

Safari Informationen

# Omneia Spirit & Soul (english)

#### Arrival in Egypt

Upon arrival at Hurghada or Marsa Alam Airport, a member of staff will be waiting for you in the airport arrivals hall to present you with the visa. It can be recognized by a sign with the inscription "Omneia Spirit"/ "Omneia Soul". At the exit of the airport, after you have passed passport control and taken your suitcase back to you, another employee will be waiting for you. You can also recognize this by the "Omneia Spirit"/ "Omneia Soul" sign. He will show you the way 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 1 hour. There may beshort waiting times at the airport.

#### Arrival / departure day

On the day of arrival, check-in is from 16.00 on the boat. Departure from the harbor will be the following day, when the harbor master has released the boat. The boat returns to the harbor in the afternoon before departure. On the day of departure, check-out is from 09.00 (cabin) and 12.00 from the boat. Of course, you can spend the waiting time on board until your transfer to theport of flight. However, depending on the pickup time, it can be more relaxed to spend the day of departure at a hotel with day or pool use. The cost of this is on request and not included in the safari price. If youare interested, please contact your organizer. Should it be necessary due to unforeseeable events (necessarywork on the ship, technical incidents, postponed arrival and departure times, etc.), guests will spend the first or last night in a hotel (HB basis). The costs for this are borne by Omneia or your airline. If you want to spend the first or last night of the safari in a hotel at your own request, you will bear all the costs incurred yourself.

#### Alcoholic beverages

On board we offer local beer in cans, local wine and local Prosecco for a fee. You can also choose between various long drinks.

#### Attest

The regulations in Egypt state that the medical fitness certificate must not be older than 1 year (regardless of age). For us, the form







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"Declaration of state of health" is sufficient, provided that you can answer all questions truthfully with no.

#### Equipment for divers

Mandatory are for every diver; In addition to conventional equipment, the following equipment objects:

Each diver dives with his own dive computer, (spare battery available?) One safety buoy for each diver pulmonary automaton with alternative 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 finimeter is highly recommended. On board the M/Y Omneia Spirit, one transmitter of the ENOS tracking system is available free of charge per buddy team.

Lead and bleigurte are available on board. Bathrobes are available in different sizes on board.

#### **Bathrooms and toilets**

Please use shampoo and shower detergent sparingly, the wastewater enters the sea untreated. Please pay attention, for the sake of the environment, in yourpurchase of drugstore items for the holiday on biodegradable products. Do not throw toilet paper and other toiletries into the toilet, but use the trash cans set up for this purpose, otherwise it can lead to clogging of the toilets.

#### Required data when booking

For the approval of each liveaboard we need the following data from each guest up to 4 weeks before the start of the trip: surname, first name, date of birth, nationality, passport number, complete flight data, divingcertification, number of dives, month/year of the last dive, possibly required rental equipment or 15L tanks as well as special features such as allergies

#### Required documents on site

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

#### Logbook

Valid diving certificate, without proof of a valid diving certificate, we reserve the right to exclude the guest from diving operations Payment on board. All prices on board are shown in Euros. Foreign currencies sometimes have a worse exchange rate on board. We accept €,

\$ and Egyptian pounds. Payment by credit card is not possible. Onboard shop / on-board prices: In our on-board shop we offer clothing and other small things. A valid price list, also for alcoholic beverages, rental equipment and spare parts, is displayed on board











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### Check dive

The dive guides will accompany the first dive after departure, the socalled check dive, and check the diving skills of all guests. The check dive is also used to test the functionality of the equipment and the correct amount of lead.

#### **Replacement parts**

Each guest should bring the most important spare parts for his equipment, especially for the vending machine. Please also think of spare batteries for dive computer and photo equipment etc.

#### **Bottles**

A 12 I aluminium bottle is available to each diver on board. 15 I bottles are available to them and must be pre-ordered up to three weeks before the start of the trip. All tanks are equipped with DIN connections; INT adapters are available on board if required.

#### Flight

If you have not booked your flight through Omneia, you are obliged to inform us independently about your flight details and possible flight time changes. Otherwise, we cannot guarantee punctual collection.

