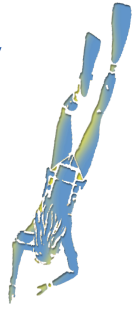


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Simply Diving Red Sea Trip
Saturday 1st – Saturday 8th November, 2008

Excursion Overview and Fact Sheet

OVERVIEW

Arrival in Egypt

Once we arrive at Sharm El Sheikh airport we will be met by an MY Juliet representative, who will give us an Egyptian entrance visa in order to proceed quickly through immigration. After collecting our luggage we will meet outside the airport and give 10 UK pounds (approx. 15 Euros) to the rep to cover the cost of the entrance visa. We will then board the air conditioned minibus, which will transfer us to the boat.

Once aboard we will receive a welcome drink and a safety briefing and given time to settle into our cabins before the evening meal.

Dive timetable

A typical day on the MY Juliet includes an early morning briefing during tea and coffee time, followed by the first dive of the day. Once back onboard and after breakfast, you'll head back into the sea for dive number two and then after lunch and a bit of relaxation you'll kit up for the third dive. Then later at night before dinner, you can take part in a night dive. (Please note: night dives are not guaranteed every night.) Then after dinner, there will be time for more relaxation and some fun! You can do as many or as few of the scheduled dives as you like.

Last Day's Diving

On our last day of diving we will be able to complete 3 dives before the diving part of the holiday is over.

Last Day

On the actual last day aboard the boat, shortly after breakfast, we will be transferred to a hotel. There will be toilets and showers available for us and luggage can be left at the centre. This day can be spent at leisure, so please make sure you have enough money to be able to buy meals, drinks and souvenirs. We then will be transferred to the airport to catch our return flights.

FACT SHEET

MY Juliet

Juliet has 7 cabins, all of which are air-conditioned with independent unit controls and have en-suite facilities (a private head & shower). Each cabin has a TV, video and a telephone connected to an internal telephone system. There is an internal telephone system in place to connect all areas of the boat. There is one master cabin with its own private entrance. It has a queen size bed with its own suite facilities including TV, VCR & mini-bar. 4 twin berth cabins where the lower bunk is a double bed, "Excellent for couples" & 2 twin berth cabins with single bunks. The spacious fly bridge, which is divided into sun and shade areas, has a bar and is ideal for relaxing, sunbathing and chilling out. Her large aft deck is well laid out and has shower & equipment rinsing facilities with twin staircases leading to a large dive platform. And she has two tenders with fibreglass hull.

The salon is air-conditioned with TV, DVD, video, sound system and library, as well.

Diving

A minimum of three dives a day are programmed with the added option of a dusk or night dive. With the longer days in summer, a fourth dive may be added to the daytime diving agenda. 90% of the diving is done by zodiac in two groups so as to avoid crowding at the dive sites. The effort is made to tailor the diving agenda around the guests' diving abilities and previous experience in order to offer a unique and pleasurable diving experience.

Diving and Weather

During certain months the weather in the Red Sea can be unpredictable and change rapidly within minutes. The MY Juliet skipper will take great care to predict unsavoury weather and under such circumstances the dive itinerary and routing may have to be compromised. Most Red Sea wrecks tend to lie in exposed locations with navigational hazards and these will be the first sites not to be included should adverse weather conditions be predicted. At all times the skipper's decision on routing is final as it is his main priority to ensure the safety of the guests on board.

Food & Drinks

The MY Juliet offers full board accommodation. Guests with special dietary requirements should mention this to Simply Diving staff at the time of booking. Water, tea and coffee are available on board at no extra charge. Beer and spirits are to be provided by the guests and can be purchased at the duty free shop upon arrival at Sharm El Sheikh.

Average Egyptian Temperatures – Air

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec
20° 22° 24° 28° 32° 34° 37° 39° 37° 34° °26 °22

Average Egyptian Temperatures – Sea

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec
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Showers

When the boats go to sea they do not intend to return to port until we disembark. The amount of water onboard should be enough for the maximum capacity of guests to be able to have one short shower per day. Where there are showers on deck they can be used to rinse off your face & hair, cameras, regulators & computers.

Voltage

The voltage onboard is 220v / 110v and is 2 x round pin so you will need a travel plug adapter. Do not attempt to re-charge any battery which takes longer than 6 hours as the generators may be switched off at certain times during the day/night to cool down and this will damage the cell life of your battery if it takes longer to recharge than 6 hours. The re-charging points are everywhere, if you cannot see enough points, please ask a member of the crew. Because of the visibility you do not need huge lanterns, and torches are ideal. Some non-rechargeable torches such as Underwater Kinetics SL4 and Scubapro's 'blue light' take 4 alkaline batteries which will give you 8 hours of light – more than enough for a week's liveaboard and saves carrying spares.

Medical

The boats carry a comprehensive medical kit and emergency DAN O2 kit . Remember to bring sun-lotion, even in winter when there can be a cold wind, you can burn. If snorkeling it is a good idea to wear a white T-shirt to reflect the surface ultra-violet rays. Also, in case of any dive emergencies it is strongly advisable to have diving insurance, as all regular divers should have it. You can obtain dive insurance directly through Simply Diving, ranging from weekly to yearly covers, if you require it. A small premium can go a long way!

Tips

If you've ever been to Egypt you will know that people are very accommodating and extremely helpful and will go out of their way to make sure you are well treated and catered for. Although, tips are at your discretion, it is recommended to leave a 15-20 UK pound (25 Euro) tip per guest for the boat staff (which is shared among them) and 10UK

pound tip to the dive guide to show your appreciation at the end of the trip.

Flight Information

Flights from the UK – XL airlines are one of the cheapest carriers to fly direct from London Gatwick and most other major UK airports. Flight prices average around 200 UK pounds for a return flight. For more information see www.xl.com.

Easyjet www.easyjet.com flies to Sharm too.

Example flight schedule:

XL Airlines

Saturday 1st November

Departs LGW at 1340

Arrives Sharm El Sheikh 2055

MY Juliet departs late on Saturday night once everyone has arrived

Saturday 8th November

Departs Sharm El Sheikh 0900

Arrives LGW 1240

You also have the option of staying at local hotel on the 8th and departing on the 9th, if you want to enjoy a land-based day in Na'ama bay before flying home.

Dive Equipment

Most airlines give you a generous baggage allowance usually at a set price. Check with each individual carrier what the allowance and cost will be.

Flights outside of the UK – It is advisable that those traveling to Sharm El Sheikh from outside of the UK, travel to the UK for the XL flight (Simply Diving staff will be doing this) or alternatively find a suitable flight from your country of origin.

Visas – 10 UK pounds will be payable to the MY Juliet guide on arrival at Sharm El Sheikh airport. He/She will then arrange the entry visa.