

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



Red Sea Aggressor IV *Saturday – Saturday*

Three Itineraries to Choose From:

**Brothers, Daedalus, Elphinstone*

**St Johns/Daedalus*

**Deep South*

*It is important to know which itinerary you are traveling
on due to embark/disembark times*

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Dock Location

The Red Sea Aggressor IV is docked in the Port Ghalib Marina, near the bridges.

Port Clearance: All passport and detail information must be entered in the GIS (Guest Information System) and completed 5 days prior (USA time) to the departure date for port clearance.

Complimentary Transfers: Complimentary transfers have to be booked at least **14 days** prior to the charter start date from the Marsa Alam Airport on the charter start/end dates to and from the Port Ghalib Harbor, where the yacht docks. An English-speaking guide will meet and greet you to assist with your luggage inside the airport and another English-speaking guide will be waiting for guests outside the airport.

Note: If less than 14 days, you will need to make your own transportation arrangements or can contact the Aggressor Detours department to book a paid transfer.

Transfers For Combining Red Sea Aggressor IV and the Nile Queen River Cruise

For guests traveling on the Red Sea Aggressor IV combined with the Nile Queen River Cruise, 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 IV: 10 am departure from Aswan to Port Ghalib to board the Red Sea Aggressor IV.

Red Sea Aggressor IV /Nile Queen: 6 am departure from Port Ghalib to Luxor to board the Nile Queen.

Passports: Due to new regulations to visiting the islands in the South the yacht will need to present a copy of each guest's passport 7 days prior to the yacht departure to local authorities to secure permission for the guest to board. It is important for Aggressor to receive a scanned copy/email of the passport from all guests at least 10 days prior to the charter start date. Egyptian citizens must scan a copy of their ID and passport and send to our office no less than 14 days prior to arrival for port clearance. Israeli citizens are required to submit/upload a copy of their passport 30 days prior to the charter departure date.

Required Diving Medical: The Government of Egypt has recently begun enforcing regulations that requires all dive operations to obtain (certified and non-certified) a Diving Medical History form before allowing anybody to participate in recreational diving activities. The universal RSTC Medical History Questionnaire is acceptable.

If you answer YES to any of the medical 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 preexisting 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. *The link will be emailed to you 60 days prior to departure or, you can print it by going to www.aggressor.com/RSTCMedical.pdf*

ARRIVAL/DOCKING

Reservations are required for all transfers included in the price of your trip.

Airport transfers are included and complimentary if arriving and departing from the Marsa Alam Airport on the charter start/end dates to and from Port Ghalib Harbor, where the yacht docks. If you are part of the complimentary transfer from the Marsa Alam Airport to the yacht, an English-speaking guide will meet and greet you to assist with your luggage inside the airport and another English-speaking guide will be waiting for guests outside the airport.

Transfers are provided from the Marsa Alam Airport to Port Ghalib Marina when the guests arrive on the charter start date. The transfer to the Marsa Alam Airport after the charter is at 8 am Saturday morning (for 7-night charters). This transfer is only for guests who have flights that depart within 2 ½ hours. Guests cannot arrive at the airport more than 2 ½ hours prior to their departing flight (airport rules).

One-way transfers to or from Hurghada is \$143 for one guest and \$69 per person for 2 – 4 guests, larger group transfers can also be quoted. Please contact Aggressors Detours travel department at travel@aggressor.com. (*Prices subject to change*)

If you are already in Marsa Alam, Hurghada or Port Ghalib and making your own way to the Red Sea Aggressor IV, she is docked at the Port Ghalib Harbor near the bridges and boarding starts at 3 pm for Brother, Daedalus, Elphinstone and St Johns itineraries. For Deep South Itinerary boarding is 2-4pm only. Please be sure to include your arrival time and/or hotel reservations when completing your online paperwork through the GIS. (Taxis can be arranged to other locations.)

We highly recommend arriving in Hurghada or Port Ghalib 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 under any circumstances. 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.

