

PREMIUM EXPEDITION



THE TASTING MENU OF DIVING IN THE EGYPTIAN RED SEA

Discover the best of the Red Sea on our new exclusive tour, designed for diving enthusiasts who want to see everything in one cruise. From the legendary wrecks of the north to the famous Blue Hole in Dahab, to the legendary sites of the south such as Daedalus and Elphinstone, this unique itinerary brings together Egypt's most iconic spots. Dive into the heart of sumptuous coral reefs, encounter pelagic fish, and let yourself be guided by the expertise and organisation of Seafari, renowned for its professionalism and friendliness. An exceptional cruise that promises diversity, excitement and discovery, for an unforgettable experience in the Red Sea.

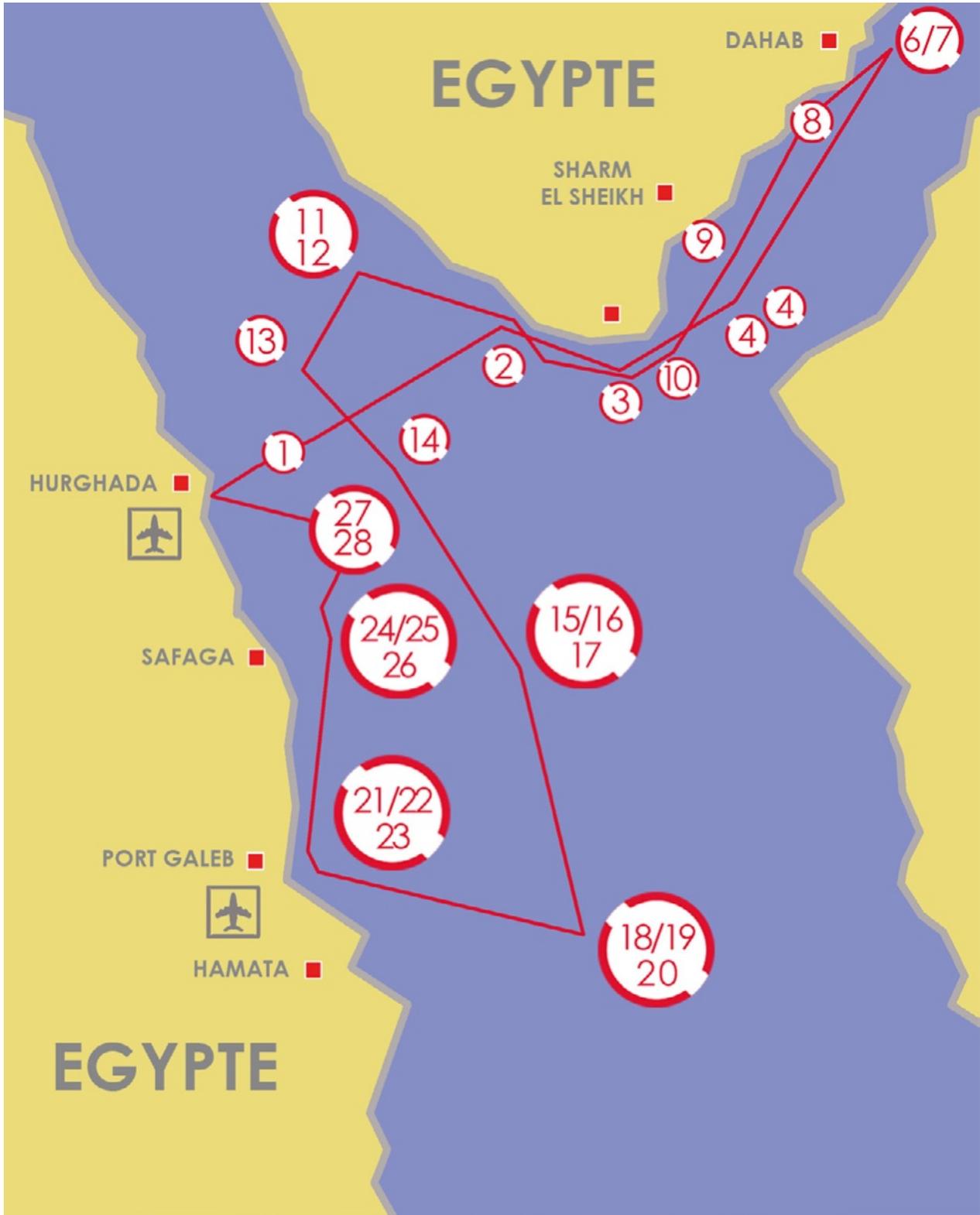
Dive sites and itineraries cannot be guaranteed and may be subject to change depending on the season. The instructors, in consultation with the captain, will select the best itineraries for you based on local conditions. We always strive to provide the best possible diving experience, while maintaining high safety standards.