#### Fresh water /Dried water

Our liveaboard ship starts each tour with full fresh water tanks and has three desalination plants. Nevertheless, we ask you to use fresh water sparingly and to avoid repeated, extensive showering per day orrinsing the diving equipment after each dive.

#### Loss or damage to baggage

If you discover at the airport that your baggage has been damaged, or If your baggage has been lost, you must immediately have a confirmation (PIR) issued at the counter of your airline in the airport -our employee at the airport will be happy to assist you.

#### Health

Please bring your own first-aid kit and inquire whether these medications are also compatible when diving.

Each safari participant is obliged to ensure his physical suitability and declares to do so by his registration. Omneia is in no case liable for bodily injury or property damagecaused by illness, mental health problems, misconduct or other acutely occurring fitness restrictions of the safari participant.

#### Beverages

During the safari, tea, Nescafé, soft drinks and water areavailable free of charge at all times. A Senseo coffee pad machine is









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#### available.

If you want to use them, please bring Senseo coffee pods, as these are not available in Egypt. The use of the machine is of course free of charge. Bringingbeer on board and storing it in the ship's own refrigerators is not desired.

#### Towels

Each guest receives a large towel for the outdoor areas. A shower towel, a bathrobe and a small towel are available for each guest in the cabins. Shower towel and small towel will be changed twice during the safari.

#### **Climate and clothing**

The Red Sea has a dry desert climate. In the summer months you can expect temperatures above 35°C during the day, at night it cools down insignificantly. Light and loose-fitting clothing is then pleasant. In the winter months it cools down to 15°C in the evening, but even during the day, with about 20°C, a fleece jacket or a warming sweater is appropriate. Think all year round ofprotection for the ears (cap, headband or

similar), sun protection with a high sun protection factor and highquality sunglasses.

### Courses according to Padi / SSI

We kindly ask you to register all desired diving courses in advance -otherwise an implementation can notbe guaranteed.

#### **Rental Equipment**

If you need rental equipment or individual pieces of equipment, pleaseregister this with Omneia up to a maximum of three weeks before the start of the trip, with as precise a size as possible. In the event of damage to or loss of the rental equipment, the damage incurred must be paid. There is no insurance for damaged or lost equipment- this also applies to our guests' own equipment.

#### Marinepark

In the marine parks, night dives, swimming and snorkeling are generally prohibited. Entering the islands is not permitted.

#### Medical equipment on board

On board our ships there are only a limited amount of medication. Therefore, please bring your own small first-aid kit. Submersible tablets for seasickness are available; local drugs for diarrhea as well. Unfortunately, our employees on board do not have sufficient medical training to administer medication and are therefore not authorized to do so. The guest bears full responsibility for each selfmedication.









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#### Minimum

If, in rare cases, a minimum number of participants 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, you will be informed by us immediately.

#### Nitrox / Rebreather

A nitrox membrane system is available on the ship. If the nitrox system fails and no nitrox can be provided, there is no claim for damages.

#### Smoking on board

Smoking isgenerally prohibited in all enclosed spaces of ships. The ships have smoke detectors that respond to the smallest amount of smoke and have been installed for your safety. Please use the ashtrays provided and do not throw the "leftovers" overboard

#### **Rescuefacilities**

Life jackets are available as rescue facilities for all guests and crew. On the upper deck there are 2 self-inflating life rafts. You will find powder fire extinguishers for the emergency train in all cabins, in the saloon and engine room. Upon arrival on the ships, you will be informed of the location and handling of the Rescue equipment instructed.

#### **Itinerary / Dive Sites**

You have a route with planned dive sites. Our dive guides and captain will follow these routes wherever possible. Weather conditions, ocean currents, technical problems, logistical considerations or the legal situation on site can lead to deviations of the route and the advertised dive sites. The final decision is made by the master, who is responsible for the safety of all persons on board and of the ship. If dive sites cannot be approached by force majeure - e.g. bad weather, change in the approval situation, technical defects or similar - there is no claim for replacement.

#### Lounge / Restaurant

Please do not wear wet diving or swimwear in the salon/restaurant. We kindly ask you to come to meals at leastdressed in shorts and a T-shirt.

