

UNDERWATER VIDEO WORKSHOP EGYPT 2022



NOVEMBER 19 - 26

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OVERVIEW

**LOCATION:**

A gateway to the south with one of the most beautiful house reefs in the Red Sea & perfectly situated for diving some of the world's most famous dive sites.

Marsa Shagra Village, Egypt

DATES:

November 19th - November 26th 2022

DURATION:

7 nights / 5 diving days

DIVING:

Unlimited shore diving including 2 dives at world famous Elphinstone Reef and 2 dives at Marsa Abu Dabab

WORKSHOP:

6 days of coaching by Matthias & Sebastian regarding all aspects of underwater videography, including daily mini-challenges to help you quickly improve your underwater videography skills.

ACCOMODATION:

Marsa Shagra Village, Marsa Alam, Egypt

PRCING:

1950 € per Person (double occupancy - twin or double)

2600 € per Person (single occupancy)



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THE WORKSHOP



IN WATER COACHING:

Matthias & Sebastian will be actively coaching before, while and after diving with the group, sharing their knowledge, giving tips and helping with any underwater videography related questions that may come up during the workshop.

EVENING SESSIONS:

The evenings will be used either to learn about specific underwater videography topics or to review your footage taken during the day. Mini-challenges will help put in action what you learn during those evening session.

EQUIPMENT TESTING:

You will have the possibility to test out different underwater camera gear that we will bring with us and will be available to you on location throughout the workshop.



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THE DIVING



MARSA SHAGRA HOUSE REEF:

Marsa Shagra is one of the richest and most pristine house reefs in the south and has been declared a protected area for the last 20 years. Many pictures of species in Red Sea reef guides like Debelius and Collins, were taken here. According to Robert Meyer, author of Collins, there are at least 5 types of endemic species living in this protected bay. The reef is occasionally frequented by pelagic species such as dolphins, manta rays and whale sharks.

ELPHINSTONE REEF:

Elphinstone is a 375m long, off-shore reef with drop-offs descending to over 100m. Elphinstone is ranked among the top ten dive sites in the world. The site features an abundance of soft corals and almost every kind of sea life can be seen here. The reef is angled slightly to the north, which causes a constant current over the northern and southern plateaus. These plateaus are an ideal location to catch a glimpse of different shark species like Oceanic White Tip, Scalloped Hammerhead, White Tip Reef, Grey Reef, Silver Tip and Thresher Sharks. Elphinstone usually features Oceanic White Tip from Sept till Nov, Scalloped Hammerhead from June till Aug and Mantas during March and April, but always keep an eye in the blue as surprises can happen any time and anywhere!

MARSA ABU DABAB:

A short swim into the bay takes you to a large patch of sea grass, where the beautiful dugong, giant green turtles and guitar ray can be seen. There is also a good variety of macro life including pipefish, seahorses and nudibranchs



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MARSA SHAGRA VILLAGE:

The location's most attractive appeal is its mix of modern luxury and natural simplicity – the best of both worlds.

DELUXE CHALET:

The Deluxe Chalet is the finest room standard overlooking the spectacular mountains on one side and the Red Sea on the other. There are terraces on either side with breathtaking views and every room enjoys an unobstructed sea view. The Deluxe Chalets are 4x6 meters and feature either double bed or singles and a wardrobe, side & dressing table, AC, digital safe, mini-bar, water kettle with coffee and tea. Deluxe Chalets feature en-suite bathroom and towels are provided for showering.

DIVING CENTER MARSA SHAGRA:

Marsa Shagra's Diving Center has a fully equipped equipment room. Full diving equipment can be hired on site at extra cost. Scuba tanks with either DIN or INT valves are available.

DIVING SHADE MARSA SHAGRA:

The spacious dive shade in Marsa Shagra is situated directly on the beach in front of the house reef entry point. Just 2m and you can start your dive!



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GETTING THERE



The best options to get to Marsa Shagra are to fly to either Marsa Alam or to Hurghada Airport. From there a shuttle from Red Sea Diving Safari will take you to Marsa Shagra. The driver will pick you up just outside the terminal building.

Hurghada to Marsa Shagra: 3h

Marsa Alam to Marsa Shagra: 30min



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DAILY ITINERARY



ARRIVAL DAY:

Saturday November 19th 2022, after being picked up at the airport and arriving at Marsa Shagra Village, make sure to check-in to your room and complete the Dive Center sign-up that same day. We will meet you at 6pm for a Welcome Drink at the Marsa Shagra „Cafeteria“. From there we will go to the restaurant and have dinner together.

DIVING DAYS:

Our diving package includes 5 days of unlimited house reef diving. Additionally we have organised two dives to Elpinstone Reef and two dives to Marsa Abu Dabab. We will decide on location when these trips will take place depending on the weather conditions. Matthias & Sebastian will typically do two dives in the morning and two dives in the afternoon. It's entirely up to you if you want to skip a dive or do any additional dives.

