



DEEP SOUTH EXPEDITION

The Deep south South expedition will make you discover the wild part of Sudan where you will find untouched and unclassified sites. The most remote site, Dahrat Abib, is close to the Eritrean border. We will see a great variety of sharks gathered in large groups: hammerheads, silky, grey, tigers. Mantas, dolphins, turtles and all the Red Sea reef fish will also be there.

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



Route and dive sites



Route

As soon as you arrive, we will take the direction of the mythical wreck of Umbria which is 20 minutes from port Sudan.

The next day, we will head south/east towards the site of "Jumna", which is the first reef of the Souakin archipelago. We can see our first hammerhead sharks (*Sphyrna lewini*) along its vertiginous drop off (+500m.). Then we'll go to Sha'ab Ambar.

We will take the road, due south, for a long crossing to the site "Dahrat Abib", which is a few kilometers from the border of Eritrea. This region has some amazing surprises in store for you, both in quantity and diversity of sharks. We will stay several days in the great south where we will visit both the best sites listed and exclusive Seafari sites that we keep secret.

Main dive sites

ABILI QAB MIYUM 2

Level : Med./Diff. • Depth : 40m • Photo : Wide angle

This Abili in the North/East of the island of QAB MIYUM shelters a resplendent southern plateau. The top of the plain is 6 meters deep, its 2nd «step» goes down from 25 to 35 meters and its last from 45 to 70 meters leaves place to the endless drop off. 45m on the west face of it, a canyon opens and gets lost in the abysses. On the east face is a school of hammerhead sharks as well as a huge school of barracudas accompanied by grey reef and silky sharks. On the last part of the plateau, benches of jacks, sweetlips and a huge bench of surgeon

fish await you. We will finish our dive admiring the platier at 5 meters where you can find loads of reef fishes : angelfish, banner fish, puffer fish...

DAHRAT ABID

Level : Med./Diff. • Depth : 40m • Photo : Wide angle

This small island has been nicknamed «the island of the lost slaves». It is the last site before the Eritrean border, about 10 kilometers away. To the north lie on the reef the remains of boats that have sunk there. Several dives are possible on this magnificent site, one of which cannot be ignored in the southeast!

After your back swing of the Zodiac, during the descent towards the 30/40 meters zone, you will be able to cross grey reef sharks and the silhouette of the first sharks hammers (*Sphyrna lewini*) will begin to take shape in the blue until you can no longer count them! Sometimes the bank reaches more than 100 individuals.

When going up along the wall, don't forget to lift your head. It is more than frequent to observe the passage of rays mantas. Then, in the 25 meters zone, schools of trevallies and barracudas await you in great numbers. Higher up, near the plains, all the reef fish and a school of giant sweetlips (*plectorhinchus obscurus*) will be present.





HIGHLIGHTS :

- Meet the sharks
- The Umbria shipwreck
- Untouched reefs
- Unexplored dive sites

UMBRIA SHIPWRECK

Level : Easy • **Depth :** 27m • **Photo :** Wide angle

The Umbria is recognized as one of the most beautiful wrecks in the world. This cargo ship 155 metres long by 18 metres wide, carrying bombs and ammunition, was scuttled by its captain in 1940. The wreck lies on its side between 5 and 38 meters deep. The view from the outside is impressive and allows to measure the size of the ship. The hull is richly covered with corals and shelters all the usual reef fauna. Its proximity to the surface will delight photographers thanks to the superb light that is present there.

The "visit" of the inside of the wreck requires special attention so as not to get lost in the maze of corridors and rooms. What a pleasure to discover, from room to room, the remains of the cargo (hundreds of shells piled up, thousands of bullets, bottles of wine...) under the intrigued gaze of an angel fish and a school of fusiliers swallowed up in the hull.

KARAM MASAMIRIT

Level : Medium • **Depth :** 30m • **Photo :** Wide angle

You will make your last dive south before heading north and San Ganeb around this island. You will dive on the south plateau, 50 meters wide, which ends at 30 meters. If the current is right, we will see a large school of hammerhead sharks. During the ascent, you will be able to cross grey and silky sharks. On the highest level of the plateau, you will see many coral mounds covered with alcyonarias and white tip sharks.

SHAAB RUMI

Level : Easy • **Depth :** 15m • **Photo :** Wide angle

Extraordinary site which offers all that it is possible to see in Sudan, distributed on 4 terrasses. Here, pelagics abound with hammerhead sharks, grey reefs, bumphead parrotfish, barracudas and even a grey reef shark cleaning station!

This unique site in the world is also famous for its underwater houses installed by Commander Cousteau for his experience. Five men lived in these houses for a month in 1963. From this experience was born the documentary film "The World without Sun".

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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