



A one week cruise that will take you to the heart of the Souakin archipelago and to the "Legends" sites: San Ganeb, Shab Rumi and the mystic wreck of The UMBRIA.

This extremely varied circuit is a delight for lovers of sharks, wonderful wrecks, vertiginous falls and shoals of enormous fish (Trevallies, Barracudas, Humphead Parrotfish ...). Our most far South point would be the "Preserver" site.

This circuit elegantly mixes South and North Sudan's most beautiful sites.

In part of the Souakin archipelago's sites, we can meet the biggest Hammer Sharks gatherings. Souakin & Legends is a cruise that will leave you with unforgettable memories.

The itinerary:

Upon arrival, you will embark on your boat. We will leave the port on the same day to moor by the big coral reef of Sanganeb, situated at 01h30 from Port Sudan.

We will then head towards Shab Rumi before heading south to reach Shab Jumna. A must see, among the Souakin archipelagos' sites. We will then continue heading south towards Shab Ambar as well as "Pinacollo" which you will not find on maps... As it's not indexed!

We can cross Hammer, Grey, Silky Sharks (*Carcharhinus falciformis*). We will then continue our descent till "Preserver" before going north. We will end our cruise at the mystic wreck of the Umbria located at about 20 minutes from Port Sudan.

Shab Jumna :

With 400 m length by 180m wide, this site is very particular as it has no plateau. Only vertiginous fallings, descending to the abyss to almost -500 m covered on the northern side with magnificent caves at 30m depth. The site is also where we can find the biggest concentration of Hammer sharks in Sudan.

As soon as you begin your dive, as you reach -40m we will smoothly further away from the reef. You will let yourself carried by current and while descending, observe some grey sharks and you can see appearing in the distance, silhouettes of few Hammer Sharks till you would lose the count.

We will then begin our ascent by the reef side and you can observe a huge number of pelagic and then near the surface an enormous shoal of surgeon as well as Humphead Parrotfish.

Pinacolle:

This reef does not exist on maps, as it was discovered recently. It's a big coral heads of 150m in length and only 20 m wide oriented north-south. The top of the reefs plateau is at -6 meters only.

The northern plateau that will come across starts at -45 m and ends at -60 m.
We can observe Grey Sharks and near the surface some White Tips Sharks.

It's only on the west side of the reef where we could find Hammer Shark counter-current. A reef that you will pleased to discover.

The upper part of the reef is really virgin, untouched corals, fishes looks surprised to see passing-by divers.

As usual in Sudan, your dive will end by extraordinarily as you could admire myriads of fishes escalating the sides of the reef as if they were waiting for you.

Sanganeb:

Sanganeb is located 30 km north of Port Sudan (01h30 navigation). It's a huge reef of 6 km length and 1.5 km wide over hanged by a lighthouse that stands on top of a magnificent turquoise lagoon.

Regularly you can see even while snorkeling, groups of Long-beaked Dolphins.

The lighthouse was built by the British in 1930. Guards would be happy to welcome us and will let us escalate the 366 steps to enjoy the view from the top of the lighthouse of the breath taking emerald lagoon buckled by coral reefs.

Dives to the north and the south of the reef are numerously different. Sanganeb is considered the only atoll in the Red Sea where coral reefs are the most preserved and the richest. Grey Sharks are always here either north or south.

To the south, by the falling descending to reach -700 m deep, it's too frequent to see Hammer and Silk Sharks. While ascending the plateau that starts at -30 m you can observe the ballet performed by Bigeye Trevally shoals and Black-fins Barracudas, and as usual, Grey Sharks. When arriving to the 15 m zone, you will have the pleasure of seeing different multi colored soft corals, Gaterins, Labridae, Generas...