SHARK BAY LIVE ABOARD CHARTER INFORMATION

2020 Season
Charters start 5pm Sundays at the Denham Jetty, Season is from May to July and November

The longest owner/operators in the industry since 1999. - WA’s Best Live aboard Charter

SUNDAY 5PM ARRIVE ON VESSEL
The Lady Grace is available for boarding at 5pm at the Denham Jetty, Knight Terrace Denham. You are welcome to unpack your gear and then walk over the road to the Heritage Hotel or Shark Bay Pub for your evening meal or one of the many other eateries in town which are all walking distance from the vessel, as we do not provide dinner tonight.

MONDAY
Depart nice and early for the best fishing grounds. Head west to the South Passage which is about 3 hour trip to the most fish enriched waters of the Indian Ocean, we fish off Steep Point, Dirk Hartog Island, Turtle Bay, Dampier Reef, West of False Entrance and Crayfish and Thunder bays. We head into remote waters where its unlikely you will see other boats. Anchorage each night is in protected waters of Turtle Bay or South Passage. While you are busy fishing, are crew are on standby to assist in any way they can, meanwhile the cook is busy cooking up a feast for when you get hungry. The drinks and are cold, the showers are hot and you don’t have to worry about a thing, just fish, fish fish.
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TUESDAY
After a big cooked breakfast, its straight into fishing, bottom bouncing for the massive Pink Snapper, Red Emporer, Coral Trout, Rankin Cod and heaps more species — its easy to catch over 16 different species in one day in the waters of Shark Bay

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY
Pretty much just like day one, day two and day three, its all about FISHING!

If you have booked a 4 day charter then in the afternoon its back to Denham. Walk the 50 metres to the pub for a few cold middies or hang out on the boat. Dinner is not supplied. Tonight the trophy for the Fishing Charter Champion is announced!

Stay on board tonight and depart by 8am Friday in the morning for your trip home.

FRIDAY ON A 5 DAY CHARTER
If your lucky enough to have another day with us, its all about FISHING FISHING FISHING. Then its back to Denham in the later arvo. Head over to the pub for a few bevies, and wait for the much anticipated Fishing Charter Champion Trophy is presented. Dinner is not supplied on last night. Stay on the boat tonight then depart by 8am Saturday morning for your trip home.
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How many on the charter?
maximum of 12 passengers. Plus Apache Skipper, Cook and deckhand.

What do we supply on the charter?
All fishing gear, bait, ice, tackle and trolling lures. Ice for drinks. All main meals, tea/coffee, drinking water from tap. On board accommodation, Skipper, cook and deckhand.

What don't we supply on the charter?
Alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks and snacks such as lollies, peanuts, crisps etc

What do you need to bring on the charter?
Sleeping bag, pillow, single sheet, personal toiletries, towel, alcohol, bottled water if preferred, soft drinks, snacks (i.e. lollies, chips, chocolate if needed.) Please also bring along an esky and leave it in your car for when the charter has finished for your fish.

What clothing should I pack?
Please pack your belongings into a soft bag - not big suitcases. If you have booked a Shark bay charter we suggest you pack for all seasons. E.g., shorts, t-shirts, jumpers, tracksuits, socks, beanie, raincoat. You may not need it all but better to have it just in case.

What time do I get to board the vessel on Sunday?
Arrival time/boarding time is 5pm, please do not try and board earlier as refusal may offend
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What type of food is provided?
Breakfast - is varied but consists of a selection of the following bacon, eggs, sausages, baked beans, tinned spaghetti, toast and cereal.

Morning tea of Fruit cake and biscuits tea and coffee.
Lunch— is wraps and or sandwiches which a large selection of cold meats and salads.

Happy hour - cheese and crackers
Dinner - is also varied but consists of mainly fresh fish, crumbed fish, battered fish, steak night, Chicken Thai Curry, Pasta, Salads, Hot chips and Vegetables.