Saturday Charter End Date

Saturday 8 am Check out and departure to Marsa Alam Airport or Hurghada International Airport. Estimated arrival to Hurghada International Airport is 12 pm. (14-Day advance notice for transportation reservations is required. Private transfers can be arranged.)

AIRLINE TRAVEL & CHECKED BAGS 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.

PORT GHALIB WATERFRONT COMMUNITY & HOME PORT

The Port Ghalib Marina is home to the beautiful 141 ft., 22 passenger Red Sea Aggressor IV. The beautiful Port Ghalib waterfront community also offers restaurants. The Marsa Alam Airport is located 10 – 15 minutes away.

RED SEA AGGRESSOR IV INCLUDES:

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private toilets, showers, sinks and hair dryers. Breakfast (cooked to order), lunch and an elegant meal at dinner with tableside service are served in addition to 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.

FEES & TAXES (USD)

Upon arrival to Egypt, all guests must pay an entry visa of \$25 or a multi-entry visa for \$60. Prices are subject to change without notice.

At the end of the week, guests must a USD \$45 Port fee per person and a USD \$105 Marine Park fee per person to visit 2 Marine Parks for either the Northern or Southern routes. *Starting April 1, 2022 a fuel surcharge of \$50 pp will be added.* These fees are paid onboard the yacht and may be paid by Visa, MasterCard, or cash. (USD, EURO, English pounds or EGP - Egyptian pounds) The yacht cannot accept traveler'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

ITINERARY

Sample Brothers & St John Itineraries (All charters are Saturday to Saturday)

- Saturday; Arrival Marsa Alam or Hurghada, boarding from 3:00 pm
- (may board any time after 3 pm as the boat departs the dock Sunday at approximately 6 am)
- Sunday; 8:00 am, Port Authority clearance and departure for 1st dive
- Sunday – Friday Afternoon; Red Sea; Eat, Sleep & Dive
- Friday Afternoon – 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm return to Port Ghalib
- Friday Evening –Cocktail party 6:00 pm and dinner ashore at 7:00 pm
- (Friday night dinner is the only meal not included in the cruise)
- Saturday, Check out 8:00 am

Sample Deep South Itinerary (All charters are Saturday to Saturday)

- Saturday; Arrival Marsa Alam or Hurghada, boarding between **2:00 to 4:00 pm** to carry out Port Authority Clearances. Yacht must depart Port Ghalib by 5:30 pm Saturday
- Sunday – Friday Afternoon; Red Sea; Eat, Sleep & Dive
- Saturday early morning arrival back to Port Ghalib
- Saturday, Check out 8:00 am

WELCOME

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 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 luggage more bearable.

If departing from Marsa Alam Airport (RMF) guests cannot arrive earlier than 2 ½ hours prior to the departing flight. Please contact the Aggressor Travel Dept. if you are interested in a day room.

EXTENDED TRAVEL

We highly recommend adding an extension to your itinerary prior to boarding the Red Sea Aggressor IV. There are several options to choose from. Visit www.aggressor.com to learn more. Aggressor Detours is a division of Aggressor Adventures who specializes in booking air, tours, resorts and extended packages for guests.

2 Nights Cairo – Experience Cairo by night and fantastic day tours including visits to the Great Pyramids of Giza & Sphinx, the Egyptian Museum the Old Bazaar of Khan El Khalili.

5 Nights Aggressor Nile Queen – Visit the Karnak Temple, Luxor Temple, Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut Temple, Valley of the Nobles, Colossi of Memnon and more aboard the intimate 16 passenger river boat.

PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your period of stay. It is the traveler'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. 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 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

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 Travel 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 IV 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 for itinerary approval.

INSURANCE

We strongly recommend each guest purchase a CFAR (cancel for any reason) insurance policy and Liveaboard Rider. To learn more about these policies; visit www.aggressor.com and go to 'Insurance'.

HEALTH

The Red Sea Aggressor IV 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 nearest recompression chamber is located in Marsa Shagra which is 40 kilometers/24 miles from Port Ghalib and 20 kilometers/12 miles north of Marsa Alam.

The Red Sea Aggressor IV 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 staff 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.

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. Most electrical devices are either 110 or 240 volts (look on your cable on the charger that plugs into the wall to verify).

