



CANARY DIVERS



Canary Divers Newsletter – June 2011 – GOZO SPECIAL

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GOZO HOLIDAY SPECIAL EDITION!



As the club holiday to Gozo gets closer, we thought we will now set the 'organisation' ball rolling. This Newsletter special edition is only being dispatched to those going on the club holiday, and contains some important information – so PLEASE take time to read, digest and respond as needed (see **RED** items)

Balances

First of all, a HUGE thank you to everyone for paying their balances off without our needing to chase up, as this has allowed us to finalise all the bookings with the various parts of the holiday

What's Included In The Holiday Price

Included in your holiday payment is:

- a) Return flight to Malta, scheduled flight on Air Malta, including in-flight meal
- b) Return transfer from Malta Airport to the Ferry Terminal
- c) Return ferry from Malta to Gozo (as foot passengers)
- d) Jeep / Pick up hire in Gozo (5 jeeps and 1 pickup)
- e) 6 days unlimited diving (weights, unlimited 12L 232 air tanks)
- f) Self Catering accommodation

What's NOT Included in the Holiday Price

Not included is:

- a) Coach transfer from the shop to Manchester Airport and back (see arrangements later in this bulletin)
- b) Any Excess baggage for Diving Bags etc (see separate item in this bulletin)
- c) Use of the Dive Centre 'Drying Room' (see separate item in this bulletin)
- d) Meals (with the exception of In-Flight meal)
- e) Shared Petrol costs for the Jeeps during the week
- f) Travel Insurance

Coach Transfer To / From Manchester Airport

Transport has been arranged and will pick up from ONLY the shop (ie don't ask for en route pick ups and drop offs!). The transport will leave the shop at 05:30am. Return cost is £12 per person, payable on the trip to Manchester. **You MUST (please) confirm whether you are travelling with us or making your own way to Manchester Airport.**

On the return trip we'll be collected from Manchester and expect to be back at the shop by 10:30 am

Flights

For those making their own way to Manchester, we are leaving from TERMINAL 2

Outbound:

Manchester to Malta Luga (KM0139) departs Manchester 09/09/2011 09:00am arrives Malta 13:25pm

Return:

Malta Luga to Manchester (KM0138) departs Malta Luga 16/09/2011 05:25 am, arrives Manchester 08:00 am

Baggage Allowance

Each passenger is allowed 20 kgs free checked-in baggage weight. Each passenger is allowed to carry 1 piece of hand baggage. The dimensions should not exceed 18 cms x 45 cms x 50 cms and it should not weigh more than 8 kgs

Additional Diving Baggage

THIS IS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY AND IF NEEDED NEEDS TO BE BOOKED WITH AIR MALTA SEPERATELY – YOU MAY FEEL YOU CAN GET YOUR KIT INTO YOUR 20K ALLOWANCE

Air Malta gives you the flexibility to purchase Sports Baggage vouchers to cover the carriage of your sports equipment at only € 20 per piece per flight. Booking can be made up to 24 hours prior departure by using the booking form in the link below. If you feel you can't make the 20Kg inclusive allowance, then maybe consider sharing an additional sports baggage with someone else

This is the link to book additional sports baggage: http://www.airmalta.com/page_x.aspx?l=1&p=1672

Don't forget to print your Sports Baggage Voucher (for both outbound and return flights) and to present it at check-in, as passengers with no voucher will be charged € 30 per piece per flight.

Canary Divers cannot be held responsible for any failure of anyone to meet baggage allowances

Jeep / Pick Up Drivers

We would welcome names of anyone willing to share the driving of the Jeeps / Pick up during the holiday – not looking for anyone to be a driver every day, just willing to share.....*please let us know*



Dive Centre 'Drying Room' Facility

The Dive Centre (Gozo Aquasports) will make a room available to us during our stay. This room will have wash tanks, hanging and secure storage facilities. Those who have been before will know how useful this facility is

The cost of this facility is €3 per person per day (so €15 for the week). The use of this facility is optional, and whilst we recommend it, there is no obligation – for those wanting to use this facility we will collect the money for this during the holiday

