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# Red Sea

## Top 10 North & South



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The Red Sea is definitely one of the top destinations for divers all over the world because of its amazing biodiversity, crystal-clear waters, pleasant weather, and a wide variety of diving spots.

Located between Africa and Asia, the lack of rainfall in the area and rivers flowing into it allow for visibility in the waters to often exceed 50 meters.

In August 2024, we've got two really cool diving routes for you, lasting 9 and 10 days, exploring the best spots in Egypt..

Organized, directed, and guided firsthand by David Fernández and Mahmoud Ghamaa, both instructors with 20 years of experience working in Egypt in the diving industry and the last 8 years in Maldives as well, we aim to provide you with the opportunity to fall in love with this destination that captivates us. It is a unique opportunity where the emphasis is on the quality and safety of diving in a relaxed and professional atmosphere.

Are you in search of a unique diving trip that visits the best diving spots in the northern or southern region of the Egyptian Red Sea? One that combines Ras Mohamed, Tirán, the Thistlegorm, Hurghada, Abu Nahas, Rosalie Moller, Salem Express, Brothers, and Elphinstone? Or perhaps you prefer one that combines Brothers, Daedalus, St Johns, Sataya, and Elphinstone? Would you like to learn more? Continue reading!



Morena gigante en Gota Abu Ramada



## "Top 10 North Route"

For 10 days and 11 nights, we'll be sailing and diving at various spots along the Egyptian coast of Hurghada, the Gubal Strait, the southern Sinai Peninsula, Safaga, Elphinstone, and the Brother Islands.



juvenile lionfish

This route is awesome because of the variety of dives it offers, from shallow reefs to spectacular walls and large shipwrecks... You'll be amazed by the Red Sea reefs, with their colorful corals and incredible visibility.

A typical day of diving on board starts with waking up at 6 in the morning, grabbing a quick breakfast while listening to the diving briefing, and then heading into the water for the first dive. After the dive, our crew will have the main breakfast ready for us. Then, we'll sail to the next dive spot where we'll dive before lunch. Once we finish lunch, we'll sail again to the third dive spot for another dive, and then have a snack while we wait for the night dive. Now it's time for dinner, sleep, and repeat!



barracuda group at Careless Reef

In order to fully enjoy all the dives that this route offers, it is necessary to have an advanced diver level and at least 50 registered dives, as well as the use of Nitrox.

