

Red Sea Aggressor V

Saturday – Saturday

Aggressor Adventures Reservation Office

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Red Sea Aggressor IV & V Shuttle Office Location

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Dock Location

The Red Sea Aggressor V docks at the Port Berenice Marina

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Mandatory Transfers & Passport Information: The Red Sea Aggressor V dock docks at the Port Berenice Naval Base Marina which is located in the deep south close to the remote diving you will do. Due to the Marine Park requirements and government permissions, it is mandatory guests take the Red Sea Aggressor V bus service or book a private transfer through Aggressor Detours to and from Port Berenice. In addition, a passport copy must be uploaded to your portal **14** days prior to departure date (USA time) for the yacht to secure port clearance or guests will be denied boarding. If you are delayed arriving to the yacht, you will be unable to travel onboard.

There are three options for transfers:

- 1) Book a private transfer through Aggressor Detours Detours@aggressor.com
Private transfers are booked through the same company who runs the shuttle service.
- 2) Arrive Marsa Alam Airport OR Hurghada Airport on Charter Start Date: The Red Sea Aggressor V offers a scheduled Saturday bus transfer for guests to/from Port Berenice. Guests arriving to Hurghada or Marsa Alam Airport on the Saturday charter date prior to bus transfer schedule / pick up times will receive a complimentary transfer from the airport to the shuttle waiting areas. Shuttles from the airport start with flight that land from 8am.

3) Already in Egypt: Meet at Aggressor shuttle waiting area for transfer to Port Berenice:

Transfers on the Aggressor scheduled bus service from Hurghada and Marsa Alam to Port Berenice have an additional fee which is to be paid locally by Cash USD, Euro, GBP or Visa/Master card.

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AGGRESSOR BUS TRANSFER SCHEDULE:

- Departs 10 am from Red Sea Aggressor IV/V Office, 488 El Madares Street, Hurghada – Arrival 1:00 pm Port Ghalib
- Departs 2 pm Port Ghalib, Divino Restaurant & Coffee Shop at Port Ghalib Marina – Arrival 6:00 pm Port Berenice

Red Sea Aggressor IV/V Office, 488 El Madares Street, Hurghada - Location

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/nbZHV4Wf3Er3jgv7A>

We advise all guests to either arrive one day early or on flights landing into Hurghada early a.m. or Marsa Alam before noon. If your flights are scheduled to arrive after the shuttle bus times depart, it is mandatory to arrange a private transfer through detours@aggressor.com at least 14 days prior to the departure date.

If you arrive prior to the charter start date, you will need to make your own way to one of the transit locations to take the shuttle bus or arrange a private transfer through Aggressor Detours.

ARRIVAL/DOCKING

Saturday Charter Start Date

Airport transfers on the charter start date from Hurghada or Marsa Alam Airport to the scheduled bus transfer location to Port Berenice are complimentary. (You must arrive before the schedule bus times) The cost of the Aggressor bus transfer from Hurghada or Marsa Alam listed below and includes an English-speaking guide. Payment is to be made locally in cash USD, Euro, GBP or Visa/Master card. (*prices subject to change without notice*)

- One-way Shuttle Bus transfers From Hurghada to Port Berenice or Port Berenice to Hurghada cost **\$50** per person.
- One way Shuttle Bus transfers from Port Ghalib to Port Berenice or Berenice to Port Ghalib cost **\$30** per person.

Please be sure to include your arrival time and/or hotel reservations when completing your online paperwork through the GIS. **You must note if you wish to take the shuttle bus in your GIS under the travel section.**

Saturday Charter End Date

Check out is at 8 am Saturday morning for those taking private transfers from Port Berenice.

For those taking the shuttle bus, guests will depart Port Berenice to the Marsa Alam or Hurghada waiting areas then transfer to the airport for return flights. Bus departs at 6 am from Port Berenice to arrive at Port Ghalib at 10 am; departs Port Ghalib at 11 am and arrives Hurghada at 2 pm.

Transfers For Back-to-Back Red Sea Aggressor IV, V, and Nile Queen

For guests traveling on to the Red Sea Aggressor IV and/or 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 14 days in advance.

Red Sea Aggressor V to Nile Queen: Private transfer departs at 2 am from Port Berenice to Luxor.

Red Sea Aggressor V to IV: Shuttle departs at 6 am or 8 am (private transfer) from Port Berenice to Port Ghalib.

Passports: It is mandatory to upload a copy of your passport 14 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 14 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*

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 BERENICE NAVAL HARBOR & HOME PORT

The Port Berenice Naval Base is home to the beautiful 131 ft., 26 passenger Red Sea Aggressor V. Port Berenice is situated and protected inside the Ras Banas Peninsula in the Deep South of the Egyptian Red Sea

RED SEA AGGRESSOR V 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. Guests will pay the following port fee pp and marine park fee pp onboard by Visa, MasterCard, or cash. (USD, EURO, English pounds or EGP - Egyptian pounds):

Rocky/Zabargad itinerary: USD\$45 Port fee pp and a USD 105 Marine Park fee

Elba Reef itinerary: USD \$45 Port fee per person and a USD 205 Marine Park fee

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.

