

-Swim with free dolphins
in full awareness and deep respect-

Some practical information:

We organize our wonderful dolphin trips in the Red Sea via the Egyptian Company “Nooraya Travel Services” and we invite you to surf through our website www.nooraya.com.

We have a few weeks planned for the year 2017. Each week offers a program of activities on board. You will find more information about the programs on the website.

The price of one week on board of the Nooraya in Sataya (« Dolphin Reef ») varies from 900 to 999 € depending on the chosen week according to the activity offered on board. This price includes the transfers in Egypt from the airport to the “Marina of Hamata” where the boat is moored, food and drinks (water and fresh and hot drinks), lodging for the whole week, the guidance of our snorkel and dive guides and the activity on board.

The destination airport in Egypt is Marsa Alam or Hurghada.

Attention : Upon arrival in Marsa Alam or Hurghada airport, you will get an entry visa to be paid on the spot (price of the visa 25 \$ or 23 €, not included in the price of the trip). European citizens are allowed to travel to Egypt with their identity cards but must bring a photo ID to get their entry visa. Both passports and identity cards must be valid 6 months after return date.

We ask our participants to subscribe to a mandatory travel insurance (health and repatriation)!

This is the programme of the week:

Day 1

Our meeting point in Egypt is Marsa Alam or Hurghada airport. For people coming from Brussels, you will receive by mail all the details of your flight. At Marsa Alam airport, our bus will wait for you to bring you to Hamata where our boat “Nooraya” waits for us, a little bit more than 2 hours drive south. We usually spend the first night on board at the Marina of Hamata.



Day 2

We sail to Sataya early in the morning on Sunday and after 2 hours cruise, we arrive at Sataya Reef where we will anchor for the whole week! Don't worry about being seasick: once in Sataya, the boat will not move anymore and any seasickness is excluded!

Usually, dolphins welcome the arriving boats in the Bay of Sataya and after a security briefing with our snorkel and dive guides, we can join our friends in the water



Days 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 et 7 – Life on board ...

Dolphins come regularly during the day to rest and play in the Bay, giving us the possibility of swimming with them. We approach them slowly and quietly with the zodiacs or by swimming if they are close enough to the boat.



... the magic of human-dolphin encounters take place ...

Sometimes, dolphins go away when we get close to them. That means they are not ready to interact with us and we must respect their choice and not force our presence upon them or chase them. Be sure they will come back when they want to swim with us!!!



When dolphins are not available, we are invited to swim along the beautiful coral reefs of Sataya Bay, where we can admire hundreds of fish, corals and sea shelves of all colors and shapes. It is magnificent. Furthermore, our snorkel guide will guide us with snorkeling. For your security, we ask you to follow the safety rules and instructions carefully.

Dolphins are meditative beings so we usually propose a meditation in the morning at dawn and/or in the evening at sunset before the workshop. However, it is important that each one of us feel free to attend or not the meditations or the intensives. Feel free to take moments for yourself, read a book or listen to some music. There is only one obligation on board, feel completely at ease



We also dance sometimes on board with the 8 members of the crew that accompany our journey and love to share their music and dance with us!!!

The crew is composed of the Captain, the snorkel guide, 2 seamen driving the zodiacs, the cook and assistant cook, 1 “salon boy” and 1 mechanic.



NB It's good to foresee 20 € per person to give as a tip to the crew the last day ... not mandatory of course! obligation !

The boat is equipped with air conditioning if necessary. We have 7 cabins with 2 single beds and 2 cabins with 3 beds (1 double and 1 single). There are no single cabins. Each cabin has its own bathroom with shower. The participants travelling alone will be asked to share a cabin if the boat is full. We always try to find a solution to make every body happy!



but ... remember there is no better place to sleep than on the upper decks, on a matrass and under the starriest sky ever!!!!



