

Diving cruise Golden Ring



This innovative circuit is an enchantment for sharks, dolphins' lovers. Not to mention magnificent wrecks and reefs deep colored fallings.

A real varied circuit that will take us from the north to the center of the red Sea. The cruise will start by going up north to reach the southern point of Sinai than head south to both Brothers Islands.

We will then continue towards Safaga to stop at the Panorama Reef and Abu Kifan. Next we will head north towards Hurghada to end the magical Golden Ring.

Some diving spots

Sha'ab El Erg

Sha'ab El Egr is an immense horseshoe form reef, here is where we will make our first diving stop. There, you can see frequently groups of dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*). We can observe dolphins either while diving or even snorkeling. Very often they appear by the exterior side of the reef or in the lagoon.

Ras Mohamed

This famous national park is located at the end south point of Sinai, is the meeting points of Suez and el Aqaba gulfs. The water gathering of both gulfs can sometimes form strong current areas, reason why many caranx gather often near its abyssal blue fallings.

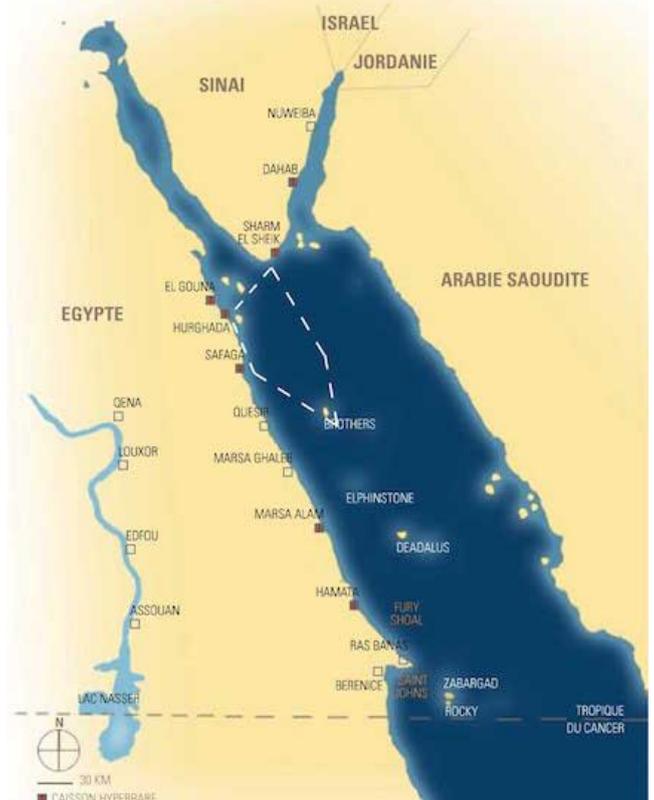
This drift diving will begin by the extreme southern point called "Shark Reef" and "Yolanda Reef". Both considered the most extraordinary of the park. We will immerse by the "Shark Reef" and its falling side that descends to 800 m. deep.

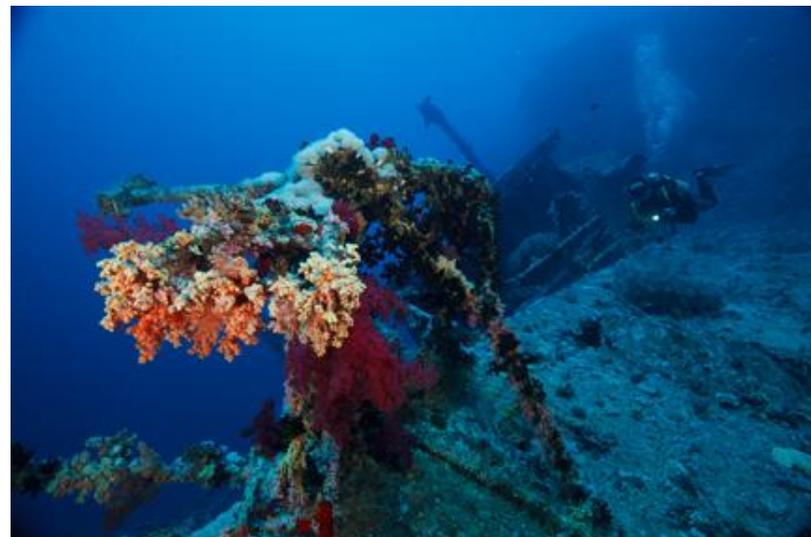
We will go along this side and ascend toward the "Yolanda Reef". We can observe numerous coral formations all covered by alcyonarians and gorgonians. We will pass by this magnificent area inhabited by huge Morays, Napoleons, turtles, groupers, enormous schools of batfish to end our dive by the Cyprus ship wreck sank in 1980 The Yolanda.

