

Egypt

Marsa Alam & Boat Safari



Belgrade – Hurghada – Marsa Alam – Abu Dabab Bay – Hamata Marina – Fury Shoals & Sataya (Abu Galawa Soraya, Abu Galawa Kebir, Shaab Maksur) – Shaab Sataya (Dolphin Reef) – Coral Garden/Shaab Abu Dabbab – Sharm el Luli “Hanqurab” – Nayzak – Qulaan Mangrovi – Port Ghalib – Marsa Alam – Hurghada – Belgrade





General information

If you have already been to Egypt or are looking for an experience that goes beyond the framework of classic travel – a Red Sea boat safari is the next level.

A concept not so commonly found on offer, it is designed for those who want more than a standard stay at a resort. We spend four days on a boat that becomes our base for exploring the most beautiful and most isolated dive sites of southern Egypt. Day and night dives, untouched reefs, dolphins, wrecks, open sea, and a feeling of complete freedom – this is the Red Sea in its most authentic form.

Unlike our standard Egypt tours, which we organize several times during the season, this program is a special, limited adventure – a combination of a stay in Marsa Alam and a true boat safari, created for true lovers of the sea, diving, and unconventional travel.

Don't miss the opportunity – Egypt is calling you!



Type of adventure: multi

Departures: October 2, 2026

Group: 16-18 people max.

Duration: 9 days

Travel mode: airplane

Technical requirements:

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Physical fitness:

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ITINERARY:

DAY I: BELGRADE - HURGHADA - MARSALA - ABU DABBAB BAY

Flight duration: 3.20h | Bus transfer: 2.45h

Group meeting in Belgrade at Nikola Tesla Airport, no later than two hours before departure. Flight from Belgrade to Hurghada (duration: 3h 20min). Transfer to our accommodation in Abu Dabbab Bay (duration: 2h 45min). Lunch upon arrival. Free time on the beach until dinner. Dinner. Overnight stay.

DAY II: DIVING WITH TURTLES & SEARCHING FOR THE DUGONG

Excursion duration: 2 hours

For all lovers of the underwater world, we offer an optional morning dive in our bay, where you will have the opportunity to dive with beautiful sea turtles and explore fascinating coral formations. This experience is ideal for divers of all levels – whether you are a beginner or an experienced diver, you will be amazed by the richness of marine life. For those who do not wish to scuba dive, simply renting a mask, fins, and snorkel is enough to discover the magical underwater world right from the beach in our bay.

Prices (without equipment rental): one dive 27 €, two dives 52 €. *Equipment rental:* full gear one dive 20 €, full gear for the entire day 25 €.

In the afternoon, we head out to explore Abu Dabbab Bay and encounter a magnificent creature – the dugong! These animals are related to manatees and are often called “sea cows.” Imagine being underwater while one of these beautiful marine mammals glides past you, peacefully grazing on sea grass. Dugongs live just 15 minutes away by speedboat and are exceptionally friendly. They are usually calm and relaxed. It is rare to see them in large groups; most often they are alone or in pairs. Either way, meeting them underwater is a true privilege, as they are not shy and will often “greet” you in their own way. Are you ready to meet a dugong on this magical journey in Abu Dabbab Bay?

Price (snorkeling): 35 € per person. *Included in the price:* Speedboat ride, guide, bottle of water, safety vest, mask, and fins.

Price (diving): 63 € per person. *Included in the price:* Speedboat ride, guide, bottle of water. *Not included in the price:* full equipment rental (20 €).

DAY III: BOAT SAFARI

Bus transfer: 2h | Boat ride: 1h 30min | Snorkeling: 2 × 45 min | Diving: 1 dive (max 1 hour; up to three dives possible)

We set off on our boat safari! Early morning transfer from our accommodation to Hamata Marina. Boarding the boat Lady M around 8:00 AM, with a welcome cocktail. After meeting the crew and cabin allocation, the boat becomes our base for the coming days. We begin the day with a check dive, followed by regular daytime dives and the first night dive. From this moment on, the rhythm of the day is dictated by the sea, the sun, and the underwater world.



DAYS IV & V: BOAT SAFARI – FURY SHOALS & SATAYA

6–8 dives over two days, night diving, wrecks, and encounters with dolphins and reef sharks

These two days are entirely dedicated to life on board and diving at the most beautiful sites of the Red Sea. Each day begins with an early morning dive, followed by two additional daytime dives, and ends with a night dive. Between dives, we enjoy meals on deck, relaxation, and sailing toward the next reefs. Planned dive sites include:

Abu Galawa Soraya – A small wreck from the 1980s, covered in soft corals and surrounded by schools of glassfish.

