

Know Before You Go - Saudi Arabia

General Destination & Trip Information

Our liveboard itineraries in the Saudi Arabian Red Sea start in different locations, depending on the route. Some embark and disembark in Jeddah, others in Yanbu, while others begin in Yanbu and end at King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC), or vice versa. Please check your booking details carefully for the embarkation and disembarkation locations for your chosen itinerary and dates.

- Embarkation time for all itineraries is 18:00
- Disembarkation time for all itineraries is 09:00

Flights & Transfers

Flights are not included in the liveboard price. Baggage allowances vary by airline and fare; please check the allowance for every flight sector, including diving equipment.

You can book your international flight into King Abdulaziz International Airport, Jeddah (JED), which is the main gateway for all of our Saudi Red Sea itineraries. Jeddah is served by direct flights from Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Africa, with additional long-haul connections via international hubs or other Saudi Arabia cities. Available routes and flight frequency depend on your departure airport and travel dates.

Yanbu Airport (YNB) may be an alternative for itineraries starting or ending in Yanbu; however, flights are limited. Please confirm flight suitability and transfer arrangements with our reservations team before booking.

Please allow sufficient time after landing for immigration, baggage collection, customs and the road transfer to the marina.

PLEASE NOTE: During the Hajj season, entry and flight restrictions may affect arrivals at Jeddah. Guests travelling during this period must confirm their eligibility with their airline before booking.

Guests experiencing flight delays or missed connections should notify our reservations team and the local contact as soon as possible, providing their revised flight details.

Transfers

The liveboard price includes a shared transfer between Jeddah International Airport and the embarkation and disembarkation marina on embarkation and disembarkation days.

- Embarkation day transfers are included at specific times only: 15:00 and 22:00 on Saturday.

- Disembarkation day included transfer is upon check-out at 09:00.

Transfers on other days or times can be arranged for an extra cost.

Private embarkation and disembarkation transfers are also available at an additional charge, separate from the included scheduled transfers, including Jeddah hotel pick-up and drop-off. Private transfers should be requested in advance and are subject to availability.

Visa and Passports

Passports must be valid for at least six months from the date of arrival in Saudi Arabia. Dual nationals must bring the passport they used to book their flights, which they must also provide details of when completing their [Advance Passenger Information](#) (API) form.

Guests should keep their return/onward flight details, liveaboard booking confirmation and local contact details readily available for airline and immigration checks. Current published entry guidance does not list a separate pre-arrival travel registration requirement for ordinary tourist visits; however, requirements may vary by nationality, travel history and purpose of visit, so please check with your airline before departure.

Visas

The majority of travellers need a visa to visit Saudi Arabia, which can be obtained in several ways, depending on nationality.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old to apply independently; travellers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Applicants must provide the required supporting documents and have sufficient funds to cover their stay, including accommodation, food and transportation.

IMPORTANT: *Some nationalities are not eligible for an eVisa or Visa on Arrival and must obtain a visa before travelling from the Saudi embassy or consulate in their home country.*

As visa requirements, processes and regulations can change at short notice, we can not guarantee the accuracy of the information provided below. We therefore recommend checking your home country's government advisories or Saudi embassy/consulate for the most up-to-date information.

It is the individual traveller's responsibility to check before travelling to ensure they meet all visa requirements for the holiday they have booked.

eVisa

The Saudi eVisa is the most convenient and reliable option; applying in advance reduces processing time on arrival. Travellers from eligible countries can apply through the official Saudi eVisa portal: visa.visitsaudi.com

The standard tourist eVisa is valid for one year with multiple entries, allowing a maximum stay of 90 days in total during its validity. The total payable, including mandatory medical insurance, is displayed during the application process. Visa fees are non-refundable.

Visa on Arrival

A tourist Visa on Arrival is available to eligible travellers, including:

- Passport holders from countries on Saudi Arabia's approved tourist visa list.
- Holders of a valid US, UK or Schengen tourist or business visa, provided it has already been used at least once to enter the issuing country.
- Permanent residents of the US, UK or European Union.

