

Red Sea - Egypt

Project Shark Information

'Project Shark' itineraries aim to get you up close and personal with the oceans' apex predators. Through structured and engaging presentations given onboard, you will have opportunities to learn about the physiology, ecology and global issues facing these ancient, fascinating creatures.

Encounters with endangered species allow divers to add a greater purpose to their scuba diving holidays. Anyone who has an active interest in preserving the marine environment and its inhabitants will benefit from joining our Project Shark liveaboard itineraries. Aside from the educational component, divers will enjoy multiple daily dives making these trips equally appealing for those who just want to go scuba diving.

These week-long liveaboard itineraries offer the opportunity to:

- Learn about the biology and behaviour of sharks;
- Learn about methods and skills in marine biological studies: collecting data, species identification and data analysis;
- Learn about globally endangered marine species and what we can do as divers to ensure their protection;
- Enjoy fantastic diving on some of the best dive sites in the world;
- Experience potential close encounters with sharks, manta rays and whale sharks (although it is important to say we can never guarantee this.)

Paul Vinten leads a team who deliver our Red Sea Project Shark programme. Paul graduated from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh with a degree in Applied Marine Biology and commercial diving. He helped set up what was, at the time, the largest aquarium in Europe, Deep Sea World in Scotland, and worked as a diver and aquarist to maintain the large ocean tank and take care of the many marine species, including the nurse sharks.

Travelling around Australia, Paul worked as a dive guide on the Great Barrier Reef. He is a qualified technical diving instructor trainer and has worked full-time on safari boats for many years. Paul also ran coral reef surveying courses and marine biology presentations and now enjoys the thrill of introducing visiting divers to the wonders of the Red Sea. He has trained other members of the Master Liveaboards Red Sea team to lead the sessions when he is not available. Whoever you get, you will be delighted you chose a Project Shark itinerary.

Project Shark is usually run on selected <u>Brothers, Daedalus & Elphinstone</u> and <u>Best of the Red Sea</u> itineraries. Please consult the relevant itinerary page for more information about the dive sites and experience requirements.