



Suez Wrecks with Peter Collings

Whirlwind

A special-interest liveaboard combining historic shipwreck exploration with fascinating maritime history. This unique itinerary focuses on the lesser-dived wrecks of the Gulf of Suez, offering experienced divers the opportunity to visit sites that are rarely included on standard Red Sea safaris. Guided by renowned wreck historian and explorer Peter Collings, the trip combines exceptional diving with detailed historical briefings and storytelling.

Unlike the better-known Northern Red Sea wreck routes, this expedition explores a collection of historic merchant vessels, tankers and support ships spread throughout the Gulf of Suez. The itinerary is determined by weather conditions, sea state and the experience of the group, ensuring maximum flexibility and the best possible diving opportunities throughout the week.

Suitable For

- Experienced wreck divers
- Underwater photographers
- Divers interested in maritime history
- Divers seeking unusual and less frequently visited wreck sites

Highlights

- Escorted wreck diving throughout the week
- Historical briefings and maritime research insights
- Excellent underwater photography opportunities
- Evening image review sessions and discussions
- Rarely visited Gulf of Suez wrecks
- Flexible expedition-style itinerary

Typical Programme

- 6 nights onboard
- 6 days diving
- Up to 3-4 dives daily
- Route determined by weather and sea conditions
- Final night to be spent onboard or in hotel accommodation

Included

- Full-board accommodation
- Tanks, weights and air fills

- Professional dive guides as per local law and regulations
- Soft drinks, tea and coffee

Expedition Itinerary

This expedition operates on an exploratory format, with the final route being selected at the start of the week based on weather conditions, sea state, harbour regulations and the experience levels of the group. The following wrecks may be included during the safari.

SS Turkia - Zafarana

One of the Gulf of Suez's most interesting wrecks, the SS Turkia typically forms a major focus of the expedition, with up to three dives available on the site. Resting at approximately 25 metres, the wreck provides excellent opportunities for both exploration and photography.

El Domiat - Ras Gharib

The impressive El Domiat lies in deeper water at around 50 metres and offers a challenging dive for suitably experienced divers. Up to two dives may be conducted on the wreck depending on conditions and diver experience.

SS Scalaria - Ras Gharib

The well-known tanker wreck of SS Scalaria lies in approximately 15 metres of water and offers easy exploration combined with abundant marine life.

Qtmos - Ras Gharib

An intriguing and less frequently visited wreck, Qtmos provides a fascinating glimpse into the maritime history of the Gulf of Suez while supporting a thriving artificial reef environment.

Birchwood & Mooring Barge - Ras Shukier

These shallower wrecks offer excellent opportunities for photography, marine life observation and extended exploration. The structures have become home to a wide variety of reef species over the years.

MV Christobal & Smitt Lyyod - Tor Banks

The MV Christobal and Smitt Lyyod provide some of the expedition's most rewarding dives. Up to two dives may be conducted on the Christobal, allowing divers to fully appreciate the size and structure of the wreck. Both sites are excellent subjects for wide-angle photography.

Zietieh - Ras Ganim

A relaxed and enjoyable wreck dive, Zietieh combines historical interest with healthy marine growth and excellent visibility.

Carina / Marco Brunner - Sha'ab Nab

These historic wrecks offer varied structures, interesting penetration opportunities and thriving marine ecosystems, making them fitting highlights of the expedition.

Potential Wreck Sites

- SS Turkia (up to 3 dives) - Zafarana - 25m
- El Domiat (up to 2 dives) - Ras Gharib - 50m
- SS Scalaria - Ras Gharib - 15m
- Qtmos - Ras Gharib - 15m
- Birchwood - Ras Shukier - 15m
- Mooring Barge - Ras Shukier - 15m
- MV Christobal (up to 2 dives) - Tor Banks - 27m
- Smitt Lyyod - Tor Banks - 27m
- Zietieh - Ras Ganim - 15m
- Carina / Marco Brunner - Sha'ab Nab - 20m

Diver Notes

This itinerary is aimed at experienced divers interested in wreck exploration and maritime history. The expedition format allows maximum flexibility, with each week's route carefully tailored to prevailing conditions. As a result, no two trips are ever quite the same, creating a unique and rewarding liveaboard experience focused on some of the Red Sea's most fascinating and least-dived wrecks. All expert-led by renowned wreck historian and explorer Peter Collings.