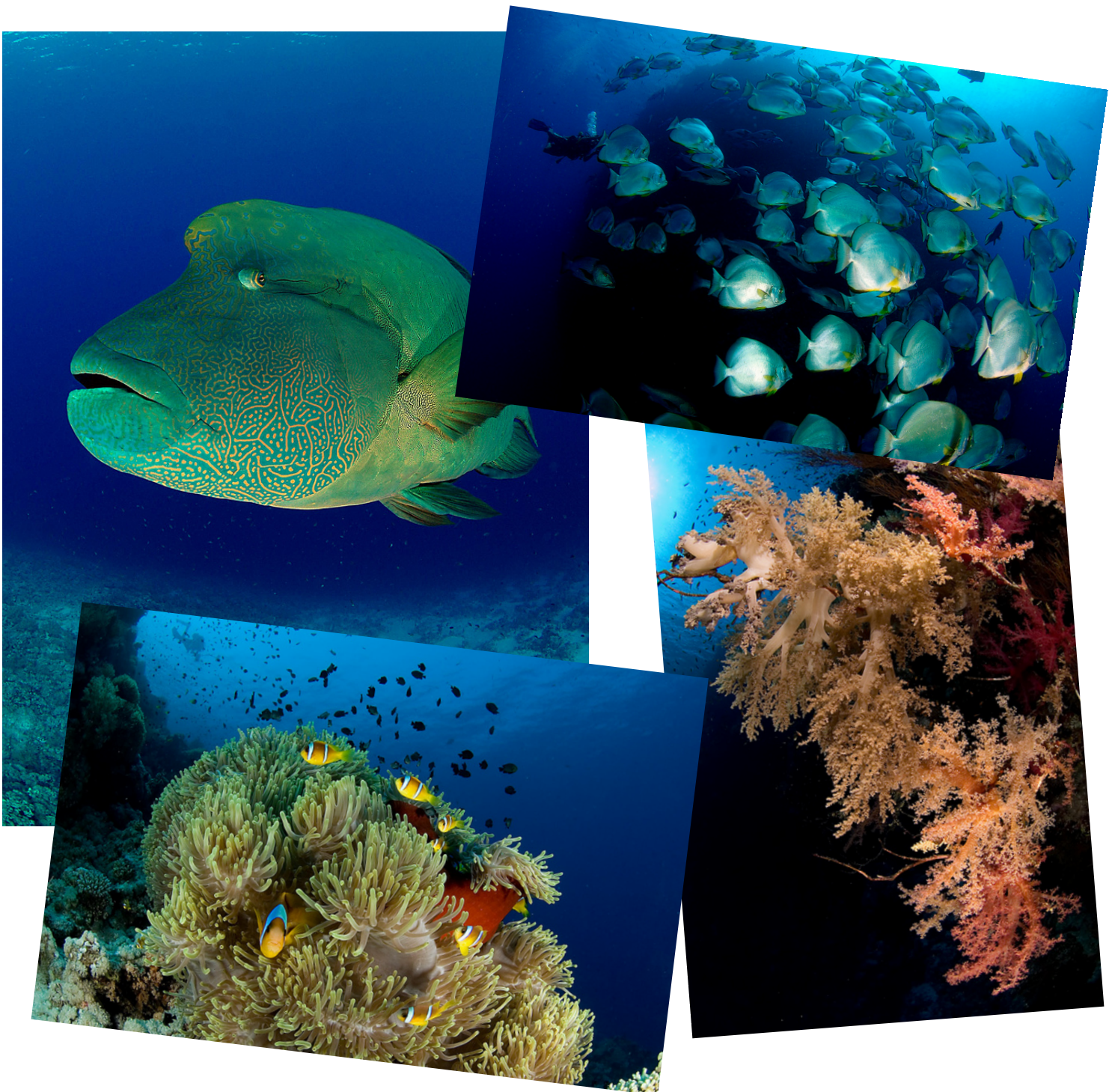
If you are not yet certified as an advanced diver or Nitrox diver, you can take advantage of the opportunity and do it during the trip.

Below is a description of some of the dives you can enjoy on this trip.

## Anemone City, Shark & Jolanda Reef

The southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula is one of the most famous dives in the Egyptian Red Sea and possibly one of the most spectacular.

First, we will visit a huge colony of anemones that hosts a multitude of clownfish and damselfish, and then we will venture into the blue towards Shark Reef, an impressive wall lined with all kinds of corals that disappears into the depths and descends to over 700 meters. The dive will end at the remains of the Jolanda wreck, which rests at a depth of 175 meters and left some containers on the top of the reef that carried toilets, bathtubs, and even a car.

