

Sharm El Sheikh, Red Sea, Egypt Fundiving Sharm el-Sheikh

The diving

Many years ago the first divers took the long trip through the Sinai Desert in order to explore some of the best diving on the planet. They found several bays on the southern tip - one named Naama Bay. Here the diving was so pristine and the animal life so rich and with such a variation that they settled down. And in the years to come a massive dive tourism industry grew up here. and for good reason, the diving is top range!

Today Naama Bay has one of the highest rate of passing divers on the planet, and lots of tourists check in on one of the many hotels every day. The diving is no longer as it was in the early pioneer days, but by using a day boat, it is still possible to enjoy the splendid logistics and access really great diving. If you like to combine your diving with the delights of sun, desert and Egyptian tourism at its best, Sharm is an easy place to go to.

The diving is just around the corner so within very short time, the cosy dive boat can bring you on top of crystal clear dive sites.

Boat diving trips are made daily so you can visit famous dive sites of Ras Mohamed and the straits of Tiran. It is also possible to dive a few famous wrecks on our daily trips like; The Dunraven (circa 1860) with its strange secrets or the world war II wreck Thistlegorm.



Area name / Island name
Sharm el-Sheikh, The Red Sea

Nearest airport
Sharm el-Sheikh

Season
All year (high season is very Busy)

High seasons:
High season surcharges are included

Center type
PADI Gold Palm Resort

Experience level
None

Minimum age for participation
10 years old

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Location

The dive center is situated in the heart of Sharm el-Sheikh, in Na'ama Bay. Sharm el-Sheikh, has changed greatly in the last few years, during the day it is now a mecca for water sport enthusiasts and sun worshipers but at night a place where party people congregate.

Your resort

is an oasis of calm amongst the cafes, restaurants and shops of Na'ama Bay's pedestrian area, especially if you escape to the famous bar and restaurants on the roof. The main jetty, from where daily boats depart for diving and snorkeling, is approximately five minutes walk. Built by divers, for divers, the resort has been awarded Winner of Tauchen Magazine's Best Diving Hotel Worldwide.

Your room

Twin or double room with en-suite bathroom, air conditioning, refrigerator, tea and coffee making facilities, satellite TV, and safe deposit box. Free wireless internet access is available at hotspots around the Hotel, including the balconies and terraces of some rooms.



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This is only a selection of the many dive sites represented on this particular destination. The diving is dictated by the safeness of the environment.

Ras Mohammed

The Ras Mohammed National Park became a Protected Area in 1983. It contains spectacular dive sites, several of which are considered to be among the Top 10 dives worldwide.

Dive sites here offer an abundance of hard and soft corals, and marine life. In summer in particular, the area attracts spawning schools of pelagic fish. Many of the Park's beaches are turtle nesting grounds.

Yolanda Reef and Wreck

This is the richest coral garden in Ras Mohammed Yolanda reef has a small wall coming from the surface that forms a plateau from 12 to 20m. Many small pinnacles with colourful soft corals and abundant marine life can be found on the plateau. The ship Yolanda crashed on the reef in the 1980's and lay on its side until a storm pushed it over the edge and down to 180m. Some remains of the ship and its cargo still lie in shallow water.

Yolanda carried toilets, bath tubs and sinks, all now encrusted with corals and home to Blue Spotted Stingrays, Scorpion and Stone Fish, Giant Morays and the resident Napoleon Wrasse.

Straits of Tiran

The Straits of Tiran offer spectacular diving. The Straits extend from Ras Ghamila on the mainland, to Jackson Reef.

They are most famous for 4 offshore reefs named after the 19th Century British cartographers Gordon, Thomas, Woodhouse and Jackson.

Water funneling through the Straits can cause strong currents, leading to exciting drift dives. A huge variety of coral and marine life thrive in the nutrient-rich water.

Gordon reef

Famous for the stranded wreck Louilla this is the largest reef in diameter of all the reefs in the Straits. There is a shallow sandy area close to the reef with Blue Spotted Sting Rays, Cornet Fish, schooling Goat Fish and baby Napoleons. Next to this spot is a plateau of hard coral with schools of reef fish, such as Banner Fish, Butterfly Fish and Parrot Fish. The plateau ends in a drop off where divers may spot magnificent creatures, such as Manta Rays, Eagle Rays, Potato Groupers and often White Tip Sharks passing by.



