



Simply the Best (from Hurghada or Marsa Ghalib)

Elphinstone - Brothers - Daedalus Reef

Emperor recommend that you have 30 logged dives to join this trip. Most dives will involve going to depth and drift diving in unpredictable and occasionally strong currents, therefore this itinerary is not for inexperienced divers. If you are an Open Water Diver, many dives on this itinerary are below 18m therefore we recommend taking your PADI Advanced Open Water course or Deep Diver training on board to maximise your enjoyment from the trip. 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. No night dives are allowed in the Marine Parks.

Please note: Due to weather and diving conditions, it's not always possible to visit each dive site. Your Cruise Director and Captain will decide the best ones to visit at the time of diving.



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

Dive the Best Top 3 sites in this area: Big and Little Brothers, Daedalus Reef and Elphinstone.

The **Brother Islands** are the pinnacles of two undersea mountains rising from the depths of the abyss and are located about 60 miles offshore. Part of the Marine Park Islands National Park, these islands offer stunning wall diving, with the walls being covered in soft corals and forests of gorgonians, creating a kaleidoscope of ever-changing colours. They attract a diverse array of marine species and large pelagics. Large tuna, jacks and snappers cruise in the blue, accompanied by occasional hammerheads, silvertips, silky and oceanic white tip sharks and mantas. Even the rare thresher shark can be found here. Sightings of the grey reef shark are almost guaranteed on the North and South Plateaux of Small Brother.

For the wreck diver, the Aida II, an Egyptian supply vessel, and the Numidia, a cargo ship, lie on the walls of the Big Brother. Both are covered in a rich growth of soft and hard corals. Marine life includes a family of Napoleon wrasse and grey reef sharks.

Daedalus Reef, also part of the Marine Park, is a large, oval reef with a lighthouse and is the furthest offshore reef in the Egyptian Red Sea. Its deep walls and drop-offs offer some of the most spectacular diving to be found. Daedalus has mountainous, pristine, hard coral formations. There is also a strong chance of spotting schooling hammerheads and grey reef sharks.

Elphinstone, with its sheer walls covered in soft corals, offers a likely encounter with oceanic white tip sharks.

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.](#)
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