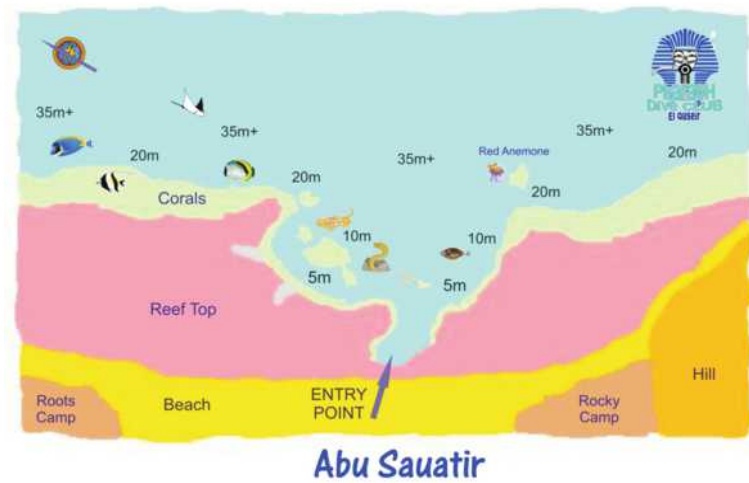


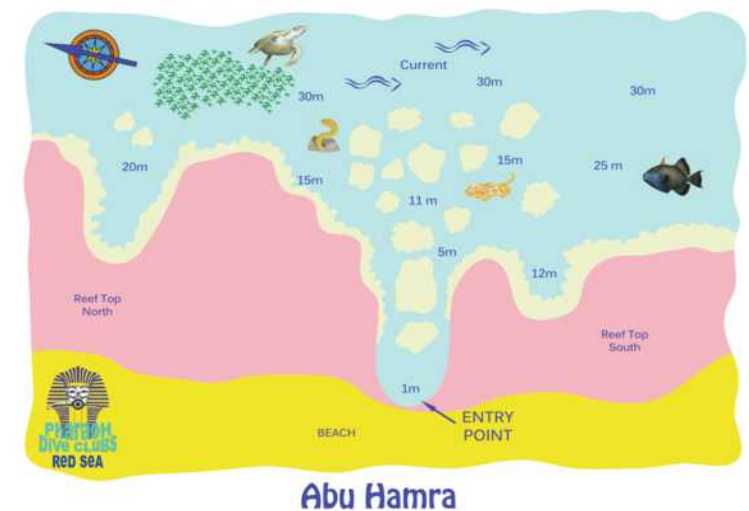
Shore Dive Sites of El Quseir



ABU SAUATIR

Shore Dive for All Levels of Diver

The House Reef of Roots Camp offers something for every diver from the total novice to the highly experience. Entry is a gentle sloping sand bank with a large plateaux offers an excellent training site but take a closer look and you will find some elusive species - Spanish Dancers are abundant, Ghost Pipefish and Red Sea Walkman are frequently spotted, there is a resident Hawksbill Turtle. For photography the site is perfect with good lighting, and great subjects including a pinnacle with a perfect Red Anemone and partner Clown fish.



ABU HAMRA

Shore Dive for All Levels of Diver

It is a short walk across the sand to the entry lagoon with its roped channels out to the reef, but worth the extra effort! The entrance is guarded by an anemone with its Clownfish sentries, the channel is festooned with reef fish going about the daily business oblivious to the divers presence. Out of the channel there are chiselled reefs both left and right offering hours of exploring for the visiting divers but the prize is really right in front of you with the series of towering pinnacles raising from 20m offering shelter to hordes of glass fish and predatory Lionfish. Watch out for the regular visits from Hawksbill turtles and occasional reef sharks.





SERIB KEBIR

Shore Dive for All Levels of Diver

This is a truly amazing site encompassing something for every diver. It offers easy entry into the sandy bay, deep mounds in the middle of the bay, a pristine sloping reef to the north and a catacomb of caverns in the south. If this wasn't enough, the southern lagoon is one of the most spectacular coral gardens you could wish to see. Amongst all the regions typical fishes you can encounter some the rarer species such as the stargazer, double ended pipe fish, sea moths and various nudibranchs. You can also ask to visit the caverns in which the German TV movie about the life of Hans Hass was filmed in.



Pharaoh Express Zodiak Dives



EL QUSEIR HARBOUR

Zodiak Dive for All Levels of Diver

A short bus ride into the harbour at El Quseir opens the door to many of the best dive sites in the region. From here it is a short zodiak ride to some 15 great sites, the furthest being 15 minutes to the north at Omar Sukan.

Close by to the harbour is the area of Ras Quseir which has no less than 5 completely different dives literally a stones throw from the jetty. Fanadia Wreckage on the outer reef, the 40 metre wall, Ras Quseir Gardens, El Mina by the

harbour wall and the most famous, the Rock in the middle of the bay. In addition to these superb sites there is a high chance of some awesome encounters with the local residents, the pod of Indo Pacific Bottlenose Dolphins or the mysterious Dugong often seen with the dolphins. Rarer visitors are the Mangrove Whiptail rays and Leopard rays but you could be lucky!





RAS QUSEIR

Zodiak Dive for All Levels of Diver

If its extensive hard coral gardens that excite you, Ras Quseir is the place for you. From the outer corner which is a hive of activity with large tuna, barracuda, black snapper, two bar bream, sweetlips and many more, back in to the sheltered coves, the reef is in immaculate condition with various hard corals in a rainbow of colours.