Abu Galawa Kebir – Home to the wreck of the *Tien Hsing* (sunk in 1943), which has now become an integral part of the reef ecosystem.

Shaab Maksur – A long reef with plateaus, home to dolphins, reef sharks, and barracudas.



DAY VI: BOAT SAFARI – FINAL DIVES (SHAAB SATAYA) & RETURN TO ABU DABAB

Bus transfer: 2h / Boat ride: 1h 30min

Morning dives at the famous Shaab Sataya (Dolphin Reef), known for its resident dolphin population and rich marine life. After the final dives, we return to Hamata Marina around 4:00 p.m., followed by a transfer back to our accommodation in Abu Dabab Bay. Free time. Dinner. Overnight stay.



DAY VII: SPEEDBOAT DIVING SAFARI

Speedboat ride: 30–60 min (depending on location) /

Snorkeling: 2 × 45 min / Diving: 1 dive – max 1 hour (two dives possible)

We depart from Abu Dabab Bay toward one of the most beautiful northern reefs of the Red Sea. Depending on weather and sea conditions, we dive at one of the following speedboat-accessible sites: Coral Garden, Om Halhalla, or one of the reefs in the Shaab Abu Dabab area (1, 2, 3, or 4). All locations feature exceptional visibility, stunning coral gardens, and abundant marine life. Diving is adapted to different experience levels (depending on the selected site), while two parallel snorkeling sessions of approximately 45 minutes each are also organized. During dives, it is possible to see turtles, moray eels, lionfish, triggerfish, rays, barracudas, tuna, Napoleon wrasse, and even white-tip reef sharks. Some sites also offer drift dives between coral pinnacles or exploration of the *Heaven One* wreck (Shaab Abu Dabab 2).

Price (diving): One dive: 49 € per person; two dives: 90 € per person. **Included in the price:** Transfer from hotel to the port and back, speedboat ride, guide services, water and soft drinks. **Not included:** Full equipment rental – one dive (20 €), both dives (25 €).

Price (snorkeling): upon request. **Included in the price:** Transfer from hotel to the port and back, boat ride, snorkeling guide, all snorkeling sessions, mask, fins and life vest, water and soft drinks.



Lunch break. In the afternoon, the adventure continues in a completely different setting – the desert of Marsa Alam. Departure is planned at 2:30 p.m., when we begin an exciting quad bike ride across the sand dunes, surrounded by spectacular desert landscapes and plenty of photo opportunities. The day ends with an authentic dinner in the desert, in a unique atmosphere under the starry sky, with time to relax and enjoy the silence and beauty of this extraordinary environment. Return is planned around 8:30 p.m. This adventure is a perfect blend of sea and desert and an ideal choice for those who want to experience Marsa Alam in a different and unforgettable way.

Prices: Double quad – 100 € with dinner / 80 € without dinner (50 € or 40 € per person).

DAY VIII: MARSA ALAM – SHARM EL LULI “HANQURAB” – NAYZAK – QULAAN MANGROVI / MARSA ALAM – PORT GHALIB

Free day with two options.

Option 1: Bus transfer: 2 hours

The photogenic mangrove forest in Qulaan, near the Red Sea, is part of Wadi El Gemal National Park. It protects the coastline from erosion and provides a habitat for coastal birds. Its magnificent and unusual mangrove tree has become a symbol of the region. The local Al Ababda tribe runs a camp with authentic Bedouin charm, where we can enjoy freshly brewed “gabana” coffee or purchase handmade souvenirs. Our snorkeling excursion to Sharm El Luli or Ras Hanqurab reveals a fascinating underwater world – colorful coral reefs and abundant marine life. After the adventure, we relax in a Bedouin tent on a beautiful white-sand beach. The tour concludes with a visit to Lake Nayzak, a natural wonder shaped like an eye and filled with turquoise water. According to legend, it was formed by a meteorite impact. Whatever its origin, the sight is truly mesmerizing and worth visiting.

Price: 55 € per person. *Included:* Air-conditioned minibus transfer, lunch, soft drinks and bottled water, mask and fins.

Option 2: Bus transfer: 25 min.

On this day, we visit Port Ghalib, an exclusive marina and tourist resort located near Marsa Alam. Free time. This modern complex offers luxury hotels, various restaurants, cafés, boutiques, and a lively seaside promenade – the perfect place to relax and unwind. Visitors can explore the marina, shop for souvenirs, dine at restaurants overlooking the sea, or simply enjoy a cup of coffee by the water. This excursion provides a perfect contrast to the desert and marine adventures of the previous days.

