



BEST OF TIRAN

Departure and return Hurghada

The best dive and snorkel spots around Hurghada, Sharm el Sheikh, Strait of Gubal and the Strait of Tiran in the Gulf of Aqaba.

A cruise which will take you to the Strait of Tiran is crossing Ras Mohammed National Marine Reserve and the mythical wrecks of Thistlegorm and Rosalie Moeller.

During this cruise, you will see dizzy walls and rich coral gardens, wrecks and the richest marine life of the Red sea including pelagic fishes: Jack fishes, eagle rays, sharks....

The departure will be made early in the morning after passing the marine authority formalities. You will go through many beautiful diving and snorkeling sites:

SHA'AB EL ERG

A huge reef shaped as a horseshoe located 2 hours North of Hurghada. This amazing reef will give you a chance to dive, snorkel and swim with the shoals of beautiful dolphins.

The first dive will be made here.

SHA'AB ABU NAHAS - "the ships graveyard".

Indeed in the northern side of the reef there are 4 wrecks having found their eternal peace there: Gianis D (Ship of 100m length, 2900 tons, sunk in 1983), Carnatic (Steamer boat of 90m length and 1800tons, sunk in 1869), refuge of countless Glass Fishes, Chrisoula K (Greek Ship of 100m length, 3700tons, sunk in 1981) and Kimon M (Ship of 3715 tons). These wrecks rest at 20m and 30m depth. Abou Nuhas is famous for its turquoise waters perfect for diving, swimming and snorkeling.

ROSALIE MOELLER

(Ship of 108m length, sunk in 1941, in the same week as the Thistlegorm). A wonderful wreck, which rests straight by 50m depth. The descent along the back matt begins at less 17m, we will see the wreck which is outlined according to the descent. Jack fishes chased away in the thick clouds of Atherins leave an unforgettable memory. This wreck could be dived only during good weather and absence of the strong wind.

THISTLEGORM The Ship sank on 6th October 1941, bombed by the German army when he carried a cargo of guns and war materials for the British army based in North Africa (trucks, jeeps, motorbikes....). You can observe all these vestiges always visible inside the wreck. It's one of the most famous wrecks in the world.

THE STRAITS OF TIRAN

Four magnificent coral reefs fringing the surface are located in the middle of the straits.

Its narrowness brings a current which results in abundance of small and big fishes and allows you to see rich marine life around you (Jack Fishes, eagles Rays, Barracudas, Gray's sharks, hammer sharks....).

You will discover two debris of wrecks stranded on these reefs, standing straight like the guardians of the place: LOUILLA (at Gordon) et LARA (at Jackson)



JACKSON REEF AND WOODHOUSE REEF

After going along the reef to the plateau, on the west side you will observe big beautiful gorgonians, turtles on the plateau, pelagic fishes near the coral walls and above the plateau.

THOMAS REEF

The smallest of the four but the richest. It happens to see grays and hammer sharks on the north side where you will admire numerous gorgonians and alcynarians. The East Side is captivating too. At the North corner there is a narrow canyon with a few arches. Turtles come here now and then. At the 10m depth there is a magnificent coral garden inhabited by Emperor Angelfishes, Butterfly fishes, Jackfishes.

GORDON REEF

Along the East wall of the reef looking forward into the blue, you can see gray sharks which seem pumper themselves in a rich current.

If you go southward up to the plateau, you will see a nice sandbank occupied by a colony of eels gardeners, raising upright in their holes in the sand. Nearby a huge shoal of Bannerfishes will be waiting for you. There are a few debris of cargos which had been lost when the ships knocked the reef. All of them are a home for corals.

RAS MOHAMMED

We will start our expedition on the southern point called Shark and Yolanda reef - the most extraordinary spot of the park. Drift diving is usual here. The abrupt wall of the Shark reef goes down to 800m depth. We will go along this vertiginous fall and will come back to the plateau to the direction of Yollanda reef. You will observe numerous coral formations covered with Alcyonaria and rich Gorgonians. We will cross the wonderful area populated with huge Moray eels, Napoleons, turtles, groupers, huge shoals of batfishes before ending our dive on the debris of a Cypriot wreck sunk in 1980 which gave its name to the site - Yollanda.

The fragments of the wreck slipped down to the blue along the wall. Yollanda carried toilets. We can still see series of bathtubs which made a home for numerous fishes.

(As for all our cruises, the order and the choice of the sites are not contractual; they could be changed according to the weather, the sea)