Delicious dishes are prepared by our excellent Cook Mohammed and served three times a day. Vegetarians will be pleased with the diversity of vegetables and legumes. Snacks are proposed during the day. Bottled water and fresh and hot drinks are available at will!



There is no alcohol on board (only beers for 3 € each). You can bring 1 or 2 bottles of wine in your luggage! It is forbidden to smoke in the cabins and the dining room and on the upper decks.

Days 7 - 8

On saturday early morning we sail back to the Marina of Hamata where our bus will bring you to the airport to take your flight!



Here are some frequently asked questions (FAQ) :

Cell phones and computers?

Cell phones work on board in Sataya intermittently. There is no reliable internet connection. The boat is equipped with common european wiring installations with sockets in each cabins. We have speakers (suitable for i-pods, computers and usb sticks) and a television screen with dvd player.

What should I take with me ?

A few summer clothes; old t-shirts and shorts or a “shorty” (wetsuit with short sleeves) are welcome to swim with the dolphins or along the reefs to avoid sunburns and chill; comfortable warmer clothes for the evenings; a beach towel; pareos and swimming suits and personal belongings and toiletry. Sheets and blankets are available on board. Don't bring too many shoes, 1 pair is enough since it's easier to walk bare foot on the boat (shoes or sandals are not allowed inside the boat).

Don't forget to bring the medications you need and any personal belonging that you might need for your health and comfort (including sun creams –bio if possible- sun glasses, caps or hats to protect your head from the sun or wind. Books, music, photo cameras) A usb stick to share the pictures taken in Sataya. A front lamp to read at night or walk around the boat when the generator has stopped. A summer sleeping bag is useful to sleep outside under the stars.

Don't forget your snorkeling equipment (a long tuba, a good mask that fits your face and comfortable fins (choose MARES, SCUBAPRO or CRESSI rather than kits ...)) The snorkeling equipment is important if you want to enjoy the magic moments with the dolphins! If you wish, if you are easily chilled, you can bring a “shorty” to protect your self from the sun and/or cold. Special socks are also useful to avoid feet irritations.

NB For those who need glasses, there are special masks that you can wear on top of your glasses. You can also put a correction on the glass of your mask if you think you might come often

I have never had snorkeling experience ...

It's absolutely not a problem since our snorkel guide is completely available to help you make your first steps in the water with mask, tuba and fins The Red Sea is very salty and it's really easy to float. Just let yourself go on the surface with a little help of your fins ... Between one dolphin visit and the other you have time to practice by swimming along the beautiful reefs in shallow waters. If you are afraid of water, you can use armbands or lifejackets (available on board). Our snorkel guide will advise you and follow you closely to make you feel comfortable. Let us know if you can't swim at all or if you are really afraid of water ...

I can't swim ... at all !

You can meet the dolphins even if you can't swim. It's important that you take your armbands or a life jacket. You'll be able to go with the zodiac with the group and maybe, with the help of our snorkel guide and if you feel up to it, have some moments in the water with the dolphins.

Are the dolphins always there ?

Usually, dolphins come every day since early morning to play and rest near the reefs and around the boat. Sometimes they stay all day around the boats. They rarely don't show up at all but it happens sometimes. Don't forget these are free dolphins and they decide when and how to swim with us. Dolphins are very friendly and playful and they love to play together and also with us. However, it's important not to touch them. The best thing is to swim with your arms close to the body in order not to frighten them.

Are there sharks in Sataya ? No, there are no sharks where there are dolphins. Sharks are afraid of dolphins because they swim in pods and are stronger and more intelligent. There are absolutely no sharks in Sataya!!!!

I have my PADI certification, can I dive in Sataya?

Yes, you can dive and our dive master on board will take you along with great pleasure to visit the beautiful diving sites in Sataya Bay. Please say it in advance. Equipment (BCD and regulator) are available on board.

NEW : you can also get your PADI certification on board in Sataya !!!!
Contact us for more information.

With much joy and love





Sataya, Dolphin Reef



