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RED SEA DIVING SAFARI HOLIDAYS



Established in 1985, Oonasdivers is run by a small team of experienced divers with intimate knowledge of the locations we sell. Over the years the hallmark of Oonasdivers has been the friendly personal service. From your first contact to your return home, you're in the safe hands of our dedicated team here in the UK and our travel partners at your destination.

We have continued to maintain our Egyptian roots, and for many successful years we have worked closely with Red Sea Dive Safari (RSDS) our partners in the southern Red Sea. Our customers continue to return with amazing stories of adventure and friendship.

Keep an eye on Facebook for our latest offers, or if you ever fancy a chat about diving, just give us a call!

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We look forward to hearing from you!

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INTRODUCING RED SEA DIVING SAFARI



Oonasdivers and Red Sea Diving Safari (RSDS) have been Red Sea diving partners for over 20 years. We have worked exclusively together to create renowned scuba diving experiences in the southern Red Sea across their three outstanding scuba diving focussed soft tourism resorts.

Diving at RSDS is kept something of a secret by those who visit. There is an air of "I want to keep this to myself" for every diver who has been there, and that is really part of the essence that makes these resorts so special. Owned and led since the late 1980's by Hossam, along with his family and long serving team, many of whom have worked at the resort for over 10 years. Oonasdivers founder worked with Hossam to open up the Red Sea to scuba divers in the 1990's from the UK. Hossam's focus on reef protection has created what is probably the best house reef in the Red Sea. Marsa Shagra has two kilometres of private house reef open daily for the resort's visitors to explore at their leisure. You can find all of the marine life expected in the Red Sea just on this reef. Recently, Eagle Rays were mating in the area between the Marsa, offering divers daily sightings of these beautiful creatures.

The resorts each have their own identity and feel, which has developed over time as the number of divers has increased. 'Shagra', as it is often called, is by far the most visited. It offers the largest house reef and daily access to Elphinstone for diving with the Longimanus. Guests are often drawn to its smaller sister 'Nakari', on their second or third visit to RSDS, or may have already had a taste after a one-day dive trip from Shagra to see what it's all about. Nakari offers a quieter, more laid-back setting with less divers, resulting in a highly relaxing diving experience. Moving onto Wadi Lahami, the frontier resort, where although there may be a capacity of 60 divers, you will often find no more than 20 in resort at any one time. Here you can really get the feeling of being miles away from anywhere. Wadi Lahami is located on an almost empty coastline, where the mangrove areas attract a wonderful variety of wildlife that you may not expect to see in Egypt. The daily diving at Fury Shoals delivers outstanding dives over and over. The renovated Deluxe Chalets with air-conditioning will without a doubt be a draw for our regulars and those looking to experience the adventure of this remote village for the first time.



Marsa Nakari has a private house reef slightly smaller than Marsa Shagra and the resort only caters for 90 divers, making it a more tranquil experience for those looking for a slightly quieter resort compared to Marsa Shagra. Daily outer reef diving and visits to Dolphin House are available by zodiac.



Wadi Lahami is in the deep south and only caters for 60 divers, it is an eco-style back to basics resort with renovated modern deluxe chalets with air conditioning. Daily diving on the house reef and Fury Shoals reef system by zodiac is operated at set times and up to 4 dives per day are included in the diving package.



MARSA SHAGRA RESORT

View from our Director

I have been in the role as Director of Oonasdivers for 7 years now. I visit RSDS at least once per year and have now done more than 500 dives across the resorts. I remain in love with the whole experience. It isn't possible to put everything in this brochure that RSDS stands for and is, or to try to explain the absolute passion it evokes in its visitors.

As a diver with over 3500 dives under my belt, and now with an experienced other half diving at my side. My eager 8 year old son at my last writing, is now 12 years old and PADI Advanced qualified; he has completed nearly 100 dives himself at RSDS. My daughter is now 11 and is PADI Open Water and has around 50 dives at RSDS. Passing on the passion for family diving is something I am keen to have greater focus on in the future.

I am not a marine biologist by any means, but I take a keen interest in how reefs look healthwise, and the reefs at RSDS are exceptional. In my job, I periodically revisit destinations that we offer to monitor the effects of conservation efforts, fishing and other externalities on the dive environments, and in my humble opinion, the house reefs at RSDS are a glowing reflection of the 30 years Hossam and his family have protected them and managed the environment with great care and attention.

Only a few metres from the beach, you can find all of the varieties of marine life that you would expect to see in the Red Sea, bar the deep pelagics. You will also find fish of the same type in varying sizes confirming that the reef is developing healthily. The house reef provides a nursery for many young fish, such as the beautiful juvenile Emperor Angelfish. I hope you find my view interesting and it gives you an insight into why RSDS is over and above your every day dive resort. We are always on hand to answer any questions.



Back in the late 1980's Hossam and his small dive team used to travel down the coast road by truck stopping off and putting up tents every few days. In essence a land based dive safari, which has developed into the three fixed resorts, but the same tent experience is available still and is a very popular option with guests.



Since the 1980's, as the resorts have developed they have carefully added locally styled chalets with internationally recognised facilities such as A/C, LCD TV, fridge with daily refilled mini-bar, kettle and tea and coffee making facilities. They really have it covered, and if you need anything else you just need to ask.



MARSA SHAGRA - RESORT OVERVIEW

Marsa Shagra Resort Overview

Enjoy the relaxed, laid back atmosphere of Marsa Shagra, a unique location the likes of which you will not find anywhere else in the world. Marsa Shagra offers an unlimited diving concept where you can dive as much, or as little as you like.

Established over 20 years ago, Marsa Shagra was discovered by Hossam Helmy and his Red Sea Diving Safari team whilst exploring the fringe reef on the Egyptian coastline between Safaga and Sudan. One of three natural bays, which also include Marsa Nakari resort and Wadi Lahami resort, that essentially put the region of Marsa Alam on the map.

At Marsa Shagra, Hossam has endeavoured to promote sustainable tourism along with eco diving and his educational diving programmes are a continuation of his desire to ensure the long-term future of this area.

As well as unlimited access to Marsa Shagra's extensive and diverse house reef, this resort gives divers exclusive access to many other outstanding reefs including Elphinstone, Dolphin House Reef (Samadai) and Abu Dabbab, where if you are lucky you might spot the elusive Dugong.

Our guests say these resorts are the best value and all-round diving experience you will find in the Red Sea. Marsa Shagra is the larger of the villages and is suitable for all levels of qualification from non-divers to instructors – there really is something for everyone.





Board Basis



Your stay includes all meals, soft drinks and mineral water refills. Meals are a range of meat, fish and international and local dishes. If you have any specific needs, please ask before you depart or in resort. The chefs will always try to accommodate your needs.

