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Deep South & Elba Reef
Exploring the best Red Sea





Beyond the South...

We are entering a new route in the most unspoiled area of the Red Sea: Elba, north of the border with Sudan. Due to the lack of diving permits here until its opening in 2023, this region has remained a true hidden treasure.

Its isolation has allowed reefs and marine life to thrive in exceptional conditions.

Its remoteness from the main Egyptian ports makes it an almost inaccessible destination, reserved for those seeking an exclusive diving experience in virtually unexplored waters.

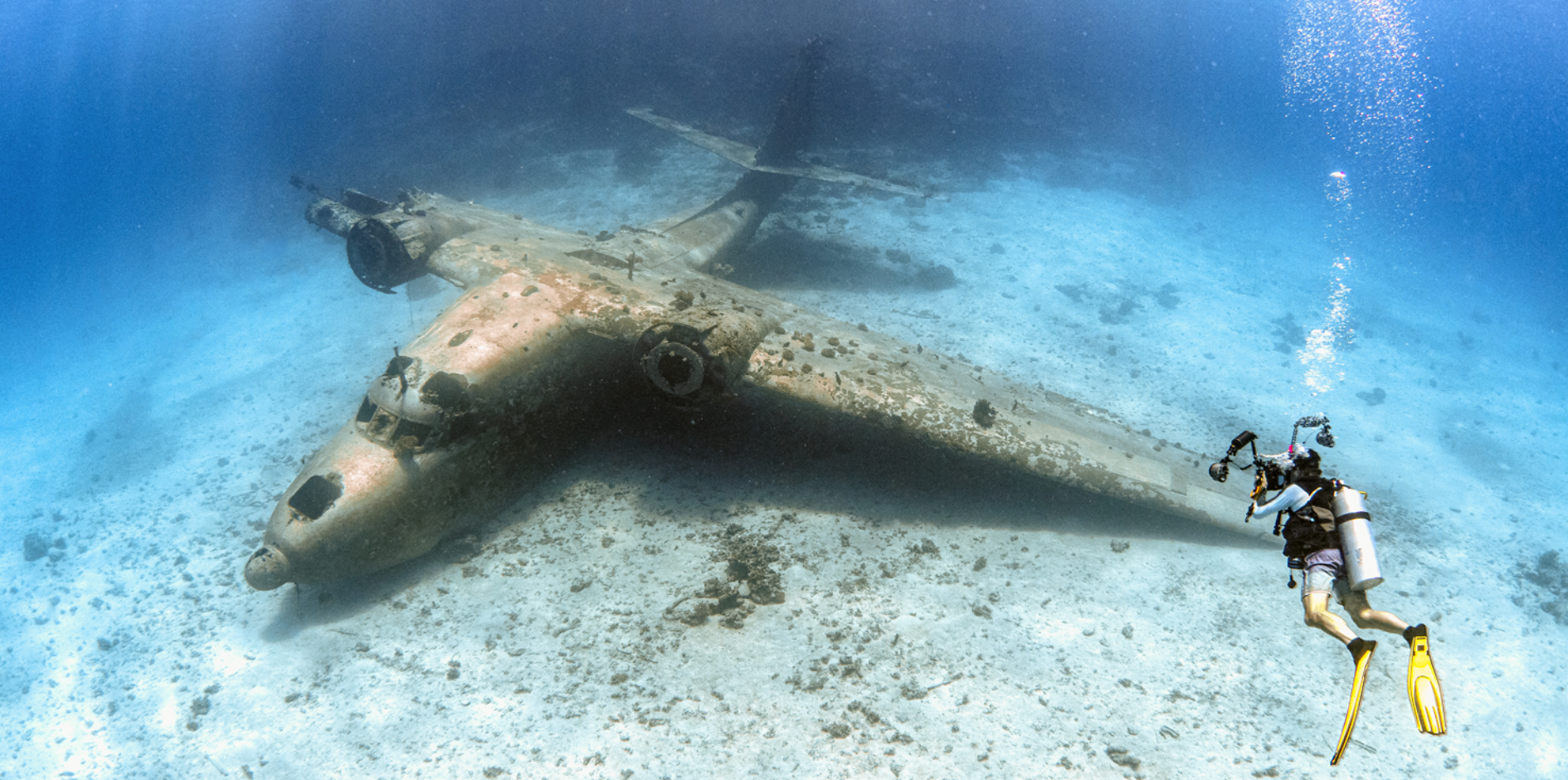
In this season, the water temperature is around 30°C, ideal for diving and discovering this underwater paradise!

For this expedition, we offer you a 11-night / 10-day diving cruise, with a total of up to 33 scheduled dives, where in addition to this area we will dive in some of the best spots in the Southern Red Sea such as St Johns and Fury Shoal.