The Visa on Arrival costs approximately SAR 480 (USD 128) per person, comprising a SAR 300 visa fee plus approximately SAR 180 for mandatory medical insurance and associated charges. *This total is indicative and subject to change; please confirm the current charges before travelling.* Guests should check their eligibility through the official Saudi visa information page and confirm with their airline before travelling.

Embassy issued

Travellers who are not from a visa-exempt country, or not eligible for an eVisa or Visa on Arrival, must apply in person at their nearest Saudi embassy or consulate.

Travelling with Medicines

If you need to bring medication with you, please be aware that certain controlled medicines require advance clearance from the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) before you arrive, which must be obtained through the SFDA Controlled Drugs System. A prescription alone may not be sufficient. Please check your medication before travelling and carry it in its original packaging, together with a prescription or doctor's letter stating that it is for your personal use, the condition it is prescribed for and the quantity you are bringing, which should not be more than you need for the duration of your stay.

Insurance

Insurance which covers scuba diving is mandatory aboard all of our vessels. Your insurance must cover all of your scuba diving and snorkelling activities, including the cost of recompression chamber treatment and emergency air evacuation. We therefore strongly recommend purchasing diving-specific insurance to cover any diving-related eventuality.

All guests are also required to carry full travel and cancellation insurance, as outlined under section 3 of our [Terms and Conditions](#). We cannot be held liable for delays occurring during the cruise or any delays or cancellations of flights, accommodations, or tours and transfers that we organise on your behalf.

For further details of why travel insurance is a crucial part of your holiday arrangements, take a look at our blog - '[Do You Really Need Travel Insurance?](#)'

Master Liveboards act as a referrer for DiveAssure, who offer dive and travel insurance policies, including short-term and multiple-trip policies. Their comprehensive 'Dive & Travel Plus' plan has been specifically developed for diving liveboard holidays and covers expenses in the event of missing your liveboard departure due to flight delays or missed connections, and also provides cover for lost diving days if, for any reason, the boat is required to abort the cruise; for instance, due to a guest injury, mechanical breakdown of the ship, air supply failure, inclement weather conditions, etc.

Please consult our webpage for details and a direct link to DiveAssure's booking portal: www.masterliveboards.com/insurance.

Diving Information

Saudi Arabia's Red Sea coastline offers offshore reefs, coral gardens, dramatic walls and underwater plateaus. Hard and soft corals provide shelter for colourful reef fish, while

exposed reef edges attract schooling fish and larger pelagic species. Many sites lie around remote reefs and islands, making a liveaboard the most practical way to explore the region.

Saudi Master explores two main diving regions: **Farasan Banks**, an extensive area of offshore reefs and islands with shallow coral gardens, steep walls and plateaus, where turtles, reef sharks and schooling fish are regularly seen, with possible encounters with hammerheads and tiger sharks and seasonal opportunities to see whale sharks around Al Lith in spring; and **Seven Sisters & Five Corals**, offshore reef systems known for their dramatic drop-offs, coral-covered walls and gorgonian sea fans, with possible encounters with hammerheads, silky and silvertip sharks and occasional sightings of manta rays and whale sharks. Marine-life encounters vary by site, season and conditions and cannot be guaranteed.

We are happy to welcome everyone from non-divers to seasoned divers aboard Saudi Master, although our itineraries focus primarily on scuba diving. Snorkelling opportunities depend on the route, weather, currents and surface conditions, and snorkelling is not possible at every dive site.

Saudi Master has two 6.5-metre tenders for transferring divers to and from the dive sites. Our tender drivers are happy to assist guests who need help with their equipment and exiting the water. At some sites, entry and exit may be directly from the main vessel's dive deck.

Guests' Level of Diving

The minimum requirement for all Saudi Master itineraries is an **Advanced Open Water certification (or equivalent) and 40 logged dives**. Some sites involve current, deep walls and exposed conditions, and guests should be comfortable with buoyancy control, buddy procedures and diving in conditions appropriate to the itinerary; please refer to the itinerary webpages or the information sheets for the conditions of your chosen itinerary.

