

Getting There, Passports & Visa Documentation

The Hurghada International Airport is located 25 minutes from downtown Hurghada where the yacht docks at the Old Sheraton Harbor. We have two travel agents who specialize in airline travel, tours and hotel stays.

IMPORTANT: Due to new regulations related to visiting the islands in the North the yacht will need to present a copy of each guests passport 4 days prior to the yacht departure to local authorities to secure permission for the guest to board.

Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket. Citizens from all countries are required to have a passport that is valid for 6 months from date of entry. It is the travelers' responsibility to ensure they have the proper visa to travel into each country on his or her itinerary as well as for re-entry and return to their country. Since regulations vary by country, contact your consulate or embassy of your country for the requirement.

Hurghada International Airport (HRG): Turkish Air, Pegasus Airlines, Austrian Airlines, Swiss Air, Lufthansa & Condor, Egypt Air

Travel Advisory: We are unable to accept reservations from guests traveling on an Israeli passport due to Egyptian maritime regulations. There is a risk that when the Port Authority is clearing the yacht to depart Hurghada on the charter, travel may be delayed and/or denied by the authorities for these individuals.

Minimum Age For Diving: The minimum age to scuba dive in the Red Sea is 15 years old.

Arrival/Boarding/Departure

Airport transfers are included (by request) if arriving and departing from the Hurghada International Airport to and from the Old Sheraton Harbor where the yacht docks. If you would like complimentary transfers from the Hurghada International Airport on your charter start date, an advance reservation must be made at least **7 days prior to the charter start date** by entering this information in your GIS travel information or contacting your reservation agent. **You must add the words ‘complimentary transfer’ to the GIS travel section to confirm.**

For those with the complimentary transfer from HRG Airport to the yacht, an English-speaking guide will meet and greet you to assist you with your luggage inside the airport and another English-speaking guide will be waiting for guests outside the airport.

Guests will be met and transferred to the yacht. Guests may board the yacht Saturday afternoon anytime between 3 pm - 6 pm and through the evening. The yacht will depart the dock early Sunday morning after the Port Authorities have checked all guest's passports. After clearance is given, no one can board the boat.

Last Diving Day/Departure

After a full week of diving, the Yacht returns back to Old Sheraton Harbor Friday afternoon between 2 - 4 pm. Friday evening after the sunset cocktail party, guests may go ashore and enjoy one of the many fine restaurants, cafes or pubs in the Hurghada.

Check-out is Saturday morning at 8 am.

Please note the Hurghada Airport allows guests to enter the airport 3 to 4 hours prior to their departure flight time and no sooner than that. Guests wishing to utilize our complimentary transfer service are advised to book flights departing prior to 1:00 pm.

Local Fees/Taxes

There is a USD \$50 Port Fee per person and a USD \$100 Marine Park fee per person to visit Ras Mohamed and Straights of Tiran. These fees are paid onboard the yacht and may be paid by Visa, Mastercard, or cash. The yacht doesn't not accept travelers checks due to the banks not accepting them. There is a 14% Value Added Tax (VAT) required by the Egyptian Federal Law for all onboard billings for any retail or service added to your bill that includes port fees, marine park fees, dive courses, clothing sales and nitrox.

Upon arrival to Egypt, all guests must pay (cash only) an entry visa of \$25. (subject to change without notice) If guests would like to purchase a visa in advance, please visit: <https://visa2egypt.gov.eg/eVisa/FAQ>

Please Note: Drones are not allowed in Egypt. The Egyptian Government forbids international tourists from carrying drone aircraft into the country. If you do enter Egypt with a drone aircraft, the Egyptian Government warns they will confiscate the drone.

Taxes and fees paid onboard the yacht are subject to change without notice.