



Wings Diving Adventures Divescover Review

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Average Result: 89/100

Wings Diving Adventures

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Crew (Diving & Non Diving)

How is the crew in general? This includes dive instructors, divemasters, cooks, skippers, managers, etc... Everyone on board. Are they friendly? Honest? Fun? Do they have passion about their jobs? Being a crew member in a live aboard is tough job, but do they focus on the quality and are always professional?

Friendliness

3 / 3

Qualifications

2 / 2

Trustfullness - Honesty

3 / 3

Enough Staff / Diving Crew

Do they have enough crew to support the guests? Do they have backup divemaster / instructors?

2 / 2

Application of safety procedeures

Applied specifically for boats

3 / 3

Professionalism

3 / 3

Passion

2 / 2

Crew (Diving & Non Diving) 18 / 18

Gear

How is the gear? Do they provide rental gear? Is it in good conditions? Is there any other optional gear available?

Enough materials

Is there material enough for everybody? Or some people has to stick with wrong sizes / share equipment? 1 / 1

Clean materials

1 / 1

Condition of equipment

Is it broken or very old? What is the general condition? Specifically regulators and safety gear 2 / 2

First aid / Oxygen

Is there a proper first aid kit? Do they have oxygen to fit any possible emergency (That's to provide O2 until they can reach mainland, or other emergency service come) 2 / 2

Emergency plan

Up to date and adapted to boat situations 1 / 1

Reference Books

Do they have fish reference books? Information about the place or diving in general? 1 / 1

Optional gear for rent

Including cameras, dive computers, SMBs, etc.. 1 / 1

Nitrox Availability

1 / 1

Safety gear per diver

Do divers have proper safety gear? 1 point if every diver has his own SMB, 2 points if they have an additional safety device, including emergency beacons, or other devices. 2 / 2

Gear 12 / 12

Facilities & the Boat

How are the facilities given? Is the boat comfortable and nice or it breaks apart?

Tidy, clean, and well maintained boat

3 / 3

Enough showers, changin rooms / toilets

Is there speace enough to shower and not forming long queues within guests? Additional points if there is the possibility to have private showers and if there is hot water.

2 / 3

Comfortable rooms with good beds and clean

2 / 2

Diving Area

Proper area fitted for diving, with assembly and dissassembly areas, cleaning, wet zone, etc...

1 / 2

Free drinking water available

1 / 1

Bar availability

Bar / fridge to buy soft drinks, beers or other alcoholic beverages after all water activities

1 / 1

Snacks & Drinks between dives

Do they provide snacks or food between dives + coffee / tea?

2 / 2

TV / DVD / sound system

Do they have a TV with dvd and sound system to put music, watch the days pictures or watch movies?

1 / 1

Food

Quality, amount, variety and proper diet

3 / 3

Facilities & the Boat 16 / 18

Dive Sites

How are the dive sites? Enough and good for different levels?

Enough dive sites

Is enough for the length of the trip? Is it possible to choose dive site with the guests (given the weather conditions) 2 / 2

Different levels

Are there dive spots for different levels of diving? Do they use them and take divers to they most suited places? 2 / 2

Divemaster leading quality

Does he find fishes? Guides properly? Takes care of the divers? Has in mind currents? Is experienced? 1 / 3

Dive Sites 5 / 7

Customer Service

What is the overall customer service experience? Do they treat customers properly? And how about the staff / crew? Do they have a proper boat organization and offer additional services?

Customer Treatment

4 / 4

Staff Treatment

Is the staff / crew treated properly? Or they are enslaved by the manager?

4 / 4

Boat plan organization

Group sizes, mixing different levels, diving times and flexibility, etc.

3 / 3

Other services (Photo / Video)

Do they offer additional services of photography, or videography? Do they have professional staff for that?

2 / 3

Customer Service 13 / 14

Information

How is the provided information before and during the trip? Is everything clear? Do they offer other additional activities? How is the website?

Information about the dive sites

Do they have enough information about the dive sites? Maps availability? Proper briefing AND debriefing? 2 / 4

Website detailed enough

Do they have a proper website with info about where they go, pictures, schedules, etc... ? 2 / 2

Brochures

With price lists and services 1 / 1

Other activities

Do they offer other activities than diving? Snorkelling, beach walks, trekkings, etc...? 3 / 3

Information 8 / 10

Teaching

Do they offer courses on board? Can you do continuous education?

Courses offered

Do they offer certification courses? Only introductory dives? Can you go through advance and rescue courses? 2 / 2

Enough and right materials for courses

Do they have the needed and official materials for the courses? Are there enough for all the students? 2 / 2

Language options

Do they have materials and instructors to teach in several languages? 0 / 1

Time allocated for courses

Do they have time enough for the courses, or they rush everything to fit in a short time? Does it affect the normal boat schedule? 1 / 1

Instructors / Divemasters availability and approachability

If there is no instructors, do the divemasters help you to improve your diving skills? 2 / 2

Teaching 7 / 8

Prices

Is the price reasonable? How is the price / value equation?

Price / Value according to the area

1 / 2

Payment options

Including credit / debit card, and other systems such as paypal

2 / 2

Hidden costs or surcharges

Are all costs clear from the beginning? Do they have any non-said hidden cost such as dive computer rental, or nitrox fee, national park entrance, etc...

2 / 2

Discounts policy

Is there any discounts available? I.e. discount for diving more than X days, for dive professionals, students....

1 / 2

Prices **6 / 8**

Eco Awareness

*How is their eco-impact? Do they try their best to reduce their impact in the ecosystem?
Do they try to recycle? Do they try to teach about coral reef protection for example?*

Crew eco-behaviour

Does the crew behaves in a good ecological way? Do they explain how to save water, recycle, etc.. 1 / 1

Eco-boat

Is the boat prepared for that? It can include sailing if possible (instead using engines), recycling, using solar power, etc... 1 / 1

Diving eco-behaviour

Do the guides touch or harass animals underwater? Do they take care and explain about stepping on the reef? 1 / 2

Teaching eco-awareness

Do the diving crew explain about how to protect the ecosystem? 1 / 1

Eco Awareness 4 / 5

Total Points: **89** / 100