INTERNET/EMAIL/PHONE

Wi-fi is only available when the yacht is at port or in the Marina. Email and satellite phone are not available onboard.

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 feature 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 is 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 favorite 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.

CLOTHING

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.

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. 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 100th dive; please let us know so the staff can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the US office prior to traveling so the staff is notified in advance.

DIVING CONDITIONS

You'll be diving in water that averages 74°- 84° degrees or 23°- 29° C. Most guests make as many as 5 dives each day, so some sort of protection is needed. A 3mm wetsuit in the summer and 5mm 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 staff of the Red Sea Aggressor IV, with their unique combination of talents, offers the ultimate in service. While onboard you may pick a buddy of your choice. There is ample storage space for your diving equipment. The Red Sea Aggressor IV offers 12-liter aluminum tanks, weight belts, and weights and has both K-valves (American type), and DIN (International) valves.

There are two itineraries to choose from in the Southern Red Sea. The island itinerary to the **Brothers, Daedalus and Elphinstone** consists of mainly drift diving from the Red Sea Aggressor IV's two 6.5 meter/21 ft. long skiffs. They are each capable of carrying up to 10 guests for quick access to even the most remote dive sites. Guests may dive up to 3-4 dives per day on this itinerary.

The **St John Reef** itinerary has a mixture of 20% island drift diving from the skiffs and 80% protected coral reef and cave diving from the back of the mothership. This itinerary also offers swimming with a large pod of dolphin on one day of the charter. 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 3-5 dives per day including night diving when possible. *(subject to change due to weather conditions)*

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 "Adventure 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. DPV's are not allowed in Egypt. Diving amenities include the offer of unlimited Nitrox which is \$100 7-nights/ \$150 10 nights.

DIVING SUPERVISION

You've chosen a liveaboard 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. They 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. Dive buddies who are not comfortable following their own dive plan can take one of the many advanced courses available during the charter.

GREEN THE FLEET

Contribute to our Green The Fleet sustainability initiatives. Here are a few reminders:

- Avoid traveling with single-use plastics.
- Remove packaging from any new purchases before traveling.
- Travel with a refillable water bottle for hydration.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Use an environmentally safe sunscreen.
- Be environmentally conscious in everything you do.

CONSERVATION LAWS

The yacht does not permit spear guns, Hawaiian slings or collecting on any of the yachts. DPV's are not allowed in Egypt.

RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT

A full line of Aqua Lung Rental gear is available aboard including regulators, BCDs, Dive Computers, and Night Lights. (wetsuits not available) If any of your dive equipment fails while onboard, the staff 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 list of available courses and prices are available on our website.

PHOTO/VIDEO/DIVE EQUIPMENT

The Red Sea Aggressor IV offers photography coaching while onboard. The Red Sea Aggressor has a charging station and a large camera table available for your camera and video equipment. *Please refer to our web site, www.aggressor.com for detailed information and costs of dive equipment rentals, certification courses, and large tanks.* The Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard the Red Sea Aggressor IV to share with family and friends. The video of the week (includes all guests and staff) is \$65 US.

SHIPS BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS

There is a mini-boutique onboard with assorted t-shirts, and miscellaneous items. The Red Sea Aggressor IV accepts cash, Visa and MasterCard. (no personal checks or travelers' 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 Port Ghalib. After returning home if you still want boutique items, please visit the Aggressor online boutique at www.aggressor.com.

GRATUITIES

Staff gratuities are not included in the charter. We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service the staff has provided. When settling your account, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the staff. Payment can be made by cash (USD, Euros, English pounds or EGP - Egyptian pounds), Visa/MasterCard. Traveler's checks or personal checks are not accepted. (Egyptian banks don't accept them)

FRIDAY (7 Night Charters)

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

CHECKOUT SATURDAY MORNING

Checkout time is at 8:00 am Saturday morning.

ADVENTURE LOGS

Each week we post the Adventure log of the previous charter on the website. Please feel free to visit www.aggressor.com and go to the Adventure log to find out water temperature, visibility, and sightings.