Pizza Oven & Snacks



The Cafeteria offers snacks and drinks from 6am until late. You can also grab a beer from here and discuss your day's diving with your buddies. Don't forget the free afternoon tea and cake daily from 4pm.



Shagra has a new pizza oven available from 4pm-9pm offering multiple options. You can order from the Cafeteria or the Restaurant. Pizza is an extra charge not included in your meal plan.

Mineral Water, Solar Power and Eco-Approach

The resort's approach to soft tourism means that they aim to limit the use of bottled water in resort. Where possible, we would kindly recommend taking your own vacuum water bottle to refill during your stay, this will mean that your visit leads to no water bottles being opened, something to be proud of we think. The mineral water is supplied using refilling water stations which are free of charge for your whole stay. Shagra has its own solar power farm enabling it to use its own renewable energy.

Other resort facilities

Aside from the diving on tap, you can spend time relaxing in the hammocks along the large coral sand beach, and evenings are a great time to visit the Bawadi Bar. A friendly welcome by the water's edge awaits and a large cushioned area to relax and have a drink with friends old and new alike. There is a playground and basketball net for kids, and always a keen staff member waiting to challenge you to a few shots. Often for big football games, the Cafeteria is transformed with a big screen for all to enjoy.



A great place for beginners and diving families...

Shagra offers families with children over 10 years old a great opportunity to dive together and develop their experience in a safe and controlled environment. Inner reefs are shallow and dive profiles of 10m deep offer great interest and fish diversity. The environment is a great alternative to your Dubai type resorts for families to spend quality time together.





MARSA SHAGRA - LEARN TO DIVE AND CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION

Learn to Dive at Marsa Shagra

If you are seeking to connect more with the natural environment, then learning to dive is a great way to achieve that goal. Diving is easy and fun, especially at Red Sea Diving Safari where the 'eat, sleep, dive' culture is in full flow and the diving shade atmosphere is hard to beat. This is a key reason people return year after year to dive the house reef and other sites. It is like a big diving family and when you are learning, you will be made to feel comfortable and part of that family. Often with many other guests taking an interest in your training, offering positive engagement and support.

This location is especially good for anyone who is nervous, as time can be taken to ensure the trainee is relaxed and is not under pressure. As you complete the open water dives on the house reef, once qualified, you can seamlessly transition to diving with your buddy on the house reef, and with the unlimited diving package, you can do plenty of dives to build your confidence in a safe environment.

Let our experienced team guide you through the process of booking your learn to dive holiday, this ensures you have a simple approach to getting qualified. We can combine a learn to dive holiday as part of a wider cultural experience in Egypt taking in the Pyramids, Valley of the Kings and also Nile cruises. Talk to a member of the team for more information.

Continuing your education at Marsa Shagra

At Red Sea Diving Safari, there is a focus on diver training all the way from Open Water Diver to Instructor. There are a number of well-respected Instructors led by the on-site PADI Course Director on hand to run all of the PADI courses you might like to undertake.

Advancing your diving skills through to Rescue Diver is a great way to build confidence, as your diving skill will be tested to many limits through the various skills training modules. You will be able to help another diver in trouble and support their safe return to the surface should an issue occur.



MARSA SHAGRA - FAMILY DIVING

Interested in becoming a Diving Family?

Marsa Shagra is no doubt one of the best places to learn to dive as a family in the world. The house reef offers a very safe and engaging environment from 2-12 metres deep perfect for junior divers. To start your diving career, you need to be 10 years old for the PADI Junior Open Water diver course.

When learning to dive with children, having the right location is key to ensuring safety and a quality experience to ensure they develop the confidence to become a great diver in their own right. We can offer first-hand experience as some of our team have already gone through this process and have great knowledge to share and help plan your trip. One of our young divers, aged 13, has now completed nearly 100 dives across the Red Sea Diving Safari resorts. Quite a feat for someone only 13 years old.

At aged 12, you can complete the Junior Advanced Open Water Diver. This is a great way to develop skills, especially buoyancy, a key skill for all divers to master. There are a number of speciality courses available for those aged 12 and above. Ability to achieve Junior Master Scuba Diver is a great accolade.

Why Marsa Shagra?

Marsa Shagra is a dedicated divers' resort with the perfect set-up for embarking on that first family dive experience. Many of the team at Marsa Shagra are long-term employees with a vested interest in quality training provision. They are well-known to repeat clients and many return to be taught by the same person.

The set-up with the diving shade right by the water makes life super easy when preparing for, and returning from a dive. The team around the shade are second to none and are always available to ensure the younger ones get a hand with tanks and putting gear together if they need assistance. There is a real buzz around youngsters and they just love it!

The house reef has little current and often visibility of 20 metres or more. The reef on both the south and north fringes from the shore, dropping to between 12-15 metres deep initially, offers an additional safety element as the young divers cannot go beneath their depth limit. The simple dive profiles with reef on the right or left makes navigation very easy.



MARSA SHAGRA - DIVING OVERVIEW

Marsa Shagra Diving Overview

When you book your holiday as a certified diver, your package includes unlimited house reef diving and two guided orientation dives on the house reef on your first diving day. After this you are free to enjoy the resort's unlimited diving set up where you have the freedom to dive in buddy pairs at your own pace and at the time of your choosing. The water's edge is just meters away from the dive shade so you can get kitted up and go diving when you like. In addition to the house reef, there are a number of boat and truck excursions available from the resort.

DIVE WITH THE LONGIMANUS

Dive Centre Facilities and Training

The PADI dive centre on-site is able to offer training courses for all levels of diver from introductory dives through to divemaster inductions. Training for children is available from the Bubblemaker course at 8 years old moving onto the Junior Open Water at 10. Learning at RSDS is recommended by us, the dive team are patient, knowledgeable and experienced and the shore-based entry is perfect for honing your skills and then going off to explore the reef.

The Diving Credit System

At RSDS all diving outside of the house reef is subject to an additional charge. The cost depends on the zone of the dive site. See page 12 for the high level dive site map. You can purchase diving credits for use throughout your visit. We offer credit packages that fit a few top choices such as Elphinstone, Abu Dabab and Long Canyon. You can then join these dives as they are organised throughout the week around your unlimited house reef package.

Snorkelling

There are plenty of snorkelling options on the house reef and the zodiacs will take you to the outer house reef to explore and then return to collect you after an hour or so. Special trips may be able to be organised if you are visiting purely for snorkelling. We are finding more requests of late for snorkel only trips so don't be afraid to ask any questions.

