

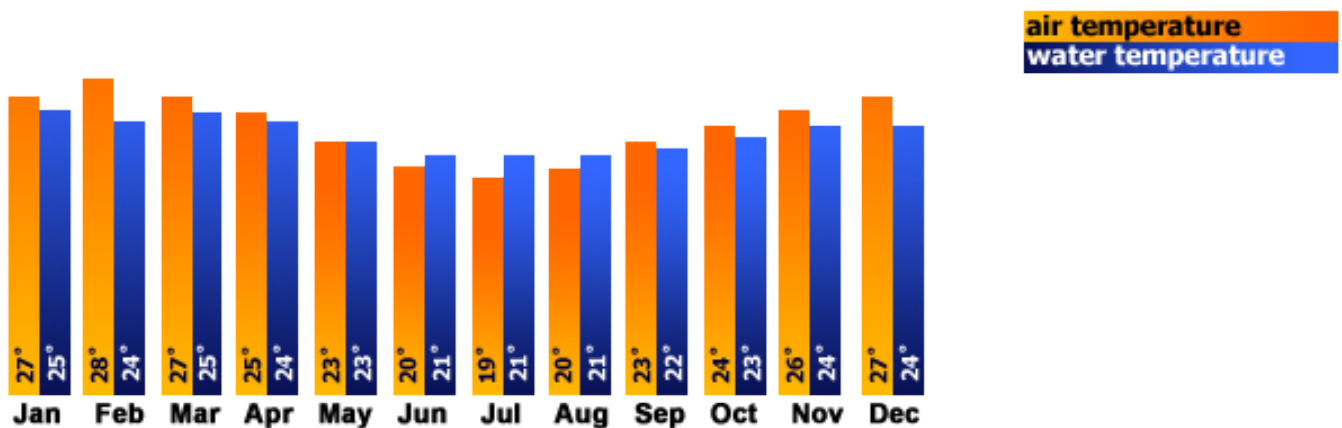
Location: Sudan is situated in northern Africa, bordering the Red Sea and has a coastline of 854km along the Red Sea. With an area of 967,499 square miles Sudan is the largest country on the continent and the tenth largest in the world.

Languages: Arabic is the official language. English and many local dialects are widely spoken.

Religion: Islam is the state religion, 85% of Sudanese are Sunni Muslims, 5% are Christians and 10% are animists. During Islamic events such as the months of Ramadan (please contact us to find out when this will be happening) shop hours are shorter and some hotel facilities or excursions may be limited or unavailable. Please respect local customs and dress appropriately.

Time: GMT + 3

Weather & Water Temperature: In the North of the country, the climate has high daily temperature variations between day and night. December – February ranges from between 25-30°C. October – November and March – April are around 3-35°C. May – September is between 30-40°C. Water temperature varies from 23°C in February to 29°C in September. Please choose your exposure suit accordingly or contact us for advice for your holiday.



Electricity: 200 volt AC. Plugs are the 2-pin continental type is the most common type used throughout Sudan and on our liveaboards. It's advisable to take an adaptor, as they are not widely available. We also highly recommend that you take a surge adaptor with you if using expensive and valuable appliances. If you have a specific electrical requirement please contact one of the Scuba Team who can discuss this with you and advise you accordingly.

Currency: The currency in Sudan is the Sudanese Dinar and Sudanese pound. There is no limit to the amount of foreign currency that can be admitted into Sudan. Credit cards are generally not used much in Sudan. It is best to carry cash, either US \$ or €'s.

Tipping: Tipping is completely at your discretion. If you are unsure what to give please do hesitate to speak with the local dive guide or contact us.

Visas: Entry visas are required by all nationalities to Egypt and Sudan, please look on your travel documents or speak to one of our travel consultants to see what the charges will be. Please send A4 photocopies or email scanned copies of your passport page to us at the time of booking so that we may arrange permissions to travel prior to the issuing of the visa. In order to process the application we need a minimum of 3 weeks prior to your departure date, after this time it will not be possible to obtain the visa. Please be aware that visas will not be issued on passports where there is evidence of a previous visit to Israel (including a Taba crossing).

Food & Drink: The biggest form of health problems with divers and tourists alike is being dehydrated. Please drink plenty of water before and after a dive as well as throughout the day. We also advise that you don't drink the local water and only drink bottle water and wash all fruit beforehand.

Foreign & Commonwealth Office Travel Advice: For up to date advice on foreign travel please visit <http://www.fco.gov.uk>.

Health & Vaccinations: Requirements vary from country to country, your own GP is the best person to speak to regarding relevant requirements. Make your GP aware that you will be scuba diving, as some medication is not recommended for Scuba divers.

Clothing: We recommend that you take a fleece and a pair of jogging trousers for the evenings between the end of November and April. More importantly take lots of sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses as the weather is nearly always sunny. Although a small towel is provided in cabins we recommend you pack a beach towel for after diving. For liveboards shoes are not worn on the boat so you will not need these during the entire charter.

Passports: Passports must be valid for at least 6 months on your return to the UK.

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