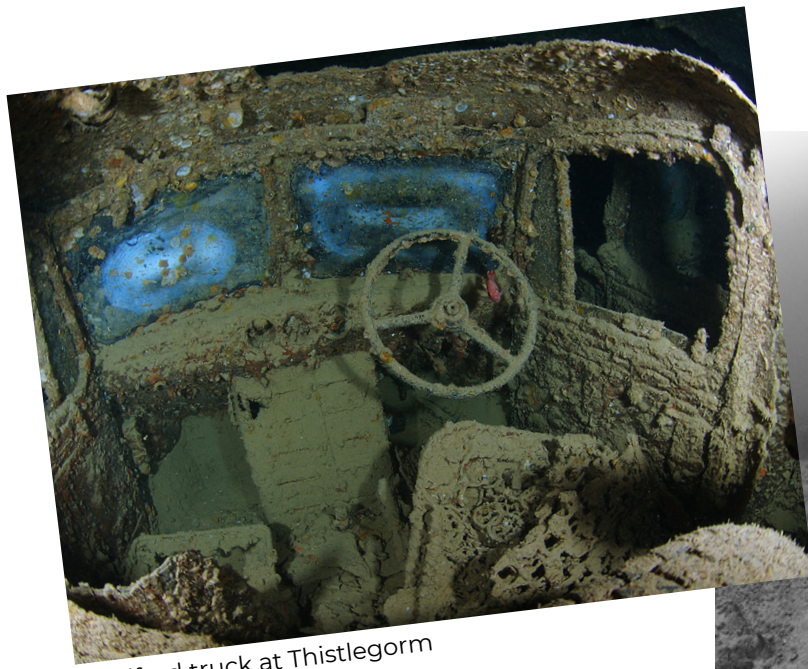


## SS Thistlegorm

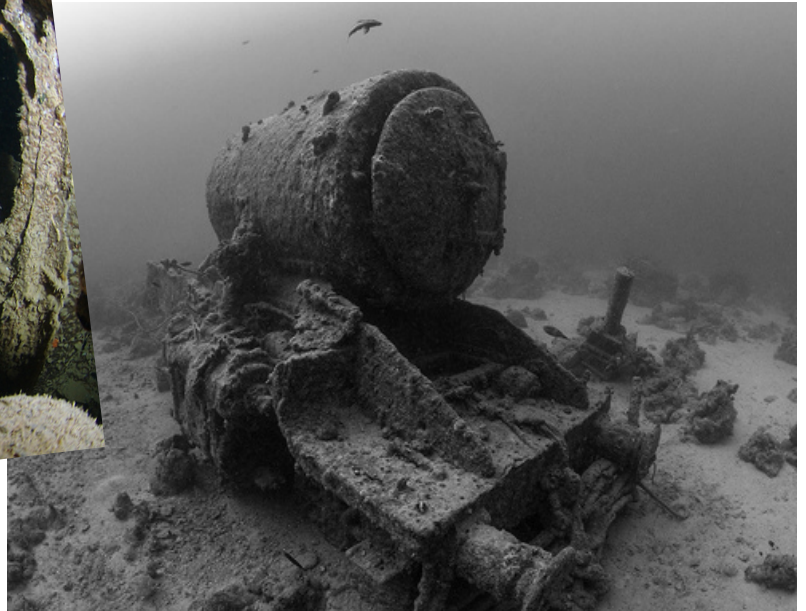
The most famous wreck in the Red Sea. It sank in 1941 and was discovered by Jacques Cousteau in 1956, allowing us to dive into the history of World War II while exploring its holds filled with motorcycles, trucks, and military materials and supplies



motorcycle at Thistlegorm



Bedford truck at Thistlegorm



Locomotive at Thistlegorm

## Gubal Island

We will be doing several dives around Gubal Island, and Bluff Point is one of the most colorful and easy dives. We'll also do a night dive at The Barge, which is an amazing spot for macro life.

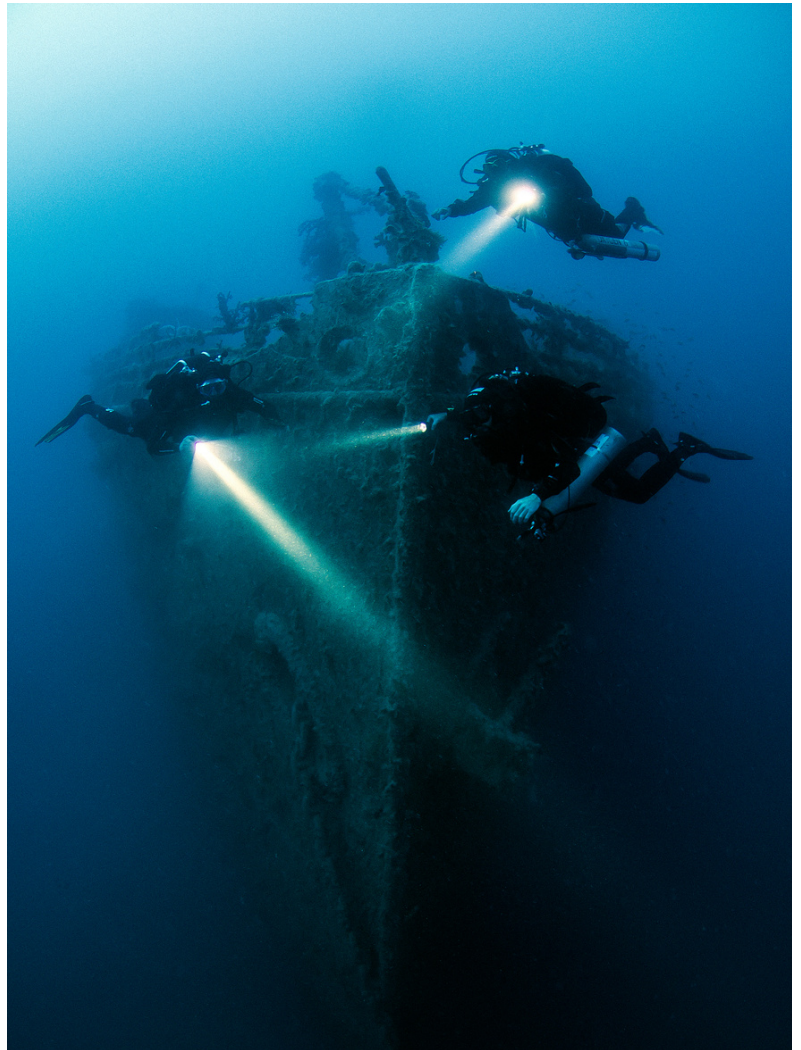
On Gubal Island, we can also find other dives like the Ulysses, a shipwreck from 1887, where we often get the chance to dive with dolphins. And on the west side of the island, there's the massive shipwreck from World War II, Rosalie Moller.

