

Best of Wrecks & Brothers

7 nights - Red Sea itinerary

- **Embarkation:** Marriott Resort Marina, Hurghada at 18:00
- **Disembarkation:** Marriott Resort Marina, Hurghada between 09:00 - 10:00

Transfers from and to 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 have PADI **Open Water Diver certification**, or equivalent, with 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 liveaboard 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 20

Whilst we attempt to ensure the number of dives indicated above is fulfilled, this is only indicative, and not guaranteed. Several 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: Start the week with a check dive before heading north for an afternoon wreck dive at Abu Nuhas followed by a night dive.

Day 3-4: The next two days are spent cruising the wrecks of the northern Red Sea. Normally you will have the opportunity to make three day dives and a night dive each day. The exact itinerary and order of dive sites will vary depending on the conditions, but you can expect to visit plenty of wrecks including the world-famous Thistlegorm, Ghiannis D, Carnatic, Rosalie Moller and potentially even more.

Day 5: Visit the Salem Express and Al Kafain, two large ferry wrecks close to Sha'ab Sheer in Safaga.

Day 6: A day at the Big Brother Island where the wrecks of Aida and Numidia are located.

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 Brothers Marine Park)
- Dinner

Day 7: Enjoy two final morning* wreck dives at El Minya (a minesweeper) and Mohamed Hassabella (a fishing trawler) close to the port of Hurghada allowing us to cruise into the 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 18 hours (ideally 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.

Abu Nuhas

Also known as the 'Ship's Graveyard', this reef is positioned dangerously close to the busy shipping lanes of the Gulf of Suez. Abu Nuhas has claimed more ships than any other in the area. On the north side, four wrecks lay on a sandy sea floor on the bottom of a steep sloping reef layered with table corals. Wrecks here include the Ghiannis D, Carnatic (Wine Wreck), Chrisoula K (Tile Wreck) and Kimon M (Lentil Wreck). On the south side, there is a safe anchorage for liveaboards and two ergs, known as Yellow Fish Reef.

SS Thistlegorm

Probably the most famous of the Red Sea wrecks. The 129m English freighter was bombed by German aviation on 6 October 1941.

Today, she makes for an artificial reef on a sandy bottom at 32m maximum depth. She is home to an enormous variety of marine life and is especially popular with large schooling fish.

Please note: Due to local legislation, **you must have a minimum of 20 logged dives to dive on the Thistlegorm.**

Rosalie Moller

The greenish water on this wreck offers a mystical ambience rarely found on other Red Sea wrecks. With the main deck at 35m, the superstructure can be explored up to 30m before you start your ascent.

Safaga

Filled with a variety of stunning drop-offs, shallow coral gardens and interesting wrecks, Safaga offers something for everyone. The most famous wreck is 'Salem Express'; a large ferry, which sank in 1991 with massive loss of life. There are also the large ferry wrecks of El Arish El Tor and Al Kafain, which both sank without any lives lost. The famous finger-shaped reefs of Abu Kafan and Panorama offer stunning drop-offs with plentiful fan corals and incredible plateaus encrusted with soft and hard corals. Shallower reefs (such as Torbia Arbaa) are full of critters and make a perfect afternoon or night dive.

Big Brother Island: Numidia and Aida

The most spectacular wreck is the Numidia, a large cargo steamer that sank in 1901 and lies at a depth of 10-80m covered in soft corals and frequented by large pelagic fish. The smaller wreck – named Aida – used to be a lighthouse authority supply vessel. She sunk in 1957 in bad weather and landed in 30-65m deep water.

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.