



# CANARY DIVERS



## Canary Divers Newsletter – March / April 2012 – 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:

- Return flight to Malta, scheduled flight on Air Malta, including in-flight meal
- Return transfer from Malta Airport to the Ferry Terminal
- Return ferry from Malta to Gozo (as foot passengers)
- Jeep hire in Gozo (4 Jeeps)
- 6 days unlimited diving (weights, unlimited 12L 232 air tanks)
- Use of the Dive Centre 'Drying Room' (see separate item in this bulletin)
- Self Catering Accommodation

### **What's NOT Included in the Holiday Price**

Not included is:

- Coach transfer from the shop to Manchester Airport and back (see arrangements later in this bulletin)
- Any Excess baggage for Diving Bags etc (see separate item in this bulletin)
- Meals (with the exception of In-Flight meal)
- Shared Petrol costs for the Jeeps during the week
- Travel Insurance (available to buy at <http://www.canarydivers.com/insurance.htm>)

## **Coach Transfer To / From Manchester Airport**

Transport will be 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 3:15pm. Return cost is approx. £15 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 returned back to the shop (estimate 8:00pm)

## **Flights**

For those making their own way to Manchester, we are leaving from TERMINAL 2 – You will need to meet us in the terminal at 4:30pm

### *Outbound:*

Manchester to Malta Luga (KM0147) departs Manchester 19/05/2012 6:45pm arrives Malta 11:05pm

### *Return:*

Malta Luga to Manchester (KM0146) departs Malta Luga 26/05/2012 3:20pm, arrives Manchester 5:55pm

## **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](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**



NOT included in your holiday price is the shared cost of fuel for the week. We will be collecting a 'kitty' for fuel upon arrival to ensure the cost of fuel is fairly shared

### **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 included already in your holiday price.

### **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 3 \* 3 bedroomed apartments. Each apartment contains 1 \* Double and 2 \* Twin/ Triple bedrooms (i.e each apartment can accommodate up to 7 people). 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 (who is already AOW or above) 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

Anyone wanting to do BOTH specialities – we will do this for £175

So consider these and ***let us know asap*** if you are intending to do any of these speciality courses 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!

We would expect the water temperature to be somewhat warmer than the UK, but a **full** 5-7mm wetsuit is recommended, and maybe bring a shortie oversuit - just in case!

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

## **Who Is Attending:**

For information, attending the holiday (at the time of publication) are:

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| 1) Alan Holden        | 9) Warren Hope       |
| 2) Mick Sutcliffe     | 10) Christine Hope   |
| 3) Simon Hartley      | 11) Chelsea Hope     |
| 4) Glenn Fogarty      | 12) Lesley Cothliff  |
| 5) Mick Knowles       | 13) Kerry Place      |
| 6) Dave Hartley       | 14) John Fletcher    |
| 7) Robbie Goodwin     | 15) Matthew Fletcher |
| 8) Jonathan Eckersley |                      |

## **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%20data%20capture%20forms.pdf>

<http://www.canarydivers.com/New%202008%20medical%20page%201.tif>

<http://www.canarydivers.com/New%202008%20PDSA%20form.tif>

**Reminder:** We have 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 now ....whilst stocks last (Available in Blue / Black and Red / Black)

