



## EXPLORING MYTHICAL WRECKS AND CORAL GARDENS

A classic diving cruise route in Egypt, the northern circuit will delight divers of all levels, particularly wreck enthusiasts. Departing from Hurghada, you'll head north towards the mouth of the Suez Canal, between Gubal and Shadwan islands. You'll continue to the tip of Sinai and the famous Ras Mohamed reserve, which ranks among the world's best diving sites, with its vertical walls plunging to depths of over 800m.

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 possible)
- Minimum level required: Level 1, open water or equivalent + 10 logged dives
- Departure and return: Hurghada

## HIGHLIGHTS :

- Ras Mohamed Reserve
- Legendary wrecks: Thistlegorm, Giannis D...
- Dolphin encounters



- 1- SHAAB EL ERG
- 2- DUNRAVEN (WRECK)
- 3- RAS MOHAMED
- 4- ANEMONE CITY
- 5/6- SS THISTLEGORM (WRECK)

- 7- KINGSTONE (WRECK)
- 8- ÎLE DE GUBAL
- 9- ULYSSES (WRECK)
- 10- GIANNIS D (WRECK)
- 11- CARNATIC (WRECK)

- 12- SIYOUL
- 13- UMM GAMAR
- 14- CARLESS REEF
- 15- POLICE STATION
- 16- ERG SOMAYA

## Circuit and dive sites



### Main dive sites

#### 1- SHA'AB EL ERG

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

A beautiful horseshoe-shaped reef where dolphin pods regularly pass on the outside of the reef or in the lagoon. We'll do our warm-up dive here. We can observe them either while diving or snorkeling.

#### 2- DUNRAVEN (WRECK)

Level : Med./Adv. • Depth : 30m • Photo : Wide

This British ship, which measured 80 meters, sank in 1876 after hitting a reef near Sha'ab Mahmoud. Resting at a depth of 30 meters, the wreck is divided into two parts, with its inverted hull covered in coral. Divers can explore its open holds, home to schools of surgeonfish, soldierfish, and moray eels.

#### 3- RAS MOHAMED

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

Natural reserve located at the southern tip of Sinai, the ultimate separation between the Gulf of Aqaba and Suez. The water masses from both straits meet and generate strong currents. Many pelagic species evolve on these vertical walls (schools of barracudas, snappers...)

We'll dive at the extreme southern point: «Shark Reef» and «Yolanda Reef,» the park's most extraordinary sites. The dive is done as a drift dive. We'll descend on «Shark Reef» and its steep wall that drops to -800m! We'll follow this vertical wall then ascend to the plateau toward «Yolanda Reef.»

We can observe numerous coral formations covered with soft corals and gorgonians.

We'll cross this magnificent territory inhabited by giant moray eels, Napoleon wrasses, turtles, groupers, and a huge school of batfish, before ending our dive on the remains of a Cypriot wreck that ran aground in 1980 and gave its name to the site (the Yolanda). Only part of the cargo and wreck debris remains, which has slid much lower down the wall. The Yolanda was carrying bathroom fixtures! You can therefore see a line of bathtubs and other sanitary fixtures that have been colonized by marine life.

#### 5/6- THISTLEGORM

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

This English cargo ship sank on October 6, 1941, bombed by German aviation while carrying ammunition and military equipment (trucks, cars, motorcycles...). You can see all these remnants that are still present in the wreck. It's one of the most famous wrecks in the world.

#### 8- ÎLE DE GUBAL

Level : Medium • Depth : 20m • Photo : Wide

The shallow reefs offer exceptional visibility and harbor diverse marine life. You can observe schools of colorful fish, butterflyfish, parrotfish, as well as moray eels and rays. The coral formations are impressive, with a beautiful variety of soft and hard corals.

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### 9- SHA'AB ABU NUHAS

Better known as the «ship graveyard,» this reef oriented west/east is located very close to the maritime route connecting Europe to the Orient. Indeed, some ships that exited the Gubal strait after passing through the Suez Canal came to hit this reef that fringes the surface.

### 10- LE GHIANNIS D (WRECK)

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

A 100m long cargo ship, 2,900 tons, sunk in 1983. It was making a journey between Croatia and Yemen and was transporting wood.

### 11- LE CARNATIC (WRECK)

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

A steam-sail steamer, 90m long and 1,800 tons, which ended its days on this reef one night in 1869 and now rests between 18 and 24m. The cargo was recovered: 32,000 pounds sterling in gold ingots. 8,000 are still missing... The hull is covered with hard corals, multicolored soft corals, and sponges. Inside, countless glassfish mingle with beautiful lionfish.

### 12- SIYOUL

Level : Medium • Depth : 20m • Photo : Wide

Diving on the coral gardens around this small island off Hurghada. Possibility to encounter guitar rays, turtles, and observe toadfish.

### 13- UMM GAMAR

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

This elongated reef offers spectacular walls and exceptional visibility, ideal for observing colorful coral formations and abundant marine life. Divers can explore plateaus at different depths, discovering tropical fish, moray eels, and rays.

### 14- CARLESS REEF

Level : Medium • Depth : 20m • Photo : Wide

Isolated coral reef among the most beautiful sites in the Hurghada region with magnificent coral gardens. Drift dive between 10 and 20 meters. Excellent site for observing grey sharks, white-tip reef sharks, and eagle rays. Spectacular soft corals and gorgonians. Large populations of reef fish, groupers, and schools of barracudas.

### 15- POLICE STATION

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

Site prized for its varied marine life and underwater landscapes. This gently sloping reef offers excellent visibility and coral diversity, attracting many divers. Divers can observe schools of fish, including butterflyfish, parrotfish, and clownfish, as well as moray eels and turtles. The area is also known for its magnificent coral formations and walls featuring beautiful gorgonians, creating an ideal habitat for marine life.

### 16- ERG SOMAYA

Level : Medium • Depth : 20m • Photo : Wide

Complex coral reef with unique geological formations. Drift dive between 20 and 40 meters. Rich marine biodiversity including eagle rays. Cavities and overhangs offering refuge to numerous species. Spectacular soft corals and gorgonians.





## 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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