Any divers who do not fulfil the specified minimum requirements, or who the crew feel have insufficient experience in certain conditions, may be denied participation in some or all dives during the liveaboard.

Depth limits given by the Cruise Director must be followed at all times. The maximum dive depth is 40 metres, subject to each diver's certification, experience and breathing-gas limits, and **planned decompression diving is prohibited**.

Suitably experienced divers can explore with their buddy following a detailed site briefing; less-experienced divers join a small group with experienced divers or a dive guide.

Dive Schedule and Night Dives

The daily dive programme depends on the itinerary, sailing distances, weather and local restrictions but typically allows 2–3 dives per day, with a check dive on the first diving day and normally two dives on the final diving day before returning to port. There is no diving on embarkation or disembarkation day. Night dives are offered at selected sites where permitted and suitable, but are not available every evening.

Fit to Dive

All divers are responsible for ensuring they are fit to dive and must provide a completed medical statement before their liveaboard departure. Guests with any symptoms or

medical conditions that could be restrictive to diving need to obtain a doctor's evaluation and clearance to dive before travelling.

If you are unable to complete the medical statement as directed or provide a current doctor's certificate (less than a year old) clearing you to dive, you accept that you will not be allowed to participate in scuba diving activities.

Flying after Diving

Current studies indicate that you should wait at least 18 hours before you fly after repetitive dives or multiple days of diving, although *we recommend 24 hours*. Please bear this in mind before you book your onward international or domestic flights.

Diving Emergencies/ Recompression Chambers

In the unlikely event that a diving accident occurs, the nearest hyperbaric facility is the Hyperbaric Oxygen Service at Dr. Soliman Fakeeh Hospital in Jeddah, which treats decompression sickness and other diving accidents. Please note that medical assistance from offshore locations may involve a lengthy transfer, and in some cases Saudi Master may need to deviate from the planned itinerary route and diving schedule to facilitate it.

We strongly encourage all guests to diligently follow dive guides' advice, dive conservatively and remain well within their certification and computer limits at all times.

As per our [Terms & Conditions](#), diving insurance and travel insurance are mandatory.

Water Temperature and Exposure Suits

Water temperatures along Saudi Arabia's Red Sea coast vary by location and season, from approximately 24°C (75°F) in winter to 31°C (88°F) in summer, although cooler water can occur at some locations.

We suggest a 3mm shorty or full wetsuit for the summer and a 5mm full-length wetsuit during the winter. Guests prone to feeling cold are advised to use a hood/vest and additional thermal layers under their wetsuit, and to allow for wind chill between dives in the cooler months.

Diving Equipment

Use of a dive computer and DSMB is compulsory.

A single 12 litre aluminium cylinder with DIN valve, weights and weight belt are provided free of charge. INT/yoke adaptors are available onboard. Nitrox is included free of charge for certified divers; an analyser is available onboard.

Guests should bring their own BCD and regulator, mask, fins and suitable exposure protection, dive computer, SMB with reel or spool, and a dive light for night diving. Since some airline carriers have strict check-in luggage limits, Saudi Master has equipment available to rent for an additional charge, including:

- BCDs (XS–XL)
- Regulators
- Long and short wetsuits (S–XXL)
- Masks
- Fins and boots (S–XXL)
- Underwater torch

- SMB
- Dive computer
- 15 litre cylinder and additional 12 litre cylinders

A full equipment package (BCD, dive computer, fins, mask, regulator, SMB and wetsuit) is also available; boots and a dive light are not included in the package and are charged separately.

Rental equipment is subject to availability and must be pre-ordered. Please specify the required items and sizes before travel. Personal dive equipment is stored in individual dive boxes on the dive deck, with hangers provided for exposure suits; dive equipment should not be taken into cabins or the salon.

Equipment rental and course costs can be viewed under 'Extras' on the vessel and itinerary pages of our website

PLEASE NOTE: Items paid for on board are subject to 15% VAT.

