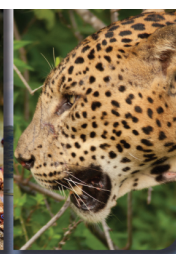


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## ***Red Sea Aggressor II*** ***Saturday – Saturday ~ Hurghada/Hurghada***

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### **Very Important Information:**

**TRANSFERS:** Airport transfers are complimentary if arriving and departing from the Hurghada International Airport on the charter start/end dates to and from the New Marina of Hurghada, 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 **14 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.**

Reservations made less than 14 days will not be complimentary but can be arranged for you. 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.

#### **Transfers For Combining the Red Sea Aggressor II With the Nile Queen River Cruise**

For guests traveling on the Red Sea Aggressor II combined with the Nile Queen, transfers can be arranged for you and are scheduled at the below times. There is an additional charge for this and reservations must be made at least 7 days in advance.

**Nile Queen/Red Sea Aggressor II:** 11 am departure from Aswan to Hurghada to board the Red Sea Aggressor II.

**Red Sea Aggressor II/Nile Queen:** 7 am departure from Hurghada to Luxor to board the Nile Queen.

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**PASSPORTS:** Passport information must be completed in the online GIS no less than **7 days** prior to departure date for government clearance to board the yacht.

**NEW REQUIRED DIVING MEDICAL:** The Government of Egypt has recently begun enforcing regulations that requires all dive operations to obtain a Diving Medical History form before allowing anybody to participate in recreational diving activities (certified and non-certified). The universal RSTC Medical History Questionnaire is acceptable. If you answer YES to any of the questions, you will need to visit with your local medical professional for an examination and obtain their approval (via their signature) before participating in recreational diving.

A positive reason simply means that there is a pre-existing condition that may affect your safety while diving and you must seek the advice and approval of a medical professional before engaging in diving activities.

**PLEASE BRING A COMPLETED COPY OF THIS FORM WITH YOU TO THE YACHT.** In some countries, divers are required to have a medical exam every year. If you already have a signed medical for recreational diving (that may use a different form), dated less than 12 months from the date of your upcoming trip, then that will be acceptable as well. If you do not bring a completed copy of this form with you to the yacht, you will be required to complete it onboard. However, be advised, that there are no medical facilities available nearby that can provide a medical consultation if needed. We strongly recommend that everyone take a moment to review and complete this form now - before your travels.

#### **AIRLINE TRAVEL & CHECKED BAGGAGE TO EGYPT**

Check with your airline or airlines (if traveling with more than one carrier) regarding luggage allowances, limitations and overage fees. Some airlines have seasonal restrictions to certain destinations that may limit guests to one checked bag or a maximum weight of all checked bags and prohibit extra pieces or over weight pieces.

Paper copies of airline tickets should be hand carried, as some Egyptian airports still require these with confirmation numbers.

#### **FEES & TAXES (USD)**

Upon arrival to Egypt, all guests must pay an entry visa of \$25 in cash only. For all included transfers 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. A multi-entry visa is not available.

At the end of the week, guests must pay a USD \$45 Port fee per person and a USD \$100 Marine Park fee per person to visit Ras Mohamed & Tiran. These fees are paid onboard the yacht and may be paid by Visa, Mastercard, or cash (USD, Euros, English pounds or EGP - Egyptian pounds). The yacht cannot accept traveller's checks due to the banks in Egypt 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 billing that includes port fees, marine park fees, dive courses, clothing sales, and nitrox.

### **RED SEA AGGRESSOR II – HOME PORT**

The Red Sea Aggressor II operates from the New Marina of Hurghada. Hurghada is a beautiful and safe touristic city with many restaurants, cafes, bars, and shops. We recommend arriving early and staying at the Hurghada Marriott Beach Resort. It is a beautiful resort located close to the New Marina of Hurghada which is where the Red Sea Aggressor II docks. Email [randy.haight@dolphinscuba.com](mailto:randy.haight@dolphinscuba.com) for details.

### **ARRIVAL/DOCKING/DEPARTURE**

Reservations are highly recommended for transfers from the Hurghada Airport to your hotel if you are arriving early and prior to the charter start date.