Freediving

This location has regular groups of freedivers attending the resort. There are a number of places suitable to freedive and a spare zodiac is often set up in a location to provide a hub for freedivers to operate from. There are also a few dive sites accessible by RIB that trips are arranged to for the freedivers. One site called Canyons is particularly good as it has swim-throughs and also a small wreck inside a horse-shoe shaped reef. If you are interested in freediving at the resort, just give us a call and we can arrange this for you.



Diving Operations, Dive Shade, Zoning and Sites

The dive centre and shade are the hub of daily scuba activities at Shagra. You will hear tanks clinking from around 5am through to 9pm as guests embark on their personal dive schedules throughout the day. The centre staff are always present around the shade and office so you can check any planned zoned dives and ask any questions that you may have. The equipment team are present from around 6am if you need a missing item or to grab your rental gear. The operation of the diving board is a honed process over many years. Guests have a numbered locker (bring your own padlock when you come) to keep their gear in and then when you go for a dive you write this on the north or south board accordingly. If you are on a zodiac/zodiac profile, the boatmen and dive crew will monitor the board to ensure they know who is in the water, whereabouts they are and when they need to be collected. The crew are busy with binoculars for any SMB coming up in case of an emergency so they can immediately be on hand to assist as required. They will also check your locker if you forget to remove your name from the diving board so they can be sure that you have returned. This board is fantastic for finding a buddy to dive with too.

The House Reef

The house reef is 0m-50m+ deep depending on where you dive and how far away from the shore-line you venture. There are a few overhangs 40m+ on the south side. You really have to explore it for yourself. There are six broad dive profiles offered on the house reef;

- North Reef - GO Shore / BACK Shore
- North Reef - GO Zodiac / BACK Shore
- North Reef - GO Zodiac / BACK Zodiac
- South Reef - GO Shore / BACK Shore
- South Reef - GO Zodiac / BACK Shore
- South Reef - GO Zodiac/ BACK Zodiac

Truck Diving (Zone A)

RSDS still operate Truck dives to local shore based dive sites all within a 30 minute ride from the resort, Dugong sites are only a short drive away. Snorkel trips are also run in this way and a great way to see turtles in the shallows at a local lagoon.

- Marsa Abu Dabbab
- Sharm Shuni
- Marsa Shuni
- Marsa Moureen
- Marsa Egla
- Marsa Samadai
- Ras Samadai
- Marsa Nakari

RIB Diving (Zone B)

The planned RIB dives are a great way to see some outer reefs and see more of the Red Sea.

- Sharb Abu Dabbab
- Shaab El Nabaa (Nelson reef)
- Gabel el Rosas (Nemo City)
- Egla Top
- Torfa Gabel el Rosas
- Om Halhala
- Long Canyon

Elphinstone Reef (Zone C)

This is a deep torpedo shaped reef where you can see the famous Longumanus (White Tip Oceanic) and outstanding soft corals. This is a serious adrenaline dive for the advanced diver!



You will find a buddy board at both Marsa Shagra and Marsa Nakari. Wadi Lahami house reef diving is operated at organised times (4 dives daily) using a zodiac due to the size of the house reef system shore based entry and return is not viable.

Accommodation Options at Marsa Shagra - Natural Simplicity

The resort has five different room types. Recently all of the chalets were upgraded to Deluxe with the addition of air conditioning, therefore Standard Chalets are no longer available at Shagra. It's worth checking the map to see if you want to request a specific accommodation by number, this is subject to availability but something regulars do enjoy when re-visiting, often many times over.

Royal Tent

The Royal Tent is the most popular accommodation option and an integral part of Red Sea Diving Safari's minimal impact concept. The interior is 5x5 metres and well furnished with a minibar, fan, bean bag chairs and table, and a seating area just a few meters from the shoreline. Royal Tents are available with a double bed or two singles and share a communal bathroom facility.

- Two Single Beds or Double Bed
- Use of Shared Bathrooms (inc Shower Gel)
- Shower Towels (on-request at reception)
- Sunrise view from Tent
- Daily housekeeping
- Fan & Mini-Fridge



Original Huts

The Huts are simple, dome-roofed rooms set on the beach, slightly back from the shoreline but offering uninterrupted sea views. They feature two single beds, bedside table with a lamp, a wardrobe, and a fan. The Huts share a communal bathroom facility and shower towels are available if needed from the reception. Beach towels can be rented for a fee.

- Two Single Beds, Wardrobe, Side table
- Use of Shared Bathrooms (inc Shower Gel)
- Shower Towels (on-request at reception)
- Daily housekeeping
- Sunrise / Sea view





Deluxe Chalet

The Deluxe Chalet with air conditioning is the finest room standard and has terraces on either side, one overlooks the spectacular mountains on one side and the Red Sea on the other. The Deluxe Chalets are 4x6 metres, offer either a double bed or twin beds, ensuite, wardrobes, side & dressing table. Towels are provided for showering only.

- Air Conditioning & Mini-Bar (re-filled daily)
- En-Suite Bathroom
- Tea & Coffee, Kettle (milk in fridge)
- Sunrise / Sunset view
- LCD TV



Accommodation Options at Marsa Shagra - Deluxe Comfort

Two new room types have been added to the village to offer more a luxurious standard of accommodation, while retaining the resort's rustic charm and remaining true to its eco core. Blending into the landscape with natural elegance, these chalets boast idyllic positions and magnificent outlooks, providing all the deluxe comforts and modern amenities needed for ultimate relaxation after a long day of diving.

Premium Deluxe Chalet

The Premium Deluxe Chalet is ideally located close to all amenities with spectacular mountain views on one side and the Red Sea on the other. With a large terrace and seating area, the chalet is furnished to a high standard and comes with air-con and a large double bed.

- Mini Bar
- Air Conditioning
- Tea and Coffee Making Facilities
- Safety Deposit Box
- T.V.
- Daily Housekeeping
- Terrace
- Wardrobe
- Sunrise and Sunset view

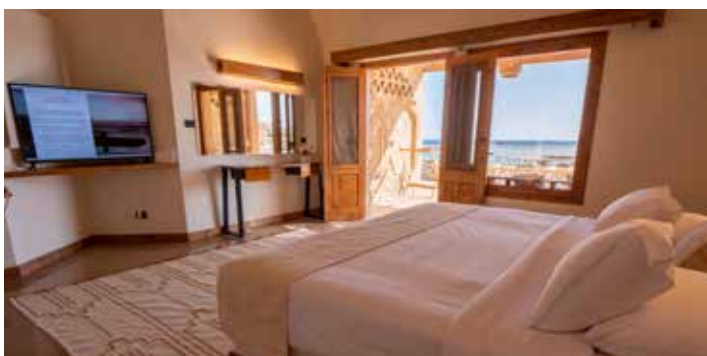




Superior Deluxe Chalet

The finest standard Superior Deluxe Chalet occupies the best location in Marsa Shagra with a large, private terrace providing breathtaking house reef views. Situated close to the centre, each chalet features a spacious, high-quality interior including en-suite bathroom, large wardrobe space and a 50-inch LED TV. Each set of two chalets are interconnecting, therefore ideal for families.