Price: 40 € per person. *Included:* Air-conditioned minibus transfer.

DAY IX: MARSA ALAM – HURGHADA – BELGRADE

Bus transfer: 2.45h | Flight duration: 3.20h

Transfer to Hurghada (departure around 10:00 PM) for the return flight to Belgrade. In order to complete airport procedures on time, we depart earlier from Marsa Alam. Arrival in Belgrade is scheduled for the early morning hours. End of program.



ARRANGEMENT PRICE: 1099 € per person (in RSD equivalent)

Promo price: For payments made by April 1st, the price is reduced by 50 € + free transfer from Niš.

Price includes:

- ✓ Round-trip transfer from Hurghada Airport to our accommodation in Marsa Alam,
- ✓ Four-night accommodation on a full-board basis (breakfast, lunch, dinner) at Abu Dabbab Lodge 3*,
- ✓ Three-night accommodation on a full-board basis (breakfast, lunch, dinner) on board the "Lady M",
- ✓ All necessary permits, entrance fees for dive sites, and marina mooring fees,
- ✓ Late check-out (as we have a night flight on the last day),
- ✓ Diving insurance on board,
- ✓ Services of a licensed tour guide,
- ✓ Organization costs and trip leadership.

Price does not include:

- ✓ Flight ticket Belgrade – Hurghada – Belgrade (ticket price until March 1st is 395 €; price may increase afterward – early booking is recommended)
- ✓ Round-trip transfer from Niš to Nikola Tesla Airport in Belgrade – 25 € per person,
- ✓ Additional charge for accommodation at Hilton Marsa Alam Nubian Resort 5* – 350 € per person,
- ✓ Optional excursions (detailed descriptions and prices provided in the travel itinerary),
- ✓ Egyptian visa (obtained at the airport) – 25 € per person,
- ✓ International health insurance,
- ✓ Personal expenses.

ACCOMMODATION: We offer two accommodation choices in Abu Dabbab Bay, tailored to diverse needs and budgets:

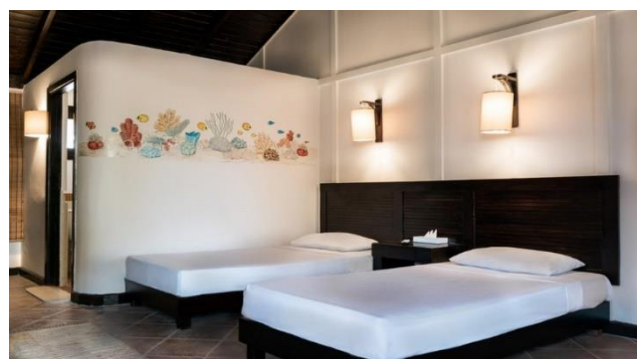
Abu Dabbab Lodge 3* - Located in the heart of the stunning Abu Dabbab Bay, this lodge provides a simple yet comfortable stay, ideal for nature lovers and those seeking an authentic Marsa Alam experience.

Guests can enjoy proximity to the beach, delicious local cuisine (full board), and a relaxed atmosphere, making it a great option for families, groups, and adventurers.

Hilton Marsa Alam Nubian Resort 5* - For those looking for luxury, Hilton Marsa Alam Nubian Resort offers top-tier accommodation with exceptional service. This hotel is a perfect choice for guests who want a blend of elegance, comfort, and proximity to the natural wonders of Abu Dabbab Bay. It features modern facilities, swimming pools, and international cuisine restaurants.

PAYMENT TERMS: A 50% advance payment of the total arrangement price is required at the time of booking. The remaining amount must be paid no later than 20 days before the start of the trip (with the option of installment payments). This program is based on a minimum of 8 registered participants. In case of changes in the monetary market (or the market of goods and services) or an insufficient number of registered participants, the tour organizer reserves the right to adjust prices, modify the program, or cancel the trip no later than 5 days before the scheduled departure.

The trip organizer is Nature Travel Office tourist agency, license OTP 38/2025, issued by the Business Registers Agency, 06.05.2025. Nature Travel Office is insured by the insurance policy from tourist agency responsibility for any case of insolvency and responsibility in case of damage suffered by a passenger, no. 30000049351, by the insurance company "MILENIJUM OSIGURANJE" A.D.O Beograd. The insurance policy is valid from 01.04.2025. to 01.04.2026. With this programme Nature Travel Office's General Terms and Conditions are effective, and they are an integral part of this trip application.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

"Elphinstone" ridge:

Access: By speedboat; Depth: 5 to 40 meters; Minimum Level Required: Advanced diver with 50+ logged dives; Location: 29 km from Marsa Alam.