Airport transfers are complementary if arriving and departing from the Hurghada Airport on the charter start/end dates to and from the New Marina of Hurghada, where the yacht docks. It is approximately 15 – 20 minutes between the airport and the yacht. Transfers are provided from the Hurghada Airport to New Marina of Hurghada when the guests arrive. The transfer to the Hurghada Airport on the disembark date departs the yacht at 8 am Saturday morning (for 7-night charters). For transfers other than the complimentary transfer on the arrival charter date at the Hurghada Airport and departure date back to the airport, please contact Aggressor Travel at [randy.haight@dolphinscuba.com](mailto:randy.haight@dolphinscuba.com).

If you are already in Hurghada and making your own way to the Red Sea Aggressor II, she is docked at the New Marina of Hurghada and boarding starts at 3 pm. Please be sure to include your arrival time and/or hotel reservations when completing your online GIS. (Taxis can be arranged to other locations locally).

We highly recommend arriving in Hurghada at least one day prior to boarding on Saturday. Sunday morning after the Port Authorities have checked all guests' passports and given clearance, no one can board the boat even if there is a delayed arrival. Arriving early will not only help you get acclimated to the local climate but ensure a timely arrival and that all bags have arrived. No bags or guests can be delivered to the yacht after clearance is given.

**Note:** Guests cannot arrive at the Hurghada Airport more than 2 ½ hours prior to their departing flight. Contact Aggressor Travel for more information on a day room.

### **RED SEA AGGRESSOR II INCLUDES:**

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private bathrooms and hair dryers. Breakfast (cooked to order), buffet lunch, and an elegant meal at dinner with tableside service are served in addition to fresh mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks. Beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are complimentary while onboard. Linens are changed as requested and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed. Filled tanks, weights, and weight belts are included.

### **FACTS ABOUT THE RED SEA, EGYPT**

- Official language is Arabic. Many in tourist areas also speak English and French
- Population: Over 90 million
- Capital city: Cairo
- Local currency is EGP, Egyptian Pound. (Approximately EGP 18 = US\$ 1)
- Day Temperatures: Summer time 33C/ 91F-Winter time 21C/69F

- Night Temperatures: Summer time 26C/78F -Winter time 17C/62F
- Hurghada, Sinah, Sharm el Sheikh - subtropical desert climate with mild warm winters and hot summers.

### **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 Red Sea Aggressor II to depart Hurghada on the charter, travel may be delayed and/or denied by the authorities for these individuals. **The minimum age to scuba dive in the Red Sea is 15 years of age.**

### **SAMPLE ITINERARY (Saturday to Saturday)**

- Saturday: Arrival in Hurghada, Guest Boarding from 3 - 6 pm. Guests may board any time after 3 pm as the boat departs the dock Sun. at approx. 6 am
- Sunday: 6 am, Port Authority clearance and departure for 1<sup>st</sup> dive
- Sunday to Friday Afternoon: Eat, Sleep & Dive
- Friday Afternoon: 2 - 4 pm return to Hurghada
- Friday Evening: Cocktail party 6 pm and dinner ashore at 7 pm. Friday night dinner is the only meal not included in the cruise
- Saturday: Check out 8 am for transfer to the airport

### **WELCOME**

It is important to notify our office of last-minute changes concerning your airline arrival and departure times Please download the most recent “Know Before You Go” prior to traveling from [www.dolphinscuba.com](http://www.dolphinscuba.com).

The Reservations Office and Red Sea Aggressor II are in constant communication. In the event of an emergency, family and friends may contact the Aggressor Reservations Office. After hours they may call the Aggressor emergency cell number.

We recommend guests arrive in Egypt on Friday, one day prior to the start day of the charter. Once guests are onboard and the yacht is given clearance to leave the port by the local authorities, no one can board the yacht after this time or deliver any lost luggage. We recommend you prepare for this if you are scheduled to fly in the day of the charter by packing a mask, fins, swimsuit, change of clothes, medication and toiletries in your carry-on bag. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected loss of luggage more bearable.

### **EXTENDED TRAVEL**

We highly recommend adding an extension to your itinerary prior to boarding the Red Sea Aggressor II. There are several options to choose from. Visit [www.dolphinscuba.com](http://www.dolphinscuba.com) to learn more. Aggressor Travel is a division of Aggressor Adventures who specializes in booking air, tours, resorts and extended packages for guests.

### **TIME ZONE**

The time zone is GMT+ 2 hours with no daylight savings time.