Where do I sleep?
The Lady Grace has a few options for sleeping arrangements. There are:
4 single beds on enclosed flybridge
4 single beds on main deck – under cover
9 single beds in air-conditioned dorm style cabins (not private cabins)
2 double beds in downstairs cabin
Nb all beds are dorm style, there is not individual private cabins.

What fishing gear is supplied?
Quality fishing gear supplied like Finor 650 spooled with 50 pound braid for bottom fishing and Shimano Tiagra trolling reels. We supply trolling lures and bait.

Can I bring my own tackle?
Yes, you can bring your own rods and tackle. We do not supply jigs and soft plastics.
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How is the fish handled?
All fish is filleted daily by our crew, wrapped in plastic fish bags and are then snap frozen in our on board commercial freezers. At the end of the trip, all fillets are then packed into your eskyes.

How is the fish packed?
All fish is filleted and wrapped into freezer bags and frozen on board by our crew. Apache supply all the bags etc. All fish will be packed into your esky prior to your departure.

What's the fish regulations?
All fish caught must comply with all Dept of Fisheries rules and regulations, fish bag limits currently 20kg fillets in Gascoyne zone.

Do I need a fishing licence RFBL?
No, you don't need to have your own licence, all of our clients are covered under our Fishing Tour Operators Licence.

How do I get my fish home?
Recreational caught fish cannot be transported unaccompanied and cannot be transported with a commercial carrier. You must accompany your fish at all times if transporting by sea, land or air. At the end of the charter, you must take your fish with you, we cannot store your fish due to current fishing personal possession regulations. We recommend you book additional baggage when booking your flights to save on extra baggage fees at the airport, if you are flying.
What is the mobile coverage like?
Telstra probably has the best mobile reception, however this is sporadic and is not reliable at all. We do fish in remote areas and most of the charter clients will be without reception. Better time of day is in the evening and texting seems to work best. However in case of emergencies and your family needs to get hold of you, we do have a satellite phone the vessel which you can text or call. Texting is the best option as its about $20 per minute to call. The number is 0011 87077 6418064. We would suggest that if your family needs to get hold of you, call the Apache office on 0893392432 during office hours and our office staff will contact the boat for you. If its an emergency after hours, Michelle's private mobile is 0409968371 or Matt 0417968372.

So what’s on the Lady Grace?

Large Table which Seats 15 On Back Deck - the back deck is massive and is well set up for fishing.
Lounge And Full Galley
Satellite TV — So You Won't Miss The Footy! Two Toilets
Two Hot Water Showers
Two toilets
Desalination Plant
CD Stereo With Speakers On Back Deck, Bring Your IPod/iphone to plug in your tunes
2 x Commercial 1t Freezers Heaps Of Ice Boxes Heaps Of Storage
Plenty Of Room For Fishing - boasting the biggest and best deck to fish from.
Stessco tender

Drinks
The Bottle shop is located over the road from the Denham Jetty which is the Shark Bay Hotel, or there is also the Heritage Hotel about 400m down the road.
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Airport Information
The airport is Monkey Mia which is about 10 minutes drive from the jetty, only Regional Express - Rex operates to Monkey Mia/Shark Bay/Denham tel 13 17 13. www.rex.com.au Please contact them directly to book your flights. Suggest you pre book your additional baggage for your fish.

Airport Transfers
No taxis in town, although there is a Shark Bay Airport transfer bus, please call Joy on 0429110104 to arrange. Foam boxes for carrying your fish can be arranged for $30 each see below.

Foam Eskies
We do encourage you to bring your own esky and leave it in your car at Denham. However we can freight some foam boxes from Perth for you, $30 per esky. Please order at least 14 days prior to your charter. Please contact the office to order.

Car Parking
We leave our cars at the Denham Jetty, Knight Terrace and have done so for many years, and have never had any issues.

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 info pack via our Netbookings system with all charter information. So look out in your email inbox for Netbookings. 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.
How much deposit to book?
All we need is a $500 deposit per person to secure your booking.

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. If you have booked before the 60 days, then call the office to arrange a 30 day payment schedule.

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.
There is a separate PDF file with all this info.