

Ron Hunter's Dive Expeditions

Red Sea Liveaboard, Ancient wonders of Egypt

Twenty days, nineteen nights: 26th Sept - 15th Oct 2012

Tour leader: Ron Hunter

Australia / Egypt

Wednesday 26th September 2012

Depart Sydney (SYD) on Thai Airlines flight TG478 at 15:25 pm
Arrive Bangkok (BKK), Thailand at 21:55pm

Thursday 27th September 2012

Depart Bangkok (BKK), Thailand on Egypt Airlines flight MS971 at 01:30am
Arrive Cairo (CAI), Egypt at 06:30am

Cairo to the Red Sea and liveaboard diving

Thursday 27th September 2012

Depart Cairo (CAI), Egypt on Egypt Airlines flight MS849 at 10:20am
Arrive Hurgarda (HRG), Egypt at 11:20am

We will be picked up at the airport and transferred (approximately 2 hour road trip) to the magnificent "M.V. Royal Evolution", our luxury floating home for the next fourteen days and thirteen nights. The "Royal Evolution" is a 39-metre long true luxury vessel.



All cabins are equipped with twin beds (two separate beds, or in the four deluxe cabins one queen size bed), desk & chair, two locker & drawer units, bar fridge, full air conditioning with individual thermostat control, 34cm TV & DVD player entertainment system, marine satellite receiver, sound system with volume control, ensuite shower/toilet unit with complete amenities and hair dryer. 220V power supply, safety box, smoke detector alarm, automatic fire sprinklers, and fire and flood alarms



Deluxe double cabin



Twin berth cabin

The Red Sea diving itinerary: Thursday 27th September to Thursday 11th October 2012

Day 1: Port Ghaleb - Embarkation - Sailing at Night to Fury Shoal or St. John reef.

Day 2: Check dive at Fury Shoal or St. John reef. Diving the whole day. Sailing after night dive to Abu Fendira reef.

Day 3: Early morning dive at Abu Fendira reef. Sailing to Port Sudan



Shipwreck



Oceanic white-tip shark & snorkeller



Whale Shark

Day 4: Arriving early morning to Port Sudan for Visa Registration & local taxes payment (approx 2 hours), sailing to Umbria wreck for two dives, sailing to Wingate reef for third & night dive.

Day 5: Diving the whole day at Sanganeb reef (North & South plateau).

Day 6: Early morning dive at North plateau of Sanganeb reef, then sailing to Shaab Rumi for second dive at "Cousteau Conshelf" and night dive.



Day 7: Diving the whole day Shaab Rumi. Sailing early morning to Shab Suadi.

Day 8: Early morning & morning dives at the Blue Belt (Toyota Wreck), third dive at the northern plateau of Shab Suadi, sailing at night to Angarosh reef.



Day 9: Diving the whole day at Angarosh reef. P.S: Sailing to Meshherifa for afternoon dive & overnight (only in October for the Manta season)

Day 10: Sailing to Abington reef, diving the whole day, night dive and overnight.



Mid-level sundeck



Top deck sundeck & lounges

Day 11: Sailing to Merlo reef, diving the whole day, night dive and overnight

Day 12: Sailing early morning to Angarosh reef for 2 dives then Sailing to St. John reef.



Bridge on the "Royal Evolution"



Spa. Wearing dive mask? WTF?

Day 13: Depending on weather conditions and arrival time (one or two dives) at St. John reef, sailing to White Rock for afternoon & last dive, sailing to Port Ghaleb.



Day14: Port Ghaleb - Disembarkation after breakfast

The Ancient Wonders of Egypt, the Valley of the Kings and the Temples of Luxor

Thursday 11th October 2012 (B)

After breakfast onboard the "Royal Evolution" we will be transferred (approximately 2 hour road trip) to Luxor, on the banks of the Nile River for three days and two nights of exploring and enjoying the famous ancient wonders of Egypt that surround Luxor.

Two nights twin share accommodation in the Iberotel Hotel, Luxor (B)

Thursday 11th October 2012

After lunch at the hotel we will travel in the cool of the evening to the Luxor Temple, magnificently lit by night, this spectacle will take your breath away, we will return to our hotel for dinner.



Luxor temple at night



Balloon flight Luxor

Friday 12th October 2012 (B)

Early start this morning, as we will take off at 05:00am in a hot-air balloon flight over the West Bank of the Nile and the Valley of the Kings. This promises to be one of THE highlights of our Egyptian leg of the tour.

