



M A R I N E P A R K S I M P L Y T H E B E S T

Thoroughly prepared by our experts from Egypt, this two week tour offers a range of the best sites in Egypt, from Sinai to St John's. We will pass by the most beautiful wrecks of the North of the Red Sea, but also by the mythical islands of Brothers, Rocky, Zabaragad and Elphinstone, without forgetting the famous reef of Daedalus. In a nutshell : big, macro... two weeks of emotion in its purest state!

Routes are indicative. They can change with the seasons. Visited atolls and dive sites are not guarantee. The Senior Instructor in consultation with the divers and Boat captain will select the route and dive sites based on current, tides and weather conditions in order to make the best possible dive safely.

- **32 dives over 12 days included** (possibility of additional dives)
- **CMAS 2*, Adv. or equivalent + 50 logged dives**
- **Departure / return : Hurghada or port Galeb**

Highlights :

- Shark dives (gray, hammerheads, oceanics...)
- Wrecks of the north
- Dahab's blue hole

Route and dive sites

NORTH

Main dive sites

SHA'AB EL ERG

Level: Easy • Depth: 15m • Cam. : Grand angle

We will do our first dive on beautiful horseshoe shaped reef. Dolphins regularly swim on the outside of the reef or in the lagoon. We can observe them either by diving or snorkelling.

SHA'AB ABU NUHAS

More known as "Cemetery of ships", this west / east-facing reef is very close to the shipping route that connects

Europe to the East. Indeed, some ships coming out of the Gubal Strait after crossing the Suez Canal came up against this reef fringing the surface.

On its north face, five wrecks are aligned:

THE CARNATIC

Level: Easy • Depth: 25m • Cam. : Macro / G.A

A 90m long and 1800 barrels steamer came to finish his days on this reef one night of 1869. It rests between 18 and 24m.

The cargo was recovered: 32,000 pounds sterling in gold bars. 8 000 are still missing... The hull is covered with hard corals, colorful alcyonarians and sponges. Inside, countless "glass fish" mingle with beautiful lion fish.

THE GHIANNIS D

Level: Easy • Depth: 27m • Cam. : Macro / G.A

A 100m. long and 2900 barrels cargo ship sunk in 1983. He was traveling between Croatia and Yemen and was transporting wood.

THE CHRISOULA K

Level: Easy • Depth: 25m • Cam. : Macro / G.A

A Greek cargo ship of 100m. long and 3700 barrels sunk on October 30, 1981. He carried a transport of tiles from Italy towards Jiddah. Its stern rests on a bottom of -26 m. and is lying on his starboard side.

THE KIMON M

Level: Easy • Depth : 25m • Cam. : Macro / G.A

Un cargo de 3715 tonneaux coulé en décembre 1978. Il transportait une cargaison de 4 500 tonnes de lentilles ! D'où son surnom "l'épave aux lentilles". Les cales y abritent une multitude de poissons hachettes.