Underwater Photography and Videography

Saudi Master offers three camera tables and a compressed-air hose for underwater photographers and videographers, and computers can be connected to the cabin TVs for editing photos and videos.

Destination Information

Time Zone

Local time is GMT / UTC + 3 hrs throughout the year, with no daylight saving.

Money Matters

The local currency is the Saudi riyal (SAR), which is pegged to the US dollar at USD 1 = SAR 3.75, although the actual rate received may differ due to bank or exchange-provider charges.

Credit cards, including Visa and Mastercard, and contactless payments are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops, and ATMs are widely available; please check overseas withdrawal fees and card limits with your bank. Carrying a small amount of Saudi riyals is useful for smaller purchases and tips.

Saudi Arabia's standard VAT rate is 15%, so check whether quoted prices include VAT.

Language and Religion

Arabic is the official language, although English is widely used in tourism and business. Islam is the official religion and plays an important role in daily life. Guests should respect local customs, religious practices and places of worship.

Dress code: In public areas ashore, men and women should wear loose-fitting clothing that covers the elbows and extends below the knees. Avoid see-through or tight-fitting clothing and garments with offensive images or slogans. Female visitors are not generally required to wear an abaya or cover their hair, although religious sites may have additional requirements. Keep swimwear for designated swimming areas and cover up when leaving them.

Ramadan: During Ramadan, guests should avoid eating, drinking or smoking in public during daylight hours. Restaurant opening hours ashore may change.

Climate and Weather

Saudi Arabia has a predominantly hot, dry climate, although conditions vary considerably between coastal, inland and mountainous areas.

Summers (June–August) are very hot, with daytime temperatures frequently exceeding 40°C (104°F) and high humidity along the Red Sea coast.

Winters (December–February) are generally milder along the coast, with cooler evenings, while inland and mountainous areas can become much colder at night.

Spring and Autumn are transitional seasons with more comfortable temperatures. Rainfall is usually limited, but occasional heavy showers occur during the cooler months.

Lightweight clothing and sun protection are useful throughout the year; bring an additional layer for cooler evenings and time spent on deck.

Sun protection

We recommend bringing high-strength, reef-friendly sunscreen with you to prevent getting sunburnt. We also suggest hats, sunglasses, protective clothing and utilising shade as easy and environmentally friendly ways to protect yourself from sun damage.

Heat stroke is a fairly common problem, so we recommend that you protect yourself from the fierce Saudi sun as much as possible and remain well hydrated.

Health

Healthcare facilities in major Saudi cities are generally of a high standard, although smaller towns have more basic facilities, and serious cases may require transfer to a larger hospital. Medical assistance from offshore locations may involve a lengthy transfer. The emergency ambulance number is 997 (Saudi Red Crescent).

All travellers should ensure they have adequate travel health insurance to cover medical emergencies and treatment costs.

Vaccinations

No specific vaccinations are required for entry into Saudi Arabia unless you are coming from or passing through yellow fever risk areas.

However, we advise ensuring routine vaccinations are up-to-date (tetanus, polio, MMR, etc.) and consult a healthcare professional or your nearest travel clinic for the latest information and recommendations at least 4–6 weeks before travelling. Additional recommendations depend on your itinerary, medical history and planned activities; see TravelHealthPro – Saudi Arabia for current guidance.

A Yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for travellers aged nine months or older arriving from countries where there is a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travellers who have spent more than 12 hours in transit in an airport of a yellow fever risk country.

Bringing Medicines into Saudi Arabia

Guests should bring sufficient personal medication for their trip, in its original packaging, together with a prescription or doctor's letter. Certain controlled medicines require advance permission from the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA), which must be obtained through the SFDA Controlled Drugs System before travelling; a prescription alone may not be sufficient. *It is the traveller's responsibility to check whether their personal medication is permitted, restricted or prohibited.*

Restricted items must be declared and accompanied by any required permits. Declaring a prohibited item does not make it permissible to bring into the country. For current guidance, see ZATCA – Restricted or Prohibited Goods.

