

Calypso Star
CHARTERS

SHARK CAGE DIVING

ONE OF THE BEST ONE DAY ADVENTURES IN THE WORLD!

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Frequently Asked Questions

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I don't have a diving ticket, am I still able to do a shark dive?

There is no requirement for diver qualification and about 30% of our guests have nil or very little diving experience at all. The reason for this is because our Adventure is 'Surface Diving' where you won't be any more than 2-4 feet beneath the surface therefore no concern is needed for decompression or altitude issues. Onboard training is provided on the day.

What if I just want to be a spectator is it any cheaper?

We are more than happy to welcome any person on board who would prefer just to watch however the sole purpose of our operation is Shark Cage DIVING, therefore the price remains the same. We have no trouble filling our charter with divers.

What is the best time to view the sharks?

Due to the nomadic habits of Great Whites, the best time does vary year by year. Over the past 10 years we have statistically found that winter (May-Nov) provides a higher average number of sharks per day than the remaining months, however they are an unpredictable species and have been elusive several times in this period. Also in the past 10 years there is no particular month/season that has consistently produced no sharks. Of all our 2008 trips we encountered Great Whites 80% of the time and in 07/08 we had 154 consecutive days of 100% success rate.

Will I be guaranteed to see a shark? And if I don't see one will I get a refund?

We don't guarantee seeing a shark as most people can appreciate we cannot restrict them in any way to stay put but we can surely do our utmost within specified guidelines to entice them to the area. If, in the unlikely event, a shark is not at all seen throughout the day a 'Return for Half Price Gift Voucher' will be offered to you on board. The wonderful thing about these creatures is their spontaneity and impulsive actions.

What is the water temperature? Will I freeze?

The Neptune Islands are located 15 Nautical Miles from the mainland. The water depth surrounding the islands is 90+ meters. This keeps the water temperature fairly stable (a cold snap in winter won't be reflected by colder than usual water). The Water Temperature varies between 18-20C in summer, down to 14C at the end of winter.

My son would love to come on a trip with me. Do you have an age limit?

Diving in our surface shark cage is very easy and no formal diving qualification is required. We often host guests with little or no diving experience. Full briefing is given before diving and practice on the surface is available if required. Our crews are experienced divers and veterans of the cage. They are more than willing to help young and less confident divers in the cage. We like to see everyone experience the thrill of the cage at least once during their trip. The youngest person in the shark cage so far was a 9 year old boy and the oldest lady was in her 70's. In fact the boy took to life in the cage better than his Father!! We were delighted to accommodate for a paraplegic man in the cage and another chair bound gentleman had a fantastic 5 days of fishing with us last year.

What is the visibility when diving?

The Water clarity at the Neptune Islands is usually very good, often over 25m. Rough weather does reduce the visibility but never below 15m. We have a number of dive sights around the islands to allow us the clearest water and best shark action possible.

I don't have an underwater camera, what are my options?

No problems. We understand that underwater photographic equipment is a significant investment, especially if you will only use it a couple of times a year. We offer a 'Highlights Pack' which is a CD and DVD of the entire days' events including underwater footage and still shots. Disposable underwater cameras are available on board and produce quality photos, especially when the sun is shining but their disadvantage is they don't have wide angle lenses. If you are considering purchasing a camera and housing we use Sea Optics in Adelaide and highly recommend their services. Contact Sea Optics Australia for a great deal on an underwater package.

I think I might get sea sick, what should I do?

Firstly don't think about it too much. Many of the people who are affected by sea sickness talk themselves into it. The night before the departure avoid excessive alcohol consumption and get a good night sleep. Many sea sickness remedies are available; please consult your pharmacist regarding the best one for you. From experience we have found that taking a tablet the night before departure, in addition to one in the morning, is most effective. During the voyage, get as much fresh air as possible. Avoid locking yourself in a cabin. Don't try to fight the motion of the ocean, loosen up and go with the flow.

How do I get to Port Lincoln? I have a lot of luggage, what are my options?

Regional Express is currently the only airline operator between Adelaide and Port Lincoln. They operate up 8 flights per day using Saab 340 aircraft. When booking your flight please consult with them regarding your requirements. Allowed checked luggage on these flights is 15kg and excess luggage may attract an additional charge and is subject to space. Port Lincoln is a 7 hour drive from Adelaide or a 10 hour bus trip. If you drive here we can arrange a secure park for your car while you are at sea with us. To reduce your luggage weight we have a range of camera equipment and wetsuits for hire. Large groups, professional photographers and film crews may wish to send additional gear to Port Lincoln by bus or courier. We will be more than happy to pick up your freight and store it for you until you arrive. The same complimentary service is offered on your departure. Please consult with us regarding your shipping requirements. Any luggage that you do not wish to take on the boat can be securely stored for you in Port Lincoln at no charge.