## Rosalie Möller

This is a 105-meter long British shipwreck from World War II that is almost intact and completely covered in marine life, and it's still quite unknown to divers. It rests at a depth of 48 meters, with the main deck between 30 and 34 meters.

The entire superstructure has become home to thousands of glass fish, hundreds of incredibly large lionfish, and many groupers. It's an unforgettable dive and a favorite among wreck enthusiasts.

Please note that access to the Rosalie Moller is not guaranteed if the weather conditions are not suitable.



Rosalie Moller

## Salem Express

It has been one of the greatest maritime catastrophes in history. In 1991, the Salem Express was predominantly carrying pilgrims returning from Mecca when it tragically collided with the reefs off Safaga.

Nowadays, it has become an impressive divesite due to the good condition of the wreck and the visibility conditions of the area.



Salem Express stern view



view from the surface

## Tiran Strait

The Strait of Tiran separates the Sinai Peninsula from the Saudi island of Tiran. This narrowing marks the beginning of the Gulf of Aqaba and is obstructed by four reefs that are affected by the tidal currents of the gulf.

In this area, one can find some of the most spectacular soft coral gardens in the world, with impressive walls, Gorgonian forests, and a wide variety of marine life, including reef species and pelagic species.



Tiran Island



## Brother Islands

These two small islands emerge from the depths of the Red Sea, approximately 55 miles off the coast of Qseir. On the larger island, there is a lighthouse dating back to 1883.

In addition to its reputation as a remote location, it is one of the finest spots in Egypt for observing large pelagic species.

With a bit of luck, we may be able to observe large tunas, reef whitetip sharks, grey sharks and perhaps even the elusive hammerheads and the thresher shark. However, the Brothers are not only pelagic, as simply diving along their impressive walls covered with huge soft corals and visiting the remains of the "Numidia" wreck are already worth the visit.



Isla Big Brother

## Elphinstone Reef

This spectacular reef runs parallel to the coast of Marsa Alam and serves as an observation point for many pelagic species. Hammerhead sharks, oceanic whitetip sharks, and oceanic manta rays often make sporadic appearances in this impressive location. The vertical walls of the reef are completely covered in various types of corals and schools of fish. The currents in Elphinstone can be strong, especially at the northern tip.





## Programa del viaje

Day 3 August - Pick-up at Hurghada airport and transfer to the boat during the Saturday afternoon/evening. Dinner on board. Welcome briefing and boat safety. Cabin allocation.

Days 4 to 13 - 10 days dedicated to diving. Up to 33 dives, including at least five night dives. On the last day of the cruise, at least two dives are scheduled in the morning.

Day 14 - Breakfast and transfer to the hotel before 12:00 pm. Afternoon free.

Day 15 August - Transfer to Hurghada airport.



### INCLUDES:

- Liveaboard trip on the "Top 10 North" route aboard the MV Dolce Vita, with full board meals plan in a shared double cabin.
- Up to 33 dives.
- Complimentary water, tea, coffee. and soft drinks.
- Airport assistance in Hurghada. A
- All transfers.
- Entry visa to Egypt.
- All taxes.
- Nitrox (for certified divers).
- One night stay at a hotel in Hurghada.
- Basic travel insurance.
- Dive guide, S80 tank, weights and weight belt.

### DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Rental of equipment or diving courses.
- Supplement for superior cabin\*.
- Supplement for single cabin.
- Diving insurance (mandatory).
- Anything not indicated in the "includes" section.