A route designed to cover the best of the southern Egyptian Red Sea. In which, including the wonderful reefs of Fury Shoal and St. Johns and, as a final touch, on the border with Sudan, the unexplored and virgin reefs of Elba.





Red Sea - Elba Reef Expedition



Get ready for an unforgettable underwater adventure in the heart of the Red Sea! Our expedition will begin with a visit to the reefs of Fury Shoal, a world where excitement and beauty intertwine with every dive.

This isolated reef complex majestically emerges from the depths, its "Drops" a magnet for diving enthusiasts seeking epic encounters. Here, the ocean currents attract the giants of the ocean: hammerhead sharks, elegant schools of barracudas, and large groups of carangids.


Immerse yourself in crystal-clear waters and be amazed by the hypnotic dance of the barracudas, which patrol the reef with their imposing presence. Feel the thrill of encountering hammerhead sharks approaching the walls in search of food.

But Fury Shoal is not just about pelagic life. Its vertical walls, covered in vibrant and colorful corals, create a spectacular underwater landscape. Explore caves and passageways, where you'll find clownfish, moray eels, and nudibranchs—a feast for the eyes of any diver.

Our expedition offers you the opportunity to live a unique experience, where adrenaline and wonder merge with every dive. Don't miss the chance to be part of this adventure in the Red Sea!

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A diver is swimming through a dark, cavernous underwater space. Sunlight rays stream down from several openings in the ceiling, creating a dramatic, ethereal atmosphere. The walls and ceiling are composed of dark, textured rock formations. The diver is positioned in the lower right, moving towards the center of the frame. The overall scene is mysterious and awe-inspiring.

The St. Johns and Fury Shoal reefs have the finest hard coral formations in the entire Red Sea. Over thousands of years, these formations have created corridors and rooms illuminated by the rays of sunlight that manage to filter through the ceiling. The sensation of diving through these coral labyrinths is magical and unforgettable.

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An underwater photograph showing a large, branching pink coral structure in the foreground. Sunlight rays stream down from an opening in the rock above, illuminating the scene. The background is dark blue with some smaller coral and sea fans visible.

The corridors connecting the different rooms within the reefs of Fury Shoal and St. Johns are lined with soft corals and sea fans

Life thrives everywhere, and the endless variety of colors and shapes lends an incomparable beauty to diving through these coral labyrinths.





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Sataya Reef

Feel the adrenaline rush as you dive into the depths of Sataya Reef, a paradise for divers seeking thrills. Here, the immense reef walls plunge into the abyss, creating an awe-inspiring underwater spectacle.

Descend along these vertical walls, where sunlight filters dimly, revealing a world of mystery and beauty. Gaze at the marine life clinging to the rocks, from delicate corals to vibrant colorful fish gliding through the crevices.

Feel the excitement as you venture into caves and tunnels, where darkness conceals fascinating secrets. Keep your eyes peeled, as you never know what marine creature will surprise you around the bend.

This reef offers a unique diving experience, where the sense of adventure blends with admiration for the majesty of the ocean. Each dive is a journey into an unknown world, a descent into the depths of excitement.





The Egyptian Red Sea is one of the best places in the world to swim with dolphins. During our expedition, we will visit Sataya Lagoon, Fury Shoal, where a large group of this friendly animals shelters.

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The coral formations on these reefs in the southern Red Sea are impressive.

Large pinnacles, spires that rise from the sand and almost reach the surface, create perfect ecosystems home to all kinds of species.

These are perfect spots for night dives or ending dives with a safety stop.



A journey to Abu Galawa Soraya offers the opportunity to explore the wreck of a sailboat. "Galawa" translates to a pool within the reef, while "Soraya" means small. The site of the shipwreck features a sandy beach that creates a stunning turquoise blue appearance from the surface, resembling a swimming pool, and is encircled by an extensive reef.

This location is home to a diverse array of hard corals in various shapes and colors, along with numerous small, vibrant reef fish. The wreck itself, a 17-meter long American sailboat that sank in the 1980s, is not the primary focus of the dive due to its dilapidated state. As a fiberglass vessel, the hull has not been overtaken by corals, but it is populated by a multitude of glassfish.



The wreck of the Tien Hsing lies against one of the walls of the Abu Galawa Kebir reef. Constructed in 1935 at the Ta Chung Hua shipyard in Shanghai, the Tien Hsing was originally intended to serve as a harbor tug. The circumstances that brought the vessel to the Red Sea remain unclear. While not definitively established, studies indicate that its journey likely occurred during World War II. It is, however, confirmed that the British armed forces took control of the Tien Hsing in 1941.