Prohibited and Restricted Items

Saudi Arabia has strict customs rules, and guests should check any restricted items before packing. The following items are prohibited:

- Alcohol, including duty-free purchases. ***Guests must not bring alcohol into Saudi Arabia or arrive under the influence of alcohol.***
- Pork and pork products.
- Illegal drugs, cannabis and CBD products, even if legally purchased elsewhere.
- Pornographic material.
- Fireworks, weapons, ammunition, stun guns and tear-gas devices.

Satellite phones and radio transmitters may require a licence or prior approval; guests bringing specialist communication equipment should check requirements before departure.

Drones: Guests should not bring a drone without first confirming import and operating requirements through the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA). Customs clearance, registration and operational permission are separate processes, and approval to bring a drone into the country does not automatically permit flying it. Drone use from the vessel must also be agreed with the Captain and local operator and comply with any site restrictions.

Photography: Ask permission before photographing local people, and do not photograph or film government buildings, military installations, diplomatic premises or palaces. Follow signs and staff instructions at religious, cultural and heritage sites. Professional filming and media production may require additional permissions.

Mobile Phone Coverage

There are three mobile network providers in Saudi Arabia - STC, Mobily and Zain - all of which offer prepaid visitor packages with mobile data and calling allowances. Prices, inclusions and validity periods vary by package.

Guests with international roaming will be able to use their phones in Saudi Arabia, although call and data costs depend on their home network provider.

Visitor SIM cards can be purchased from official counters inside Jeddah Airport or from the providers' local shops; bring your passport and visa details for registration and activation, and ensure your phone is unlocked. Alternatively, if your smartphone is eSIM compatible, visitor eSIM options are available. Before leaving the shop, check that mobile data works and confirm the package's expiry date, data allowance and top-up method.

PLEASE NOTE: While network coverage on land is generally dependable, it should not be relied upon at sea, particularly at offshore reefs and remote anchorages. This means, on most itineraries, when the liveaboard is not close to shore, there will be periods where there will be no mobile phone or internet connectivity at all, which could be several days.

Trip Information

Advanced Passenger Information (API)

We require certain information, including diving certification and passport details, for administrative purposes before departure, which includes obtaining sailing permissions. Guests can submit the necessary information online through our secure portal at www.masterliveaboards.com/portal.

Passport copies are required for ALL guests and must be clear and unaltered, with all ID information easily readable.

Forms

It is a requirement of Master Liveaboards for all guests to provide a signed liability release, express assumption of risk and medical statement before the commencement of their liveaboard itinerary.

In addition to the liability release and medical statement, divers are also required to confirm that they have read and understood Appendix A: Standard Safe Diving Practices statement, which can be downloaded here: <https://masterliveaboards.com/forms/>

By completing and signing the forms, you confirm that you have read, understood, and agree to the conditions outlined in them. *If you are unable or unwilling to complete the forms as instructed, you accept that you may not be able to take part in certain aspects of the holiday you have booked with us.*

Life On Board

Saudi Master is a 39.9-metre wooden-hulled motor yacht built in 2015, with 12 guest cabins for a maximum of 24 guests and a crew of 14, including the Captain, engineers, chef, host, housekeeper, tender drivers and the dive team. Our dive guides usually speak German and English; the vessel's crew speak some English.

The main features of Saudi Master can be viewed from the Saudi Arabia destination page on the Master Liveaboards website: masterliveaboards.com/boats/saudi-master/

Accessibility

The layout of the boat may provide challenges or be unsuitable for guests with limited mobility, and is not suitable for wheelchairs. Please contact us for further details if you have any concerns.

Accommodation

Saudi Master can accommodate up to 24 guests in 12 cabins, all with private en-suite bathrooms:

- Main Deck: 2 x Premium Double Cabins with a queen-size bed

- Lower Deck: 2 x Classic Double Cabins with a queen-size bed
- Lower Deck: 8 x Classic Twin Cabins with two single beds

Single occupancy may be available on request and is subject to a supplemental charge.

