



MEDITERRANEAN EXPEDITIONS MALTA 2014

Expedition you want to participate as an expeditioner

Expedition:					
Base port:	Valetta	Start date:		End date:	

Personal information

First name:			Family name:		
Date of birth:		Nationality:		Passport/ID:	
Principal address:					
Telephone: (country code)			Mobile: (country code)		
Email:			Fax:		

Personal interest

Use this space to explain your interest in the expedition, the skills and abilities you have that will benefit the expedition, and/or any other considerations you have regarding the expedition we should consider

Swimming ability

Complete your swimming ability and your comfort level in the water:									
I can swim:	100m easily		100m with difficulty		500m easily		500m with difficulty		Water life-gard
I am comfortable in:	Calm seas		Rough seas		I am not comfortable at sea				Non-swimmer
Have you any experience with boats?								Yes	No
Describe what kind of boats (including canoes and kayaks) and your comfort level on board:									
Name any sailing licences you may have:									

Liability Release

Please read this section carefully and sign and date it after reading the EXPEDITION BRIEFING at the end of this document.

The text in this section is a release of liability for KAI Marine Services. Please complete all details required and sign your conformation.

KAI expeditions are not designed for tourists. The KAI Marine Services team and the scientific team that leads the expedition (from now on “KAI Expeditions team”) undertake logistical planning and preparation for the expeditions regarding its Scientific goals. The expeditions involve the conditions described below and in the EXPEDITIONS BRIEFING, which must be carefully considered before accepting and joining them as an Expeditioner.

KAI expeditions are unique, enjoyable, informative and enlightening experiences, but some of the characteristics that can make an expedition attractive may also involve uncomfortable conditions for the participant (from now on “the Expeditioner”). The Expeditioner may face several expedition risks including but not exclusive to: sailing in rough seas, facing seasickness during navigation, as well as, changing weather and sea conditions and natural events that are out of KAI Expeditions control. All Expeditioners must accept that any of these factors may cause changes, delays or have otherwise impact the expeditions planning and thus a certain degree of improvisation may be required.

Assumption of risk and assent of KAI MARINE SERVICES policies

I understand the requirements for my KAI MARINE SERVICES expedition as indicated in this form. I declare that I am in good health. I have received and read the Expedition Briefing, and understand the policies and risks described in it and those described in this Liability Release. I accept the policies described in this document as a condition of my membership on a KAI EXPEDITION and I understand violations of the policies may result in expulsion without refund. By signing below I agree to participate in the expedition and in the expedition’s activities as an Expeditioner, under the terms and conditions described in this Liability release.

Signature:

Date:



Procedure to formalize the Expeditioner participation

To apply as an Expeditioner, please complete and **return the first three pages** of this document by email or by post:

info@kaiexpeditons.com

KAI Marine Services
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28240 MADRID

The participation as an Expeditioner in a KAI MARINE Expedition is subject to the return of this form fully completed to KAI Marine Services, the KAI Expeditions participant written acceptance as an Expeditioner, payment of a deposit equal to 30% of the financial contribution of the expedition (this is non-refundable in case of participant cancellation) and the final 70% payment due five weeks before the start of the expedition.

Once the participant is accepted as an Expeditioner, a payment of **294€** (30%) to the following CAJAMAR Bank Account is required to reserve a place on the expedition. As a reference, please note the Expeditioner's name and the Expedition reference, and also note as the beneficiary: KAI SOLUCIONES AVANZADAS S.L.

IBAN: ES54 1465 0100 9619 0009 0394 BIC/SWIFT: INGDESMXXX

Along with the receipt of the transfer, please send a copy of ID (for EU citizens) or passport.

Expedition characteristics

Expedition:					
Main Port:	Valetta	Start date:		End date:	
Breakfast:	Yes (*)	Lunch:	YES (*)	Dinner:	YES (*)
Basic Insurance:	Yes	Lodging:	Single or Shared cabin (**). Shared bathroom.	Price:	€ 980

(*) Breakfast, lunch and dinner will take place on board. Sometimes the crew may decide to have breakfast or dinner at the harbour. In these cases, the meals off board are not included and each Expeditioner would be expected to pay their own expenses.