Located in the open sea, Elphinstone is a 600-meter-long reef, extending from a depth of 5 meters to over 100 meters. This dive site offers spectacular marine life, with stunning underwater cliffs and vibrant coral formations. Elphinstone is one of the best places in the Red Sea to encounter sharks, including hammerheads, oceanic whitetip sharks, grey reef sharks, and silky sharks. Occasionally, whale sharks and manta rays can also be spotted. The reef is home to an abundance of fish species, including snapper, anthias, fusiliers, tuna, trevally, Napoleon wrasse, turtles, and giant barracudas. The reef itself is covered with a stunning variety of soft corals in all shapes, sizes, and colors. Due to strong currents, diving conditions can be challenging, and this site is recommended only for experienced divers.

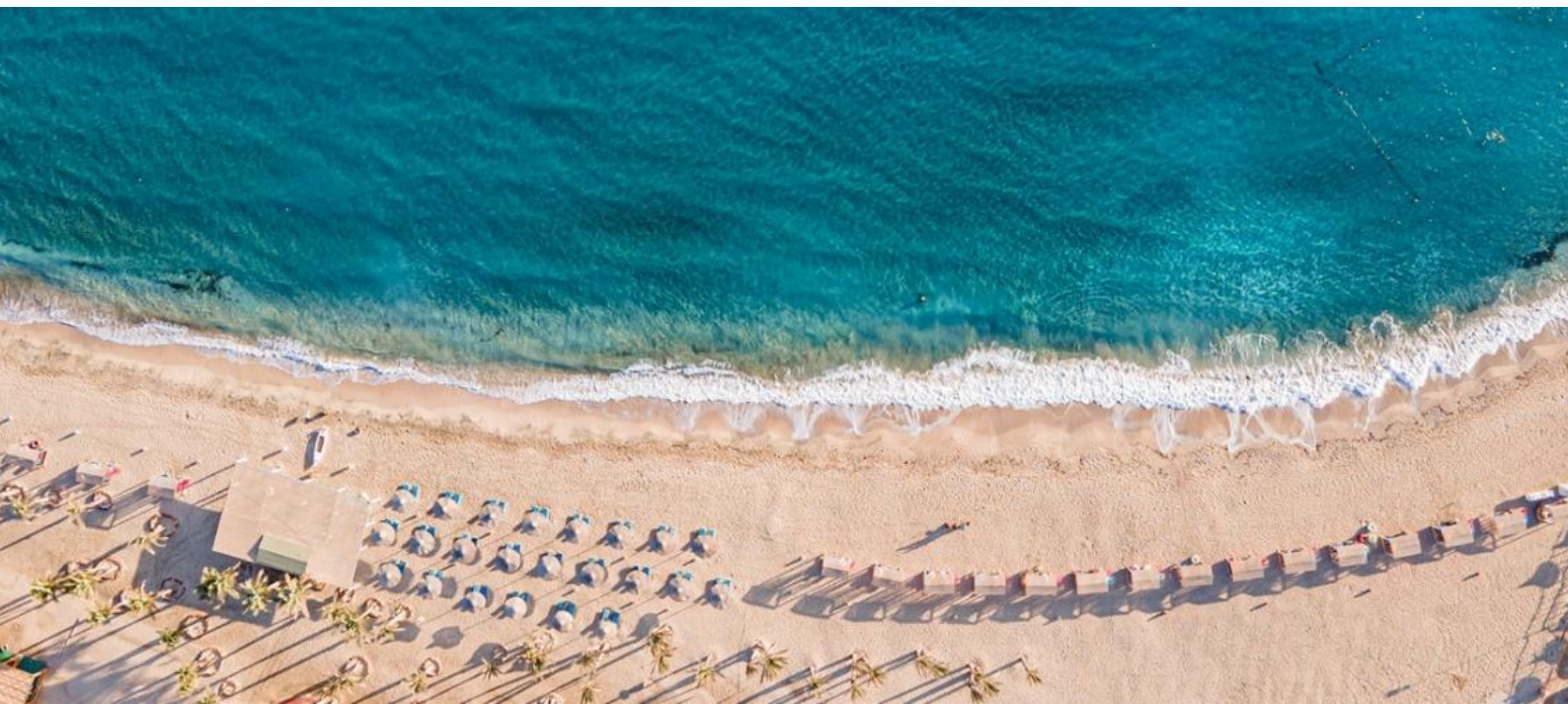
Price: 30 € (speedboat ride) and 25 € (one dive). Not included in the price: Full equipment rental (20 € per dive).