### **PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION**

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your period of stay. It is the traveller’s responsibility to ensure they have adequate funds to support themselves, a return airline ticket, and the proper visa to travel into each country on his or her itinerary and for re-entry and return back to their country. Please check with the appropriate consulate to ensure proper passport and visa

requirements are met. All visitors to Egypt need an entry Visa to enter Egypt. For many nationalities this can be purchased on arrival in Cairo or Hurghada for \$25 USD in cash only. However, please check with the appropriate consulate to ensure you have the proper documentation. US citizens may go to the US Department of State website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for more information.

There are special requirements for children leaving the US and many countries have adopted requirements for the protection of children. Since regulations vary by country, contact your consulate or embassy of your country for the requirement. ***The Reservation Office and Staff cannot assume responsibility for passengers not having correct documentation.***

### **C-CARDS & DIVE THE WORLD CLUB**

Remember to bring your c-card or proof of certification. The dive master requires proof of certification before the first dive. If you are a repeat guest, you are automatically enrolled in the Dive the World Club and will receive on board discounts. Your membership is indicated on the Captain's rooming list.

### **GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)**

The Reservations Office and the Red Sea Aggressor II require each guest to complete the Guest Information System (GIS) and Waiver prior to departure and boarding. The GIS allows guests to interactively complete all required paperwork that includes the application/waiver, special requests and travel information. If you haven't received a link to access the GIS, please contact an Aggressor agent. Passengers who fail to complete the GIS prior to boarding will be denied boarding. Many Aggressor destinations require passenger information in advance for itinerary approval.

### **INSURANCE**

We strongly recommend each guest purchase comprehensive accident, medical, baggage and trip cancellation and interruption insurance when space is reserved. Trip insurance will protect you from financial disappointment if you are prevented from making your scheduled trip due to illness or family illness, or in the event that unforeseen circumstances prevent the airline or yacht from making its scheduled trip. In the event you cancel your trip, please be familiar with Aggressor's cancellation policies, which can be found on [www.dolphinscuba.com](http://www.dolphinscuba.com).

### **HEALTH**

The Red Sea Aggressor II has a first aid kit onboard, including oxygen and an AED. You may want to bring motion sickness medication if you feel you will need it. We suggest you bring over-the-counter motion sickness medication or consult your doctor about prescription brands, such as the trans-dermal patch or Scopace tablets. Currents and winds may cause moderate movement of the yacht at times. We recommend a complete physical before your trip.

The Red Sea Aggressor II and their staff are unable to accept any medication brought onboard for safekeeping including those that require refrigeration. Should a guest have a medication requiring temperature control, they will need to travel with a travel cooling case or small storage cooler with several blue ice packets. The crew will be happy to store and recharge the blue ice but are unable to accept possession or responsibility for the proper care and storage of medication. This should be kept in the stateroom. There is NO smoking allowed anywhere inside the boat or on the dive deck. Smoking is only permitted on the rear of the sun deck.



## **THE YACHT**

The Red Sea Aggressor II is a spacious 138 ft. yacht with a 26 ft. beam, built and powered for comfort, safety and stability. She is diesel powered, cruises at 10-12 knots and has 220-volt power. Comfortable accommodations for 22 guests include 11 spacious staterooms each independently air-conditioned, a private head and shower, porthole view window, mirrored cabinet, hair dryer, fresh towels and volume controls. Each stateroom has a 32-inch flat screen TV offering a selection of 400 movies, TV shows and documentaries. Guests will also be able to plug their computers into the TV screen to edit underwater pictures and video.

The Red Sea Aggressor II has 2 Master staterooms each with a queen bed, 8 Deluxe staterooms each with two twin beds, and 1 suite with a queen bed. The yacht has a beautiful spacious salon, large sun deck with shading, Jacuzzi, chaise lounges and deck chairs, bar, and a complete photo/video center. The onboard video format is both NTSC and PAL. The yacht is not responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen items. We highly recommend extreme caution and care be taken if you plan to travel onboard with electronic equipment. This equipment should always be stowed after use to avoid the risk of damage.

## **VOLTAGE ABOARD THE YACHT**

The voltage aboard the yacht is 220v and the plug sockets around the boat will accept American plugs. You should bring a voltage adaptor on a power strip if you can. Most electrical devices are either 110 or 240 volts (look on your cable on the charger that plugs into the wall to verify). See below for an example of the outlet onboard.



### **INTERNET/EMAIL/PHONE**

Email is not available, however, there is a satellite phone available for incoming and outgoing calls for a fee.