- Air Conditioning
- Tea and Coffee Making Facilities
- Safety Deposit Box
- Mini Fridge
- T.V.
- Private Terrace
- Daily Housekeeping
- Wardrobe
- Side and Dressing Table
- Sunrise and Sunset view



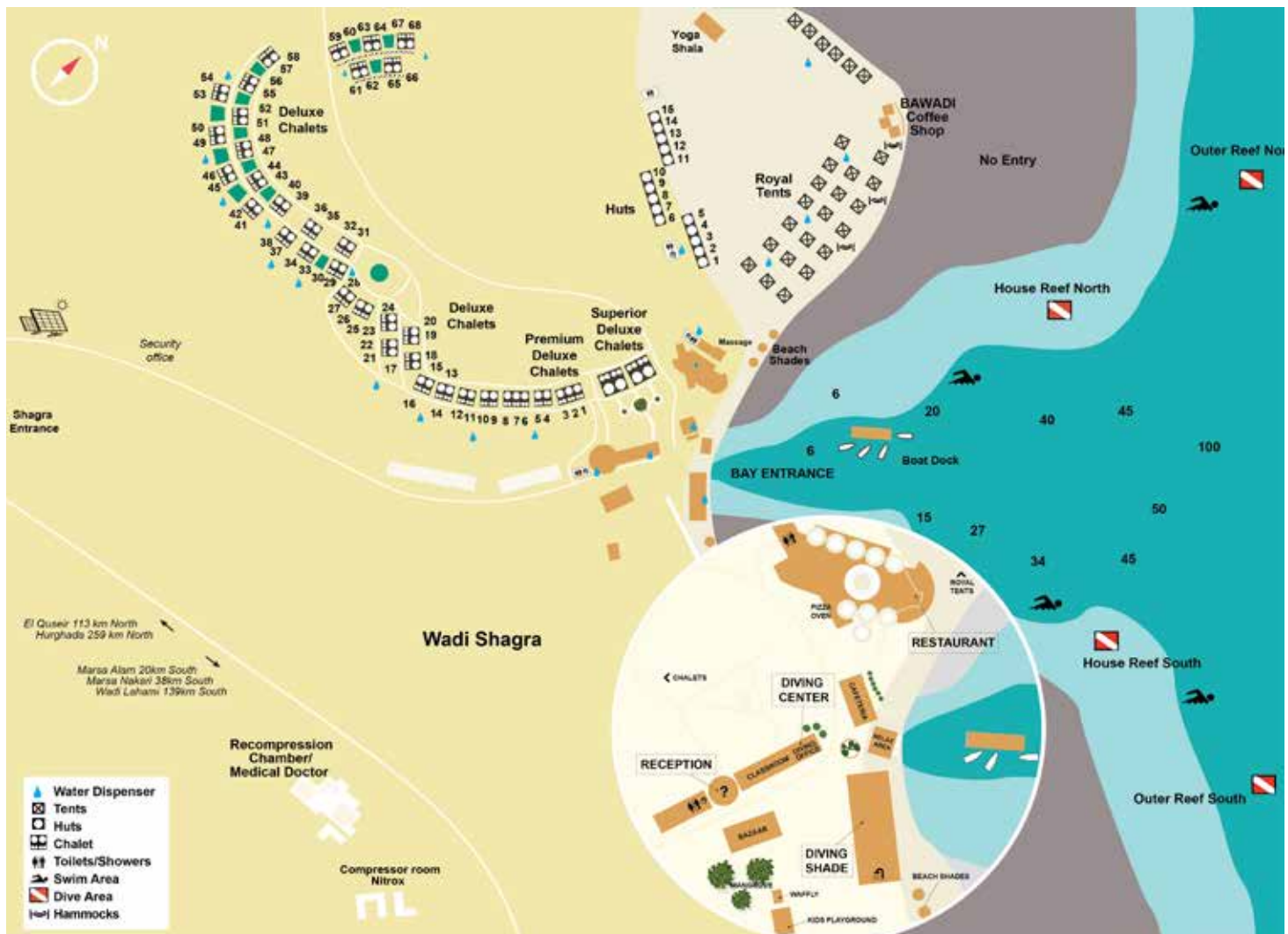
Marsa Shagra Dive Site Map

The dive site map shows you which sites can be accessed from the resort and which zone the dive site is located in. As mentioned in the dive credits section on page 8, various dive sites require differing amounts of credits. Dive credits can be booked in advance or during your stay in resort. The house reef is included in the unlimited diving plan, but all other sites are subject to an additional fee in line with the zone of the dive site.



Marsa Shagra Resort Map

We have included the resort map so you can get a feel for how the various element of the resort are laid out. Also, we find our customers often like to reserve certain room numbers as they like the view or may prefer to be closer or further away from the main services. As a guide, the walk from Chalet 52 to the dive shade will take around 7-10 minutes. We always like to offer a personal service to ensure you get the most from your stay at the RSDS resorts.



Resort Facilities and Activities

The resort has much to offer apart from scuba diving. The large area the resort covers means you can always find a peaceful space to relax and find time for yourself in the natural environment at RSDS. This is one of the goals that has come of Hossams beliefs as to how the resorts should be managed.



The Bawadi Bar

Guests hang out here during the day and evening to enjoy the breeze and try a shisha or local coffee. Music will be playing and sometimes a campfire burning where you can end your day chatting with your dive buddies, beer in hand, right by the sea.



Decompression Chamber

Hossam the owner of RSDS helped devise, establish and continues to provide support to the Decompression Chamber located across the road from the resort. You can take a visit to Baro Medical to see what it is all about, just ask at reception and they will help organise it. Each guest pays an in-resort fee as a donation to the chamber to keep it running. The doctor on-site also dives at the resort and on hand if anyone happens to fall ill as happens from time to time.



Luxor Tours

We can prebook excursions to the famous city of Luxor for 1-3 nights. You will have a private guide to show the historic culture including Karnak Temple and the Valley of the Kings.



Quad Biking

Take a quad bike trip into the desert and see some amazing geology dating back thousands of years. Enjoy the trip at your own pace and see some breath-taking views.



Desert Experience

Take a camel ride at sunset along the water's edge, or near the mountains where you can stop and meet some local Bedouins. This is something everyone does at least once during their stay!



Astromony Tour

Seeing the stars is best done from the desert where you can lay back and see the milky way and many constellations. Your guide will help you spot them during your tour.



