



SOUAKIN & LEGENDS

This extremely varied circuit will delight sharks, pelagic and coral lovers. Some sites in the Souhakin Archipelago are among the Sudanese sites where you can see the largest gatherings of hammerhead sharks (*Sphyrna lewini*). You will certainly keep unforgettable memories from this circuit.

- **16 dives over 6 days included** (possibility of additional dives)
- **CMAS 2*, PADI Advanced or equivalent**
- **50 logged dives minimum**
- **Departure and arrival : Port Soudan**



Route and dive sites



Route

Upon your arrival, you will board. We will leave the port the same day to anchor on the large reef of SANGANEB which is 1h30 boat ride from Port Sudan.

We will then head for Shab Rumi, before heading straight south to "Shaab Jumna". This reef is part of the of the Souakin archipelago. We will continue south down to "Shaab Ambar" and the dry "Pinacollo" that you will not find on the map as it is not listed. We can cross hammerhead (*Sphyrna lewini*), grey, silky (*Carcharhinus falciformis*) sharks. We will continue our journey south to "Preserver" which will be the furthest south point of the trip before starting our ascent northwards. We will finish our cruise by the mythical wreck of Umbria which is about twenty minutes from Port Sudan.

Main dive sites

SHAAB JUMNA

Level : Medium • Depth : 40m • Photo : Wide angle
A large 400 metres long and 180 metres wide reef. This site has the particularity of not having a tray. Only vertiginous drop-offs which plunge into the abysses more than 500 meters away.

There are also beautiful caves that open on the north face at 30 meters. This reef is one of the two reefs where you can see the largest Sudanese concentration of hammerhead sharks.

After your back roll, just let the current carry you and during your descent you'll cross some grey reef sharks and the silhouette of

the first hammerhead sharks (*Sphyrna lewini*) will appear, until you lose count.

We will then go up along the reef, where you will be able to observe a large number of pelagic fishes. Closer to the surface, a very large surgeon's bench and bumphead parrot fish will join you for the safety stop.

PINACOLLO

Level : Medium • Depth : 40m • Photo : Wide angle
This reef is not on the map because it has been recently discovered.

This is a large coral pinnacle (150 meters long per only 20 meters wide), oriented north-south. The top of the terrasse is at 6 meters depth.

You will have a lot of pleasure discovering this reef. The northern plateau that we will fly over starts at -45m and ends at -60m. We can observe grey sharks and closer to the surface some white tips.

On the west face, we can meet hammerhead sharks going up the current.

The top of the reef is really untouched, the corals are intact and the fishes seem surprised to see divers passing by.

As usual in Sudan, the end of your dive will be extraordinary as you will be able to admire the myriads of fish that gravitate around the reef as if they were waiting for you.

Route and dive sites

SANGANEB

Level : Medium • Depth : 40m • Photo : Wide angle

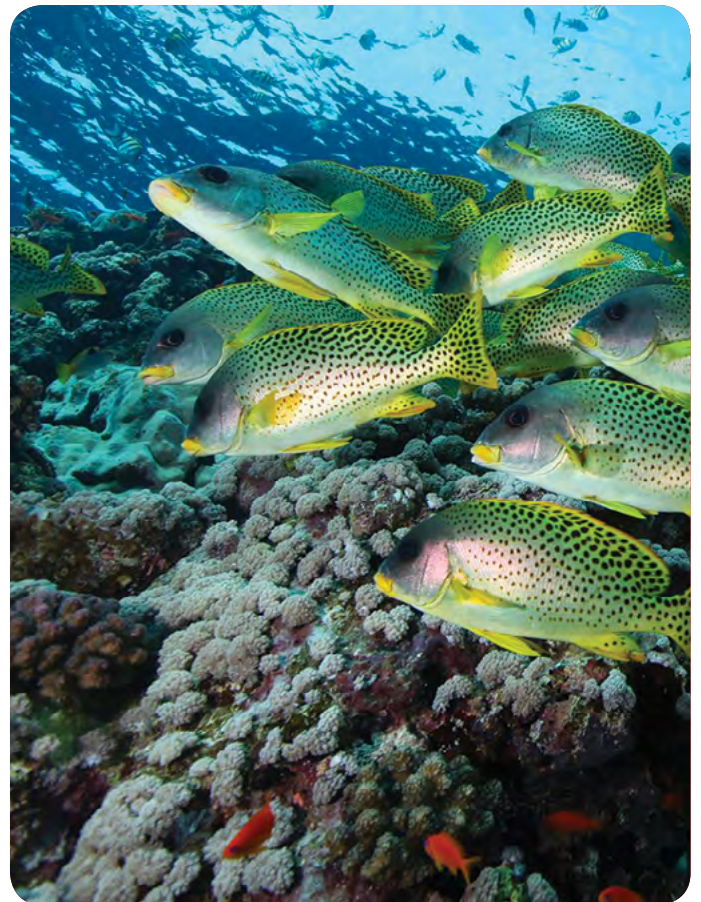
Sanganeb is 30 km north of Port Sudan (about 1h30 navigation). It is a huge reef (6 km long by 1.5 km wide), overhung by a lighthouse that stands guard over the magnificent turquoise lagoon. It is not uncommon to observe a school of long-billed dolphins while snorkeling.

The lighthouse was built by the English in 1930. The keepers of the lighthouse will be happy to welcome us and will let us climb the 366 steps to allow us to enjoy a breathtaking view of the emerald lagoon, surrounded by the reef.

Dives north and south of the reef are equally varied. Sanganeb is considered the only atoll in the Red Sea where coral reefs are best preserved and richest. Grey reef sharks are still there, both north and south.

In the south, on the steep drop off falling to 700m, it is frequent to cross hammerhead and silky sharks. Climbing up the gently sloping plateau starting at 30m, you can

watch the ballet of big-eyed jacks and blackfinned barracudas and, as with every dive, the grey reef sharks. Arriving in the 15m zone, you will have the pleasure to see multiple soft corals and multi-colored where evolve sweetlips, wrasses, groupers, anthias....



HIGHLIGHTS :

- Meet the sharks
- Untouched coral
- Unexplored dive sites

NOTE : Diving routes and sites cannot be guaranteed and may be changed according to the seasons. The instructors, in consultation with the captain, select for you the best routes depending on the conditions on site. We always strive to make the most beautiful dives possible, while respecting high safety standards.



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 S u d a n

Barracuda : Agaam

Boat : Markeb

Coral : Shaab

Current : Mate

Desert : Sahara

Dolphin : Abu Salama

Drop off : Razir

Fins : Saanef

Good bye : Maa Salama

Hello : Saba el Rihr

Manatee : Geld

Mask : Madala el Baah

OK : Tamam

Ray : Arget

Sea : Baah

Shark : Téouch

Shipwreck : Ohtam

Super : Gamile

Scuba diving : Ratss

Thank you : Choukrane

Tuna : Mouhagaba

Turtle : Solhefa

Whale : Hout

The Seafari Team wishes you a good trip and unforgettable dives!

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