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ABROLHOS ISLANDS LIVE ABOARD CHARTER INFORMATION 2021



2021 Season

5 day charter / 6 night Based on 12 people

Book on as a group or individual

All fishing gear, meals, on board

accommodation supplied

The longest owner/operators in the industry since 1999.

WA's Best Live aboard Charter

Abrolhos season from end of Feb to May every year

Like catching and eating Lobster? Apache is now one of the few operators that is permitted to fish for Rock Lobster under the new regulations for charter vessels. This means more pots in the water and a higher boat limit, which gives our clients greater access to the iconic Abrolhos Islands wild caught Rock Lobster.

Sunday

Arrive Geraldton marina and board vessel at 5pm on Sunday to load your gear. Overnight accommodation is supplied complimentary tonight in order to depart for the Abrolhos islands early Monday morning. Dinner is not provided tonight, we recommend you head to the restaurants nearby.

Day one - Monday

Departing Geraldton Marina, breakfast is served en route to the Pelsart or Southern Group of the Abrolhos. It normally takes about 3 hours to reach the southern end of the Pelsart group where we start trolling the area of Wreck Point for Spanish Mackerel and Tuna. From there we fish our way around the western side of the Pelsart group bottom fishing for Dhufish, Baldchin Grouper, Pink Snapper and Coral Trout. Time to pull the daily cray pots, you can add fresh crays to the dinner menu tonight. If you can reel yourself away, lunch is served. After a hard days fishing we steam into the island group and anchor in a well protected spot where the water is crystal clear and the marine life abundant. While your relaxing having a few beers or flicking a line, the cook will be preparing your meals.



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Day two - Tuesday

Yep more of the same, fishing, fishing fishing

Day Three - Wednesday

After another big breakfast its another day of fish, fish, fish and more fish, bottom bouncing, trolling or jigging with some soft plastics the choice is yours. Cray pots are again pulled and reset for tomorrow. Fresh caught crays and fish are always on the menu.

Day Four- Thursday Yet another day of fishing and great times ahead. We take you out wide chasing great bottom fish or if you like we can also chase big pelagic species like Marlin and don't forget to pull the pots so we can throw another cray on the Barbie.

Day 5 - Friday

Today is still all about fishing the Abrolhos. Fish for most of the day before heading back to Geraldton, . Stay on board tonight and leave the Lady Grace by 8am in the morning for your return home. Dinner is not provided on the last night, we suggest you head to the nearest watering hole.





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What we supply on the charter

Fishing gear, Rock Lobster Pots , trolling lures , bait, ice tackle, all main meals, morning/ afternoon tea, tea/coffee, nibbles for happy hour, on board accommodation. Skipper, deckhand and Cook. Drinking water from tap.

What we don't supply on the charter

Alcohol, bottled water ,soft drinks and snacks such as lollies, crisps etc.

What you need to bring on the charter

Please bring your own sleeping bag, pillow, single fitted sheet, toiletries and towel. Please only use a soft bag to pack your clothes, large suitcases are not permitted. Pack clothes for all seasons. Pack light, we do however have a dryer and washing machine on board for clients to use. Please also bring hat, sunscreen. Alcohol, bottled water (if reqd) and soft drinks. Snacks/lollies/crisps. Please also bring along an esky and leave it in your car for the end of the trip. Please note that NO sleeping bags , pillows or sheets will be provided - you must bring your own.

What type of food is provided

Breakfast is varied but consists of a selection of bacon, eggs, sausage, beans , toasts & cereals





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What type of food is provided—contd

Lunch—cold meat and salad wraps, cooked cold chicken and salad, sandwiches

Dinner - varied but consists of mainly fresh fish and fresh crayfish cooked various ways.

Scotch fillet steak is on the dinner menu for one night, plus hot chips, vegetables, potato dishes. Dessert is also served. Menus subject to change.

Morning tea- fruit cake and biscuits

Happy hour - cheese, olives, crackers, Italian sausage

Where do I sleep?

The Lady Grace has many options for sleeping arrangements:

4 single bunk beds on main deck

4 single bunk beds on enclosed flybridge

4 single bunk beds in V berth

5 single bunk beds in lower cabin

2 x double beds in bottom cabin

NB all beds are dorm style - there are not individual private cabins

What is the mobile coverage like at the Abrolhos Islands?

Telstra has probably the best coverage for mobile reception but it is unreliable. We do fish in remote areas and most of the charter will be without phone reception. Better time of day is late in the afternoon or evening when the boat is back in the island group and on anchor.