Shagra Bazaar

For those who dare, go and try your hand at bartering with the boys in the Bazaar. They sell things that one may have forgotten from home, along with local tea, spices and souvenirs.



Massage Tent

Enjoy a massage by the sea. You can book the massage at reception in resort from 9-5pm.







MARSA NAKARI - RESORT OVERVIEW

Marsa Nakari Resort Overview

Marsa Nakari, or just 'Nakari' as you will hear others call it, sits about 40km south of Marsa Shagra and is around 1 hour from Marsa Alam Airport. The resort has the same core principles that RSDS has set out to maintain across all of its resorts. The main difference you will notice is the number of guests, Shagra is by far the busiest RSDS resort and Nakari is a calm retreat that lends itself more to how RSDS was in bygone years. Many of our customers decide on this resort if they are looking for a relaxing week away from it all, or even mix a week or ten days between the two resorts for a change of pace.

Marsa Nakari's main appeal is its proximity to the Samadai protectorate (Dolphin House); one of the Red Sea's most important National Parks. The coral reef system of this off-shore reef and the dolphins that inhabit its lagoon are one of the southern Red Sea's most popular attractions.

A beautiful feature of Nakari is its elevated restaurant, with shaded areas where you can sit in the breeze looking out over the bay. In the evening, often guests will socialise around the outside restaurant area with a beer or glass of wine. The operation of the resort runs in a similar fashion to Shagra but with a smaller diving board for noting when you go for a dive. Nitrox fills are also available at Nakari from the diving shade.



Stargazing at Marsa Nakari

The position of Nakari makes it an outstanding place for looking up into the sky. Often you can spot shooting stars in the sky, just lay back and wait.





Board Basis

Your stay will include all meals, soft drinks and mineral water refills. Meals are a range of meat, fish and international and local dishes. If you have any specific dietary requirements please ask before you depart for your trip. The chefs will always try to accommodate your needs. Soft drinks included are coke red, fanta orange and sprite. Hot drinks included are Lipton tea and Nescafe coffee.

Cafeteria

The Cafeteria offers snacks and drinks from 6am until late. You can also grab a beer from here and discuss your days diving with your buddies. Don't forget the free afternoon tea and cake daily from 4pm. Their fresh juices are made onsite, the mango is a favourite and comes highly recommended! There are also a variety of ice creams for sale.

Mineral Water and Eco-Approach

Nakari operates the same approach to mineral water as Shagra. The goal is for guests to use the refilling stations as much as possible to reduce the number of plastic bottles of water used. We would suggest pre-purchasing a vacuum bottle that can be used both during and after your holiday. This massively reduces the plastic from guest visits, we hope you support this approach where possible.



Scuba Clubs and Groups

Nakari is often a draw for groups and clubs as you can enjoy the resort and organise your dives with the skippers at your leisure having greater flexibility for the whole group to dive together on the sites you want, in the order you want. The offshore reef diving is also great for groups as some can stay on the house reef and whilst others head to the outer reefs to explore.

Lydia is our groups specialist and handles all our club and dive centre trips. Speak to her about how we can make your next trip a memorable one.



MARSA NAKARI - DIVING OVERVIEW

Marsa Nakari Diving Overview

Marsa Nakari has a beautiful house reef, around three quarters the size of its big sister Shagra. The quality of the reef is just as pristine as Shagra with vibrant colours and soft corals. A big draw is the quick access to Dolphin House by speedboat similar to that of Elphinstone at Shagra. Here you would hope to see dolphins in their natural environment swimming in their pod, often seemingly showing off for their visitors if you catch the timing right. There are also some other great outer reefs to explore by zodiac, we recommend a trip to Habili Nakari for every visiting diver. Its proximity to the resort means often you will be the only divers there potentially making for a private dive for just 8 guests!



SNORKEL AND DIVE WITH DOPHNIS

Become Self Reliant at Marsa Nakari

PADI now offer a course for those wanting to qualify to dive alone and Nakari is the perfect place to take the course. You will learn additional safety processes and carry back-up air in case of an emergency. This then allows you to dive solo on the house reef, a great opportunity for photographers. Chat to Lydia who has taken this course and can tell you first-hand about her experiences.

The Diving Credit System

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Dolphin House

This site is famous for the pod of dolphins that live in the horseshoe shaped reef. As with all wildlife nothing is guaranteed, but here you're in with a good chance of a sighting. The crew will often take you to the quieter areas where you will avoid the larger groups. This site is ideal for both snorkelling and diving trips, visitors can enjoy a leisurely snorkel before taking a dive on the outside of the horseshoe reef that is about 1km in diameter.

Outer Reef Diving

Marsa Nakari has access to a number of outer reefs making the resort well placed if you want to do less house reef diving and visit other sites. The diving on the outside of Dolphin House is of great quality and only 15 minutes by speedboat from Nakari. Accessing outer reefs can take many hours via a liveaboard or day boat from Hurghada so you could well have done your dive and be back relaxing in resort before the other divers even arrive!



Diving Operations, Dive Shade, Zoning and Sites

The diving operation is run in the same manner at Nakari as at Shagra. There are more outer reef dives available from Nakari as shown in the zoning information below. The same house reef diving profiles are available at Nakari and the zodiacs will be on hand to collect you as you require.

Photography at RSDS

The unlimited buddy diving set-up is perfect for those wanting to develop their photography skills. We know how important it is to be able to take your time when learning and being able to go back to subjects on the house reef and hone your skills. Spend the days diving and evenings editing your pictures, evaluating your camera settings and then returning the next day to try your new approach.



Truck Diving (Zone A)

RSDS still operate Truck dives to local shore based dive sites all within a 30 minute ride from the resort, Dugong sites are only a short drive away. Snorkel trips are also run in this way and a great way to see turtles in the shallows at a local lagoon.

- Marsa Abu Dabbab
- Marsa Assalai
- Marsa Egla
- Marsa Samadai

RIB Diving (Zone B)

- Planned RIB dives in Zone B;
- Shaab Nakari
 - Ras Samadi (Dolphin House)
 - Habili Nakari
 - South Garden
 - Habili Dori
 - Ras Tondoba

RIB Diving (Zone C)

- Planned RIB dives in Zone C;
- Shaab Masra Alam
 - Habili el Ghadeer
 - Wadi el Gemal
 - Shallaneat
 - Shaab Sharm



Accommodation Options at Marsa Nakari

The accommodation at Marsa Nakari is very similar to that of Marsa Shagra. The main differences are when the rooms were built and upgraded, their location was centred around the view of the sea, sunrise and sunset. Guests similarly request specific rooms as per the resort map over the page. The Deluxe and Super Deluxe chalets offer a higher level of luxury and comfort in a rustic and intimate environment.

