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# Red Sea Wrecks - Egypt

## 7 nights itinerary

- **Arrival airport:** Hurghada International (HRG)
- **Departure airport:** Hurghada International (HRG)
  
- **Embarkation:** Marriott Resort Marina, Hurghada at 18:00 only
- **Disembarkation:** Marriott Resort Marina, Hurghada between 09:00 and 10:00

### Flights

Book flights to and from Hurghada International Airport (HRG) which is served by many direct scheduled and charter flights from the UK and much of Europe, as well as several flights per day from Cairo (CAI).

### Transfers

The liveboard price includes a shared transfer between Hurghada Airport or a local hotel, and the Marriott Resort Marina on embarkation and disembarkation days only. Transfers on other days or from/to other locations can be arranged for an extra cost.

### Arrivals

Guests arriving in Hurghada in the morning\* or early afternoon on embarkation day will be transferred to the Marriott Resort (approximately 15 minutes from the airport) where they can use the beach until embarkation at 18:00.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** Guests arriving earlier than 08:00 a.m. on embarkation day are advised to book a hotel room and arrange transport from the airport to the hotel.

### Departures

Guests departing from Hurghada Airport on afternoon or evening flights can wait at the Marriott Resort in Hurghada before being transferred to the airport in time for check-in.

Transfers earlier than 09:00 a.m. will be charged. Guests with early morning flight departures are advised to disembark the evening before and make hotel arrangements.

### Marine & Port Fees:

Governmental Reef Tax is 90 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 of some of the diving locations, possible strong currents and dive depths, some elements of this itinerary are not suitable for inexperienced divers.

The minimum requirement for divers wishing to join this itinerary is PADI **Open Water Diver certification**, or equivalent with **at least 30 logged dives**.

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

**All divers must have insurance which covers scuba diving activities**, including emergency evacuation and recompression chamber costs.

## Itinerary details

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

**Number of scheduled dives:** Up to 21

While we endeavour to ensure the number of scheduled dives is fulfilled, this is only indicative, and not guaranteed. Various factors can hinder the vessel's ability to reach, or remain at a specific area and may 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 fully understand English, please let us know in advance.**

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

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

**Day 2:** A morning check dive before heading north for an afternoon dive at Abu Nuhas followed by a night dive.

**Day 3-5:** These three days are spent cruising the wrecks of the northern Egyptian Red Sea. Normally you will have the opportunity to do three day dives and a night dive, typically scheduled as follows:

- Briefing & Dive 1
- Breakfast, relaxation period, briefing & Dive 2
- Lunch, relaxation period, briefing & Dive 3
- Snack, relaxation period, briefing & Dive 4
- Dinner

The exact itinerary and order of dive sites will vary depending on the conditions but, you can expect plenty of wrecks including the world-famous Thistlegorm, Ghiannis D, Carnatic, Salem Express and potentially more.

**Day 6:** Visit the Salem Express and Al Kahfain, two large ferry wrecks near Sha'ab Sheer in Safaga.

**Day 7:** Enjoy two final morning\* wreck dives at El Minya (a minesweeper) and Mohamed Hassabella (a fishing trawler) close to Hurghada before we 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:** Breakfast on board followed by disembarkation between 09:00 and 10:00.

*\*We kindly request that guests check their flight departure times to ensure they leave at least 18 hours (ideally 24 hours) between their final dive and their flight home.*

While we wish to show you the best diving possible, several factors determine the exact route the boat takes, and which dive sites we 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 where the boat goes each day and which sites are selected for diving.

Following is an overview of the areas covered and some of the dive sites that may be included on this itinerary.

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

## Abu Nuhas

Also known as the '**Ship's Graveyard**', Abu Nuhas is positioned dangerously close to the busy shipping lanes of the Gulf of Suez and has claimed more ships than any other in the area. On the north side of the triangle-shaped plateau, four wrecks lay on the sandy sea floor at 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.

## Rosalie Moller

(inclusion not guaranteed)

The greenish water around this deep wreck offers a mystical ambience rarely found on other Red Sea wrecks. Suffering the same fate as the Thistlegorm, she now sits upright at a maximum depth of 50 metres and is almost completely intact. The wreck's main deck is at 35 metres, and her superstructure can be explored up to 30 metres.

## SS Thistlegorm

Probably the most famous of the Red Sea wrecks, the 129m English freighter was bombed by German aviation on 6 October 1941 and sank as a result. Today she rests, listing to her port side, on the sandy seabed at a maximum depth of 32 metres. Not only does she hold a treasure trove of WWII munitions and military vehicles but, as an artificial reef, she has also become home to a vast variety of marine life and is especially popular with large schooling fish, as well as divers.

**Please note:** Local legislation dictates divers must have a minimum of 20 logged dives to dive on the Thistlegorm.

## Gubal Islands

'**Bluff Point**', at the gate of the Strait of Gubal, gets its name from the turbulence created by strong currents that batter the northeastern corner of Little Gubal island. The wreck of **the Ulysses** lies on the reef 300 metres north of the lighthouse, starting at 5 metres and sloping down to 25m. '**The Barge**' wreck provides divers with a fun and unusual night dive with the wreck's skeleton creating protection for all sorts of night critters.

## Safaga

Boasting 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 115 metre long, 18 metre wide passenger ferry, which sank in 1991 with massive loss of life. There are also the wrecks of two other large ferries, **El Arish** (El Tor) and **Al Kahfain**, which both sank without any lives lost following engine room fires.

Should you have any questions regarding the diving or whether this itinerary is suitable for your experience level, please contact our reservations team [dive@masterliveboards.com](mailto:dive@masterliveboards.com)