

### Happy New Year!

We wish you all the best for the New Year and hope you'll enjoy some parts of it diving with us.

### What's up in the near future?

- Wreck safaris every week with Colona V.
- Photo safari in April to the fascinating Brother Islands. Your guide will be the famous photographer Kimmo Hagman.
- Weekly safaris from Sharm El Sheikh exploring the national park of Ras Mohammed and the wreck of Dunraven, Kingston and Thistlegorm.

### Wreck safari with Colona V

Colona V is our own cozy liveaboard, stationed at her own jetty in the Magawish village in Hurghada. During the cruises she'll visit, to mention a few, the famous wrecks of Abu Nuhas, Thistlegorm and its "sister ship" Rosalie Muller, and further south, Salem Express. Colona V accommodates up to 10 divers in twin cabins, has 3 bathrooms onboard and a fabulous chef who will keep your tummy satisfied. Colona V also offers Nitrox filling onboard which gives you the excellent possibility of combining your wreck- and Nitrox diving.



Kimmo Hagman in action taking pictures

### Photo Safari to the Brothers

In April it's time to go to the Brothers! The Brothers are a pair of tiny islands, and definitely one of the most amazing dives in the Red Sea. In fact, they are actually the exposed tips of two massive reef pillars that rise from the abyssal depths. Being the only significant reefs in the area, they act as a magnet for any pelagic and reef fishes.

Washed as they are by the full force of open sea currents, they support an incredibly dense and diverse coral population, with almost overwhelmingly profuse soft coral growth on all sides. At Big Brother, the larger of the two, a wealth of soft corals of every conceivable species flourish in the big currents. The fish life here is more than impressive, ranging from the tiniest anthias in the shallows to the most exciting sharks in the depths offshore. The Little Brother is inferior in size only. The soft coral growth here is so unbelievably rich that the upper 30m looks like a crocheted cap over the reef. The schooling fish that merely blanket Big Brother are so dense here they block out the daylight. Out in the blue, the show goes on with an incredible diversity of pelagics. Like Big Brother, this site attracts numerous sharks, such as Grey reefs, whitetip reefs, hammerheads and tigers. Colona offers the perfect combination of visiting the Brothers, learning more about UW-photography with the famous photographer Kimmo Hagman, allowing you to bring back not only beautiful memories but also fantastic photographs!

### Go on safari - make new friends!

Over the New Year we had a Scandinavian safari exploring every corner of the national park of Ras Mohammed as well as the wrecks of Thistlegorm, Dunraven and Kingston. We started in Sharm El Sheikh and the circumstances were not the best... How on earth would Danish, Finish, Swedish and Norwegian Vikings get along on a boat far at sea for a whole week? Womanly intelligence and intuition of course... and some might say that the possibility of nice company, good food excellent diving and nice weather might also have had something to do with it. By the end of the week we'd all pain in our stomachs out of laughing too much (if that's ever possible) and we'd seen everything from Swedish party-shrimps and Norwegian sea horses to sharks and turtles. One of the main reasons to go on a safari is that you'll visit places far away from the shore and also the fantastic morning dives, you jump just after sunrise and usually the sea is flat and pristine and you'll find something extraordinary. Breakfast is served after the first dive and there is the beginning of another perfect day. On the safaris you'll also have the ability to go night diving – every night if you want to! Or why not just relax for another hour waiting for the dinner to be served?

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