You can see there the rest of the cargo transported by the Yolanda, while the ship itself lies further deep. The Yolanda has a sanitary cargo!! Bath tubs and toilets inhabited by fishes is what you are going to see.

Thistlegorm

This British cargo sank on the 6th of October 1941. Bombed by the German aviation while transporting ammunition and combat equipment for the British troops in North Africa (qr;eored vehicles, weapons, motorcycles and guns,...). You can see all of these items till now while visiting the worlds well known wreck.





The Northern Plateau of Small Brother

We will dive at around 35/40 m. deep on top of the northern plateau. This is the spot where you will probably get the chance to see Gray Sharks and Hammer Sharks. Mantas could also be on the rendez-vous or Moony fish schools (Mola Mola). We will then leave the plateau and the deep zone to go (depending on the current direction) toward the western side filled up with different forms of lives multicolored alcyonarians, magnificent gorgonians, extremely varied fauna : Morays, Barracudas...

On this islet, you can get the chance to see an unbelievable number of sharks' species: Grey reef, silver tip, silky, hammer, thresher and of course near the surface, the one waited for the Oceanic whitetip shark.

Aida II Wreck (Big Brother)

A 1426 tons wreck, sank in 1957 north/west of Big Brother. The zodiac will bring you before the wrecks' spot in current direction. You will descend to reach 30 m. deep and there lies the Aida. You will discover first a whole from which hang ropes covered with multicolored corals formations. if you look inside you could see clouds of glass fish. You will continue discovering to reach the rear of

the boat lying at -40 m. deep. The area is filled with multicolored corals transforming the back of the ship into a real garden.

The Numidia (Big Brother)

The 130 m. long, Numidia weights 6400 tons and lies at the northern point of Big Brother Island since July 1901. The ship was in its' fist trip from Glasgow to India with railway equipment as cargo. Today it lies on its' side between 10 and 80 m. deep. As soon as we get underwater we descend towards the ship to discover the wreck covered with corals and filled with different life forms. In the wedge on the early morning don't forget to look into the "blue" you'll see some grey or hammer sharks, it's their domain! We will then drift dive to discover one side of the reef or the other.

The itinerary

You will be welcomed by Seafari transfer staff outside the arrival hall. Your bus will escort you to the boat in Hourghada. Your diving monitor will be waiting for you on board.

Next day morning, after administrative formalities we will leave the marina towards our first reef. Then by the end of the afternoon will start heading north. As soon as we arrive to the extreme southern point of Sinai the boat heads south to reach Brother Island.

Brother Island is a wild site, lost in the middle of the Red Sea. It consists of two volcanic Islands distant of one kilometer from each other at around six hours navigation east of el Qusseir.

We will make our first dive in the early morning on the wonderful falling of the small Brother Island. We will cross the one km. separating the Islands and there, we will have the pleasure to admire magnificent wreck and reef.

On the island exists a military light house of about 31 m. height constructed by the British in 1883 that is open for visitors (for those who would like to visit the light house). You can access the top of the light house after climbing the 140 steps and 2 metal ladders. A real nice visit especially when it's sunset time.

We will then go towards Safaga to stop at the Panorama reef and Abu Kifan. We will finish our circuit heading north to reach Hourghada Marina around 03:00 P.M.

Like all cruises, the choice and order of dive sites are non-contractual and may vary according to weather conditions.

For further details and information concerning the cruise