ITINERARIES (Saturday to Saturday)

Sample Itinerary

- Saturday; 3 pm Boarding, Port Berenice
- Sunday; 8 am, Port Authority clearance and departure for 1st dive
- Sunday - Friday Afternoon; Deep South Red Sea; Eat, Sleep & Dive
- Friday; 2 – 4 pm –Return to Port Berenice; 6 pm cocktail party then dinner onboard
- Saturday; 2 am – 8 am Check out and transfer by shuttle bus or private transfer

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.

EXTENDED TRAVEL

We highly recommend adding an extension to your itinerary prior to boarding the Red Sea Aggressor V. 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 Itinerary – Visit the Karnak Temple, Luxor Temple, Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut Temple, Valley of the Nobles, Colossi of Memnon and more aboard the intimate 20 passenger river boat.

5 Nights Aggressor Nile Queen Itinerary – Nile River Delta Bird watching between Luxor and Aswan. Egypt has over 500+ endemic and migratory birds visiting Egypt annually. Enjoy viewing and photographing the Nile Delta bird life aboard the intimate 20 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 Hurgada 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 V require each guest to complete the Guest Information System (GIS) and Waiver a minimum of 14 days 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 V 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 Marsa Alam Hyperbolic Chamber 132 Kilometers from Port Berenice.

The Red Sea Aggressor V 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. 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 sunbather 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 1000 classic and new release movies and TV shows 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 4 to 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 free) 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.

Please note that the safety sausage (SMB) and reel are mandatory. You can rent the set for \$20 per week or purchase the set on the yacht for \$65 if you do not have your own.

DIVING

The staff of the Red Sea Aggressor V, 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 V 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 Red Sea Deep South. The island itinerary to the **Rocky & Zabargad Islands** consists of 60% drift diving from the Red Sea Aggressor V's two 7.5 meter/24 ft. long skiffs. They are each capable of carrying up to 13 guests for quick access to even the most remote dive sites. The other 40% of dives are from the back of the mother yacht. Guests may dive up to 3-5 dives per day on this itinerary.

The **Elba Reef** itinerary has a mixture of 70% drift diving from the skiffs and protected coral reef and 30% swim throughs or protected reef diving from the back of the mothership. In between dives, you may snorkel, 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.

- Drones and DPV's are not allowed in Egypt.
- Diving amenities include the offer of unlimited Nitrox which is \$100 7-nights.
- Spear guns, Hawaiian slings or collecting of any kind are not permitted.

DIVING SUPERVISION

We understand that diving is not just an activity; it's a passion for exploring our underwater world. That's why we empower you and your buddy to take charge of your diving experience. While in the water, you and your buddy are in charge. Every dive begins with a comprehensive briefing from our experienced staff, providing you with the necessary information. As certified divers, you and your buddy are responsible for planning and conducting your dives while respecting the limits of your experience and those set by the briefing and your certification agency. We do not directly supervise divers; each buddy team manages their own dive.

In the Red Sea, dives are conducted from a tender or from the back of the main yacht. When diving is directly off the yacht, at least one staff member will be in the water offering support, underwater photography and videography, and critter spotting services. On select dive sites, a staff member may assist a group in finding specific points of interest.

When diving from a tender, a staff member will accompany each tender group and be in the water to offer assistance and ensure the group stays together. If a buddy team needs to surface early, the entire group is not required to abort the dive and follow. The buddy team should follow the briefing and their training procedures for surfacing from a dive and signal the tender driver that everything is OK once on the surface. Once the dive time expires (per the briefing), the staff member will organize the remaining buddy teams to surface together for pickup by the tender.

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.

RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT

A full line of rental gear is available aboard including regulators, BCDs, Dive Computers, and Night Lights. If any of your dive equipment fails while onboard, the staff will loan you equipment free of charge.

We strongly recommend bringing your own wetsuit to ensure optimal comfort and thermal protection during your dives. This destination does offer rental wetsuits. The storage space on the liveaboard is limited, meaning we can not hold / stock wetsuits on board. Since wetsuit fit is highly individual and crucial for both comfort and warmth, bringing your personal wetsuit will provide the best diving experience. Other rental equipment is readily available, but the unique nature of wetsuit sizing makes this piece particularly important to bring along.

If you cannot bring your own wetsuit or rent a wetsuit to bring with you, you can rent a wetsuit from local dive shops in Port Ghalib by arriving at Marsa Alam early before catching the shuttle bus or if your traveling on the shuttle bus from Hurghada the bus will stop in Port Ghalib for 1 hour for you to rent from the local dive shops.

CERTIFICATION & SPECIALTY COURSES

Further your education while onboard an Aggressor yacht! The following courses are offered onboard: SSI Adventurer Course or the PADI equivalent Advanced Open Water Diver Course, and SSI or PADI Enriched Air / Nitrox Courses. Course fees are payable once onboard and the instructor confirms the course. The training agency utilized to provide your course will vary based on your instructor's affiliations.

PHOTO/VIDEO/DIVE EQUIPMENT

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

SHIPS BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS

There is a mini-boutique onboard with assorted t-shirts, and miscellaneous items. Your bill for onboard services and boutique items will be settled on the last day of diving. 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.

FRIDAY

The Red Sea Aggressor V returns to Port Berenice Friday afternoon between 2 – 4 pm. A sunset cocktail party and dinner will be held onboard.

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.