- **28 dives over 9 days included** (additional dives available)
- **Minimum level required: Level 2, Advanced or equivalent + 50 logged dives**
- **Departure and return: Hurghada**

Highlights:

- Shark diving (grey, hammerhead, oceanic sharks, etc.)
- Northern shipwrecks
- Dahab's Blue Hole





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Route and dive sites

Sites principaux

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.

4- JACKSON REEF & WOODHOUSE REEF

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

After following the reef in the direction of the western plateau, you'll observe large gorgonians. You'll surely meet a turtle on the plateau (20m) that separates Jackson from Woodhouse; they're very often in this area. The current can be quite strong, bringing pelagic fish to the wall and sometimes even above the plateau. Possibility of encountering hammerhead sharks in June/July.

5- GORDON REEF

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

Route and dive sites

Along the eastern wall, looking into the «blue,» you may see grey sharks that don't seem to be bothered by the current, quite the contrary. Then, if you head south, ascending to the plateau, you should see a nice small sandbank occupied by a colony of garden eels, standing vertically... Further on, a very large school of longfin bannerfish and blue triggerfish.

6- BLUE HOLE

Level : Moyen • Depth : 40m • Photo : Macro/G.A

A legendary site in Egyptian Sinai, Dahab's Blue Hole is a dizzying vertical underwater shaft plunging to -130 meters. Considered one of the world's most dangerous and fascinating dive sites, this coral abyss offers a unique experience for experienced divers. The natural arch at -56 meters presents a formidable technical challenge. Marine biodiversity includes rare pelagic species and spectacular coral formations.

7- THE CANYON

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

Spectacular geological formation with a deep underwater canyon. Technical dive between 20 and 40 meters, characterized by vertical rock walls. Rich marine biodiversity with grey sharks, white tip sharks, eagle rays, and dense grouper populations. The cavities and overhangs provide shelter for numerous reef fish species and marine invertebrates.

8- GABR EL BENT

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

Rarely visited and incredibly preserved site. Gabr el Bent is among the most attractive

sites in North Sinai. With access by boat, 4x4, or camel, it's dived less frequently than other Dahab dive sites, which has left it in perfect condition. Gabr el Bent means «the tomb of the young girl» in Arabic. There are two possible dives here.

The right side, also known as the dark side, features a steep wall that descends to about 60m, cut by numerous chasms, sandy ravines, and overhangs. The wall is adorned with healthy table corals. The left side is much more colorful and features a virtual forest of gorgonians. Generally descend to about 20-25m swimming along huge rocks jutting from the wall that attract dense schools of anthias and glass fish.

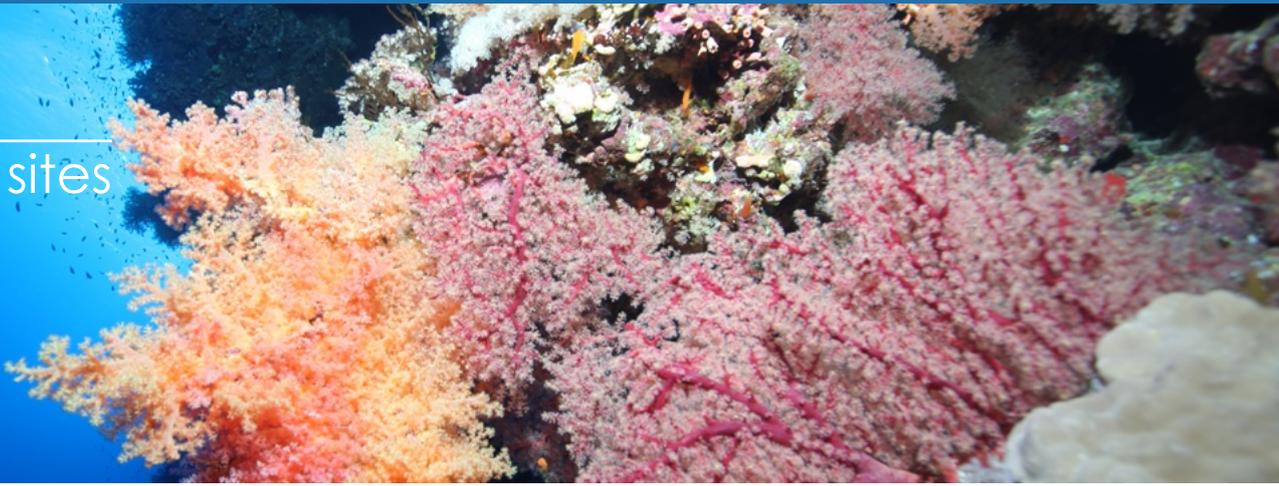
Keep an eye on the blue where you'll see jacks hunting on schools of fusiliers. After about ten minutes, you'll find some of the healthiest gorgonian corals in the Red Sea. Here, you start ascending to about 10m and cross the saddle then begin returning along a sandy ledge parallel to the shore.

