



Fast Track Diver Development Week

Whirlwind

A structured training-focused liveaboard designed to help divers complete the practical elements of their next qualification while enjoying a full Red Sea diving safari. Combining carefully selected dive sites with progressive skills development, this itinerary allows clubs and instructors to deliver training in a safe, controlled environment without sacrificing the enjoyment of recreational diving. The programme gradually introduces increasingly varied conditions, ensuring divers gain confidence and experience throughout the week.

Suitable For

- Newly qualified divers
- Divers progressing to higher certification levels
- BSAC clubs running structured training programmes
- Divers seeking experience-building dives alongside formal training

Highlights

- Training-focused itinerary design
- Gradual depth and experience progression
- Carefully selected sites suitable for skills development
- Balance between course dives and recreational diving
- Opportunities to build confidence in a variety of diving conditions

Programme Structure

- Days 1-2: Course dives combined with excursion dives
- Days 3-4: Course dives combined with excursion dives
- Days 5-6: Course dives combined with excursion dives

Typical Programme

- 6 nights onboard
- 6 days diving
- Up to 3-4 dives daily
- Flexible routing based on weather, sea conditions and training requirements

Included

- Full-board accommodation
- Tanks, weights and air fills
- Professional dive guides as per local law and regulations
- Soft drinks, tea and coffee

Night 1 – Embarkation

Embark in Sharm El Sheikh and settle into life onboard. After safety briefings and equipment preparation, enjoy a relaxed meal and evening onboard before sailing out the following morning.

Day 1 – Initial Training Dives

The program begins with the first dive at Ras Katy. Further dives at Temple provide ideal conditions for buoyancy practice, basic skills development, and confidence-building in a sheltered environment.

Day 2 – Skills Development & Experience Building

Training continues in Ras Mohamed National Park at moored sites such as Marsa Bareaka and Marsa Ghazlani. These sheltered sites offer ideal conditions for completing core training while allowing divers to build buoyancy, confidence, and underwater awareness in a beautiful reef setting. Certified divers joining the week may also enjoy nearby reef dives just a short zodiac ride away.

Day 3 – Sha'ab Mahmoud & Small Crack

The itinerary continues towards Sha'ab Mahmoud, where Small Crack offers an enjoyable combination of reef, fish life, and a dynamic but controlled drift dive. This day offers a gentle progression from sheltered training sites to more varied Red Sea environments, with dives selected based on weather, sea conditions, and group experience.

Day 4 – SS Thistlegorm or The Dunraven

Attention turns to wrecks with a choice of the legendary SS Thistlegorm, one of the most famous wreck dives in the world. Multiple dives may allow newly qualified divers to explore the wreck's decks, cargo holds, military vehicles, motorcycles, and rich marine life, while continuing to build confidence, awareness, and experience on a world-class wreck. The Dunraven, a stunning wreck sat alongside a vibrant reef, offers a gentler but equally interesting dive. The site will be chosen with safety in mind, based on the abilities of the divers, sea and weather conditions.

Day 5 – Ras Mohamed National Park and Tiran

The program returns to Ras Mohamed National Park for further experience building and recreational diving. As certified divers, Jackfish Alley and the world-famous Shark & Yolanda Reef are top picks. During lunch, travel along the coast to Tiran, where four incredible reefs await.

Day 6 – SS Tiran

The final day takes in some spectacular reefs, providing a memorable finish to the week before returning to port, with time to rinse equipment, log dives, and reflect on a rewarding week of training and exploration. The final evening is spent onboard or at a hotel.

Training And Skill Development Sites

- Ras Katy
- Ras Gamilla
- Gordon Reef
- Jackson Reef
- Laguna Reef
- Marsa Ghozlani
- Marsa Bareaka
- Jackfish Alley
- Shark & Yolanda Reef
- Small Crack
- SS Thistlegorm or The Dunraven
- Alternatives

Diver Notes

This itinerary is specifically designed to support diver progression and club training programmes. The final route and daily schedule may be adjusted according to weather conditions, sea state, certification objectives and the requirements of instructors and students onboard. Additional instructors and course fees may apply where formal training programmes are being conducted.