

All visitors to Egypt require tourist VISA, which is valid for one month from the day it was issued. The average cost for a tourist VISA is \$15 US dollars and can be purchased at the airport upon arrival.

Check with your local travel agencies and tour operators for a tourist VISA. If you do not get a visa before arriving in Egypt, you can buy it at inside the airport upon arrival.

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Egypt has a very hot and dry climate that allows you to wear only shorts and a T-shirt most of the year during daytime.

The south, due to its major proximity to the equator, is even warmer than the better-known areas in the north, say Hurghada or Sharm El Sheikh.

Summer season start, in April, after a couple of weeks of strong north winds that indicate the ending of winter.

The sea level starts getting lower and currents run southwards as a general rule.

Summertime extends till the end of October or beginning of November, when strong south winds and the only rain of the year break the routine of mild north winds that predominate during the summer.

Also the direction of the currents changes and now eventually run north, while the sea level gets higher from then on.

During the winter, temperatures drop drastically at night, making advisable the use of a jacket or a sweater. Therefore, the best time of the year to be there spans from March through November, when you will be able to dive with a 3 mm full suit but some people prefer diving in this period with 5 mm. In July and August some people are diving with shorties, it depends on how every body tolerates the different temperatures.

A double 5 mm will be necessary for the rest of the year.

Following are the temperatures inside and out of the water during the year.

These are average temperatures. Air temperatures are likely to drop at night, up to 8°C below daytime's.

The atmosphere on board the Royal Evolution is always relaxed and casual. You'll spend your days in bathing suits and casual wear. Bring shorts or jeans, T-shirts and a wind breaker. Also bring hat, suntan lotion (non-oil) and sunglasses. In winter, a sweatshirt or sweater is advisable.

We serve three gourmet meals a day. Snacks and fresh fruits are always available. A selection of beverages is always on hand, from soft drinks and juices, to beer, wine and rum drinks.

We have a DVD and VCR monitor with U.S. and European formats. We have a collection of tape & DVD movies on board. Also each cabin has her own DVD player & TV so feel free to bring your favorites.

The Royal Evolution has standard 220 volt electricity. Charging stations will accommodate European and U.S. guests with 110 volt electricity sockets.

The live-aboard business is a service industry, and although the general public is seldom aware of it, gratuities are a major part of a crewmember's salary. Few other recreational activities rely so heavily upon the professionals in charge for your enjoyment and safety. A gratuity of 10% is customary, but many leave more when they feel the service was outstanding. If you are disappointed with the service, you should inform the Captain of your feelings right away so he may rectify the situation. Leave no more gratuity than you feel is right.

We do accept VISA, Master Card & Jsb credit cards onboard but we are sorry that we cannot accept traveler checks.

Currently there are two full service hyper baric chambers located in Hurghada that are prepared to manage diving related accidents. In addition there are chambers in Sharm el Sheikh, El Gouna and Marsa Alam.

Divers will have the opportunity to do up to 4 dives a day, including night dives, as long as weather or itinerary is not a factor.

Yes, please note that all the participants joining any itineraries/trips which include any of the offshore islands, must be at least advanced divers certified with a minimum of 50 Dives logged on their logbook.

Yes. Nitrox is available on board. Nitrox is 32% up to 40%. If you are not Nitrox certified, our dive instructors will be pleased to accomplishing this on board.

Certified scuba divers need snorkel, fins, mask, and regulator with pressure gauge, buoyancy compensator, u/w watch, and depth gauge. For night dives, a dive light . We provide tanks, weights and weight belts. Between fall and spring, a wetsuit is recommended.

If you do not have your own equipment, we have "top of the line" BCD, wetsuits, dive lights and regulators with octopus and gauges available for rent. All rentals must be arranged prior to departure.

Between fall and spring, a wetsuit is recommended. The chart below will give you a general idea of the water temperatures and what weight wetsuit you will need. When deciding which wetsuit works for you, consider that you will have the opportunity to dive as many as five times a day and it takes your body a while to warm up. Wetsuit needs are different for everyone. A general guideline follows.