Conditions

Visibility

15 to 40 meters weather depending

Temperature

19 to 30 degrees
Coldest in Jan/Feb

Current

Zero to stronger currents depending on site

Surface

25 to 40 degrees depending on the time of the year

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Manta Rays, Eagle Rays, Potato Groupers, Napoleon Wrasse, Scorpion & Stone fish, Turtles, Whalesharks and smaller reef sharks

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Itinerary

On the day of arrival, the equipment will be fitted and packed for the following days of diving; the rest of the day is left for exploring on land and settling in. The full days on resort consist of diving until afternoon on the local and offshore sites, all dives are dived from boat. Between the two daily dives, the boat will stay at the sites for lunch. The dive sites vary from day to day, depending on wind and weather. Please check with the dive center what dives will be done the day before they are conducted. There will be no refund on dives not used. Check out at noon.

Dive Package 1: Fundiving Sharm el-Sheikh

The short option with 6 dives spread out on 3 days of diving, and 7 nights of accommodation. 1 day diving local sites + 2 days (Ras/Tiran) the dive sites will vary depending on weather and experience level.

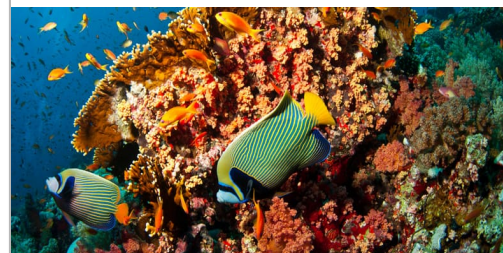
Dive package 2: Fundiving Sharm el-Sheikh Extended

The longer option with 10 dives spread out on 5 days of diving, and 7 nights of accommodation. 1 day diving local sites + 4 days (Ras/Tiran) the dive sites will vary depending on weather and experience level.

If you want a longer itinerary, you can add extra days of diving and accommodation upon booking.

Please note

Due to ocean and weather conditions, the itinerary can be subject to change.



Activity starts

Every morning from the dive center. Please note that daily start times can vary depending on the trip you are joining. You will be notified upon arrival or the day before your diving

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The dive center, mornings
Please contact the dive center no later than one week prior arrival to confirm your arrival and possible pickup times.

Group Size

No limit Max. 6-8 divers pr.
Instructor/Divemaster

Language

English

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Transfer Information

The transfer from Sharm El Sheikh airport to the dive center and hotel is included. Once you have booked your diving, your flight information will be provided to the dive center and your airport pick-up and drop-off will be arranged.

Once you arrive in Egypt you must purchase a tourist visa. Unless it is part of your flight ticket the price is typically 15-20 US. Be aware that you might be asked for this amount in Euro on cheeky days.

You need to confirm your arrival with the dive center at least one week in advance. You will find the details for the dive center on your voucher.



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Prices below are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

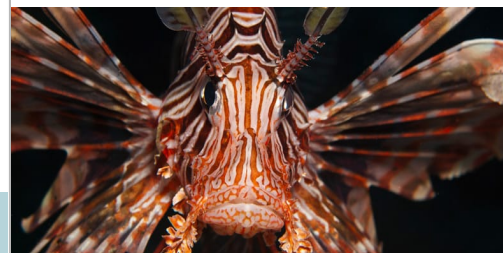
FUNDIVING EXTENDED	
Days / Nights	8/7
Amount of dives	10
Price (incl. accommodation)	857 EUR

Supplements	
Extra night of accom. (after)	33 EUR
Extra night of accom. (before)	33 EUR
Refresher Dive (added to 1st dive)	25 EUR

Prices for supplementary accommodation are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

Supplements

A supplement can be chosen to add on your package. All supplements can also be booked on site. In high season, hotels and boats get filled fast - you might find trouble getting an extra night in your resort or an extra day of diving. If you are booking a course, it is recommended to book an extra night of accommodation prior your course, to get settled and get up front on the studying.



Included

Accommodation in twin or double room
breakfast at hotel
Dayboat, tanks, weights & weightbelt
Divemaster
Airport Transfer

Not included

Lunch on boat (Euro 8,-)
Equipment (Euro 30,- per. person per. day)
Marine park fee 8 Euro per day - subject to change
Prices can be subject to change
Lunch, dinner

Also available on site

Extra days of diving if available

Continuing education

All continuing courses available on site

Cancellation

Terms on voucher

Dive insurance

Basic dive travel insurance required

General terms and conditions

GENERAL CONDITIONS

CHANGES OF BOOKINGS:

You can change your booking request or start date free of charge.

If you need to change your booking you must contact the **dive center** directly by e-mail or phone. You will find the contact details on your voucher. For verification purpose, please remember to mention your name and booking ID.

If you want to change your start date, we recommend that you do so minimum 10 days before the beginning of your dive package. Later than this, might cause the accommodation to be fully booked for alternative dates. During high seasons, 10 days might not be sufficient time, please allow extra time for changes in the high season. As a reminder, you will receive an email with general information and contact information of your dive center 10 days prior to your start date.

