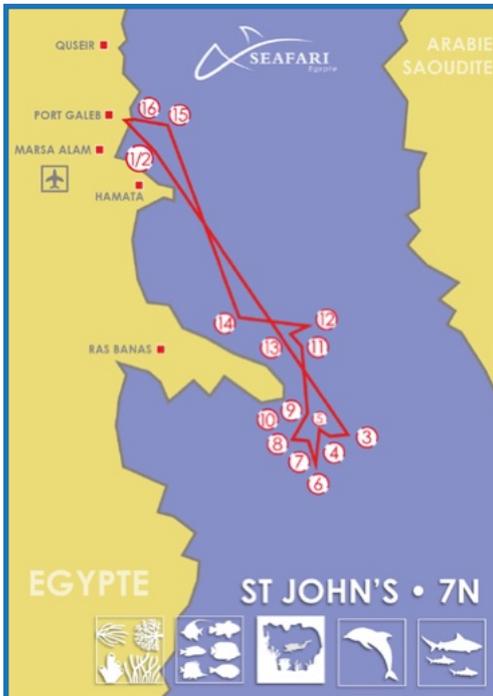




ST JOHN'S



DIVING IN THE DEPTHS OF THE RED SEA

A southern circuit near the Sudanese border that will allow us to flirt with the Tropic of Cancer. We will embark from Marsa Alam or Hamata. The St John's reefs are very diverse. The circuit, alternating between drop-offs and mid-water dives, will delight all divers who love vertiginous walls, as well as photographers passionate about macro photography. We may encounter jacks, turtles, dolphins, sharks, Napoleon wrasses...

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: Marsa alam

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The beauty of Erg Om Aruk
- Encounters with pelagic species
- The diversity of sites





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Sites principaux

1/2- SHAAB MARSAALAM

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

Remarkable coral diving site characterized by external reefs and spectacular coral formations. Drift diving recommended, offering opportunities to observe oceanic sharks, eagle rays, sea turtles, and tuna schools. Vertical walls and shallow platforms allow exploration at different depths, with often exceptional visibility exceeding 30 meters.

3- HABIL ALI

Level : Interm. • Depth : 40m • Photo : Macro / Wide

This magnificent elongated seamount, 150 meters long by 50 meters wide, rises to within one or two meters of the surface. It is oriented east-west. The boat will be moored either southwest or southeast of the reef. We will generally be dropped at the northern tip, returning along the wall towards our boat's side, carried by the current. After our backward roll, we'll descend to the 30/40 meter zone to observe pelagics. We may see jacks, tuna, barracuda, and grey sharks swimming in the current. Sometimes, a hammerhead shark may lurk in the area. On this northern wall, you can observe large black coral bushes. We'll then leave the deep zone, carried by the current. If you return westward, you'll pass through a garden of giant gorgonians around 25-30 meters. Also remember to regularly look into the blue, as it's common to see bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops*) passing by in the morning at this site. Don't hesitate to linger in the safety stop zone at the end of the dive: look above the plateau, life is teeming there.

4- GOTA KEBIRA

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

Large circular reef offering varied dives with depths ranging from 5 to 40 meters. Excellent diving zone for observing grey sharks and whitetip sharks, with significant populations of eagle rays and stingrays. Dense coral formations harbor numerous tropical fish species, including groupers, Napoleon wrasses, and schools of fusiliers.

5- ERG OM ARUK

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

A site where it will be very difficult to respect your onboard instructor's time limits, as it is so magical. The site consists of a main reef 80m in diameter and numerous coral columns forming magnificent light displays to the southeast and north. Divers have nicknamed this site «Halong Bay.» The boat moors to the southeast. You'll encounter countless schools of fusiliers, snappers, surgeonfish... heading north to reach Halong Bay. There, towers reach near the surface and descend to a depth of 20 to 25m. Grey or oceanic sharks may be seen, as well as a very large Napoleon wrasse at the safety stop, under the boat.

6- HABIL GAFAR

Level : Interm. • Depth : 40m • Photo : Macro / Wide

One of the most magnificent sites in the vast St John's area. This reef barely measures 15 meters wide by 30 meters long at the surface. Imagine: a steep cone that slowly widens until the 20-meter zone, forming a small plateau before continuing its descent to over 80 meters. Generally, the current is quite strong at this site. We will descend along the north face of the «cone» until reaching the 30-35 meter

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zone. During the descent, we'll notice the small plateau that marks this depth. It's here, on the north face, in the current, that we'll have our best chances of encountering pelagics. It's not uncommon to see grey sharks or even other species passing by. Then, we'll ascend along the reef in a slow spiral. The wall is extremely rich in alcyonarians of all colors, hard corals, clouds of anthias, snappers, barracuda, tuna, jacks...

Before heading to your boat at the end of the dive, take time to look above the reef in the safety stop zone. You'll be surprised once again by the diversity of species living there.

