

High season in full bloom

Although a lot of the tour operators have put Egypt away for summer, the high season has just started - if you're a diver. The air temperature is around 35 degrees and the water is getting warmer everyday. Finally the 11th of September seems a bit further away and divers are keen on travelling again. Divers arrive from all over the world to get the chance to encounter the creatures more likely to be seen in the summer. These are Whalesharks, Manta Rays and of course the great Hammerheads.



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Dolphins at Sha'b el Erg

During the past months we have been lucky to meet a large family of dolphins outside El Gouna. Almost every time when the weather is good and the wind is not too strong, the big school of dolphins shows up. Sometimes they really want to play, and they get very happy when the snorkellers swim a few meters down to make somersaults and loops with them. Often the dolphins come back to play more and more. Mating dolphins have also been seen a few times and they do not seem to take any notice of the snorkellers watching their game.

These Bottlenose Dolphins are mammals like us, but their body shape is excellently adapted to a life in the sea and they easily reach underwater speeds in excess of 40 km/h. Their brain is larger and more complex than that of humans.

Diving with Mola-Mola

Surprises for our guests in Hurghada are continuing. Last August we had a Whaleshark between the islands of Abu Ramada and Giftun. This year's lucky divers were a group from Finland sent by Finn Suit

with their group leaders Tero Pusa and Matias Silvennoinen. Dive guide Tero Mustonen and the group were out on a 3 days mini safari with Colona V and diving at Erg Abu Ramada, while they saw a "Mola-Mola" a.k.a. sun fish. Back on the boat they described it as similar to a giant potato.

Colona V bookings for summer and autumn are coming in with full force - make your reservations in time if you are considering joining a trip. Have a look onto our home page to see all the different kinds of liveaboards we arrange and the boats we are using.

Turtles everywhere

Since the water is getting warmer everyday, everyone is happy - fish as well as turtles and of course also the divers. Lazy days on the boat just relaxing in the sun or some more busy days with a lot of diving-your choice! In Sharm El Sheikh we have the famous Straits of Tiran. These are the most northern dive sites in this area and consists of four reefs and The Tiran Island in the Gulf of Aqaba. The four reefs are named after English cartographers starting with Jackson Reef in the North followed by Woodhouse, Thomas and Gordon Reefs. These dive sites are as good as they are famous.

When the sea is rough you can dive the southern sides of the reefs which are sheltered from the wind, but when the weather is good, we dive all around the reefs! The amount of corals is countless and if you're looking for sharks and turtles, this is the place to be. Turtles are found close to the surface or feeding on top of the reef. Sharks can be seen out in the blue as well as sleeping in the sand. This time of year, they're almost guaranteed!



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