Royal Tent

The Royal Tent is the most popular accommodation option and an integral part of Red Sea Diving Safari's minimal impact concept. The interior is 5x5 meters and well furnished with a minibar, fan, bean bag chairs and table, and a seating area just a few metres from the shoreline. Royal Tents are available with a double bed or two singles and share a communal bathroom facility.

- Two Single Beds or Double Bed
- Use of Shared Bathrooms (inc Shower Gel)
- Shower Towels (on-request at reception)
- Sunrise view from Tent
- Daily housekeeping
- Fan & Mini-Fridge



Deluxe Chalet

The Deluxe Chalet with air conditioning is the finest room standard and has terraces on either side, one overlooking the spectacular mountains on one side and the Red Sea on the other. The Deluxe Chalets are 4x6 metres, offer either a double bed or twin beds, ensuite, wardrobes, side & dressing table. Towels are provided for showering only.

- Air Conditioning & Mini-Bar (daily re-filled)
- En-Suite Bathroom
- Tea & Coffee, Kettle (milk in fridge)
- Sunrise / Sunset view
- Shower Towels (on-request at reception)





Superior Tent

Offering the same features as The Royal Tent, this newest room offering at Marsa Nakari comes with the added comforts of an en-suite bathroom, wooden flooring, lockable doors, and boast glorious front row positions on the beachfront. Located steps away from the water's edge, each tent comes with a private veranda to sit back, relax and enjoy the stunning view.

- Two Single Beds or Double Bed
- Ensuite bathroom
- Sunrise view
- Daily housekeeping
- Private Veranda



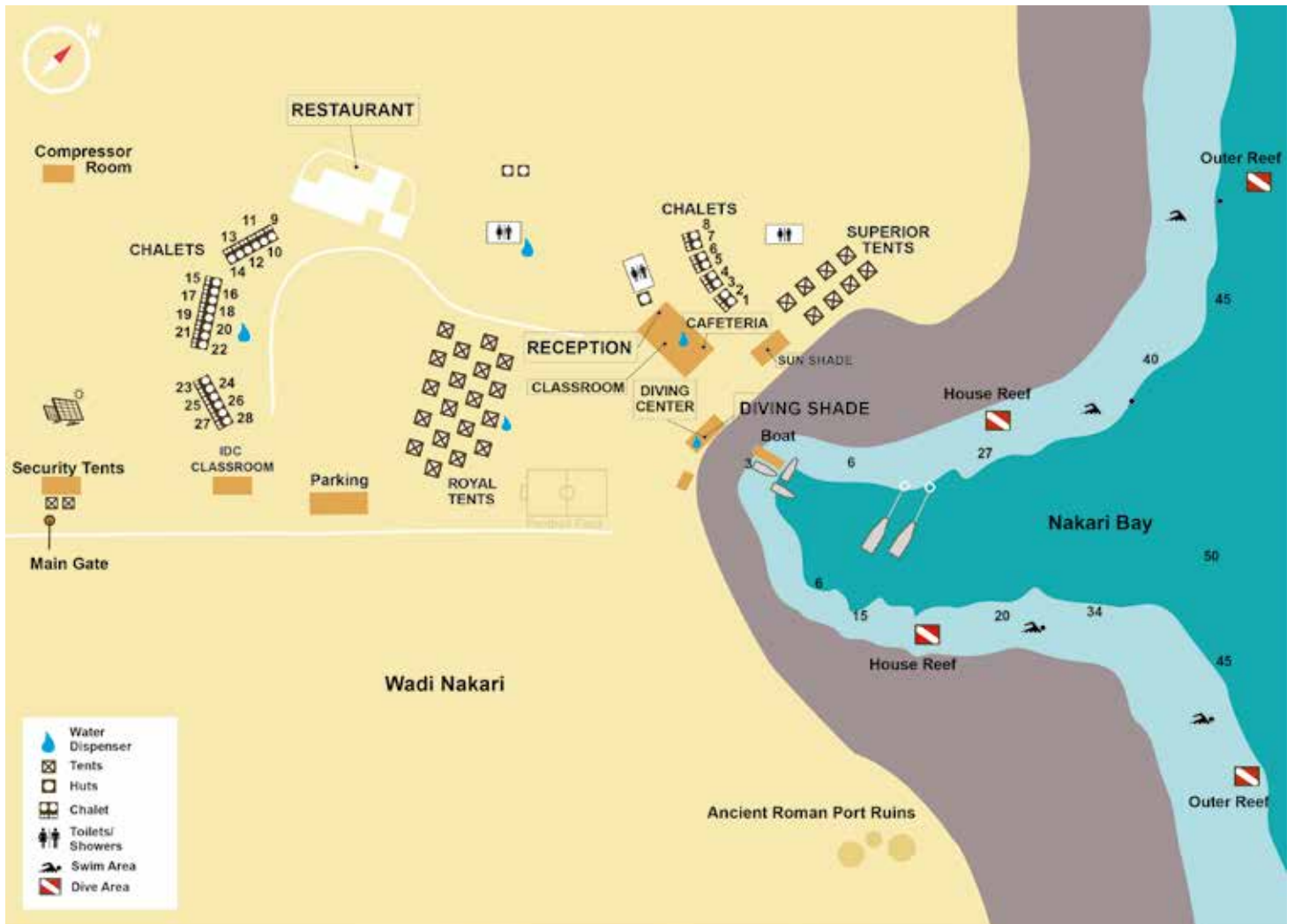
Marsa Nakari Dive Site Map

The dive site map shows you which sites can be accessed from the resort and which zone the dive site is located in. As mentioned in the dive credits section on page 18, it is dependent on the dive site as to the amount of credits required. Dive credits can be booked in advance or whilst you are in resort.



Marsa Nakari Resort Map

We have included the resort map so you can get a feel for how the various element of the resort are laid out. Also, we find our customers often like to reserve particular room numbers as they like the view or to be closer or further away from the main services. We always like to make sure we offer a personal service so you get the most from your stay at the RSDS resorts. As a guide, to walk from Chalet 28 to the dive shade will take around 5 minutes.



Resort Facilities and Activities

Nakari is a very relaxed resort and the tranquil ambience is apparant when you stay here. Although there are many activities available, our experience has shown that guests often chill out at the sun shades enjoying a good book or taking in the great view points of the Marsa.



Cafeteria, Bar and Socialising Area

The Cafeteria is the hub of the resort and a central meeting point for divers pre and post dive for drinks and snacks, it is just a few steps walk from the diving shade so you can easily refuel between dives and relax at one of the sun shades. As sunset approaches and divers fill their last tanks of the day, often people will hang out here and watch the sunset with a beer discussing the days diving and planning tomorrows house reef exploration.



