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LIVEABOARDS

Best of the Red Sea

7 nights - Egypt itinerary

- **Embarkation:** Port Ghalib Marina at 18:00
- **Disembarkation:** Port Ghalib Marina between 09:00 - 10:00

Transfers from and to Marsa Alam Airport (RMF) and Hurghada Airport (HRG) on embarkation and disembarkation days are included in the cruise price.

Transfers to hotels and resorts outside of the local area can be arranged for an additional charge.

Marine & Port Fees:

Governmental Reef Tax is 80 USD per person. These fees will be added to your invoice to be paid in advance.

Minimum dive certification and experience:

Due to the exposed nature and possible strong currents, some elements of this itinerary are not suitable for inexperienced divers.

Divers wishing to join this itinerary are required to be certified as minimum PADI **Open Water certification**, or equivalent, and are required to have a **minimum of 30 logged dives**.

Guests who do not fulfil the minimum certification and experience recommendations, or who the crew feel have insufficient experience in certain conditions, may be denied participation in some or all dives.

It is a mandatory requirement for all divers to have insurance which covers scuba diving activities, including emergency evacuation and recompression chamber costs.

Participation in this liveboard itinerary is subject to acceptance of our Terms & Conditions as outlined here: <https://masterliveaboards.com/terms-conditions/>

Itinerary details

Number of scheduled dives: Up to 16

Whilst we attempt to ensure the number of dives indicated above is fulfilled, this is only indicative, and not guaranteed. A number of factors can hinder the vessel's ability to reach, or remain at a specific area and may therefore affect the number of dives possible.

Safety and dive briefings are conducted in English. If you, or any of your group do not speak or understand English, please contact us.

The following is an example of the day-to-day itinerary.

Day 1: Embarkation at 18:00 followed by dinner and briefings.

Day 2: Visit a dive site local to Port Ghalib for a check dive before heading south for your afternoon dive on the way to the marine parks.

Day 3-4: We normally plan to spend two days at Rocky and Zabargad Islands.

Day 5: After two days in the marine parks, enjoy a relaxed day of four easy dives at Fury Shoal.

Day 6: day at the famous Daedalus reef hoping to encounter some hammerhead sharks.

A typical diving day is scheduled as follows:

- Briefing & Dive 1
- Breakfast, relaxation period, briefing & Dive 2
- Lunch, relaxation period, briefing & Dive 3
- Snack, relaxation period, briefing & Dive 4 (no night dives in Daedalus Marine Park)
- Dinner

Day 7: After an early morning dive at Elphinstone, enjoy a relaxed dive local to Port Ghalib allowing you to cruise into harbour in the early afternoon. Take advantage of an evening onshore to purchase souvenirs and enjoy Egypt's famous hospitality before your journey home the next day.

Day 8: Following breakfast on board, disembarkation is scheduled for between 09:00 and 10:00.

**We kindly request that guests check their flight departure times to ensure that they leave a minimum of 24 hours between their final dive and their flight home.*

While we wish to show you the very best diving possible, a number of factors determine which route the yacht takes and which dive sites we are able to visit. Weather, tides, currents and how many other dive vessels are at a particular site, influence the Cruise Director's and Captain's decision of which route the boat takes and which sites are selected for diving.

The safety of all on board is paramount and we always do our best in offering diving at alternate locations should we be unable to visit those sites listed below.

Following is a sample of dive sites which we may visit during your time aboard.

Guests are welcome to suggest preferred dive sites to the Cruise Director. He/she will be happy to accommodate guests' wishes, providing it is possible and the schedule allows for it.

Rocky Island

Rocky Island hosts a fringing reef that circles the entire perimeter of the island, dropping steeply to astonishing depths. Keep your eyes on the blue for life but take care as there can be strong currents.

Zabargad Island

The island of Zabargad is an amazing dive spot. It is characterised by an enormous mountain reaching out of the water, surrounded by a lagoon and circling reef. There are a couple of wrecks, such as The Khanka (better known as: the Russian wreck; a Russian spy ship) and a great variety of corals and reef fish.

Fury Shoal

This large cluster of reefs offers spectacular and easy dives. From the northern side of Small Abu Galawa to its southernmost site of Sataya, Fury Shoal can prove to be surprising and diverse. Each dive site has its particularity; from dolphins to stunning hard coral formations. There are two nice little wrecks: 'Tug Boat' and 'Yacht' as well.

Daedalus Reef

This huge tear-drop shaped reef rises from the sea bed in the middle of the Red Sea, 80km offshore and more than 300km south of Hurghada. Easily recognised by its zebra-striped lighthouse, this reef offers some of the most amazing dives in the Red Sea. The sheer walls are covered in overgrown hard coral formations and a variety of reef fish. Napoleon wrasses and turtles are often cruising by, but make sure you keep your eyes open on the blue! Daedalus is one of those places where anything can happen...

Oceanic white tip, grey reef and thresher sharks are often spotted here, but Daedalus is most famous for the scalloped hammerhead sharks, which can often be seen in large schools out in the blue during the summer months. The sheer size of this reef means that you can do several dives here and never get bored!

Elphinstone Reef

A Red Sea legend; a finger shaped reef, with north and south plateaus covered in hard and soft corals, unpredictable and exciting this truly is an awesome reef where hammerhead sharks are regularly spotted in the summer and oceanic whitetip sharks often congregate in large numbers during late autumn.

Should you have any questions or queries concerning the dive sites or whether this itinerary is suitable for your experience level, please contact our reservations team dive@masterliveaboards.com who will be pleased to assist and advise you.