Texting seems to work best. However in case of emergencies, the vessel is equipped with a satellite phone. We recommend if your family needs to get hold of you, they call the office on 089 339 2432 or a/h 0409 968371 and our Apache office will call the satellite phone on your behalf as its very costly at approx \$20 per minute.



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Fish Handling

All fish is filleted daily by our crew and is then snap frozen in our commercial on board freezers. At the end of the trip, all fillets are then packed into your eskies. Please bring along your esky, to take home your fish fillets. Whole Rock Lobster can also be taken home - all fishing regs apply

Transporting of Fish

Unaccompanied recreationally caught fish cannot be transported by commercial couriers. You must accompany your fish if transporting by land, sea or air. This includes all parts of the fish. At the end of your trip, you must take your fish with you, we cannot store it for you due to fishing possession limits.

Fishing info

We will be fishing for species such as Dhufish, Coral Trout, Pink Snapper, Baldchin Groper norwest snappers. We also target all the pelagic action you can handle, chasing species such as Spanish Mackerel and Tuna. Crayfishing is also included in our Abrolhos charters. All fish kept must adhere to all Dept of Fisheries WA rules and regulations

Fish bag limits for West Coast Zone - 10kg. Rock Lobster max 8 person - boat limits also apply. The itinerary may change subject to weather

Fishing tackle

We supply quality fishing gear Fin-or 650 reels and Shimano Tiagra trolling reels. We supply trolling lures but you will need to BYO jigs and soft plastics.





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DRINKS

The bottle shop is near the Geraldton Marina if you need to purchase any drinks when you arrive into Geraldton on Sunday.

Airport Information

Qantas and Virgin both offer flights to Geraldton.

Airport Transfers

Easy just to get a taxi from the Airport

Foam eskies

We do encourage you to bring along your esky, however we can purchase foam lobster boxes from Geraldton if you need one. They are about \$10 each. Please let the office know prior to your charter if we need to arrange one for you.

What time can I board the vessel on Sunday?

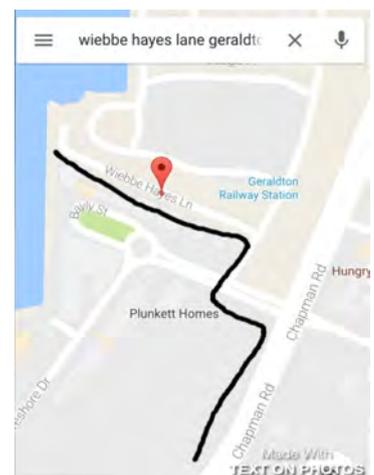
5pm is the boarding/arrival time, please do not ask to arrive earlier as refusal may offend.

Car Parking

There is a car park at Batavia Marina, with free parking for your cars.

Map Directions for Batavia Marina

From Chapman Road, turn left into Bayly Road at the lights (almost opposite the Target shopping centre), turn first right into Stella Maris drive. Turn left into Wiebbe Hayes lane, at the end of the lane is car-parking and then the jetty .





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Fishing and Cray fish/Lobster licence

All our clients are covered under our Fishing Tour Operators Licence. No need for clients to have their own licence.

So whats on the Lady Grace?

9 single beds inside

4 bunk beds on enclosed flybridge

4 x bunk beds on fully covered back deck

2 x double beds inside cabin

Airconditioning

Lounge, galley, TV, DVD Player, satellite TV

Two toilets

2 hot showers

Huge deck area with bbq and large table with plenty of seating

Freshwater maker

2 x 1T commercial freezers

Crayfish winch

And much more





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Can I bring own tackle?

Yes you can bring your own rods, reels and tackle. We do not supply jigs or soft plastics.

So how do I book?

Just call 089 339 2432 or email matt@apachcharters.com.au, let us know what date you would like to book and we will email you a booking via our netbookings system with all charter information. You can book the whole boat for a minimum price of 12 persons or you can book just yourself to join a mixed group. All we need is your email address, phone number at this stage. Once you receive your netbooking via email, your deposit of \$500 is required immediately.

How much deposit to book?

All we need is a \$500 deposit per person to secure your booking immediately. Bookings are not secured until all deposits are received.

When is the balance due?

The balance payable 60 days before your charter. You will be issued with a booking number, so its easy to make payments either via direct debit or call the office to pay with visa/mastercard with no surcharge.

Payment updates

You will receive an email with your receipt , when payments are received. If you have booked the whole boat and you are the organisor, a weekly update will be emailed to you when payments are received in the week.

What happens the week before my trip?

The week before your charter, you will receive an email to finalise the charter. We will ask for an emergency contact and to confirm if you have any food allergies. A couple of days before your trip, we will also call you to see if you have any questions.

Terms and conditions, bank account details and cancellation policies see attached terms and conditions