Kayaking

Borrow a kayak and try your hand at paddling around the bay. This is great fun for kids as the shallow and calm sea makes for a safe area to play.



Quad Biking

Take a quad bike trip into the desert and see some amazing geology dating back thousands of years. Enjoy the trip at your own pace and see some outstanding views.



Desert Experience

This is something everyone does at least once! Take a camel ride at sunset along the waters edge or near the mountain where you can stop and meet some local Bedouin.



Astromony Tour

Seeing the stars is best done from the desert where you can lay back and see the milky way and many constel-lations. Your guide will help you spot them during your tour.



Snorkelling Trips

The resort organises on a request basis snorkelling trips to Dolphin House and other local reefs.



Massage

Enjoy a massage by the sea. You can book the massage at reception in resort from 9-5pm.







WADI LAHAMI - RESORT OVERVIEW

Wadi Lahami Resort Overview

Wadi Lahami is a secluded resort in Egypt's pristine "deep south", a destination for the true explorer which features an almost completely empty coastline. Lahami is definitely one of Egypt's last frontiers and an extremely valuable natural resource.

As one of the few places you can dive the stunning reef system of the Fury Shoals from land this small and remote resort provides the perfect opportunity to escape from life's pressures. Relax, kick back and enjoy peace, tranquility, and diving that will take your breath away.

Smaller and quieter than her sister villages Marsa Shagra & Marsa Nakari, Wadi Lahami is the most recent resort set up by RSDS and is thus the most original and basic in nature. This by no means makes it less attractive, it appeals to travellers and divers who seek a more eco type holiday with fantastic scuba diving on their doorstep. In return you get to experience the amazing coastline, views and the feel of being off the beaten track.

The diving at Wadi Lahami is suitable for all levels of experience, however, as all diving is done from a speedboat, visitors should be comfortable with this type of entry and exit for the duration of the holiday.





Board Basis

Three meals per day are included within your package and are served in the open-air restaurant which provides a very sociable setting. Guests will be served plated meals when occupancy is below 20 guests. When there are more than 20 guests in resort, a buffet meal service will be offered. Soft drinks (cola, fanta, sprite in bottles), tea and Nescafe coffee are also included. If you have any specific dietary requirements, please do let us know in advance as due to the remoteness of the resort the team will need to plan and purchase accordingly.

Outside restaurant opening times, snacks are available at charge from the cafeteria. They include a selection of crisps, chocolate bars, ice creams, biscuits and fresh fruit juices.

Mineral Water and Eco-Approach

Wadi Lahami operates the same approach to mineral water as Shagra and Nakari. We aim for guests not to open plastic bottles of water and to refill as much as possible. Ideally pre-purchasing a vacuum type bottle that can be used many times even after your holiday. This massively reduces the plastic from guest visits and we hope you support the approach where possible.

The mineral water approach at RSDS has saved thousands of plastic water bottles entering the environment over the years. An interesting fact to consider is that over 5000 people visit the RSDS resorts every year and if every visitor opened one bottle per day of their stay this would be 35,000 plastic bottles per year. So the approach does have a clear and quantitative benefit for the local environment as recycling approaches are not always perfect.



WADI LAHAMI - DIVING OVERVIEW

Wadi Lahami Diving Overview

Your diving day typically starts with breakfast being served from 6am for a 7am departure to the offshore reefs of the Fury Shoals for your 2 guided dives. On arrival at the 1st chosen dive site, you will receive your briefing on board. After the 1st dive, tea, coffee, water and cake are served as you take your surface interval before moving on to your 2nd dive of the morning. Returning to the resort around 12pm.

After lunch and the obligatory and pleasurable dive dissection and siesta has taken place, you can head out for up to two more dives at your leisure on a Zone 1 or 2 dive site. Night dives are arranged on a request basis as they are zodiac dives. Your first night dive will be guided so as to familiarise yourself with the site.

DIVE THE FURY SHOALS

Dive Centre Facilities and Training

The dive centre is located at the main building where reception and the restaurant are set. The centre can organise equipment rentals when booked in advance and offers all the core PADI courses. Instructors can come down from Shagra or Nakari if the need arises. We find mainly certified divers visit Wadi Lahami and those seeking to learn to dive do this at Nakari or Shagra and then make a visit further south once they have built up some experience in the water.

The Diving Credit System

At Wadi Lahami the package includes four dives per day with two on the Fury Shoals reefs in zone 2. If you wish to visit the sites in zone 3, this will be organised on request in resort as you need minimum numbers to run the trip. At times, the resort will not have enough guests signing up to run these dives so its worth bearing that in mind when considering your dive plan and discussing with the centre manager your request so they can try and accommodate you.

Fury Shoals

The Fury Shoals is a highly regarded location normally only accessed from a liveaboard on a deep south itinerary. At Wadi Lahami, you can get daily access to the various sites of the Fury Shoals which offer divers a vast area of coral bommies with swim-throughs covered in soft and hard corals. Napoleon fish are resident in the area and there is a wreck to explore. You are likely to get a glimpse of a few white tip sharks throughout the week as well.





Diving Operations, Dive Shade, Zoning and Sites

At Wadi Lahami, the diving operations differ in that all diving is done from a Zodiac. No shore based entry is possible. There are a number of reefs to explore included in the unlimited package. Four dives per day are on offer at set times. These can change of course as local planning changes or due to guest requests.



RIB Diving (Zone 1)

Planned RIB dives in Zone 1;

- Torfa (house reef)
- Ras Bonny
- Habili Gazella
- Habili Daisy*
- Shabrou*

* Sites for night diving

RIB Diving (Zone 2)

Planned RIB dives in Zone 2;

- Lahami North
- Lahami South
- Habili Bells
- Abu Galawa
- Habili Dominique
- Shaab Iny
- Shaab Mini
- Shaab Bloemen
- Shaab Claudia

RIB Diving (Zone 3)

Planned RIB dives in Zone 3;

- Shaab Maksour
- Satayah (Dolphin Reef)
- Malahi
- Shaab Angel



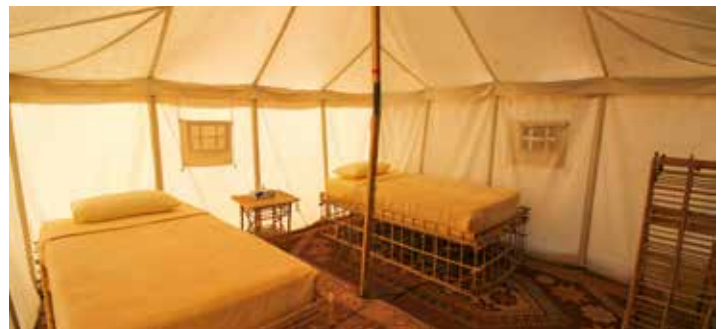
Accommodation Options at Wadi Lahami

The accommodation at Wadi Lahami is similar to that of its sister resorts apart from the newly renovated Deluxe Chalet block. These were the original huts and due to customer demand have been upgraded with air conditioning and mini fridge. This will make visiting in hotter months much more comfortable. These rooms will also be great for smaller groups as you would have the whole terrace to yourself.

