MASTER
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Seven Sisters & Umlajj - Red Sea, Saudi Arabia

7 nights itinerary

- **Arrival airport:** King Abdulaziz International Airport, Jeddah (JED)
- **Departure airport:** King Abdulaziz International Airport, Jeddah (JED)

- **Embarkation:** Yanbu Aljar Bay Marina at 18:00
- **Disembarkation:** Yanbu Aljar Bay Marina at 09:00

Flights

Book flights to and from King Abdulaziz International Airport, Jeddah (JED), which is served by many direct or connecting flights from the UK, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

Transfers

The liveaboard price includes a scheduled, shared transfer between Jeddah International Airport and Yanbu Aljar Bay Marina on embarkation and disembarkation days only. Our guests are met in the arrivals hall by a local representative and escorted to an air-conditioned bus for the transfer.

- Pick up from Jeddah Airport is **at 15:00 or 22:00 only** on embarkation day
- Return transfer to Jeddah Airport is upon disembarkation at 09:00

Transfers from or to hotels, or at other times can be arranged for an additional charge.

- Transfer between Jeddah Airport and Yanbu takes approximately 3.5 hours.

Journey times are approximate and depend on traffic and local conditions.

Marine Park & Port Fees:

Marine park and port fees are included in the liveaboard price.

Minimum dive certification and experience:

The mandatory minimum requirement for divers joining this itinerary is PADI **Advanced Open Water Diver certification**, or equivalent, with **at least 40 logged dives**. Deep Diver (40 metres) and nitrox certification are strongly recommended.

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 liveaboard itinerary is subject to acceptance of our Terms & Conditions as outlined here: https://masterliveaboards.com/terms-conditions/

Number of scheduled dives: Up to 17

While we endeavour to ensure the number of scheduled dives is fulfilled, this is only indicative and not guaranteed.

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 2-6: Up to 3 dives each day, scheduled as follows.

- Wake-up call followed by breakfast
- Briefing and Dive 1
- Lunch and relaxation period
- Briefing and Dive 2
- Snacks and relaxation period
- Briefing and Dive 3
- Dinner

The exact itinerary and number of dives each day may vary depending on sea conditions and logistics.

Day 7: Two morning* dives before we return to port in the early afternoon, where Saudi Master will remain at anchor overnight.

Day 8: Breakfast on board followed by disembarkation at 09:00 and transfer to the airport or your hotel.

**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.*

Disclaimer: The following information is only a general indication of the main areas covered on this itinerary and some of the sites that we normally visit. The inclusion of specifically named dive sites is not guaranteed and is at the Cruise Director's and Captain's discretion. Additionally, **there may be dives at locations along the itinerary route** that are not listed below.

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.

The area covered:

The route heads north from Yanbu to a chain of offshore reefs marked by numbered navigation beacons, before turning back to dive the Seven Sisters. The reefs have steep walls covered in gorgonians and soft coral. There are also two wrecks.

Marker 11 South: this is a circular reef whose southern wall drops to a narrow channel of white sand at 25 m (82 ft), then falls away vertically. Below the channel, the wall is covered in gorgonian fans up to 5 m (16 ft) across, many with soft coral growing on them and hawkfish in the branches. Grey reef sharks are regularly seen off the point when there is current, occasionally with a lone hammerhead. Near the wall, there are mushroom-shaped coral towers and a small rock covered in soft coral where butterflyfish congregate.

MV Orpheus: a 180 m (591 ft) Greek bulk carrier that ran onto Shu'aybah Reef in 1979 with around 21,000 tonnes of cement on board. The remains sit on the reef and have become integrated into the local marine ecosystem.

Abu Galawa South: the outer reef at the southern end of Abu Galawa atoll. A broad plateau from 12 m to 40 m (39 ft to 131 ft) is covered in coral heads and white sand channels, with a large mound of purple soft coral at 25 m (82 ft) sheltering glassfish and lionfish. The walls have large soft corals and gorgonian fans, and grey reef sharks, silky sharks, trevally and hammerheads are seen in the blue.

Marker 32: a soft coral reef where tiger sharks, yellowfin tuna, whitetip reef sharks and grey reef sharks have all been seen.

Marker 39: hard and soft corals of every colour, with schools of pickhandle barracuda, red snapper and very large squirrelfish.

Iona wreck: the remains of a steamship that ran aground on a reef off Yanbu about a century ago. It lies at an angle of around 45° against the reef, with its stern at about 20 m (66 ft). The hull is covered in coral and marine growth, and the surrounding reef has coral gardens, overhangs and small caves, with moray eels, turtles, octopus and barracuda.

Should you have any questions regarding the diving or whether this itinerary is suitable for your experience level, please contact our reservations team dive@masterliveaboards.com