



Ultimate Sudan

Explore the best of Sudan's Red Sea

The Deep South & North

The deep south of the Sudan offers some of the most magical dive sites with some spectacular reefs and marine life. Departing from Port Sudan, you will dive the reefs of that area and then head further south to the reefs of Sanganeb, Shaab Ambar and Dahrat Abid. After that you will head to the north to explore reefs such as Shaab Rumi and the famous Cousteau habitat, Precontinent II. Join us on this trip and explore the very best of the Sudanese Red Sea.

Mantas, sharks and Rosso Dolphins are just some of the marine life you may encounter on this route. Red Sea Explorers' experienced dive guides, including the sharkman Steven Surina, will guide you through the best parts of Sudan. If you love sharks, this is an itinerary that you don't want to miss out on.



Itinerary Highlights:

Umbria wreck

The Umbria was an Italian passenger-cargo vessel over 150m in length that sunk during WWII. Unlike most wrecks in the Red Sea, the Umbria was sunk on purpose while anchored at Wingate reef close to Port Sudan. Carrying countless war-like commodities including detonators, bombs and ammunition, the decision to sink her was made by the captain in order to avoid losing the precious cargo to the British.

What to expect? Almost entirely intact and ranging from about 5 meters to 35 meters, the Umbria is a rare and spectacular dive. Its shallowness leaves it with a lot of natural light and good visibility. Offering a variety of possible dive itineraries, the massive wreck is overgrown with vibrant soft and hard corals, while its fish life is splendidly plentiful.

Dahrat Abid

The southernmost reef in the Sudanese Red Sea, Dahrat Abid lies 220km south of Port Sudan, only 30km away from the Eritrean border. A 500m long island that is populated with birds, the reef is easily recognisable by the wreck that lies on its north end.

What to expect? Clear, blue water; dizzying drop-offs, as well as a bountiful marine life that includes white tip, silver tip and hammerhead sharks. The reef is also alive with black coral bushes and spectacular hard and soft corals.

Sanganeb

Known for its high levels of biodiversity, many of the species found in Sanganeb are unique to the park. There have been 251 species of coral fish recorded, but estimates of the actual number suggest they could be as many as 300, if not more.

What to expect? Sanganeb is home to a large number of pelagic fish, including the wrasse species of tuna, barracuda, sailfish, manta rays, and sharks, specifically hammerheads. There have also been numerous sightings of hawksbill turtles on the Sanganeb.

Shaab Rumi

A remarkable dive site with more than one location to see, it is in the outer reef of Shaab Rumi where a unique piece of dive history lays. Built by Jacques Cousteau in 1963, the Precontinent II was an underwater experiment that aimed to research whether a group of scuba divers could survive several weeks living in an underwater village, and it still stands to today.

What to expect? Apart from Cousteau's habitat, Shaab Rumi's southernmost end is its most exciting dive site. A plateau that stretches towards the open sea, its three sides are surrounded by steep walls plunging into the deep. Expect to also see barracuda, tuna, batfish, and reef, grey and hammerhead sharks.

Schedule for the Route

****PLEASE NOTE**** The itinerary below is an example of the planned route and dive sites cannot be guaranteed. All dive sites are subject to weather conditions and the final route taken is at the absolute discretion of the captain and dive guides. Adverse weather can affect this route which includes several overnight sailings. This itinerary departs and returns from Port Sudan. ****Please note that ports are subject to change.**

Day 1 - Visit Wingate Reef for a check dive at the famous wreck Umbria, spend the day in the area before the overnight sail to Dahrat Abid.

Day 2-4 Depending on our luck we will spend two days exploring Dahrat Abid and the surrounding area before heading north to Shaab Ambar.

Days 5-6 Spend two days exploring the area around Shaab Ambar.

Days 7 Explore the reefs located midway between the south and north.

Day 8-9 Explore the area of Shaab Rumi and the famous Cousteau Habitat, before heading back south.

Day 10 - Two dives at Sanganeb before heading back to port.



Price includes:

- Dive guides
- 11 nights full-board
- accommodation
- Non-alcoholic beverages
- 3-4 dives per day (2-3 last day)
- Tanks, weights
- Local transfers

Price does not include:

- Flights
- Rental Equipment
- Alcoholic beverages
- Visa
- Nitrox
- Crew Gratuities



Liveaboard Vessels

The Red Sea Explorers fleet includes MV Nouran and MV Tala, two of the finest liveaboards in their class. Specially designed to meet the needs and comforts of divers and sea-goers alike, their spacious air-conditioned lounges and outdoor relaxation areas offer plenty of space to relax as you cruise the Red Sea in style.

MV Tala is a 37m steel hulled vessel that caters for 22 guests with spacious cabins and en suite bathrooms. The MV Tala is notably seaworthy, capable of reaching speeds of 12-14 knots and maintaining her steadiness. Decked with a full array of diving equipment such as underwater scooters, video gear and an unlimited selection of tanks, MV Tala is particularly revered for the tech diving supper she provides.