



Reefs & Wrecks (from Hurghada)

Abu Nuhas - Straits of Gubal - SS Thistlegorm - Ras Mohamed - Straits of Tiran - Ulysses and others

Please note: As a **21+ DIVES** cruise, there's a good chance to enjoy 21 or more dives on a 7-day safari if you choose to.

You don't need a minimum number of dives, but you should be comfortable with drift dives, as currents can be unpredictable and strong. If you are an Open Water Diver, some dives are below 18m therefore we recommend having advanced experience or taking your PADI Advanced Open Water course on board to maximise your enjoyment from the trip. Inexperienced and beginner divers may find some dives challenging and may be asked by the Cruise Director to skip dives that are not suitable for their diving experience. All diving is made from zodiacs to give precise entry and exit points.



 - Dive area with one or more sites  - Wreck(s)
Click each dive site for more information.

This itinerary presents the best of both worlds, where you visit famous wrecks in the northern Red Sea along with some stunning reef diving.

The famous horseshoe shaped reef of **Shaab El Erg** is a perfect example of the reefs on offer on this cruise with its beautiful hard coral garden and the chance to see dolphins.

Abu Nuhas has four well-known wrecks: Giannis D, Carnatic, the **Chrisoula K** ('tile wreck') and the **Kimon M** ('lentil wreck'), all offering spectacular dives and plenty of fish life.

In between wreck dives you will also visit the reefs of the Straits of Gubal, Gulf of Suez and those to the north of Hurghada. A variety of deep walls and hard coral gardens with an abundance of reef fish make them well worth a visit.

Night dives can be superb as **Gubal Island** offers protected anchoring for the night. A small wreck at 8-10 metres makes for a spectacular night dive with lionfish, scorpion fish and its resident giant moray eel as well as the wreck of the **Ulysses**. Next onto the **Kingston** lying at Shag Rock, the **Carina** lying close to Sha'ab Ali and the **Dunraven** at Beacon Rock.

Ras Mohamed lies on the southernmost tip of the Sinai and is one of the best kept National Parks in Egypt with waters full of nutrients, steep walls going down to a depth of 1000 metres attracting a large amount of big fish and earning itself a reputation as one of the top diving areas in the world. Whilst here, you may have the chance to dive at **Shark Reef**; a sheer wall falling into the blue, as well as the wreck of the **Yolanda**.

Jackson Reef, locally named the 'Aquarium', is **Tiran's** most popular dive with the 'Jackson Drift' being Sharm's' fastest and most exhilarating drift dive past a stunning wall bursting with prolific coral growth. Occasionally, in the summer months, a school of scalloped hammerheads can be seen. **Thomas Reef** gives you plunging walls covered with soft coral, gorgonians and colourful fish life. The west wall is darker with overhangs and caves full of glassfish and sweepers. A night dive at **Gordon Reef** promises various species of coral, small nudibranchs hidden in the crevices and the soft corals and a chance to see white tip reef sharks, eagle rays, octopus and different types of eel such as moray, peppered and gold edged morays.

Finally the most famous wreck in the Red Sea, the **SS Thistlegorm**, at Shaab Ali and including a night dive on Thistle. The Thistlegorm was sunk in 1941 after being bombed by the German Luftwaffe while on a mission to deliver a cargo of ammunition and other war materials to the British troops in North Africa.

From here the boat heads back towards Hurghada.

All dives sites are subject to divers' experience and weather conditions.

Liveaboard Trips - What's included and what's not

- **Prices** are per person
- **Included:** Shared cabin, 7 nights on board (last night either on board or in a hotel). 6 days diving (see route for number of dives), local transfers, guide, 12 litre tanks, weights, full board & soft drinks, red wine with dinner, environmental tax, Marine Park fees and port departure fees. Free Nitrox on all boats, subject to availability.
- **Not included:** Flight/visa, diving equipment, tanks other than 12 litres and alcohol.
- **Check in** usually starts after 18:00 on arrival day until late. Check out is at 10:00 on the last day.
- **Please note:** Diverse Travel require that you have a minimum of 30 logged dives to dive the four offshore Marine Parks of The Brothers, Zarbagad, Deadalus and Rocky and you are expected to be able to complete each dive with your buddy or following the guide. The guides may not enter the water and remain onboard as surface support for some dives. No night dives are allowed in the Marine Parks. [Click here for more info on recommended standards for each trip.](#)
- **Liveaboard Dive Courses:** SAVE when you pre-book and pay in advance for courses and extras onboard any of our Red Sea liveaboards.