Additional Optional Dive Centre Costs

The dive centre CAN offer additional options should anyone want them. We have unlimited 12L 232 bar AIR tanks, but divers can purchase:

- 1) Nitrox available - additional €6 per cylinder
- 2) Upgrade to 15 litre 232 bar or 10 litre, 300 bar cylinder - additional €2 per cylinder

Use Of Tanks

For information, during each day divers will have ONE tank. Between travelling to various dive sites we will call back into the dive centre and 'swap out' a cylinder each. This is quite in order as the Dive centre is located central to all dive sites and is a useful stop point to assist surface intervals etc

Shared Accommodation Allocation

We have 5 * 3 bedroomed apartments. Each apartment contains 1 * Double and 2 * Twin bedrooms. We will try to allocate rooms based on couples, family, close friends etc – however with a group this size it will be impossible to please everyone – and whilst it would be good to allow people to make own decisions, it is not practical - we will therefore attempt to allocate and be as considerate as possible

We will expect groups sharing accommodation to share the costs of basic supplies (Tea / Coffee / milk / Breakfast items etc)

Specialities Being Offered

We will be offering various PADI 'Speciality' courses during the holiday if anyone wishes to partake

Wreck Diver Speciality – normally £149, will be £99 if taken during the holiday. Gozo has some of the best wrecks for teaching this speciality

Deep Diver Speciality – normally £149, will be £99 if taken during the holiday. Gozo is excellent for for teaching this speciality

So consider these and [*let us know asap*](#) if you are intending to do this course so that we can obtain your learning materials from PADI

Kit You Will Need

Remember, whilst this should be an enjoyable holiday, we want to ensure that it is, by all divers having the right equipment

In addition to your wetsuit / boots / fins / bcd / regulators.....Please remember:

- a) Weightbelt – whilst the Dive Centre will provide weight, they don't provide weight belts – so please bring one with you
- b) Reels and SMB's – each buddy pair should have at least one of these between them – remember, this is sea diving and a reel / SMB is a must
- c) Dive Knives – each buddy pair should have at least one between them, in case of any fishing line entanglement
- d) Torch – an optional extra in case anyone finds any of the caves too daunting!

Needless to say we know a good place where you can purchase any of the above ☺

Who Is Attending:

For information, attending the holiday are:

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| 1) Alan Holden | 16) Dave Hartley |
| 2) Stuart Blackledge | 17) Craig Simpson |
| 3) Stewart Cross | 18) Zak Simpson |
| 4) Kaye Smith | 19) Jonathan Fowler |
| 5) Jamielee Christie | 20) Hannah Garnett |
| 6) Mick Sutcliffe | 21) Paul Aston |
| 7) Amir Ismail | 22) Hanna Last |
| 8) Jonathan Eckersley | 23) Will Beard |
| 9) Gordon Smith | 24) Leigh Boardman |
| 10) Dave Whittaker | 25) Deborah Smith |
| 11) Robbie Goodwin | 26) Ben Smith |
| 12) Ken Noakes | 27) Martin Williams |
| 13) Tonia Duffy | 28) Simon Hartley |
| 14) Tony Singleton | 29) Trevor Jeffrey |
| 15) Sheila Singleton | 30) Dawn Jeffrey |

Dive Centre Paperwork

The dive centre have provided us with their required paperwork. Please click on each of the links below and print these off, please complete these and bring with you – they will be collected en route to Gozo so keep them in your hand luggage

This will save us lots of time registering with the dive centre upon arrival

http://www.canarydivers.com/customer_data_capture_forms.pdf

http://www.canarydivers.com/new_2008_medical_page_1.tif

http://www.canarydivers.com/new_2008_pdsa_form.tif

Stop Press: We have taken delivery of a small number of very large, but very light Dive Bags (Badged Canary Divers) which are perfect for GOZO and keeping the airline weight down – available in the shop nowwhilst stocks last (Available in Blue / Black and Red / Black)



CLUB TRIP 2012 – RED SEA LIVABOARD?



Advanced notice that we are now beginning the planning for next years club holiday – most likely to be a Red Sea Liveaboard. We would be very interested in obtaining some early numbers so that we can price this holiday up – If this would interest you, please let us know (no commitment at this stage of course)