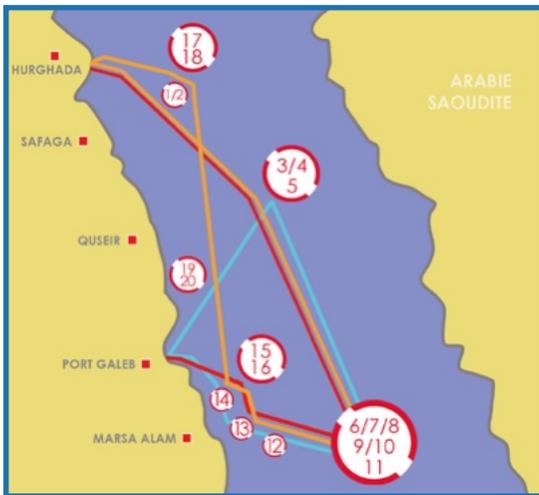




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THE GOLDEN LOOP



UNDERWATER ADVENTURES ON BROTHERS • DAEDALUS • ELPHINSTONE

Dive into the ultimate adventure across three iconic Egyptian diving sites (Brothers, Daedalus, Elphinstone). Explore spectacular reefs, mysterious wrecks, and encounter fascinating marine species, including hammerhead and oceanic sharks. You'll be amazed by the coral diversity and the richness of underwater life. This circuit is ideal for experienced divers seeking thrills and unforgettable discoveries aboard an exceptional boat..

Itineraries and dive sites cannot be guaranteed and may be modified according to seasons. The instructors, in consultation with the captain, select the best itineraries based on local conditions. We always strive to offer the best possible dives while maintaining high safety standards.

- **16 dives over 6 days included (additional dives may be possible).**
- **Minimum requirement: Level 2, Advanced, or equivalent + 50 logged dives.**
- **Departure and return: Hurghada or Port Galeb.**

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Encounters with grey sharks, hammerheads...
- The Big Brother wrecks
- The vibrant colors of the drop-offs



HURGHADA - HURGHADA

- 1/2- GOTA ABU RAMADA
- 3- BIG BROTHERS (NUMIDIA)
- 4- BIG BROTHERS (PLATEAU)
- 5- SMALL BROTHERS
- 6- DAEDALUS REEF NORD
- 7- DAEDALUS REEF EST
- 8- DAEDALUS REEF SUD
- 9- DAEDALUS REEF NORD
- 10- DAEDALUS REEF OUEST
- 11- DAEDALUS REEF SUD/OUEST
- 12- ELPHINSTONE (NORD)
- 13- ELPHINSTONE (SUD)
- 15- SHOONA (TOMBANT)
- 17- POLICE STATION
- 18- ERG SOMAYA

HURGHADA - GALIB

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- 12- ELPHINSTONE (NORD)
- 13- ELPHINSTONE (SUD)
- 14- ABU DABAB
- 15- SHOONA (TOMBANT)
- 16- SHOONA (BATEAU)

GALIB - GALIB

- 19/20- RAS TROMBI
- 3/4- BIG BROTHERS
- 5- SMALL BROTHER
- 6- DAEDALUS REEF (NORD)
- 7- DAEDALUS REEF (EST)
- 8- DAEDALUS REEF (SUD)
- 9- DAEDALUS REEF (NORD)
- 10- DAEDALUS REEF (OUEST)
- 11- DAEDALUS REEF (SUD EST)
- 12/13- ELPHINSTONE REEF
- 14- ABU DABAB
- 15/16- SHOONA

Circuit and dive sites



Itinerary

The morning after your arrival, we will head to our first coral reef for our "check dive." We'll leisurely explore the reef before setting sail in the late afternoon towards Brother Island.

The following day, we'll wake up at Small Brother, where we'll enjoy an early morning dive. After exploring the magnificent walls of Little Brother, we'll cross the short stretch of sea to Big Brother. There, we'll have plenty of time to admire the two splendid wrecks lying north of the islet, the southern plateau, and the impressive drop-offs.

We will also have the opportunity to step onto the island itself and even visit a 31-meter-high military lighthouse, built by the British in 1883. After climbing its 140 steps and two metal ladders, we'll be rewarded with a fantastic walk and the perfect spot to watch the sunset.