We will return to our hotel for a welcome breakfast at 08:00am. After breakfast we will travel by road for a West Bank tour, to the Valley of the Kings, visiting the temple of the female Pharaoh Queen Hapshetsut and the Colossi of Memnon.



Morning at Temple of Hapshetsut Luxor



Sphinxes at Temple of Karnak

Saturday 13th October 2012 (B)

After breakfast we will travel to and enjoy the fantastic Temple of Karnak, this one of the most spectacular and amazing examples of the ancient wonders of Egypt. We will return to our hotel in the afternoon for an early dinner. Two rooms will be set aside for late check-out, so we will have somewhere for luggage storage and get a chance to freshen up before being transferred to the airport at Luxor for the start of our journey home.

Depart Luxor (LXR), Egypt on Egypt Airlines flight MS 366 at 17:15pm

Arrive Cairo (CAI), Egypt at 18:55pm

Saturday 13th October 2012

Depart Cairo (CAI), Egypt on Egypt Airlines flight MS960 at 22:45am

Sunday 14th October 2012

Arrive Bangkok (BKK), Thailand at 13:15pm

Depart Bangkok (BKK), Thailand on Thai Airlines flight TG475 at 19:15pm

Monday 15th October 2012

Arrive Sydney (SYD) at 07:25am

Ron Hunter, tour leader, profile: www.diveforster.com.au www.whaledive.net

Ron is a vastly experienced SCUBA diver, PADI Divemaster and traveller, and has travelled and led groups of divers to most of the great dive and adventure locations in the world. The superb diving and adventure on offer in the south of the Red Sea and the ancient wonders of Egypt, has really set this tour out, we believe, as one of the best, most comprehensive diving and adventure tours.



Ron Hunter with "safety" stick, patting a young wild lioness in Zambia
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Ron Hunter snorkelling with Whale Shark in Mozambique
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For more information visit:

Barcelo Pyramids Hotel, Cairo www.barcelo.com

Royal Evolution Liveaboard, Red Sea www.royalevolution.com

Iberotel, Luxor, Egypt www.iberotel.com

Fact file:

Tour costs INCLUDE:

- Overnight accommodation Barcelo Pyramids Hotel, Cairo including breakfasts
- Flight Cairo to Hurgarda, Egypt and transfer to the "Royal Evolution"
- Fourteen days, thirteen nights onboard First Class liveaboard "Royal Evolution"
- Minimum forty-two dives whilst onboard, All meals whilst onboard
- Transfer by road from "Royal Evolution" to Luxor Egypt
- Three nights' accommodation Iberotel Hotel, Luxor Egypt, including transfers and breakfasts
- Guided tours in Luxor: Museum, Temples of Luxor, Hapshetsut, Karnak and Colossi of Memnon
- Hot air balloon flight over the Valley of the Kings, including transfers from our hotel
- Day use of rooms at Iberotel Hotel on our last day there
- Flight Luxor / Cairo Egypt
- Services of tour leader, Ron Hunter
- Codes for included meals: B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner

Tour costs do NOT INCLUDE:

- Return flights to Cairo, Egypt
- Meals other than specified
- Drinks, alcoholic and soft other than specified
- Tips and gratuities
- Items of a personal nature

Cost ex: Cairo, Egypt \$US 5,325, for the Egypt pre Red Sea extension add \$US650

All costs are based on a twin-share accommodation basis. Single supplements are NOT available

Numbers are limited to TWENTY-FOUR divers onboard the "Royal Evolution"

Flight schedules and flight times in itinerary are as at February 2011

For airfares to and from Egypt we suggest you contact Cameron at our Travel Agent:

Cameron Snow, Harvey World Travel - Tuncurry NSW - Licence number: 2TA 5683 / 2TA 5684

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Cameron is really across the excursion flights, which can deliver a considerable saving over buying the flights separately. Flights SYD / CAI / SYD are \$1600 as at February 2011

** Travel insurance is compulsory on all of our tours. We strongly recommend taking out travel insurance at the same time as paying your deposit. Covermore, our recommended insurance provider, will cover you from the time of paying your premium, until your tour's return date. We suggest carefully checking conditions of any other travel insurance you may be considering.

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