Cabin Facilities

All cabins have individually controllable air-conditioning and private en-suite bathrooms. Please note that the air-conditioning does not run while cylinders are being filled. Other facilities include ample storage, a mirrored cabinet, a hair dryer, bathrobes, complimentary toiletries, towels (one small and one large bath towel per cabin, changed during the cruise, plus beach and dive-deck towels) and a 32-inch flat-screen TV with movies, TV shows and documentaries. Each cabin has a porthole, which must be kept closed while the vessel is travelling

Food

We offer guests a choice of international and local cuisine served buffet-style for breakfast, lunch and dinner in the indoor air-conditioned dining area, from dinner on embarkation day to breakfast on disembarkation day. Breakfast typically includes bread, toast, pancakes, jam, honey, eggs and yoghurt; main meals typically include chicken, beef or fish with rice, noodles, potatoes, vegetables and salads, followed by pudding, cakes or fruit. Snacks are also readily available throughout the day, should you feel peckish in between meal times.

We can cater to most special dietary requirements, although advance notice is required; please inform our reservations team before your trip to ensure we have plenty of time to plan dishes to suit your needs.

Please note: It can be difficult to find certain items that are common elsewhere in the world. While we always do our best to accommodate dietary requests, please consider bringing some of your preferred food items with you if the lack thereof may constitute a health risk or compromise the enjoyment of your holiday.

Drinks

Complimentary coffee, tea, mineral water, soft drinks and juices are available at all times.

PLEASE NOTE: *As **alcohol is strictly prohibited** in Saudi Arabia, there are no alcoholic beverages available on board. Guests must not bring alcohol into the country, including duty-free purchases.*

Clothing and Footwear

The dress code on board is very casual, and most guests feel comfortable in little more than swimwear, shorts and T-shirts. A sweater is advised for the cooler nights, particularly after multiple dives. We request that guests respect the wishes of others by donning clothing for meal times. Shoes are removed on boarding and stored for the duration of the cruise. Please bring modest clothing covering the elbows and knees for any time spent ashore; see the dress code under Language and Religion above.

Staying Connected

There is wireless internet access on Saudi Master, which can be used free of charge *for email and web browsing* wherever there is a mobile signal; the connection depends entirely on local mobile coverage, which is mostly only possible when close to shore.

Please ensure your family and loved ones are aware that, while you are on board, and depending on which itinerary you are joining, there may be days when you will have no mobile phone or Internet access and therefore will not be contactable.

Smoking

Smoking and vaping are prohibited in all indoor areas, including guest cabins, and are not permitted on the dive deck or during dive briefings. Please use the designated smoking area and the ashtrays provided, and never throw cigarette ends overboard.

Fishing

Fishing is not permitted on Saudi Master or from her dive tenders. Hunting, fishing and collecting marine organisms are prohibited under the local operator's rules and Saudi Arabia's marine conservation regulations, which means we can not allow guests to fish under any circumstances.

Environmental Considerations

Although there are recycling initiatives in place in Saudi Arabia, the available facilities are limited. We therefore ask our guests to consider the following to help with our mission to reduce our environmental impact.

Batteries

While some batteries may be available to purchase on board, the amount or type may be limited. If your equipment requires a unique size or is likely to need a lot of replacement batteries during your trip, please bring extras with you. We also ask that guests take spent batteries home so they can be recycled or disposed of properly. Alternatively, ***consider using rechargeable batteries*** as there are plenty of sockets to plug in a charger on board.

Water Bottles

We are dedicated to becoming single-use plastic-free across all of our fleets. Plastic straws and stirrers have been banned on all our boats and we do not provide single-use plastic bottles on board. If you own a sports bottle, we simply ask that you bring it with you, or you can purchase one on board. If you don't have one and you don't want to buy one, there are plenty of cups on board that you can use to ensure you remain well hydrated.

Plastic Bags and Wrappers

We do not provide plastic bags for purchases made on board, although branded, reusable canvas bags are available for sale. Please help us minimise plastic waste by removing plastic wrappers and packaging from items before travelling. If you bring plastic bags with you, please reuse them and take them home.