(**) The cabin assignment will depend on the characteristics of the group of Expeditioners, and will be based on the KAI Expeditions team criteria.



DOLPHINS AND MARINE TURTLES SIGHTING IN MALTESE WATERS



EXPEDITION BRIEFING 2014

You are going to participate in Europe's most ambitious marine protected areas research program.

In partnership with OCEANCARE, the KAI expeditions of 2014 will be conducted under the framework of the European Commission LIFE+ Nature project MIGRATE. During three months, from July to September, the KAI survey vessel will navigate in waters around the Islands of Malta and Gozo tracking dolphins and sea turtles, obtaining the necessary data for designing NATURA 2000 marine protected areas and developing management guidelines to make biodiversity conservation compatible with the development of sectors as tourism, maritime transport, energy, fishing and defence.



On board, whilst sailing in deep-waters and between anchorages on the island of Malta, an international team of scientists will introduce you the techniques used to study the behaviour, population and distribution of dolphins and sea turtles, with the overall aim of improving their conservation status.

DATES 2014

Team	Start	End
I	5 July	11 July
II	12 July	18 July
III	19 July	25 July
IV	26 July	1 August
V	2 August	8 August
VI	9 August	15 August
VII	16 August	22 August
VIII	23 August	29 August
IX	30 August	5 September
X	6 September	12 September
XI	13 September	19 September
XII	20 September	26 September

WELCOME ON BOARD

Crew: 3-4 KAI members, 4 Expeditioners

Meeting point MALTA expeditions 2014: The meeting point of these expeditions will be the Royal Malta Yacht Club located in the Port of La Valletta (Malta) at 3pm on Saturday (first day of expedition). The expeditions will end in the same port at 6pm on Friday (last day of expedition).

Expedition planning: These kinds of expeditions are highly dependent on weather conditions. For surveying sea turtles and cetaceans, calm seas and low wind speeds are the most ideal conditions. The crew will constantly check weather forecasts to make the most of the good weather days.

On good weather days, we will do line transects, drag a hydrophone and perform lookout guards. Upon sighting a turtle research methodologies such as filming, blood sampling, behavioural observations and attaching satellite transmitters will begin. When sighting dolphins or whales, if weather conditions are favourable, the vessel will stop to take pictures for photo-identification of the dorsal fins, film their behaviour and record population data and additional comments. On windy days we will hoist the sails to travel to the next point of anchorage or harbour if conditions get worse.

Activities and daily routine: After the arrival of Expeditioners, distribution of cabins and time to meet the rest of the crew, the captain will give a short talk about safety in the boat to the new participants. The new crew will also be informed of the activities planned during the Expedition and assigned their tasks while on board. All Expeditioners are involved in both navigation (helm, navigation data records etc.) and scientific activities (lookout, photo-identification, acoustic monitoring, participation in the capture of turtles etc.) and similarly in the day-to-day logistics (maintenance, cleaning etc.). This information and task distribution will be presented by a KAI Expeditions team member at the start of the expedition.

To best carry out turtle and cetacean surveys calm seas and a wind force of 3 or less on the Beaufort scale is required. Thus on days of optimum conditions, we will use the maximum length of time possible for research transects (i.e. from sunrise to sunset).

Meal timing fit sea schedules, but can vary depending on the activities that are being done at that time. Generally breakfast will be at 8:00am, lunch around 3.30pm and dinner at 8 pm. If the wind strengthens and makes the investigation too difficult, we will hoist the sails and head to the nearest port or anchorage.

A good idea of what to expect can be obtained by checking out the blog of last year's survey at <http://kaimarineservices.com/lifemigratesurveys>

Life On board - Sustainability: During the expedition we will live on board. The boat is an example of energy self-sufficiency and we want that to be taken into account when using the facilities on board. In the introductory expedition presentations, the internal rules of behaviour and respect required for living sustainably on board will be emphasized.