The edge is riddled with exquisite coral heads attracting many reef species, including swarms of anthias, scorpionfish, parrotfish, crocodilefish, surgeonfish, triggerfish, trumpetfish, stingrays, and very often a turtle. At the end of the ledge, there's usually a school of black and white snappers, and twin-spotted snappers hang here between 5 and 10m. One of Dahab's truly breathtaking dives.

9-THOMAS REEF

Level : Moyen • Depth : 40m • Photo : Macro / G.A

The smallest of the four but the richest! It's com-



mon to see grey and hammerhead sharks on the north face where you can admire numerous gorgonians and soft corals. The east face is also exceptional. On the north/east angle, at about thirty meters depth, begins a very beautiful narrow canyon with several arches. The dive ends on a large plateau overlooking this vertical wall. It's very common to encounter turtles here. You'll finish your dive on the magnificent coral garden in the ten-meter zone, among sweetlips, emperors, butterflyfish, jacks...

10- JACKFISH ALLEY

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

An iconic site in the Ras Mohamed National Park, characterized by a spectacular underwater canyon. Diving depths range from 5 to 30 meters, offering a diverse experience. Known for its impressive schools of jackfish in tight formations, frequent encounters include napoleon wrasses, barracudas, and occasionally grey reef sharks. Walls are covered with vibrant soft corals and giant gorgonians. Accessible to all levels with generally moderate currents.

11/12- 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.

13- 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.

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- THE SOUTH PLATEAU OF BIG BROTHER

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

The south plateau of Big Brother is one of the most spectacular dives in the Red Sea. This unique geological formation, located between 20 and 40 meters deep, serves as a true observatory for pelagic life.

Characterized by vertical walls covered in colorful soft corals and giant gorgonians, this site is a major gathering point for large predators. Experienced divers can observe:

- Grey reef sharks patrolling constantly
- Oceanic whitetip sharks (*longimanus*)
- Tuna and barracudas hunting
- Eagle rays in formation

The often-strong currents require excellent technical skills and effective air management. The plateau offers several dive options depending on conditions, with early morning dives being the best to maximize chances of pelagic encounters.

This dive is reserved for Level 3 divers or equivalent, accustomed to offshore conditions and strong currents.

16/17- 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.

18/19/20- 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

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 di-

vers, offering total immersion in a unique and preserved marine ecosystem.

21- - 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.

22- - 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.

23- SHOONA

Niveau : Facile • Prof. : 20m • Photo : Macro / G.A
Récif corallien isolé avec des formations géologiques complexes. Plongée technique offrant des rencontres avec des tortues, raies léopard, raies guitares et parfois dugong. Les parois verticales et les plateformes coralliennes abritent une biodiversité marine riche, incluant mérous, poissons-perroquets et po-

pulations de nudibranches.

24- ABU REFAN

Level: Easy • Depth: 40m • Photo: Macro / G.A.

Abu Reefan is a protected reef in the southern Red Sea. With its spectacular drop-offs, pristine coral gardens and diverse wildlife, it attracts divers and photographers alike. Here you can encounter groupers, napoleon fish, schools of trevally, as well as pelagic species such as grey reef sharks and oceanic whitetip sharks.

25/26- PANORAMA REEF

Level: Easy • Depth: 20m • Photo: Macro / G.A.

Panorama Reef, located near Safaga, is a huge reef offering vertiginous drop-offs, colourful plateaus and abundant marine life. Here you can see sumptuous corals, schools of tropical fish and, with a little luck, pelagic species such as sharks. A spectacular site, ideal for experienced divers.

27- POLICE STATION

Level: intermediate • Depth: 40 metres • Photo: Wide angle

A popular site for its diverse marine life and underwater landscapes. This gently sloping reef offers excellent visibility and a variety of corals, 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 drop-offs featuring beautiful soft corals, creating an ideal habitat for marine wildlife.

27- ERG SOMAYA

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

Located near Safaga, this site is renowned for its magnificent coral formations and colourful pinnacles. Regular currents attract a rich variety of wildlife: trevally, barracuda, napoleon fish and sometimes passing rays or sharks. Ideal for drift diving enthusiasts and underwater photography.





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

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