

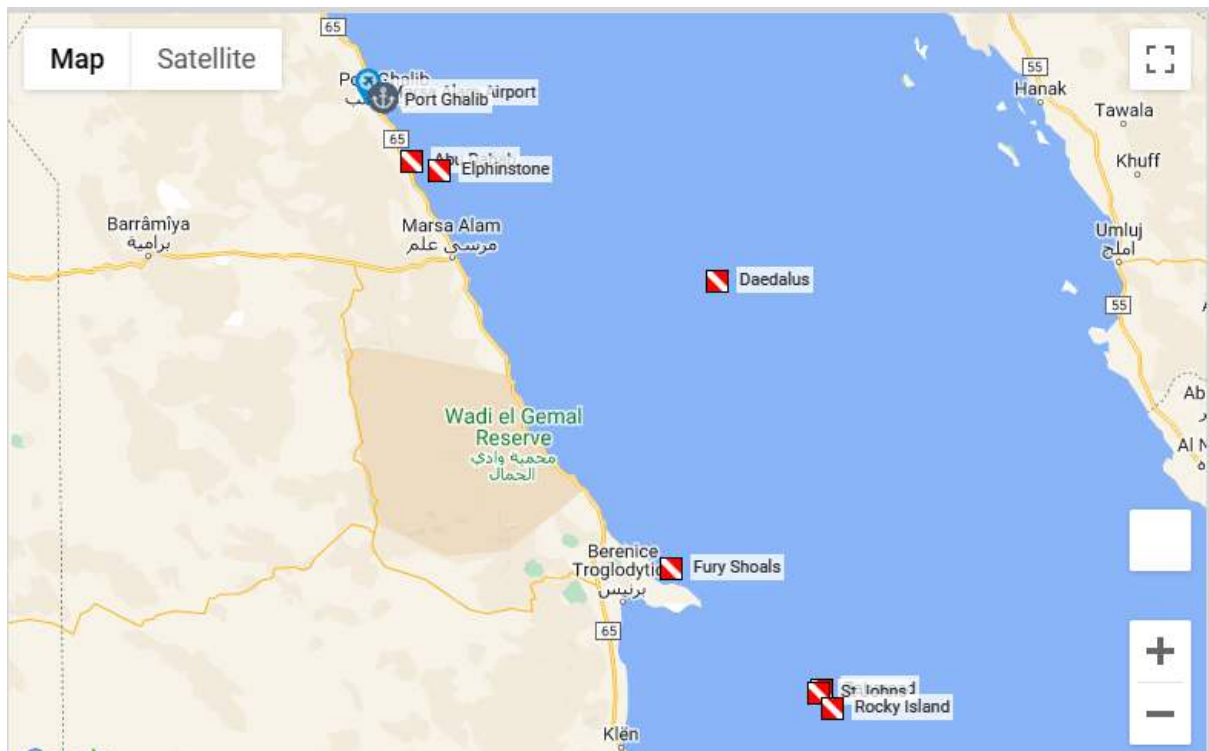
## Southern Solitude (from Marsa Ghalib)

### Elphinstone, Daedalus, St John's, Rocky and Zabargad

*Please note: Emperor requires that you have 30 logged dives to dive in the Marine Parks and you are expected to be able to complete each dive with your buddy or following the guide. These are challenging dives with strong currents so not for inexperienced divers.*

*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.*

*Adverse weather can affect this route.*



- Going 'against the flow' to see the best sites in the southern Red Sea at their quietest times.
- Elphinstone, Daedalus and St John's at their quietest with the rarely-dived sites of Rocky and Zabargad also included.
- This is a **21+ itinerary** with all dives made offshore. By staying out of port on the last night there's potential for up to 22 dives on the trip – the most any of our itineraries offer.
- A diverse range of marine life such as tuna, barracudas, jacks, groupers, Napoleon, bumphead parrotfish and sharks including hammerheads and occasionally silky and oceanic white tips. Dolphins and turtles in the Fury Shoals, while manta, thresher sharks and whalesharks can always surprise.

New for 2023, Emperor Divers are running an itinerary to give experienced divers the chance to go against the flow and dive the best sites of the Red Sea on what should be their quietest days.

By approaching these iconic sites in the opposite direction to most standard itineraries, we hope to offer you the best opportunity to dive with the fewest number of people around you.

**Southern Solitude** is a dive-focused trip, heading out of Port Ghalib and immediately arriving in the **Elphinstone** area. This enables us to make a check dive nearby and then get straight to a site which is normally frequented on the final days of trips. With fewer boats around it should give the chance to enjoy the 300-metre-long reef's colourful pink and red soft coral sheer walls in relative peace and quiet.

We'll then go to **Daedalus**, arriving before most others, to take in its deep walls and drop-offs which offer some of the most spectacular diving to be found, before heading down to the exceptionally remote, and usually quiet, **Rocky** and **Zabargad Islands** where even many Red Sea veterans cannot boast to have dived.

Over the next couple of days we will move up through **St John's** and **Fury Shoals** where our guides will find the quietest spots in this vast collection of stunning reef system, which offers some of the most picturesque and rewarding diving in the Red Sea. Fury Shoals also boasts an amazing selection of marine life including super-friendly turtles and a resident pod of spinner dolphins.

This will bring us up to day six when, while others cram into local onshore bays, we'll do a full day and night diving program on some offshore reefs as we travel north.

This trip is one of our **21+ itineraries**, and should offer around 22 dives on proper safari sites by spending six full nights out of port, returning on the morning of day seven just before departure time.

And, while there are few certainties in life, we're pretty sure that by taking a different approach we can give you the best chance of some Southern Solitude.

## Liveboard 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.](#)

- **Liveboard Dive Courses:** SAVE when you pre-book and pay in advance for courses and extras onboard any of our Red Sea liveboards.