#### Satellite telephone

The ship is equipped with a satellite telephone. In an emergency, we can contact the mainland at any time. These phones are not constantly on reception and therefore notintended as a guest telephone for incoming calls. Should guests have to make important phone calls, we will of course provide the satellite









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# telephone for a fee.

#### Sleeping on deck

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

#### Footwear

The wearing of shoes on board in the indoorareas is prohibited. Slippers or light sailing shoes are allowed in the outdoor areas; most guests prefer to move barefoot.

#### Language

Each safari is accompanied by a German-speaking guide. The crew speaks Egyptian-Arabic and partly a little English

#### **Electricity / Sockets / Charging station**

220 volts AC is available 24 hours a day. You do not need an adapter for the water boxes on board. On the dive deck there is a charging station for lamps and cameras etc. In the cabins the use of any chargers is prohibited- Fire hazard!

#### Dive implementation and planning

Before each dive, our dive guides inform the guests in detail about the dive site and its special features and danger points in a briefing. Likewise, the course of each dive is discussed from start to finish. We ask you to follow these briefings andask questions during the briefing - so other divers can also benefit from it. Please remember: there are no stupid questions, only stupid answers :-).

#### **Diving accidents**

Liveaboards sometimes take us to remote places far out at sea - the communication possibilities are insufficient there. Our ships have first aid facilities and emergency oxygen for first aid. The transport of an injured diver to the nearest hospital/ hyperbaric chamber may take up to 8 hours or more. Therefore, you should always remember not to take unnecessary risks.

#### **Diving accident insurance**

These are not mandatory, but it must be pointed out, as the conclusion of such a diving trip to Egypt is prescribed by the authorities.

#### **Eligibility requirements**

To participate in our liveaboards, you should have completed diving training. For north and south toursyou should be able











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to prove at least 30 logged dives, for safaris in the marine parks 50 logged dives must be proven.

#### **Tour route**

The exit from the port takes place in the morning after the day of arrival. Depending on the route, 2 - 4 dives are offered per safari day. The day before departure, the return to the port takes place until about 16:00.

#### Transfer

A member of staff will be waiting for you with a sign with the inscription "Omneia Spirit" before passport control. Since most of our Guests arriving with different planes, we ask for your understanding that we organize a group transfer for all guests who land within 1 hour. We ask for your understanding if there are waiting times. A tip for the bus driver is not desired

#### Tip

More than in some other countries, Egypt has a "Bakshish" expected. We take care of the tip of the bus drivers for you. On board we recommend as a guideline an amount of approx. 60 EUR per week/safari participant for the crew and approx. 40 EUR for the dive guides. Tipping is of course a voluntary gift, a thank you for a particularly attentive serviceto crew and guides.

#### **Environmental protection**

Excerpt from the legal provisions on environmental protection:

1. Hunting, fishing, collecting or breaking corals or Mussels etc. are prohibited.

- 2. The introduction of objects of all kinds such as garbage, 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 not welcome.
- 6. Walking on corals and reefs is prohibited.

7. The transport of corals, mussel and snail shells or similar is strictly prohibited.

8. The carrying of Muck Sticks, Pointer Sticks or Reef rods are generally prohibited.

9. The use of a reef hook is not desirable and not necessary in this diving area .

In the case of misdemeanours, fines and/or imprisonment are possible. In addition, the authorities reserve the right to impose a temporary professional ban on the responsible captain and guide, as well as to confiscate the operating licences for the ship for a certain period of time.









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### Catering on board

Our chefs "conjure" up three meals a day. Between meals you will always find small snacks and / or fresh fruit. Chilled soft drinks and drinking water can be found in the publicly accessible refrigerators or help yourself from the water dispensers. The consumption of local alcoholic beverages is independently noted in the available beverage lists. If you suffer from food intolerances or allergies, or have special likes/dislikes, please inform your tour operator at least one week before the start of the trip.

#### WLAN

Free Wi-Fi is available on the ship. The establishment and quality of the connection varies depending on the route and cannot be guaranteed by us. Basically, WLAN is only available as long as we are within range of the mobile network and is not intended for larger data exchange!









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