## **FOOD**

The menu aboard is varied and plentiful, with a variety of Egyptian feasts and local cuisine. If you have any special dietary requirements, please add this to your reservation through the GIS and speak to the yacht chef once onboard so he/she can adequately prepare to meet your needs. You will wake up to fresh fruits, hot entrees, cereals and juices. Lunches are buffet-style, featuring hot soups, homemade breads, salads and sandwiches and/or entrees. Dinners are chef prepared and served each evening and include salads, vegetables, seafood, beef or chicken with a fresh homemade dessert. Certain special dietary and beverage requests may not be available due to the remote nature of this location so we highly recommend you bring these items with you. Pork and turkey are not available.

## **BEVERAGES**

The Aggressor's selection includes fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water, iced tea, coffee, and a limited selection of local beer and wine, which are complimentary. We suggest you purchase your favourite liquor (s) from the duty-free shop at the airport prior to departing to Egypt. Drinking and diving do not mix. Once you consume alcohol, you become a snorkeler until the next day.

## **PACKING**

Please plan to travel light, as on all live-aboard dive yachts, space is limited. We recommend that you pack your gear in soft luggage such as a duffel bag for easy stowage and to add to your comfort in your cabin. Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear and swimsuits are a must. A light

sweater or jacket is ideal for evenings. Dress is always casual and informal. Additional items you may want to bring are sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat and walking shoes for your time on shore.

### **REEF SAFE SUNSCREEN**

It is suggested to use a sunscreen that is “coral safe”. Note that “mineral-based” or “organic” sunscreens are not necessarily safe for corals. Research indicates that common chemicals found in sunscreens cause DNA damage, promote viruses, and contribute to bleaching of corals. We recommend Stream2Sea products or other sunscreens that do not contain the following common reef-harming ingredients: oxybenzone, octinoxate, octocrylene, 4MBC, or butylparaben. The most effective sun protection is to simply “cover up” and wear a hat and SPF rated long sleeve performance shirt or rash guard.

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

There is a variety of nightly entertainment, including diving, marine life identification presentations, movies, games and more. We have a selection of 400 classic and new release movies that can be viewed in the boats salon or taken to your cabin to watch. However, if you have a favorite movie, digital slide show or a video to share, we encourage you to bring it along. The crew especially loves new releases of DVD's, movies, CD's, recent magazines and books. A small library of books for exchange is maintained onboard as well as marine life identification books for reference.

Whether it's your anniversary, birthday, honeymoon, wedding or you are celebrating a 100<sup>th</sup> dive; please let us know so the crew can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the US office prior to traveling so the crew is notified in advance.

### **DIVING CONDITIONS**

You'll be diving in water that averages 74°-82° degrees or 23°-28°C. Most guests make as many 4 dives each day, so some sort of protection is needed. A 3 – 5 mm wetsuit in the summer and 7mm in winter should be comfortable and adequate. We suggest divers bring safety items such as a Dive Alert, Safety Sausage, Nautilus Lifeline (Nautilus Lifelines available onboard for rent) and any other safety items you feel necessary. Dive computers are mandatory so please bring yours or complete the dive computer rental form in the GIS.

### **DIVING**

The crew of the Red Sea Aggressor II, with their unique combination of talents, offers the ultimate in service. While on board you may pick a buddy of your choice or dive with one of the yacht's crewmembers. There is ample storage space for your diving equipment. The Red Sea Aggressor II provides 12 litre aluminium tanks, weight belts, and weights and has both K-valves (American type), and DIN (International) valves.

The Northern Red Sea and Straits of Tiran includes some of the most historic wrecks like Thistlegorm, Rosalie Moller, Abu Nuhas, Ras Mohamed National Park and pristine coral reefs as well as abundant marine life. The Straits of Tiran are the narrow sea passages between the Sinai and Arabian peninsulas which separate the Gulf of Aqaba from the Red Sea. These reefs, named after British cartographers (Jackson, Woodhouse, Thomas, Gordon), are world famous for their extraordinary diversity of corals and strong south-westerly currents make them home to many large pelagic fish.

In between dives, you may snorkel, explore secluded beaches, or just relax with a cold drink and mid-morning/mid afternoon snack. Guests may dive up to 4 dives per day including night diving when possible.

We suggest you pack the following: mask, fins, snorkel, and regulator with visible pressure gauge, depth gauge, dive computer, and buoyancy compensator. Strongly recommended: Spare mask, a dive watch, dive light, safety sausage with 20 feet of line, whistle, Dive Alert, mirror and/or other safety devices. Each piece of gear should be marked with waterproof paint or tape. Please see our “Captain’s Log” on our website for current diving conditions. The Egyptian Government forbids 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.