Toiletries

We kindly ask guests to consider the type and quantity of products they are bringing with them and, where possible, bring environmentally friendly toiletries for use on board, and take partially used or unused products home.

If you are bringing cotton buds (Q-tips) with you, please avoid the types that have plastic stems. Many such products are available which use unbleached paper or bamboo instead of plastic and are therefore much more environmentally friendly.

Payments On Board

Marine Park and Port Fees

Marine park and port fees are included in the liveaboard price for Saudi Master itineraries.

Optional Extras

We offer a range of services to enhance your time on board. The following are available for an additional fee:

- Courses
- Equipment rental*
- Additional 12 litre cylinders and 15 litre cylinder upgrades
- Private transfers and land excursions

***Guests will be charged for the replacement of lost or damaged rental items**

PLEASE NOTE: All equipment and sundry items paid for on board are subject to Saudi Arabia's standard VAT, which is currently 15%.

Cash payments are accepted in Saudi riyals (SAR) and US dollars (USD), and we can also accept Visa and Mastercard debit and credit card payments on board.

Tipping

At Master Liveaboards, we believe that tipping is a matter of personal choice. Should you feel that your crew has made your holiday extra special, then they will certainly appreciate a tip.

The customary amount is 400 SAR (110 USD) per person.

Safety Onboard

Emergency Management and Equipment

All Master Liveaboards vessels are equipped with modern safety features such as EPIRB, satellite communication, fire detection and suppression systems, automated life rafts and emergency pumps. Our crews undergo rigorous training in emergency management procedures, and further practice scenarios may be performed during your cruise to assist in keeping their skills sharp.

Saudi Master is equipped with lifejackets in every cabin, two 25-person liferafts, seven lifebuoys, fire detection and firefighting equipment, SART, EPIRB, pyrotechnics and a searchlight for emergency signalling, HF/MF radio and a satellite phone for communication, and AIS, GPS/chart plotter and radar for navigation.

Your Cruise Director will provide a thorough briefing at the start of your trip to familiarise you with the vessel's safety features, during which you will be required to participate in a life jacket and muster drill.

First Aid

Our dive teams are all qualified emergency responders and the vessel is equipped with a fully stocked medical first aid kit for treating minor injuries and ailments as well as for assisting trained medical professionals in remote locations.

Saudi Master carries two 150-litre cylinders of medical-grade oxygen, which can be administered through DAN kits or unit-specific attachments.

Should you feel unwell at any point during your cruise, please seek the advice of your cruise director.

FAQs:

Should you have questions that have not been answered here, please check our website's [Frequently Asked Questions](#), or contact us directly.

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Master Liveboards 24-hour emergency number (calls only):

Please only use the Master Liveboards 24-hour emergency number if you are unable to get a response from the local numbers listed above. Please do not SMS this number.

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What to Bring

Our blog, [Packing for a Scuba Diving Liveaboard](#) provides useful tips on what to pack. Please ensure you *remove all plastic wrappers and packaging* from any new items you are bringing with you.

The following is a checklist of essential items you should ensure you bring with you. You can also download a complete packing checklist from the General Information section of the Master Liveaboards [downloads page](#)

Passport

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6 months' validity & at least two empty pages for visa stickers and stamps

Travel Documents

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Flight tickets - International & Domestic; hotel booking; excursions

Cash & Credit Card for emergencies

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Recommended amount 250 - 500 USD

Diving Certification & Logbook

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Including Nitrox Card if certified and intending to use Nitrox

Travel and Diving Insurance Documents

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To include emergency medical evacuation

Essential Diving Items

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Dive computer with full battery

Toiletries & Medications

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Including insect repellent and Reef-safe sunscreen
Inform the booking team of medical conditions

Essential Clothing Items

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Swimwear, hat and lightweight jacket

Guests are strongly advised to carry essential items in hand luggage in case of lost or delayed luggage through International or Domestic Flights.