LEARN TO DIVE – Organized by a PADI instructor, diving training can be arranged and tailored to all experience levels. *PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors)* is the most recognized diver training organization in the world, with over 30 million certified divers, and the number continues to grow. PADI diving instructors undergo rigorous training to ensure that your certification course is both safe and enjoyable.

Open Water Diver (OWD) – This is the first level of scuba diving certification. A PADI instructor will teach you how to dive in a relaxed and enjoyable environment, making each step simple and fun. By the end of the course, you will have the skills and knowledge to dive both locally and internationally and become an ambassador of the underwater world. Price: 450€ per person (includes equipment used during the course). Duration: 3 days.

Advanced Open Water (AOW) – This is the second-level course designed to enhance your diving skills. You will improve your navigation and buoyancy control, experience deep diving, and choose three specialty dives (such as trying different diving specialties). Each specialty dive you complete earns you credits toward a PADI certification in that area. Price: 380€ per person (includes equipment used during the course). Duration: 3 days.

If you have never dived before but want to experience the magic of the underwater world without committing to a full course, the **"LEARN TO DIVE"** option is perfect for you! For just 70€, with full equipment included, you can experience your first dive to a maximum depth of 6 meters.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Is the plane ticket included in the package price?

The basic package price does not include the cost of the airline ticket Belgrade – Hurghada – Belgrade. The ticket price until March 1 is 395 euros, and after that, it may increase — therefore, we recommend early registration. The ticket includes one piece of checked baggage (up to 23 kg) and one piece of hand luggage (up to 7 kg).

The flight schedule is confirmed by the airline 24–48 hours before departure. The planned flight time in the travel program is the time agreed with the airline. In case of changes to the scheduled departure time by the airline, Nature Travel Office will inform passengers in time via SMS or email. If there is a change or delay on one or more flights, Nature Travel Office cannot be held responsible for any consequences caused by such delays; the applicable airline regulations and standards will apply. Passengers are responsible for checking the return flight time at the destination with the agency representative.

Is it possible to organize transfers from other cities?

Yes, organized transport to and from Nikola Tesla Airport from Niš and other cities can be arranged for groups of at least 6 people. Please contact us for more information on availability and pricing.

Can I book a single room?

Yes, single room reservations are available. For details on availability and pricing, please contact us so we can provide all necessary information and assist with your reservation.

Can I join the trip if I'm not a diver?

Absolutely! The program includes snorkeling excursions and the option to try diving for the first time ("Learn to dive") without enrolling in a full course. You can also attend PADI OWD and AOWD certification courses. There are also many excursions available for those who do not wish to dive.

Are excursions included in the package price?

Optional excursions are not included in the base package price and are paid separately. The prices and details of the excursions are available in the travel itinerary.

Do I need a visa for Egypt?

Yes, a tourist visa is obtained at Hurghada Airport and costs €25 per person. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the return date. Holders of diplomatic passports do not require a visa based on reciprocal agreements. When bringing

in or taking out more than \$10,000, it must be declared to customs authorities.

Do I need travel health insurance?

Yes, we recommend international travel health insurance for possible medical cost reimbursements. All hotels have their own medical services.

Is tap water safe to drink?

Egypt obtains its water mostly through desalination, although there are some natural sources. While the water is bacteriologically safe, bottled water is recommended for drinking. Tap water is fine for showering and other hygiene needs.

What currency is used in Egypt, and can I pay by card?

The local currency is the Egyptian Pound (EGP). Its exchange rate to major currencies varies depending on the international markets. Most places accept credit cards (Visa, MasterCard), but having some cash on hand is advised—especially for tips and souvenirs.

What are the prices on the beach and in restaurants?

Prices are approximately:

- Water – €2
- Coca-Cola – €3
- Espresso – €2
- Beer – €5
- Cocktails – €8

Note: Alcohol can only be consumed in places licensed to serve it.

Are tips recommended?

Yes, tipping is customary and often expected as a sign of appreciation for services. Although not mandatory, it is common to tip in restaurants, hotels, taxis, and to tour guides. It's advisable to carry small amounts of cash for this purpose.

Is Egypt a safe destination?

Yes, tourist areas are safe and under constant supervision. Travelers are advised to follow the guide's instructions and respect local customs. Tourist safety is a high priority.

What should I do if I need consular assistance in Egypt?

In case of emergency, contact the Embassy of the Republic of Serbia in Cairo at:

Phone: +202 2736-0691

Email: konzul@serbiaeg.com or serbia@serbiaeg.com.



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