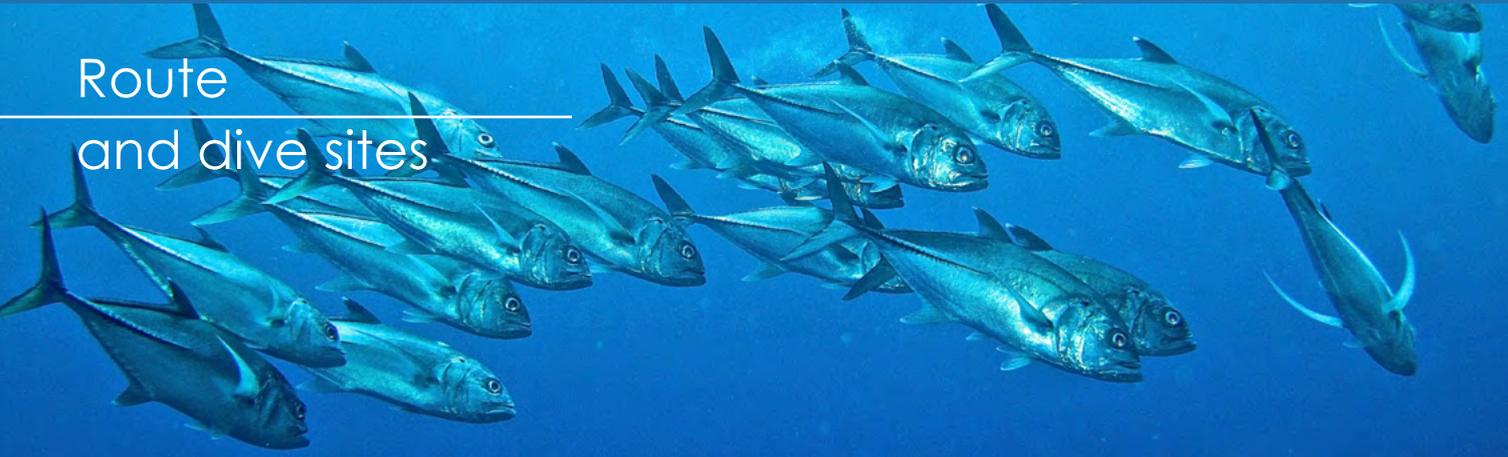
THISTLEGORM

Level: Med. • Depth : 30m • Cam. : Grand angle

This English cargo ship dates from October 6, 1941. He was bombed by the German aviation while carrying ammunition and war material (trucks, cars, motorcycles, ...). You will see all these remains that are still present in the wreck. It is one of the most famous wrecks in the world.



Route and dive sites



BLUE HOLE

Level: Easy • Depth : 25m • Cam. : Macro / G.A

Located 10km north of Dahab, the blue hole is one of the most famous dive site in the region. It is a well which opens into the reef and drops down to more than 100m. The visibility and the deep vertical are breathtaking.

One can see there among others very beautiful branches of black coral populated with a multitude of Anthias. While going up, it is not rare to meet jacks or Napoleons, while the barracudas accompany you to the safety stop.

RAS MOHAMED

Level: Easy/Med. • Depth : 40m • Cam. : Macro / G.A

Marine park located at the southern tip of Sinai, ultimate separation between the Gulf of Aqaba and Suez. The water masses of the two straits meet and generate strong currents.

Many pelagics evolve on these vertiginous drop offs (schools of barracudas, snappers ...) We will drift on the extreme southern tip: "Shark Reef" and "Yolanda Reef", the most extraordinary sites of the park. We will immerse ourselves on "Shark Reef" and its steep wall that goes down to -800m! We will follow this vertiginous drop and then go up on the plateau towards "Yolanda Reef".

We will have the chance to observe many coral formations covered with alcyonarians and gorgonians. We will cross this beautiful territory inhabited by giant moray eels, napoleons, turtles, groupers, and a huge shoal of batfish, before finishing our dive on the remains of a Cypriot wreck sunk in 1980 which gave its name to the site (the Yolanda). There is only

a small part of the debris remaining that slid much lower on the drop. The Yolanda was carrying sanitariums !! We can see a series of bathtubs and toilets where many fishes found shelter.

TIRAN

THOMAS REEF

Level: Medium • Depth : 30m • Cam. : Macro / G.A

The smallest of the four reefs of Tiran but the richest! It often happens to see gray sharks and hammerheads on the north face where you can admire many gorgonians and alcyonarians. The east face is also exceptional. On the north / east corner, at a thirty meters depth, starts a beautiful narrow canyon with several arches. The dive ends on a large plateau that overlooks this vertical drop. It is very common to come across turtles. You will end your dive on the beautiful coral garden around ten meters, among gaterini, emperors, butterfly fish, trevallies ...



Route and dive sites



BROTHERS

SMALL BROTHER'S NORTH PLATEAU

Level: Med./Diff. • Depth : 40m • Cam. : Macro / G.A

We will go down to 35/40 m, above the northern plateau. This is where you will have the best chance of seeing gray sharks and hammerheads. It is even possible to cross a Manta ray and / or a moonfish (Mola-mola). We will then leave the plateau and the deep zone to direct us (following the current) on the western slope, which is full of life with alcyonarians of all

colors, magnificent sea fans and an extremely varied fauna: groupers, barracudas ...

Around this island, you have the chance to see an incredible number of shark species: gray reef, coral white tips, silky, hammerheads, treasher, and of course, often near the surface, the one you all expect: the oceanic white tip.

DEADALUS

DAEDALUS'S NORTH FACE

Level: Med./Diff. • Depth: 40m • Cam. : Macro / G.A

A dive we will do at dawn. It is on the northern slope of Daedalus, which is the most exposed to the dominant current, that we have the most chances to make beautiful encounters with the pelagics.

Indeed it is very common here to evolve with a school of hammerhead sharks composed of about twenty individuals. Trevallies and tunas are also very often seen..