Beach Safari Tent

The Tents are one of the village hallmarks and an exciting experience and insight into how the Red Sea Diving Safari concept all began. Tents are on the beachfront and the interior is 3.5 x 3.5 metres with hand-made furniture, lighting, electricity outlet and a seating area just a few metres from the shoreline. This accommodation is available with 2 single beds and share a communal bathroom facility.

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- Use of Shared Bathrooms (inc Shower Gel)
- Shower Towels (on-request at reception)
- Sunrise view from Tent
- Daily housekeeping



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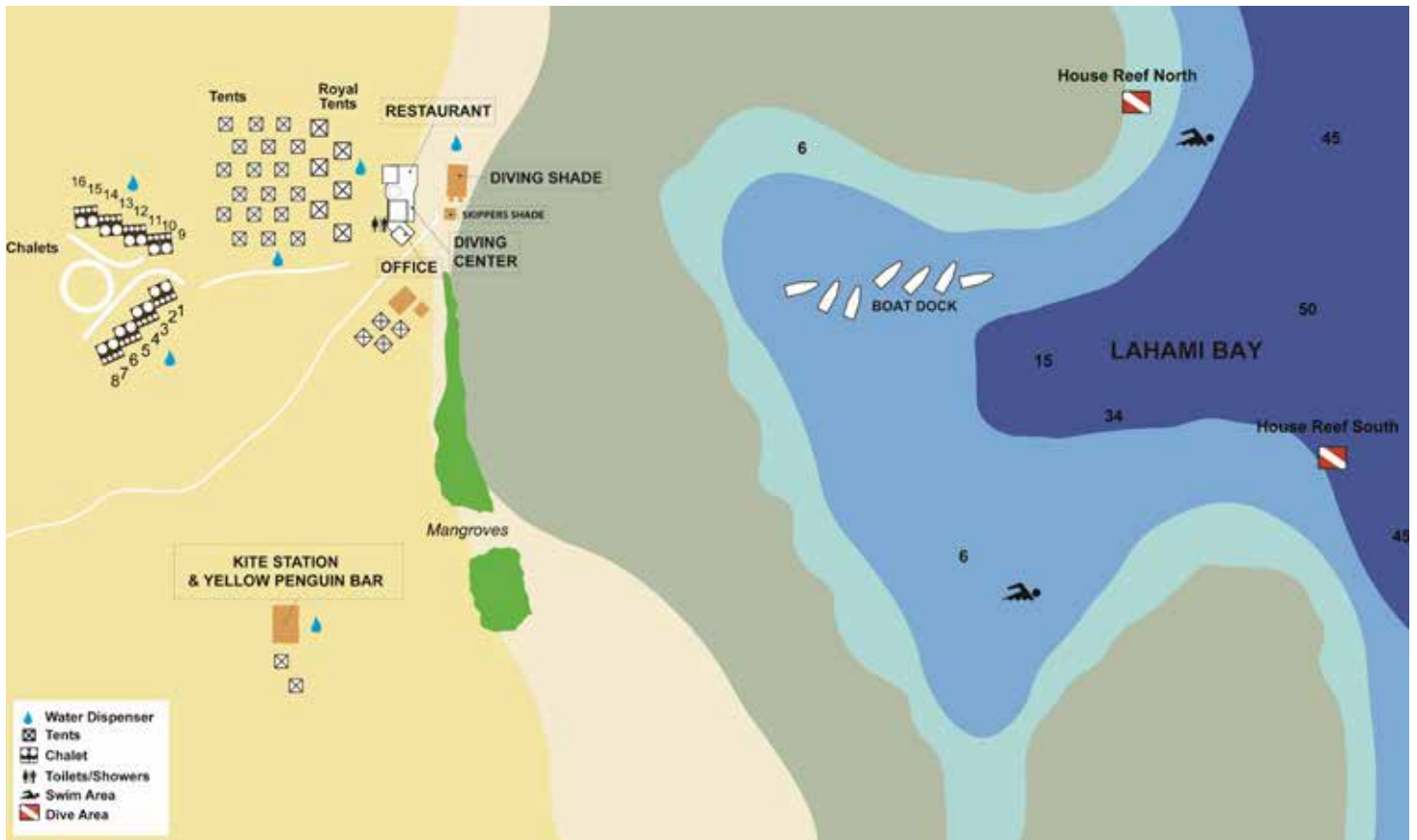
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Wadi Lahami Resort Map

We have included the resort map so you can get a feel for how the various elements of the resort are laid out. It's worth bearing in mind that at Wadi Lahami, all facilities are located within close proximity of each other. You can take a walk to explore the mangroves, which are a natural beauty in the area.



Resort Facilities and Activities

The resort has much to offer apart from scuba diving. Guests enjoy a glass of wine or beer whilst relaxing around the fire pit at The Yellow Penguin, a cosy bar located in front of the sandy bay away from the main hub of the village.



Bird Watching

The Mangroves bring in a number of rare avian species that you can get a glimpse of during your stay. Binoculars are available on site to try your skills at identifying some of this above water fauna.



Kite Surfing

Wadi Lahami is also a Kite Surfers paradise and we organise a number of holidays for travellers of this type to the resort. If are keen to learn or can kite already then you can easily combine a kite and dive holiday together. Speak to Jenny in the office who manages all Kite Surfing enquiries and group holidays.



Mangroves

Take a walk and explore the Mangroves. They are a rare sight in such an arid place. The geology has allowed their formation and ability to survive the pressures of the local environment.



Quad Biking

Take a quad bike trip into the desert and see some amazing geology dating back thousands of years. Enjoy the trip at your own pace and see some outstanding views.



Wadi El Gemal

Day trips to Wadi El Gemal National Park can be prebooked. You will visit the ancient settlement Sakit and its emerald mines.



Astromony Tour

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Snorkelling

There are amazing snorkelling opportunities from Wadi Lahami. We have catered for groups of snorkellers as the local reefs are ideal for snorkel trips as there are plenty of shallow reefs to explore.



Cultural Tours

Oonasdivers can arrange various cultural tours to Cairo to see the Pyramids and Nile Cruises between Luxor and Aswan including the Valley of the Kings.





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