FROM

2.190 €

13 Days / 12 Nights  
TOP 10 NORTH ROUTE  
33 DIVES

\*Superior cabin supplement 100 € / pax

*The price of the combined trip has been calculated based on exchange rates, fuel costs, government taxes, and applicable taxes at any given time. A substantial variation in the price of these elements may result in a revision of the final price of the trip.*

## "Top 10 South" Route

For 9 days and 10 nights, we'll be sailing and diving at various spots along the Egyptian coast of Marsa Alam, the Brothers Islands, Daedalus reef, and getting close to the Sudanese border at the St Johns reefs.

This route stands out for its impressive soft and hard coral reefs, limestone reef caves, walls that sink into the blue, the opportunity to encounter large pelagic species, the chance to encounter large groups of dolphins, and the remoteness of the route.

In order to fully enjoy all the dives offered on this route with complete safety, it is necessary to have an advanced level of diving certification and a minimum of 50 registered dives, as well as the use of Nitrox.

If you are not yet certified as an advanced diver or Nitrox diver, you can take advantage of the opportunity to do so during the trip.



Abu Galawa's Hard Coral Gardens

Below, we present a description of some of the dives you will be able to experience on this journey.

## Elphinstone Reef

This magnificent reef runs parallel to the coast of Marsa Alam and serves as a prime observation point for numerous pelagic species. Hammerhead sharks, oceanic whitetip sharks, and oceanic manta rays are known to make sporadic appearances at this impressive location. The vertical walls of the reef are completely covered with various types of coral and schools of fish.



Oceanic whitetip shark

## Brother Islands

They are two small islands that rise from the depths of the Red Sea, approximately 55 miles off the coast of Qseir. The larger island is home to a lighthouse built in 1883. In addition to their reputation as a challenging destination, the Brother Islands are considered one of the best locations in Egypt for observing large pelagic species, including the oceanic whitetip shark and the thresher shark.



With a bit of luck, we will be able to observe large tunas, reef whitetip sharks, grey sharks, and even the elusive hammerheads and thresher sharks. However, the Brothers are not only pelagic, simply diving along their impressive walls covered in enormous soft corals and being able to visit the remains of the wreck "Numidia" are already worth the visit.

## Daedalus Reef



Daedalus Reef

This isolated reef emerges timidly above the surface of the Red Sea and is possibly the best spot in Egypt for encountering groups of hammerhead sharks (*Sphyrna lewini*). Its impressive walls are covered with soft corals and large gorgonians. It is also an area for sighting oceanic whitetip sharks or longimanus.



## Umm Arouk

This is a spectacular dive in the St. Johns reefs, near the border with Sudan, which is formed by a forest of coral pinnacles covered with countless anemones, schools of groupers, butterflies and other reef fauna. It is a shallow dive that will delight photographers.

## Habili Ali y Habili Jaafar

A Habili is a reef that sits a couple of meters below the surface, posing a serious danger for navigation but resulting in a huge colony of life as its upper part is constantly swept by the currents.

Habili Ali and Habili Jaafar are completely covered in large corals and gorgonians and are frequently visited by large pelagic species. The exceptional visibility in the area makes them two of the most sought-after dives by divers when the wind conditions allow anchoring at these two points in St. Johns.



Umm Arouk

## Sataya

This massive crescent-shaped reef not only offers a spectacular night dive but also the opportunity to observe remains of a shipwreck with ancient 1st-century amphorae. Additionally, you can go snorkeling with large groups of long-beaked dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*).



Ánforas del siglo I en Sataya



Delfines en Sataya

## Umm Hararim

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Umm Hararim



Pez napoleón

# Itinerary

**14 August** Pick-up at Hurghada airport and transfer to the boat in Port Ghaleb during the afternoon-evening (4 hrs). Dinner on board. Welcome briefing and boat safety. Cabin allocation.

**15 to 23 August-** 9 days dedicated to diving. Up to 30 dives, including at least four night dives. On the last day of the cruise, there are at least two dives scheduled in the morning.

**24 August** - Breakfast and transfer to the hotel in Hurghada (4 hrs) before 12:00 pm.

**25 August** - Transfer to Hurghada airport.



## INCLUDES:

- Liveaboard trip on the "Top 10 South" route aboard the MV Dolce Vita, with full board meals plan in a shared double cabin.
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- Complimentary water, tea, coffee. and soft drinks.
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- All transfers.
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- Nitrox (for certified divers).
- One night stay at a hotel in Hurghada.
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- Alcoholic beverages.
- Rental of equipment or diving courses.
- Supplement for superior cabin\*.
- Supplement for single cabin.
- Diving insurance (mandatory).
- Anything not indicated in the "includes" section.

