



## FAQ: Liveaboard trips, Sudan with departure from South Egypt

### **Q) Description of Sudan trips out from Egypt & back**

A) The Sudan trips out of Port Ghalib – Egypt to Sudan and back is a new itinerary & product in the market which has been launched four and half years ago, and are the first trips to be done officially between Egypt & Sudan with permissions from the Egyptian & the Sudanese authorities. So it's considered as a short international voyage according to the maritime international rules (taking passengers from country to another).

### **Q) How is the local authorities deal with this kind of trips? Two countries on one trip - any hassle with bureaucracy?**

A) The authorities of each country are getting used to this kind of trips, at the beginning (first two trips) the authorities in both countries were very strict as they were not used to this kind of trips & getting confused to treat the permission as diving trip or passenger ship doing a short international voyage between two countries with passengers. Then things are getting smoother & became more flexible, on each trip now we feel that the permissions procedures & time are getting shorter then before.

### **Q) Where is the embarkation & dis-embarkation port for the Sudan trips?**

A) Port Ghalib jetty (10 minutes from Marsa Alam airport) or (220Km south of Hurghada).

### **Q) How many entries Visa do I need for Egypt?**

A) Two Egyptian entries Visa, one upon your arrival at the Airport, the other one upon your arrival back from the Sudan trip at Port Ghalib.

### **Q) Do I have to arrange & pay my own Egyptian Visa by myself?**

A) The first entry visa at the airport will normally be issue for you according to our agreement most of the time will be included in your holiday package. The second one will be arranged & paid by you in cash on board.

### **Q) What about the Sudan entry Visa? Do I have to arrange my own Visa for Sudan?**

A) We organize for you the Sudan entry Visa You will need only one entry Visa for Sudan. We will send you the Visa application form (in Word format) which have to be filled by you & send it back to us, with a scanned passport copy 4 weeks before the departure day, accordingly we'll send them to our agent in Sudan who arrange in advanced the Sudan entry Visa for you before our arrival to Port Sudan and will be

issue & stamped on your passport upon our arrival to Port Sudan. The payment for the Sudan Visa and Taxes has to be paid locally in cash.

**Q) Is there any restriction to obtain the Sudan entry Visa?**

A) Sudan authorities will not issue the Visa for any passport has an Israeli stamp on it, so please check your passport before booking regarding this matter. Our dive guides onboard will check the passports as soon as you embark in Egypt & if they found any Israeli stamped we'll be unable to honor you onboard the Sudan trips.

**Q) How many empty pages are required on my passport for Egypt & Sudan Visa?**

A) We'll need 4 empty pages on your passport, since you'll receive 2 entry Visa for Egypt and the Sudan entry Visa will need 2 empty pages.

**Q) What about the passport expiration date?**

A) According to Sudan regulations the passport should have minimum 6 months passport validity to issue the Sudan visa.

**Q) At what time the boat start sailing from Port Ghalib?**

A) The Royal Evolution starts sailing at night, as soon as the last guest embarks & finish all the immigration procedures.

**Embarkation time must be before 9:00pm.**

**Q) How long the immigration procedures are taking time in Egypt?**

A) As soon as the last guest embarks, we send all the passports with our representative to Marsa Alam airport to get them stamped out of the country, on his way back to Port Ghalib jetty we'll ask all the guests to move to the international transit hall which is situated 20 meters from the boat, then the Royal Evolution move to the international area in front of the transit hall. The guests embark again to the boat & start sailing.

The duration from the time the guests move to the transit hall to embark again is approx 30 - 60 minutes.

**Q) What about Sudan?**

A) We arrive Port Sudan port at approx 9:00AM (depending on weather condition) on the third day of the trip, as soon as the boat is moored our agent in Port Sudan arrive to the boat with all the authorities representatives (Passports, Customs, Health, etc...). In approx 2 to 3 hours we have all the passports stamped with the Sudan visa, having our diving permissions with us & the boat leave the port to start the amazing diving in Sudan.