The shallow areas are a haven for life which offers endless hours of ferreting amongst the pinnacles seeking out the morays, blue spotted rays, turtles, scorpionfish, batfish, crocodile fish and so much more.



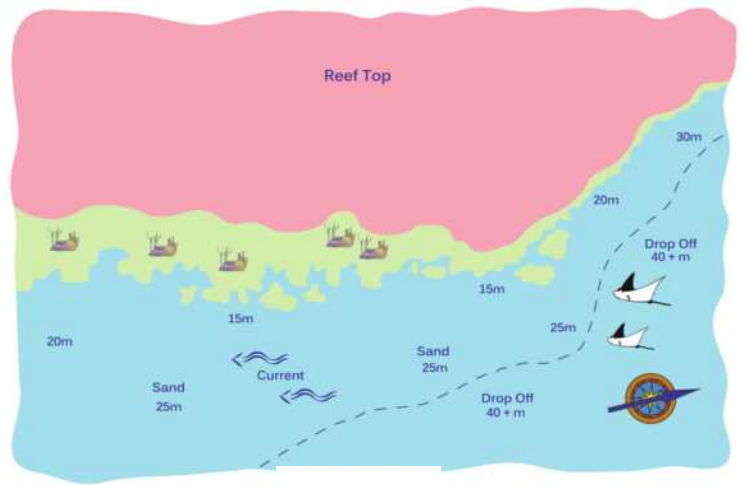
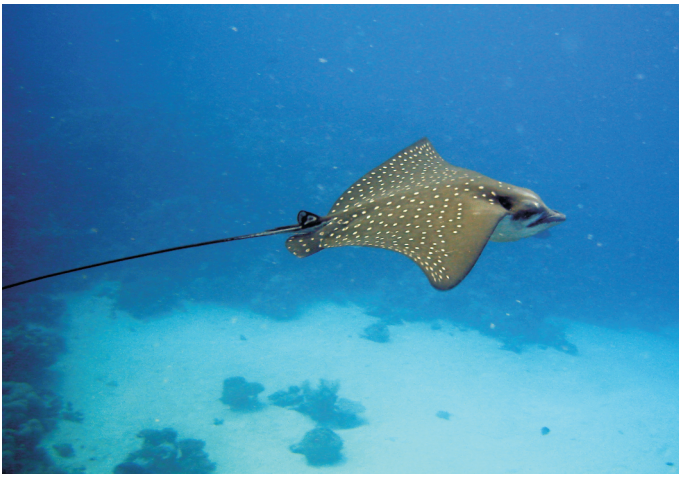
The Rock

Zodiak Dive for Experienced Open Water Divers

Undoubtedly the most written about dive site in the region is truly spectacular. A simple uninteresting mound in the middle of a bay absolutely carpeted with Magnificent Anemones and thousands of Anemone fish in residence. It's utopia for photographers that regularly spend multiple dives trying to catch the perfect shot.

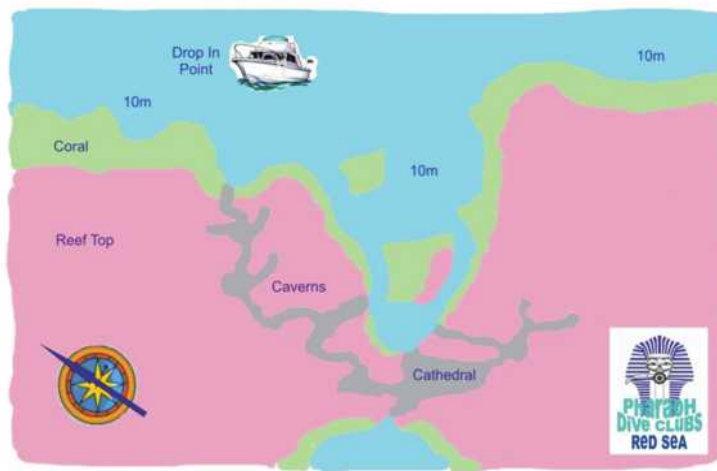
Moving on from the main feature there is plenty more to entertain, a pinnacle at 25m is home to a Giant Moray, the overhang on large rocks at 30m will often hide the massive Napoleons and some big groupers. Heading across and up the reef for the safety stop you arrive at a hard coral plateaux, breathtaking in its colourful beauty and schools of fish - Barracuda, Black Snapper, Fusiliers, Unicorn fish among many others. Looking out for passing Eagle rays.





OMAR SUKAN - Zodiak Dive for All Levels of Diver

Heading north from the harbour for 15 minutes brings us to this gentle drift dive over some of the regions most outstanding coral gardens. In some places the gardens extend 50m across in a fabulous array of colours with countless schools of fish making the whole scene breathtaking. Eagle rays are often abundant here.



The Cathedral



The CATHEDRAL - Zodiak Dive for Advanced Divers

The Cathedral is a large chamber in the reef which can be accessed as a simple in and out, however for those with suitable experience it is merely the entrance to a whole system of caverns that can easily keep a diver entertained for over an hour without exiting the system. Dives are restricted to a maximum of 4 divers with suitable experience.



PHARAOHS TOMB - Zodiak Dive for Intermediate Divers

A perfect blend of outstanding reef and an easy atmospheric cavern dive. The entry to the caverns are through a series of intriguing carved canyons and then you enter the large caverns. Outside on the reef is home to as many as 30 Blue Spotted Rays and teems with schools of reef fishes. Large Green Turtles regularly frequent the site too.