\*Superior cabin supplement 100 € / pax

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FROM

**2.190 €**

12 Days / 11 Nights  
TOP 10 SOUTH ROUTE  
30 DIVES

## MV “Dolce Vita”



The MV Dolce Vita is a 40-meter long and 8-meter wide liveaboard vessel, designed to accommodate up to 24 divers and 4 dive guides across all areas of the Egyptian Red Sea. It underwent a complete renovation in 2020.

The vessel features 4 cabins on the upper deck with sea views and 8 cabins on the lower deck, all equipped with en-suite bathrooms and air conditioning.

On the main deck, we have the spacious diving deck and platform where two 7-meter Zodiacs with 85 horsepower engines and ladders to assist divers in exiting the water are located. Moving inside, we find the large lounge-dining area and stairs leading down to the lower deck. Here, we have two cabins with double beds and six cabins with twin beds.

On the upper deck, we have the seating area with sofas and poufs, an outdoor briefing screen, a small bar, and four cabins, two with double beds and two with twin beds. All of them offer a sea view.

One level up, we have the top deck with comfortable sofas, hammocks, a bar, and even a Jacuzzi.







## Payment Schedule

Payments will be made via bank transfer to the following account:

Bank: **BBVA**

Beneficiary Name: **DEEP TRIP SL**

Bank Address: Luis Doreste Silva 77, 35004, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Las Palmas, Spain

IBAN: **ES69 0182 4958 1702 0167 1616**

SWIFT/BIC: **BBVAESMMXXX**

- A deposit of 30% of the total amount will be required at the time of booking.
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- 40% of the total amount must be paid 4 months before the travel date.
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- The remaining 30% must be paid at least 60 days before the travel date.

The deposit payment of 30% of the total amount for the reservation is **NON-REFUNDABLE** in case of cancellation by the client. If a cancellation insurance has been contracted, the Insurance Company will be responsible for examining and processing the cancellation.

## Cancellation Policy

\* From 12 to 6 months before the departure date: 30% of the total price + penalty amount established by the airline for the issued flight ticket.

\* From 6 to 2 months before the departure date: 60% of the total price + penalty amount established by the airline for the issued flight ticket.

\* Less than 60 days before the departure date: cancellation will result in a 100% of the total price of the trip.

## Insurance




Your trip includes a Multiasistencia PLUS assistance and accident insurance from Intermundial, (does not include diving insurance). If you prefer, we can opt for an insurance with extended coverage and cancellation. Ask us for more information! If you need to purchase diving insurance, we can help you do it through DAN, either for the trip only or for an annual insurance.

# DEPARTURES

START	END	LENGHT	ROUTE	PORTS	PRICE FROM
20 JULY	28 JULY	9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS	WRECKS & REEFS	Hurghada / Hurghada	1390 €
27 JULY	4 AUGUST	9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS	WRECKS & REEFS	Hurghada / Hurghada	1390 €
3 AUGUST	15 AUGUST	13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS	TOP 10 NORTH	Hurghada / Ghaleb	2190 €
14 AUGUST	25 AUGUST	12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS	TOP 10 SOUTH	Port Ghaleb / Port Ghaleb	2190 €
24 AUGUST	1 SEPTEMBER	9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS	BDE	Ghaleb / Hurghada	1490 €
31 AUGUST	8 SEPTEMBER	9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS	WRECKS & REEFS	Hurghada / Hurghada	1390 €
7 SEPTEMBER	15 SEPTEMBER	9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS	WRECKS & REEFS	Hurghada / Hurghada	1390 €
14 SEPTEMBER	22 SEPTEMBER	9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS	BDE	Hurghada / Ghaleb	1490 €
21 SEPTEMBER	29 SEPTEMBER	9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS	BDE	Ghaleb / Hurghada	1490 €
28 SEPTEMBER	6 OCTOBER	9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS	WRECKS & REEFS	Hurghada / Hurghada	1390 €
5 OCTOBER	13 OCTOBER	9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS	WRECKS & REEFS	Hurghada / Hurghada	1390 €

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