7- GOTA SORAYA

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

Isolated reef featuring spectacular vertical walls and coral terraces. Technical dive offering possible encounters with hammerhead sharks, oceanic sharks, and manta rays. The rocky cavities and overhangs are particularly conducive to observing giant groupers, sea turtles, and compact schools of barracuda.

8- DANGEROUS REEF

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

Despite its threatening name, a fascinating dive site with moderate currents. Excellent area for observing large sharks, including grey sharks, hammerhead sharks, and whitetip sharks. The complex coral formations offer refuge to numerous reef fish species, with possibilities of encountering eagle rays and sea turtles.

9- PARADISE REEF

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

Exceptional dive site on the St John's circuit, characterized by luxuriant coral formations

between 5 and 30 meters depth. The gardens of hard and soft corals offer a unique colorful spectacle. Area renowned for encounters with eagle rays, reef grey sharks, and large populations of tropical fish. The cavities and overhangs shelter numerous Napoleon wrasses and groupers. Dive accessible to all levels with generally moderate currents.

10- ST JOHN'S CAVE

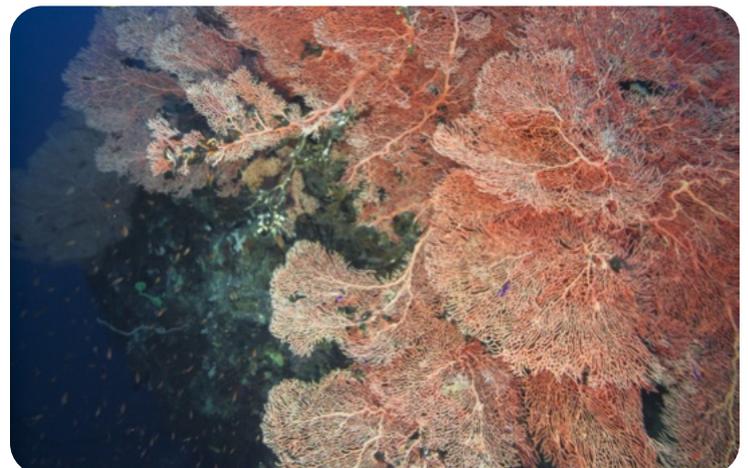
Level : Easy • Depth : 15m • Photo : Macro / Wide

Spectacular dive site with underwater cave systems and tunnels. Technical dive recommended for experienced divers. The unique geological formations offer refuge to numerous marine species, including scorpionfish and groupers.

11- SATAYA

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

Crescent-shaped coral reef offering diverse dives. Area renowned for its dolphin encounters, particularly large groups of spinner dolphins. The dense coral formations shelter large populations of tropical fish, reef sharks, and eagle rays.



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12- SHAAB MAKSOUR

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

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

13- CLAUDIA

Level : Moy./Conf. • Depth : 20m • Photo : Macro / Wide

One of the most beautiful coral sites in Fury Shoal with complex geological formations including caves and coral gardens. Privileged area for observing reef sharks and eagle rays. Tunnels and overhangs sheltering diverse marine life. Large population of groupers and reef fish. Dive suitable for intermediate levels.

14- SHAAB HAMAM

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

Coral dive site with shallow areas and vertical walls. Excellent area for observing sea turtles, reef sharks, and stingrays. The dense coral formations shelter rich marine biodiversity, including butterflyfish, groupers, and schools of fusiliers.

15- ABU DABAB

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

Coastal dive site renowned for its sea turtle population. Shallow dives with sandy bottoms and seagrass beds. Exceptional opportunities to observe green turtles, stingrays, and a wide variety of reef fish.

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 shelter rich marine biodiversity, including groupers, parrotfish, and nudibranch populations.





La sécurité avant tout

Toutes les activités aquatiques sont sous la supervision et guidé par un moniteur qualifié (CMAS ou PADI) de l'équipe Seafari.

Avant chaque activité, les moniteurs à bord feront une présentation détaillée du site, des courants, de la faune et des règles de sécurité à respecter.

Le choix des sites se fait à la discrétion du capitaine et du moniteur principal Seafari en fonction de la saison et des conditions météorologiques.

Un encadrement Seafari pourra être imposé, par décision des moniteurs du bord, à tout plongeur dont le Niveau technique ne serait pas en relation avec sa sécurité. Pour les mêmes raisons, les moniteurs Seafari peuvent interdire certaines plongées jugées trop difficiles.

Dictionnaire

d u p l o n g e u r e n E g y p t e

Au revoir : Maa Salama

Baleine : Hout

Barracuda : Agaam

Bateau : Markeb

Bonjour : Saba el Rih

Corail : Shaab

Courant : Mate

Dauphin : Abu Salama

Désert : Sahara

Dugong : Geld

Épave : Ohtam

Masque : Madala el Baah

Mer : Baah

Merci : Choukrane

OK : Tamam

Palmes : Saanef

Plongée sous-marine : Ratss

Raie : Arget

Requin : Téouch

Super : Gamile

Thon : Mouhagaba

Tombant : Razir

Tortue : Solhefa

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