remember not to take unnecessary risks.

Diving

Accident Insurance: While this is not strictly required, it must be noted that the authorities mandate that you have such insurance for diving trips to Egypt.

Participation

Requirements To participate in our liveaboard trips, you must have completed a diving certification. For tours to the north and south, you must be able to provide proof of at least 30 logged dives; for liveaboard trips to marine parks, proof of 50 logged dives is required. The maximum diving depth permitted under Egyptian law and CDWS regulations is 30 meters. Under certain conditions, however, dives may be extended to 40 meters. This requires a Deep Dive certification.

Itinerary

The boat departs from the harbor in the morning following your arrival. Depending on the route, 2–4 dives are offered per safari day. On the day before departure, the boat returns to the harbor by approximately 4:00 p.m.

Transfer

: A staff member holding a sign reading “Omneia Spirit” or “Omneia Soul” will be waiting for you before passport control. Since most of our guests arrive on different flights, we ask for your understanding that we organize a group transfer for all guests landing within a one-hour window. We appreciate your understanding should there be any waiting times. Tipping the bus driver is not expected.

Tipping

: More so than in many other countries, a “baksheesh” is expected in Egypt. We will cover the bus drivers’ tips for you. On board, we recommend a guideline amount of 120 EUR per week per safari participant for the crew and dive guides. Tipping is, of course, a voluntary gesture—a thank-you for particularly attentive service from the crew and guides.

Environmental

Protection Excerpt from the legal provisions on environmental protection:

1. Hunting, fishing, collecting, or breaking off corals or shells, etc., is prohibited.
2. Dumping any kind of objects—such as trash, oil, grease, etc.—into the sea is prohibited.
3. There is a general ban on anchoring in protected areas.
4. Feeding fish and birds is prohibited.
5. Wearing gloves is discouraged.
6. Walking on coral and reefs is prohibited.
7. Taking coral, shellfish shells, snail shells, or similar items is strictly prohibited.
8. Carrying muck sticks, pointer sticks, or reef sticks is generally prohibited.
9. The use of a reef hook is discouraged and is also unnecessary in this diving area.

Violations may result in fines and/or imprisonment. In addition, the authorities reserve the right to impose a temporary professional ban on the responsible captain and guide, as well as to revoke the vessel’s operating permits for a specified period.

Meals on Board

Our chefs “conjure up” three meals a day. Between meals, you’ll always find small snacks and/or fresh fruit. Chilled soft drinks and drinking water are available in the publicly accessible refrigerators, or you can help yourself from the water dispensers. Consumption of local alcoholic beverages is to be recorded independently on the provided beverage lists. If you have any food intolerances or allergies, or specific food preferences or aversions, please inform your tour operator no later than one week before the trip begins.

Wi-Fi

: Free Wi-Fi is available on the ship. Connection availability and quality vary depending on the route and cannot be guaranteed by us. In general, Wi-Fi is only available while we are within range of the cellular network and is not intended for large data transfers!



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