

DEADALUS • ROCKY ZABARGAD • ELPHINSTONE



UNDERWATER ADVENTURE IN THE SOUTHERN ISLANDS COMBO

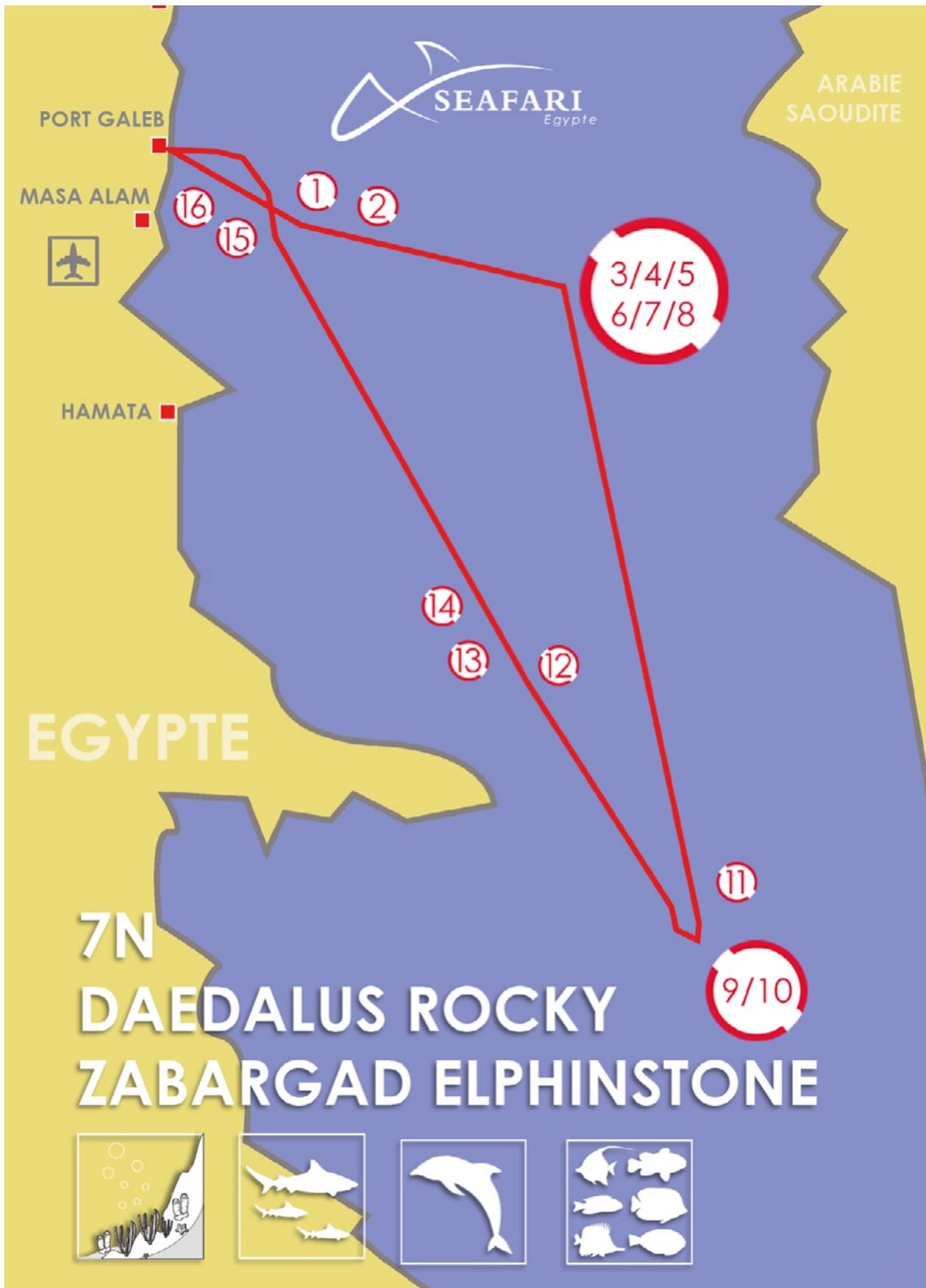
This itinerary explores remote and pristine reefs, featuring dramatic wall drops, colorful plateaus, and abundant marine life. Daedalus Reef impresses with its vast coral gardens and open-water diving experiences. Rocky Island and Zabargad reveal unique underwater landscapes, while Elphinstone is famous for its thrilling currents and unforgettable encounters. This cruise promises adrenaline-packed dives and breathtaking underwater scenery.