CANCELLATION RULES:

Any customer has the right to cancel their booking with Blue Venture Diving. In order to do so, you must contact your selling agent. The cancellation fees and rules of your selling agent will apply for your cancellation.

Blue Venture is not liable for any cancellations done by the customer of personal reason such as/or in the same category as sickness, family, missed flights etc, or other circumstances that is beyond reasonable control such as force majeure.

Blue Venture booking cancellation

In the unlikely event that Blue Venture is forced to cancel a booking, the customer will get direct notice. A cancellation will only happen if Blue Venture finds that the contracted dive center can't perform the needed service of the booked package or if the dive standards can't be fulfilled accordingly. Minor changes in the itinerary will not be defined as a valid cancellation reason, as diving is dictated by the environment and the people enrolled in the activity.

Blue Venture will always do their best to find another operator of same or higher standard, but it is up to the customer to decide whether they want to accept the change or get a refund.

INSURANCE:

A cancellation insurance is not included. It is highly advised recommended that you obtain adequate travel insurance prior to your departure from your home country.

REFUNDS:

Medical Statement

To enroll in an Open Water Course, all students **MUST** fill in the Medical Statement. Please ensure that you have received the medical statement from your travel agent. If any questions are replied with a "Yes", the medical statement must be signed by a doctor. Failing the medical statement at the destination, and therefore not being able to enroll in the diving course, you will not be entitled to a refund.

If you have not received your Medical Statement, please make sure to print it from this link.

<https://blueventure.net/files/information/12.pdf>

Restricted dives

Diving is dictated by the environment and the people enrolled in the activity. All diving is performance based. It is up to the discretion of the dive guide/instructor to restrict divers from entering activities that goes beyond their experience level. All guides strive to reach the expectations of the customers. However, if they find that the safety of the group or an individual is jeopardized or at risk by one or several individuals, it is up to the dive guide/instructor to restrict any divers from entering the water.

In this event the dive center or Blue Venture is not obliged to give a refund.

Dives not completed

There is no refund for dives not carried out.

Refund for dives not done for any reason is up to the discretion of the dive center. Most dive centers do not give refunds for dives not done with personal causes such as seasickness, low on air situations or a failure in mastering the equipment etc. All log books will be checked prior to the dive and the dive sites will be chosen accordingly to the experience level. It is however expected that certified divers keep within their limits and do not cross their comfort zone. Blue Venture and your travel agent is never responsible to pay a refund for dives not done.

Courses not completed

There is no refund for courses not completed! All courses are performance based, but it is up to the instructor to pass the student. If a customer can not complete a course with success they will receive their course documents for an optional referral, but the contracted dive center, your travel agent and Blue Venture is not responsible to pay a refund.

Boats or dives not departing

If boats or dives are cancelled due to bad weather or sea conditions, it is up to the dive center to re-schedule and compensate with a similar dive trip when conditions allow. If the customer does not have adequate time to enroll in another trip/course it is up to the customer to make sure the dive center notify Blue Venture of this in order to secure a refund via the sales agent who completed the sale with the customer. There will only be refund on the diving and not the accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION:

Unless mentioned in the destination information folder the accommodation is always part of the package.

If the dive center by any means can't deliver the agreed accommodation, it is up to their discretion to supply immediate accommodation of the same or higher standard. (the destination information folder is found on the Blue Venture website.)

If the accommodation somehow does not live up to satisfactory standards of the customer, the customer must contact Blue Venture by phone or email as soon as possible (preferably while still on site) in order to solve the problem.

DIVE INSTRUCTORS & DIVE GUIDES:

All contracted dive centers has been handpicked based on their level of professionalism and expertise. Blue Venture ensures that all guides and instructors have the correct education and experience. In the unlikely event that a customer suffers a bad experience with any guide, instructor or dive center facilities, Blue Venture is entitled to know, but can't by any means be held liable.

At the end of you dive experience as questionnaire will be sent out to you, that we would like you to answer. By doing this, you help securing a high level of professionalism towards all customers.

MEDICAL STATEMENT & LOGBOOK:

If you are about to enroll in a dive course (entry level only), you must fill out the RSTC Medical Statement before you leave your home country. Please make sure your agent has provided you with the RSTC Medical Statement. You can also print the medical statement from the link, further up on this page. If you need the medical statement reviewed by a doctor, you have 10 days from the date of the booking with the option of cancelling for free.

If you are already certified as a diver and about to go fundiving, you must remember your current dive certificate and your personal logbook or dive computer.