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Zabargad & Rocky islands

The Reefs of Elba

Embark on an extraordinary diving adventure in the Elba region, located on the Egyptian border with Sudan, where you will discover largely uncharted underwater reefs. This expedition presents a rare chance to dive in crystal-clear waters and experience the unspoiled beauty of an undiscovered marine ecosystem.

Until its opening in 2023, this area has been largely inaccessible due to the absence of diving permits, making it a genuine hidden gem. Its seclusion has allowed the reefs and marine life to flourish in remarkable conditions. The distance from major Egyptian ports renders it an exclusive destination, perfect for those in search of a unique diving experience in largely untouched waters. In this season, the water temperature reaches approximately 30°C, creating ideal conditions for exploring this underwater paradise.

Throughout our dives, we will navigate through pristine coral walls, enigmatic caves, and vibrant underwater gardens teeming with diverse marine life. Additionally, we will investigate the wreck of the Italian cargo ship *Isola di Levanzo*, which sank in 1923 and measures 111 meters in length.

Elba Reefs



Elba, the virgin reef:

One of the greatest satisfactions we've had exploring these reefs is the state of the ecosystem we found.

The absence of boats in the area and the remoteness of the area have helped keep the reefs intact. We're talking about reefs that are in better condition even than those in Sudan.

A clear example of this health is the existence of whip coral forests, something very difficult to see today, if not impossible.

Whip corals, due to their shape and calcium composition, break easily when they come into contact with foreign objects such as nets or divers.

Without a doubt, it's an opportunity to travel back in time and observe a reef in its purest form.





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SS Isola di Levanzo 1901-1923

This Italian vessel, measuring 113 meters in length, met its watery fate on March 14, 1923, and now rests between 22m and 75m, offering a hauntingly beautiful dive site. The wreck and its accessible stern section promise an extraordinary dive.





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The MY Admira is your perfect companion for unforgettable experiences on the Red Sea. This comfortable and well-equipped ship offers everything you need for a relaxing yet adventurous stay on the water.

The MY Admira is a true paradise for underwater enthusiasts. The spacious dive platform, state-of-the-art equipment, and our professional crew guarantee safe and exciting dives and snorkeling tours.

Travel comfortably in cabins. Each cabin is bright and modern, with an en-suite bathroom and individually controlled AC.

The interior space was designed to create a feeling of comfort. The indoor dining room is bright and airy with comfortable seating and leads to the salon with large sofas and armchairs for relaxing in the AC in-between dives. The al-fresco terrace is perfect for enjoying the sea breeze, unwinding at the end of the day, and discussing the cool marine life spotted during the dives.

Located at the back of the boat is a large dive deck with individual gear stations, rinse tanks, and ample space for kitting up for the dives

In addition to exciting activities on and under the water, the sun deck invites you to relax. Enjoy the gentle sea breeze, let the sun pamper you, and experience spectacular sunsets right from the deck.



M/Y Admira - Liveaboard



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Trip Schedule



May 26

Arrival in Hurghada in the early hours of May 26-27.
Transfer by road to the port of Hamata (approximately 4 hours).
Boarding the MY Admira boat

May 27-June 5

10 days of diving. With 3/4 dives per day.

June 6

Disembarkation at the port of Hamata and transfer to the Continental Hotel in Hurghada by road (approximately 4 hours).

June 7

Transfer to Hurghada airport for departure flight and end of services.

THE PRICE PER PERSON INCLUDES:

- Full-board diving cruise onboard the MY Admira in shared double cabin.
- Water, tea, coffee and soft drinks.
- All the transfers.
- All the taxes.
- S80 Tank and weights.
- Up to 33 dives (night dives unguided)
- NITROX (only for certified divers)
- 1 night in a 5* hotel in Hurghada. (Full Board).
- Basic travel assistance insurance.

THE PRICE PER PERSON DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International flights.
- Entry visa to Egypt (25 €)
- Diving equipment rental and diving courses.
- S100 tank (reservation required) €120.
- Alcoholic beverages or purchases on board.
- Diving insurance (mandatory).
- Cancellation insurance (€75).
- Gratuities (recommended €130).
- Any concept not mentioned in "The price per person includes".

IT IS MANDATORY TO DIVE:

- **At least 100 logged dives**
- **Diving computer**
- **SMB with spool**
- **Diving torch**



PRICE PER PERSON:

Sea View Double Cabin:

2.550€

* The price of the package trip has been calculated according to the exchange rates, transport rates, fuel costs, taxes and fees applicable at any given time. Any substantial variation in the price of the aforementioned elements it may lead to a review of the final price of the trip.





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