Dive sites and itineraries cannot be guaranteed and may be modified according to seasons. The dive instructors, in consultation with the captain, select the best routes based on local conditions. We always strive to provide you with the most beautiful diving experiences possible while maintaining high safety standards.

- **16 dives over 6 days included** (possibility of additional dives)
- **CMAS 2*, Adv. or equivalent + 50 logged dives**
- **Departure / return : Port Galeb**

Highlights :

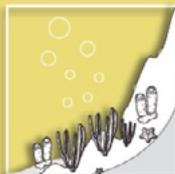
- Shark dives (gray, hammerheads, oceanics...)
- Beauty of corals
- Preserved dive sites of the south



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Sites principaux

1- ABU DABAB 2

Level : facile • Depth : 20m • Photo : Macro/Wide

Shallow site (5-15m) with magnificent coral gardens. Area known for its stingrays and guitarfish. Natural habitat for seahorses and pufferfish. Excellent visibility and generally mild currents. Site accessible to all skill levels, particularly popular for underwater photography.

2- ABU DABAB 3

Level : facile • Depth : 20m • Photo : Macro/Wide

Extension of Abu Dabab 2, characterized by coral platforms (10-25m). Marine turtle observation area. Regular presence of crocodilefish, stingrays, and Napoleon wrasses. Preserved coral formations hosting rich biodiversity. Dive suitable for intermediate divers.

3/4/5/6/7/8- DAEDALUS

Level : Moy./Conf. • Depth : 15m • Photo : Macro/Wide

Daedalus, an isolated gem 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 features four main diving zones, each with its own characteristics:

North Daedalus:

- Dramatic vertical walls dropping to -100 meters

- Prime passage zone for large pelagic species
- Recurring presence of hammerhead sharks, oceanic sharks, and whale sharks
- Moderate to strong currents supporting exceptional marine biodiversity

South Daedalus:

- Gentler coral formations
- Less steep reefs but equally rich in marine life
- Habitat for numerous reef shark species
- Opportunities to observe manta rays and 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
- High concentration of pelagic life
- Opportunities for encounters with schools of tuna, jacks, and other pelagics
- Vertical walls covered with diverse marine life

Common features across all four sites:

- Diving conditions suitable for advanced divers only
- Exceptional marine biodiversity
- Possibilities of encounters with rare and migratory species

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

9/10- ROCKY ISLANDS

Level : Moyen • Depth : 40m • Photo : Macro / Wide

ROCKY ISLAND NORTH

An exceptional open-sea dive site with steep walls dropping beyond 100m. Prime area for observing schools of hammerhead sharks, silky sharks, oceanic sharks, and humphead wrasses. Strong currents favoring the presence of large pelagics. Coral plateau covered with giant gorgonians and multicolored corals. Technical dive reserved for highly experienced divers.

ROCKY ISLAND SOUTH

More sheltered slope but equally spectacular. Vertical walls adorned with soft corals and majestic gorgonians. Transit area for manta rays, grey reef sharks, and oceanic sharks. Exceptional biodiversity with presence of Napoleon wrasses, schools of barracudas, humphead wrasses, and tuna. Demanding diving conditions requiring excellent technical mastery. Average depth 30-40m.

11- ZABARGAD

Level : Facile • Depth : 25m • Photo : Macro / Wide

Historic island with preserved coral reefs. Diverse dives ranging from 5 to 40 meters. Frequent encounters with grey reef sharks, Napoleon wrasses, and sea turtles. Spectacular coral formations and a wide variety of reef fish. Variable diving conditions requiring solid

experience.

12- MAKSOUR SOUTH

Level : Facile • Depth : 30m • Photo : Macro / Wide

Fragmented coral reef with unique geological formations. Technical diving offering possible encounters with grey reef sharks, white-tip reef sharks, and eagle rays. Cavities and overhangs are particularly rich in marine life, hosting populations of groupers, parrotfish, and nudibranchs.

13- CLAUDIA

Level : Facile • Depth : 20m • Photo : Macro / Wide

One of the most beautiful coral sites in Fury Shoal, featuring complex geological formations including caves and coral gardens. A prime area for observing reef sharks and eagle rays. Tunnels and overhangs shelter a diverse marine life, with a significant population of groupers and reef fish. Suitable for intermediate-level divers.