SHA'AB CLAUDIO

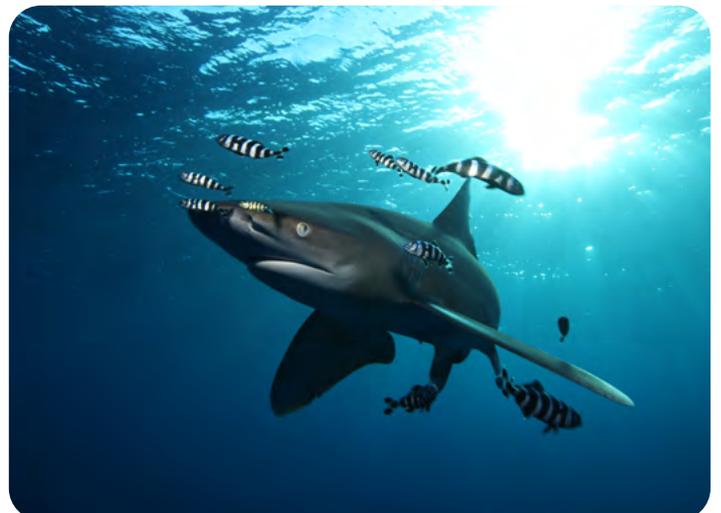
Level: Easy • Depth : 15m • Cam. : Macro / G.A

Site with a particular topography with large, magnificent cathedral-shaped caves that offer superb light. In the morning, it is not uncommon to meet small white tip sharks laying on the sand, and most of the time a huge napoleon wrasse hangs around at the safety stop.

SATAYA'S REEF

Level: Easy • Depth : 20m • Cam. : Macro / G.A

Huge reef more than 1.5 kilometers long. In summer, the water exceeds 33 ° in the lagoon. This site is home to a colony of more than 100 spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), often divided into several groups. Depending on the time of year, we can observe the baby dolphins evolve with their parents. This site also allows us to snorkel with these magnificent marine mammals.



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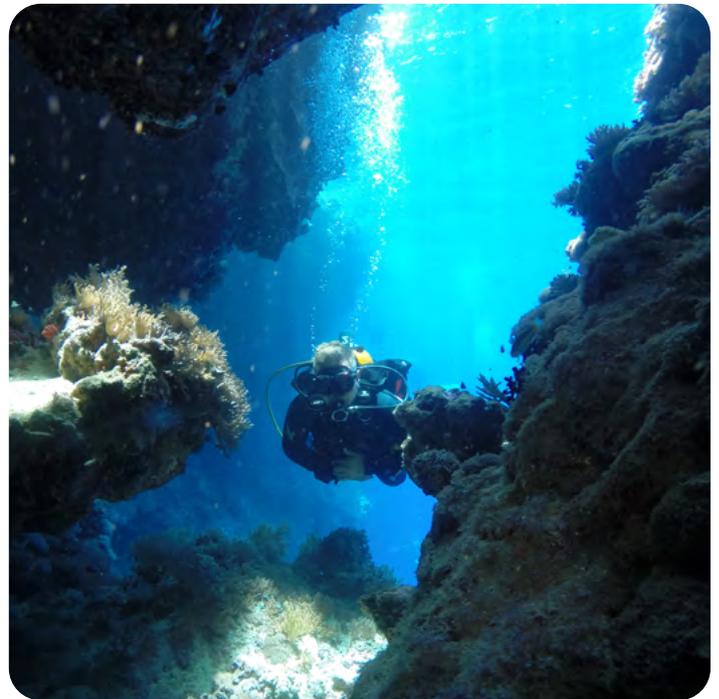
ST JOHN'S

ERG OM ARUK

Level: Easy • Depth : 30m • Cam. : Macro / G.A

This site is so magical that it will be very difficult to respect the bottom time instructions of your on-board guide...

It is composed of a main reef of 80m and a large number of coral columns forming magnificent light plays in the south-east and north parts. Divers have dubbed this site «Halong Bay». You will come across countless shoals of fusilliers, snappers, surgeons ... heading north to reach Halong Bay. There, towers are flush with the surface and descend on a bottom from 20 to 27m. Gray or oceanic sharks can be seen, as well as a very big Napoleon at the safety stop, under the boat.



Safety first

All aquatic activities are under the supervision of a qualified instructor (CMAS or PADI) of the Seafari team.

Before each activity Instructors on board will make a detailed presentation of the site, currents, wildlife and safety rules to be observed.

The choice of sites is at the discretion of the captain and Seafari Senior Instructor depending on the season and weather conditions.

The senior instructor may impose In water supervision or restriction from diving to any diver whose technical level is not sufficient to guaranty safe diving conditions.



D i c t i o n a r y

f o r D i v e r s i n E g y p t

Barracuda : Agaam
Boat : Markeb
Coral : Shaab
Current : Mate
Desert : Sahara
Dolphin : Abu Salama
Drop off : Razir
Dugong : Geld
Fins : Saanef
Goodbye : Maa Salama
Great : Gamile
Hello : Saba el Rih

Mask : Madala el Baah
OK : Tamam
Ray : Arget
Scuba diving : Ratss
Sea : Baah
Shark : Téouch
Thank you : Choukrane
Tuna : Mouhagaba
Turtle : Solhefa
Whale : Hout
Wreck : Ohtam

*The team Seafari wishes you a good trip
and unforgettable dives!*

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