Useful knowledge: To participate as an Expeditioner there is no need to have previous experience of sailing. Knowledge of photography, computer or electronics and a good sense of humour are extremely useful. KAI requires all members of the crew to show the utmost respect to the cultural and natural values of the places we will visit.

Complementary activities: The activities that complete the expedition vary depending on the sea state and the anchoring. But usually snorkelling (*), swimming, sunbathing on the beach and visiting the surrounding villages offer us very special moments. It is also possible to hire scuba diving activity in local agencies.

(*) The expedition does not provide snorkelling equipment, it shall be provided by the Expeditioner.

Risks and Security: It is vital that all participants take security very seriously. All expedition members must complete the disclaimer form described at the beginning of this document. The main risks of these expeditions are related to the lack of experience in navigation. All Expeditioners must take special care in handling ropes and sails, with sun exposure, with the mandatory water intake as well as taking precautions when swimming in the open sea and being careful not to slip on deck. The ports we visit are safe sites and do comply with European standards on emergency.

Filming Policy: During the expeditions, one of the activities carried out is the development of quality video / picture materials for subsequent use as a support to scientific work. At the end of each expedition, during the closing and evaluation meeting, a CD with a selection of the best images is given to the crew (KAI Team and Expeditioners). Generally it is an exchange of images between all participants. KAI Expeditions requires an authoring mention (*KAI Expeditions*) in all pictures taken during the expedition.

Maximum respect is also required when taking pictures on board and towards the privacy of other people (both crew and people in the ports visited).

Alcohol and smoking policy: Expeditioners are asked to avoid consumption of alcohol during working hours to reduce the risk of accidents. Although KAI neither wants nor will discourage the enjoyment of the fine wines that the region offers, KAI will not tolerate the abuse of alcohol or any other behaviour that will disrespect the rest of the crew or the local people.

Smoking is not permitted inside the boat. Smoking on deck is allowed but out of respect for non-smoking members of the crew, full consideration for others should be taken into account.

Spirit and Group Dynamics: We emphasize that KAI Expeditions is based on respect for the natural and cultural resources of everywhere the wind takes us. We also want to highlight that our expeditions are not a tourist package but a real adventure aboard a ship where the crew works together as a team.

Participation to survey expenses: 980 Euros (covers 6 nights on board, food on board, fuels and equipment, insurance) - Does not include travel, the transfer to the meeting point, night pre- and post-shipment travel and meals and drinks ashore. The price is the same for all Expeditioners, regardless of age.

Survey vessel: Catamaran LOA 12 metres / 4 double cabins / 1 messroom – galley / 2 WC – shower

Accommodation: dormitory style – “one million star hotel”
The Expeditioners share bathrooms distributed within different cabins.

Deposit: A deposit of € 250 is required by each Expeditioner on arrival to the ship in case of any damage to the facilities, furniture or equipment of the vessel. This amount will be fully refunded after shipment if no damage is incurred.

Personal Insurance: KAI Expeditions recommends taking a personal and travel insurance for the expedition.

What to bring: Try to reduce your luggage as much as possible given that we are in a boat where space is limited. Backpacks are more appropriate than suitcases.

In an expedition of this kind, clothes should be comfortable. Important: bring one pair of footwear with white sole to be used only on the ship. For the day we recommend t-shirts or long-sleeved shirts for sun protection, shorts, bathing suit and towel (or similar), slippers, warm clothes for the nights (long pants and a jersey) and clothing for outdoor dining at port, if necessary.

Bedding; sheet or summer sleeping bag and washcloth.

The sun protection is extremely important. Do NOT forget sunscreen, sunglasses and a cap or similar to protect yourself from the sun.

Bag & cabinet; Personal hygiene and medications should be provided by each Expeditioner; the boat has a first aid kit, but the Expeditioner should take his own medications, especially those that will help to avoid seasickness.

Payment services: refreshments are offered on board.