14- HAMAM

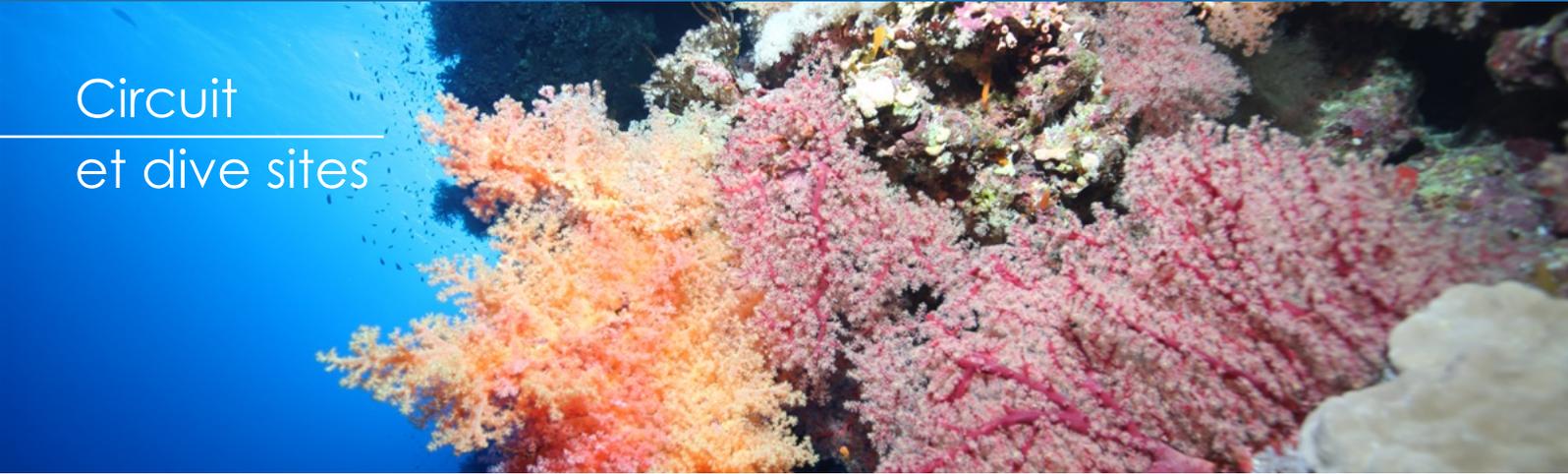
Level : facile • Depth : 20m • Photo : Macro / Wide

Coral reef combining shallow areas and vertical walls. An excellent site for observing sea turtles and reef sharks. Dense coral formations with rich marine biodiversity. Home to butterflyfish, groupers, and schools of fusiliers. Suitable for all levels.

15- ELPHINSTONE NORTHERN PLATEAU

Level : Moy./Conf. • Depth : 40m • Photo : Macro / Wide

We will enter the water early in the morning. After the backward roll from the zodiac, we will descend along the reef to reach the plateau at a depth of about 20 meters. You'll witness impressive marine life. We won't linger



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and will follow the plateau, descending to 40 meters.

Here, around the crack and in the current, hammerhead sharks and grey reef sharks are often seen. We will stay to observe them, then ascend along the plateau and head towards the east or west drop-off, depending on the current.

We will be able to appreciate the richness of the drop-off, with colorful soft corals, sea fans, and don't forget to regularly look "into the blue"—it's common to spot the silhouette of a shark. Above your head, you will have a good chance of seeing barracudas.

At the end of the dive, in the plateau area, take your time to leisurely explore and look at the top of the reef: many fish are there, seeking refuge among a variety of multicolored hard corals.

16- ELPHINSTONE SOUTHERN PLATEAU

Level: Moy./Conf. • Depth: 40m • Photo: Macro / Wide

The southern plateau of Elphinstone offers a spectacular technical dive in the heart of the Red Sea. This legendary site is defined by a dramatic vertical wall plunging into the blue depths, creating a unique environment for large pelagic predators.

Experienced divers will discover vibrant gardens of soft corals and giant gorgonians adorning the walls down to 40 meters. The often strong currents bring the nutrients that sustain this flourishing marine life and attract large predators.

The site is particularly renowned for encounters with:

- Patrolling grey reef sharks
- Whitetip reef sharks
- Impressive schools of barracudas
- Hunting tuna
- Majestic eagle rays
- Occasionally, hammerhead sharks

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!*