After dinner, we will set sail and reach Daedalus about eight hours later. Upon arrival, we'll dive early in the morning in search of hammerhead sharks. Those who wish can also visit the lighthouse, built by the British in 1931, located on this vast reef stretching nearly one kilometer in length.

To complete our triangle, we will then head northeast to reach the legendary Elphinstone Reef.

Main divesites

1/2- GOTA ABU RAMADA

Level : Easy • Depth : 15m • Photo : Macro / Wide

Exceptional diving site in the Red Sea, offering coral reefs between 5 and 15 meters deep. Characterized by magnificent coral gardens and remarkable visibility, it harbors rich marine biodiversity. Divers can encounter eagle rays, sea turtles, barracudas, and groupers.

BROTHERS

Big Brother and Little Brother, «the 2 brothers» are two islands lost at sea. Located opposite El Quseir, they are only accessible by diving cruise.

800m apart from each other, these islands are the emergent part of 2 huge underwater mountains that plunge to more than 300m deep. They are regularly subject to strong winds and exposed to violent currents.

Diving at the Brothers Islands is therefore reserved for good divers. Forests of giant gorgonians and corals proliferate, it's the meeting point for all pelagic fauna in the area. You'll dive along vertical walls, in caves, and around the wrecks of the Aida and Numidia.

3- THE NUMIDIA WRECK (BIG BROTHER)

Level : Med./Adv. • Depth : 22m • Photo : Wide

A 130-meter-long wreck of 6,400 tons located on the northern tip of Big Brother since its sinking in July 1901. The ship was making its first voyage from Glasgow with railway equipment for India. Today it rests on its side, almost vertically, between 10 and 80 meters deep. Don't forget to look «in the blue» to observe grey or hammerhead sharks.

We'll then drift with the current on either face of the reef. Right after our backward roll, we'll descend to admire this wreck covered with numerous multicolored soft corals and teeming with life, particularly in the hold.

Early in the morning, don't forget to look in open water to spot grey or hammerhead sharks. This is their domain!

Circuit et sites de plongée



4- THE SOUTH PLATEAU OF BIG BROTHER

Level : Med./Adv. • Depth : 40m • Photo : Macro / Wide

One of the most beautiful dives at Brothers. This is the main playground for Egyptian marine life. You can encounter thresher sharks, hammerheads, oceanic whitetips, grey sharks, and manta rays. Soft and hard corals cover the wall, primarily gorgonians.

5- THE SOUTH PLATEAU OF SMALL BROTHER

Level : Med./Adv. • Depth : 40m • Photo : Macro / Wide

We'll descend to 35/40m, above the north plateau. This is where you'll have the best chance of observing grey and hammerhead sharks. It's even possible to encounter a Manta ray and/or a Mola-mola (sunfish). We'll then leave the plateau and deep zone to head (following the current) to the west wall, which is teeming with life, with soft corals of all colors, magnificent gorgonians, and extremely varied fauna: groupers, barracudas...

On this islet, you have the chance to see an incredible number of shark species: reef grey sharks, whitetip reef sharks, silky sharks, hammerheads, thresher sharks, and of course, often near the surface, the one you're all waiting for: the oceanic whitetip shark.

6/7/8/9/10/11- DAEDALUS

Level : Med./Adv. • Depth : 40m • Photo : Macro / Wide

Daedalus, an isolated jewel of the Red Sea, is a legendary dive site located off mainland Egypt, halfway between Cairo and Marsa Alam. This spectacular oceanic reef, barely emerging above the surface, offers a unique and extraordinary diving experience for experienced divers.