There's the possibility to do night dives at the house reef every evening.

EVENINGS:

After dinner we will come together to review your footage from the day, announce the mini-challenges for the next day and/or talk about specific underwater videography topics.

DOLPHIN EXCURSION:

On Friday November 25th we will visit „Dolphin House“ for a chance to snorkel with the large pod of resident Spinner Dolphins. Don't forget your camera!

DEPARTURE DAY:

Saturday November 26th, depending on the departure of your flight you'll be picked up at Marsa Shagra and a driver will bring you to the airport.



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YOUR HOSTS



Matthias:

Matthias is an award-winning underwater cinematographer based in Zurich, Switzerland. The Croatian born filmmaker who spent most of his twenties traveling the world – primarily Australia, South East Asia and Europe – working as a Scuba Diving Instructor, intensifying his love and appreciation for the ocean. He is passionate about sharing his extensive knowledge with fellow divers to help them capture their amazing underwater adventures in the best possible way and share them proudly with the world.

Sebastian:

Sebastian is a professional underwater cameraman and producer based in Zurich, Switzerland. He is the Tec Geek of the Underwater Filmmaking School. He's passionate about every step of underwater filmmaking and he's keen to share his broad knowledge with fellow divers to improve their underwater filming skills below and above the surface.



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INCLUSIONS



Included in the trip costs:

- 7 nights accommodation for double occupancy
(Add 650€ for single occupancy)
- full-board including normal soft drinks, water, coffee & tea
- Transfer from/to Marsa Alam Airport
(Add 52€ per person for Hurghada Airport)
- 5 days unlimited house reef diving
- 2 speedboat trips to Elphinstone (single tank)
- 1 trip to Marsa Abu Dabab (two tank)
- Possibility for personal coaching through Matthias & Sebastian during all diving days
- Possibility to try out different underwater camera gear
- Daily presentations/mini-challenges/footage reviews
- Fun filled week with like minded divers
- Exclusive Workshop Welcome Bag (EWWB)



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EXCLUSIONS



NOT Included in the trip costs:

- All flights
- Any required visas for travel to and within Egypt
- All beverages (besides coffee, tea, water and normal softdrinks)
- Travel and Dive Insurance (strongly recommended)
- Rental Equipment (if needed)
- 32% NITROX (2€/tank)
- 15L tanks (3€/tank)
- Privat 1:1 sessions with Matthias or Sebastian (See Add-ons)
- Additional dive trips
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities/tips for the hotel and dive center staff



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TRIP ADD ONS



1:1 Session with Matthias or Sebastian

Get a 1/2 day personal coaching with Matthias or Sebastian. You can choose to work on your camera setup, specific underwater filming techniques or on your video editing skills. Only 4 spots each available.

350€



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PAYMENT INFO



Payment:

To guarantee your space on the trip, a 50% deposit is due with the registration form. When we receive your deposit, we will send you detailed trip information to prepare for the experience and destination, as well as a sales receipt.

The remainder of your payment (50%) is due by September 19th 2022. We reserve the right to re-sell any space that is not paid in full by this date.

Payment can be made by wire transfer or Paypal in Euros. You are responsible to cover all transfer fees associated with your payments.

Flight, visas, travel fees, and taxes are not included in trip cost.

Flight time and schedule, weather, water temperature, and animal behavior are all subject to change. We strongly recommend all guests to purchase travel insurance in case of unforeseen circumstances.



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BOOKING POLICIES



Cancellation policy:

Our cancellation policy is a reflection of the cancellation policy of our operators. Once payment has been made in full (August 27th 2022) there are no refunds.

No refund is made for any unused parts of the itinerary.

A single individual can not postpone or rebook for the following year.

Trip details such as dates, prices, accommodations, are subject to change without prior notice.

Travel and dive insurance is not included in the trip price, but strongly recommended.

Please refer to our „Terms & Conditions“ form for a detailed overview of our booking conditions.



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REGISTRATION FORM



PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postcode/ZIP: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nationality: _____ Passport No.: _____

Dive Accident Insurer: _____ Policy No.: _____

Dive Cert. Agency: _____ Dive Cert. Level: _____

Diver Cert. Number: _____ No. of Dives: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Total Trip Cost (please check one)

- 1950 EUR per person, double occupancy
- 2600 EUR per person, single occupancy

If double occupancy, who is your dive buddy?

Add-Ons (please check)

- 350 EUR, 1:1 Session with Matthias or Sebastian



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PREFERENCE FORM



In order to make your Underwater Video Workshop the best experience it can be, we want to make sure we personalize your trip as much as possible. Please use the below form (email together with your reservation form) to let us know of any way in which we can make your scuba adventure the best it can be.

Food & Beverage

Do you have any food-based allergies?

Additional Information

What size T-Shirt do you usually wear?

What camera setup are you bringing with you?

What kind of video editing software do you use, if any?

What underwater videography topics are you interested in learning more about?



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