Diving amenities include the offer of unlimited Nitrox at \$100 for 7-nights or \$150 for 10 nights.

### **DIVING SUPERVISION**

You’ve chosen a liveboard vacation for the diving freedom that it offers. While in the water, you and your buddy are in charge. Every dive starts with a dive briefing from the yacht staff. However, as a certified diver, you and your buddy are responsible for planning and conducting your own dives within the limitations set forth by the briefing. The staff will be on the dive deck providing surface support for divers and will also have staff in the water offering support, u/w photography and videography, and critter spotting services as well. On some dive sites a staff member will offer to lead a group and assist them in locating specific points of interest. However, the yacht does not offer direct supervision of dives. If you start out with a group, as long as you and your buddy remain in contact with each other and are ok –you may follow your own dive plan. Divers who desire more personal attention and structured/supervised dives should consider taking one of the yachts numerous specialty courses. An underlying skill featured in all of specialty training is planning, executing, and debriefing after your dive in order to build a more confident diver.

### **CONSERVATION LAWS**

Aggressor Liveboards does not permit spear guns, Hawaiian slings or collecting on any of the yachts.

### **RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT**

A full line of Aqua Lung Rental gear is available aboard including regulators, BCDs, Dive Computers, and Night Lights. Wetsuit rental is available; however, the yacht may not have exact specifications due to limited availability in the region. If any of your dive equipment fails while onboard, the crew will loan you equipment free of charge, compliments of Aqua Lung.

### **CERTIFICATION & SPECIALTY COURSES**

Several diving specialty courses are offered onboard including Nitrox, Advanced Open Water, UW Photography, Master Diver and more. The full list of available courses and prices is available on our website.

### **PHOTO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT**

The Red Sea Aggressor II offers a complete digital photo facility including a PC for downloading photos. The Photo pro is available for free coaching with equipment rental. Photo equipment is available to rent separately or as a complete set up. The Red Sea Aggressor II has a charging station and a large camera table available for your camera and video equipment. Guests should bring their own battery chargers. *Please refer to our web site, [www.dolphinscuba.com](http://www.dolphinscuba.com) for detailed information and costs of rental equipment, certification courses, and photo/video equipment.*



## **UNDERWATER VIDEO**

The Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard the Red Sea Aggressor II to share with family and friends. The video of the week/DVD (includes all guests and crew) is \$65 US.

## **SHIPS BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS**

There is a mini-boutique onboard with assorted t-shirts, and miscellaneous items. Due to limited availability, we recommend bringing extra batteries and CD's for photos. The Red Sea Aggressor II accepts cash (USD, Euros, English pounds or EGP - Egyptian pounds), Visa and MasterCard. They do not accept personal or travellers checks. We will charge you for all your purchases, including the park and port fees, on the last day of your charter when you arrive back to Hurghada. After returning home if you still want boutique items, please visit the Aggressors online boutique at [ww.dolphinscuba.com](http://ww.dolphinscuba.com)

## **GRATUITIES**

Crew gratuities are not included in the charter. We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service the crew has provided. When settling your account, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the crew. Payment can be made by cash (USD, Euros, English pounds or EGP - Egyptian pounds), Visa or Master Card credit card. The yacht does not accept personal or traveller's checks as Egyptian banks do not accept them. When traveling abroad, it is a common occurrence for a credit card charge to be declined due to a fraud alert. To help avoid this, it is recommended you contact your credit card company prior to traveling to notify them of the countries you are visiting.

## **FRIDAY**

The Red Sea Aggressor II returns to Hurghada Friday afternoon between 2 – 4 pm. A sunset cocktail party will be held then guests may go ashore for dinner at one of the many restaurants at Hurghada. Dinner Friday night is the only meal not provided with the cruise. After the Red Sea Aggressor II returns to port guests may also visit Hurghada for shopping and nightlife.

## **CHECKOUT SATURDAY MORNING**

Checkout time is at 8:00 am Saturday morning

## **CAPTAINS REPORT**

Each week we post the Captain's log of the previous charter on the website and Facebook. Please feel free to visit [www.dolphinscuba.com](http://www.dolphinscuba.com) and go to the Captain's log to find out water temperature, visibility, and sightings.