

Oundle School Sub-Aqua Club



At Easter 2009 we are running an expedition to the Southern Red Sea. This expedition is open to all members of the School with a diving qualification.

Those starting diving in the Easter Quarter are eligible for this expedition and we would complete their qualifications whilst in the Red Sea. Family members are very welcome.

If you want to see some images please look at the School Website where there are galleries of photographs from recent expeditions
(eg : <http://www.oundleschool.org.uk/galleries/gallery.php?id=22>)

If you have any questions please contact Mr King, Mr Langsdale, or Dr Rowe as soon as possible, **places will go very quickly.**

Easter 2009 Red Sea – Live aboard.

Depart: At the end of the Easter Quarter, Friday 20th March, for one week.

The Red Sea provides an excellent opportunity to extend your diving experience and observe superb Coral Reefs and all the wildlife that inhabits those reefs (Shark, Turtle, Rays etc.)

We will fly from London to Hurghada (Egypt) and take a coach ride along the coast to Marsa Arlam where we will join the boat. The boat will comfortably accommodate us, normally in double cabins. The boat will be equipped with compressors and fully crewed. Normally the crew consists of a skipper, a dive guide, a cook, and three others who help with the smooth running of the boat. The food is normally excellent and plentiful.

All the following plans are subject to availability of the boats and weather. We also will have a chance to modify our itinerary to suit ourselves and the local diving conditions but we hope that we would complete at least 3 dives per day, and undertake night dives.

Our intended itinerary is to head south through a reef system called Fury Shoals and dive the extensive reefs of St Johns. At our most southerly point we will be about 30 miles north of the Sudan border with Egypt. On the final night we either stay on the boat or at a local hotel.

The Red Sea is an amazingly colourful experience. The sea life is extremely varied and there is always the chance of the unexpected (shark, turtles etc). Last time we visited the southern Red Sea the majority of the group saw sharks and turtles on more than one occasion. There is also the possibility of meeting a dugong.

During the week we will hope to dive at least one wreck. We would hope to visit the famous Elphinstone Reef and St John's Reefs on our travels (weather permitting). The visibility can be exceptional (up to 50m on our last trip). There is 'unlimited diving opportunity' and much to see including the offer of night dives on the reefs. The normal day would involve 3 long dives and a lot of relaxation time. Dives can be very long because the reef life is concentrated between 15 and 25m and, as there is little or no current, air consumption is relatively slow. There will be at least one night dive. Divers who are a little out of practice will be quickly and easily nursed back into practice.

If you are coming you will need a diving watch (or computer). A rechargeable underwater torch would be an excellent Christmas present to maximise your night diving experiences.

During the surface intervals there is ample opportunity to read, sunbathe, snorkel, or even revise!

The cost of this trip is inclusive of equipment, insurance, travel to and from airports from Oundle. The only extras are drinks aboard the boat, an entry visa (£15 last year), tips for the crew (approx £25), and souvenir money. These prices are best guesses at this time. **The total cost will not exceed £1150 and will hopefully be nearer £1100.**

If interested please send a non returnable deposit Cheque for £250 (payable to Oundle School) to Mrs Levet at the Armoury as soon as possible.

Any queries please contact Mrs Levet (jl@oundleschool.org.uk) or Mr King psck@oundleschool.org.uk

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Red Sea Expedition 2009

Please reserve a place on this expedition for

Name

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I enclose a deposit (non returnable) of £250 per person payable to Oundle School.

Please return this form to;

Mrs Levet, Oundle School CCF, Oundle, Peterborough, PE8 4GH