The geological configuration of Daedalus

presents four main diving zones, each with its own characteristics:

North Daedalus:

- Vertiginous vertical walls descending to -100 meters
- Privileged passage zone for large pelagics
- Recurring presence of hammerhead sharks, oceanic sharks, and whale sharks
- Moderate to strong currents favoring exceptional marine biodiversity

South Daedalus:

- Gentler coral formations
- Less steep reefs but equally rich in marine life
- Habitat for numerous reef shark species
- Possibilities of observing manta rays and large eagle rays

East Daedalus:

- Technical site with depths varying between 20 and 40 meters
- Excellent visibility often exceeding 30-40 meters
- Spectacular soft corals and gorgonians
- Dense populations of tropical fish

West Daedalus:

- Drift zone with dynamic currents
- Significant concentration of pelagic life
- Possibilities of encounters with schools of tuna, jacks, and other pelagics
- Vertical walls covered with diverse marine life

Circuit et sites de plongée

Common features of all four sites:

- Diving conditions reserved for experienced divers
- Exceptional marine biodiversity
- Possibilities of encounters with rare and migratory species

Daedalus represents one of the most prestigious and mythical sites in the Red Sea for divers, offering total immersion in a unique and preserved marine ecosystem.

12- THE NORTH PLATEAU OF ELPHINSTONE

Level: Med./Adv. • Depth: 40m • Photo: Macro / Wide
We'll enter the water early in the morning. After the backward roll from the zodiac, we'll descend along the reef to reach the plateau at twenty meters depth. You'll see impressive marine life.

We won't linger and will follow the plateau descending to 40 meters. There, around the fault and in the current, hammerhead and grey sharks frequently swim. We'll stay to observe them, then ascend along the plateau to head towards the east or west wall, depending on the current. We can observe all the richness of this wall with multicolored soft corals, whip gorgonians, and don't forget to regularly look «in the blue»: it's common to see a shark's silhouette pass by. Above your head, you have a good chance of seeing barracudas.

At the end of the dive, in the safety stop zone, take time to wander while looking at the top of the reef: a large number of fish are there as if taking refuge among a great variety of multicolored hard corals.

13- THE SOUTH PLATEAU OF ELPHINSTONE

Level: Med./Adv. • Depth: 40m • Photo: Macro / Wide
Magnificent, very colorful plateau from 20 to 40m. While descending on the reef, it's possible to find yourself face to face with an oceanic shark. The plateau is covered with soft corals and anthias. The west and east walls are composed of soft corals and gorgonians. Between 8 and 10m, magnificent hard coral gardens with moray eels, stingrays, and incredible light effects.

14- ABU DABAB

Level: Easy • Depth: 20m • Photo: Macro / Wide
Coastal diving site renowned for its population of sea turtles. Shallow dives with sandy bottoms and seagrass beds. Exceptional opportunities to observe green turtles, stingrays, and a wide variety of reef fish.

15/16- SHOONA

Level: Easy • Depth: 20m • Photo: Macro / Wide
Isolated coral reef with complex geological formations. Technical dive offering encounters with turtles, leopard rays, guitar rays, and sometimes dugongs. The vertical walls and coral platforms harbor rich marine biodiversity, including groupers, parrotfish, and populations of nudibranchs.

17- POLICE STATION

Level: Easy • Depth: 20m • Photography: Macro / W.A.
Coastal coral reef site accessible with shallow platforms between 5 and 20 meters. An ideal dive for all levels, characterized by dense coral formations and rich biodiversity. A privileged spot for observing sea turtles, small reef sharks, and stingrays. Colorful soft corals and diverse reef fish populations. Conditions are

generally calm with moderate currents, making it perfect for training and underwater photography.

18- ERG SOMAYA

Level: Easy • Depth: 20m • Photography: Macro / W.A.
A complex coral reef with unique geological formations between 20 and 40 meters. A technical dive revealing exceptional marine biodiversity: grey reef sharks, whitetip reef sharks, and majestic eagle rays. Rock cavities and overhangs provide shelter for giant groupers, napoleon wrasse, and schools of barracudas. Spectacular soft corals and giant gorgonians. Moderate currents require solid technical experience. A site reserved for experienced divers.

19/20- RAS TROMBI

Level: Easy • Depth: 20m • Photography: Macro / W.A.
Ras Trombi is a dive site located off Port Ghalib, renowned for its magnificent coral formations and exceptional biodiversity. This spot offers a colorful coral garden and shelters abundant marine life, including schools of fish, moray eels, and occasionally dugongs and green turtles. Currents can range from moderate to strong, making it an exciting site for experienced divers seeking a thrilling adventure.





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

*Have a great trip!
The Seafari team*

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