**Q) Why we have to pay 400 Euro + 155 USD for Egypt & Sudan entry visa, local taxes, etc... isn't this cost very high? And what does that fees include?**

A) The fact that this kind of trips include 2 countries and considered as short international voyage, we have to deal with several local authorities in both countries to receive our permissions. This fees include the following:

- One entry visa to Egypt on return from Sudan
- One entry visa to Sudan
- Local taxes in Egypt
- Local taxes & marine park fees in Sudan
- Port charges in Egypt & Sudan
- Passport control fees in Egypt & Sudan
- Customs control fees in Egypt & Sudan
- Health control fees in Sudan
- State security fees in Egypt & Sudan
- Port security fees in Egypt & Sudan
- Port Sudan agent commission

**Q) Are we go off the boat in Port Sudan?**

A) No one is going out of the boat in Port Sudan, we're staying onboard this couple of hours as all the authorities are visiting us onboard to finish the immigration procedures so no need to go out of the boat.

**Q) How far is Port Galib from Hurghada?**

A) Transfer from Hurghada Airport to Port Galib takes about 3½ hours by car.

**Q) How far is Port Galib from Marsa Alam Airport?**

A) Transfer from Marsa Alam Airport to Port Galib takes 10-125 minutes by car.

**Q) If Marsa Alam airport is closer to Port Galib, then why flying to Hurghada?**

A) If there is direct flight to Marsa Alam, we will offer it as the first option. Unfortunately there is not always flight to Marsa Alam but more flight to Hurghada from several airports in Scandinavia and rest of the Europe.

**Q) Is it possible to rent diving equipment?**

A) Yes. You can rent diving Equipment. Let us know in advanced what you need.

**Q) Is it possible to rent bigger scuba tank?**

A) Yes. You can rent a bigger scuba tank. Let us know in advanced what you need.

## Q) What about Nitrox, Helium and courses?

A) We offer Nitrox and Helium on board, as well diving courses. Please order in Advanced.

### *Diving services*

| <b>Gas</b>   |                          | <b>Price</b>   |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Nitrox fills</b>  |                          |  |
| <b>EANx Fills</b>  |                          |  |
| 22%  | 32%                      | 200bar max. Cert. required 12L/ 15L Tank per fill 5.00 / 7.00 Euro     |
| 33%  | 40%                      | 200bar max. Cert. required 12L/ 15L Tank per fill 7.00 / 9.00 Euro     |
| 22%  | 32%                      | 200bar max. Cert. required 12L/ 15L Tank ( 7 Days) 70.00 /90.00 Euro   |
| 22%  | 32%                      | 200bar max. Cert. required 12L/ 15L Tank (13 Days) 140.00 /180.00 Euro |
| 33%  | 40%                      | 200bar max. Cert. required 12L/ 15L Tank (13 Days) 200.00/ 250.00 Euro |
| 33%  | 40%                      | 200bar max. Cert. required 12L/ 15L Tank ( 7 Days) 100.00/ 125.00 Euro |
| 41%  | 80%                      | 200bar max. Cert. required 3L tank 9.00 Euro                           |
| 81%  | 100%                     | 200bar max. Cert. required 3L tank 11.00 Euro                          |
| <b>Helium / Trimix Fills</b>   |                          |  |
| Per Litter   | ( Certificate required ) | 0.06 Euro  |
| <b>PADI courses</b>  |                          | <b>Price</b>   |
| Advanced open Water Diver (Including Certificate &Manual)  |                          | 230.00 Euro  |
| Emergency First Aid (Including Certificate & Manual)   |                          | 130.00 Euro  |
| Rescue Diver ( Including Certificate & Manual)   |                          | 280.00 Euro  |
| Master Scuba Diver ( Incl. Certificate & Manual)   |                          | 250.00 Euro  |
| Specialty Course (Incl. Certificate ) Deep dive ,night dive.Drift dive,boat,<br>Multilevel U/W navigation ,Search&Recovery , U/W Naturalist ,Wreck ,Equipm |                          | 130.00 Euro  |
| Dive Master (including certificate & manual )  |                          | 750.00 Euro  |
| Assistant Instructor ( Including Certifacate & Manual )  |                          | 500.00 Euro  |
| <b>TDI courses</b>   |                          | <b>Price</b>   |
| Nitrox diver (Including certificate & manual )   |                          | 130.00 Euro  |

*All Courses are subject to Itineraries & weather conditions...*