

NUBIAN REEFS



FISHING & SEASON

The journey starts from Port Sudan, southward on board of MSY Elegante. Sudanese area is one of the current pure unfished destinations; it comes with a 650 km coastline bordering the Red Sea and it is almost uninhabited.

As the coast offers a wide range of sceneries and seascapes (such as deepwater reef, shallow water reef, flat, lagoon, mangroves and Coral) it is possible being involved in many sport fishing as well as to spot a broad variety of fish (GTs, Coral Trout, Grouper, Emperor, Barracuda, Red Snapper, Napoleon Wrasse, Black Tip Shark, Grey Shark, Silky Shark, a remarkable population of Dogtooth Tuna, Bluefin Trevally, Titan Triggerfish, Giant Humphead Parrotfish, blue trevally and Bonefish). Because of the rainy season between July and September, the best times to visit Sudan are October/November and from March to June.





ACCOMODATION

The **Elegante boat** is a beautiful schooner with italian management completely renovated in summer 2009. Elegante boat can provide high comfort , thanks to good distribution of interior and exterior spaces . There are 6 double cabins with private bath and shower and air conditioning for guests . Italian management and staff with years of experience in Red Sea.

MSY ELEGANTE

Engine:	Fiat Iveco AIFO HP 260 diesel
Speed:	7 knots cruise
Length:	25 meters
Width:	6,5 meters
Sail:	Ketch
Diesel tank:	2500 litres
Water tank:	4000 litres+water maker 200LT-H
Cabins:	3 matrimonial, 4 doubles (all with bathroom / shower)
Facilities:	3 bathrooms with shower and 1 shower on deck (to wash rods and reels after fishing)
Services:	TV-Dvd-HI FI-Diving- Recharge for torches and flash-Medical Oxygen
Generators:	2 generators (IVECO Aifo 32 kva/h; Perkins 21KVA 220 V . AC.)
Systems:	Radio UHF long range and portable short range, satellite phone Turaya, VHF, SSB, and GSM Satellite Phone
Navigation:	Plotter ,GPS, Radar and depth sounder
Compressors:	2 Compressors (N.2 Bauer 11.000 Lt/h)
Cylinders:	N° 20, 15 litres, double connections (Int., Din)
Tenders:	2 fishing boats - Rubber dinghy Marshall 5,75 Mt, with 55 Hp outboard engine Yamaha

Italian trained cook, wide variety of food and dishes and food imported from Italy: pasta, pizza, lasagne, chicken, goat, beef, many kind of fresh fruit and vegetable, cake, crepes.

Selection of alcoholic and analcoholic drinks.







TRIP INFORMATION

TRIP SCHEDULE

The trip include **12 full days of fishing**, so it will be possible to discover very remote areas almost completely unfished. In this trip you will visit the most virgin water of Sudan, the further from the cost and the closest to the border of Eritrea.

During this journey it will be possible to visit the best areas for jigging and the best areas for popping.

DAY 1:

Arrive in Port Sudan at 16:00 Pm, transfer to the boat, start navigation during the night to reach the fishing ground.

DAY 2 TO DAY 14:

12 Full days of fishing, coming back in the port in the evening of the last day.

DAY 15:

breakfast and lunch on board, transfer to the airport after lunch.

HOW GET THERE

The best option to reach Port Sudan is flight via Amsterdam/Cairo Cairo/Port Sudan. From Cairo to Port Sudan exist only one flight every week.

SAFETY AND HEALTH

The coastal side and generally the north of Sudan, are safe areas for tourism, there is not war or other safety problem, the local people are very quiet, and many tourist visit the mainland every year. Also the sea is completely safe.

About the guests safety, the fishing guides are trained in emergency first response.

All clients are asked to arrive covered by travel/ medical insurance for the trip. Furthermore all guests will sign a disclosure with Marcopolo Adventures of any liability due to any accident.

VACCINATION

None vaccinations is required for this trip.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

INSHORE & OFFSHORE FISHING SUDAN | RED SEA

- Accommodation in double cabins on MSY Elegante, full board,
- Cruise leaving and returning to Port Sudan,
- Transfer to and from the airport in Port Sudan. Mineral water, tea/coffee/juice included,

The price does not include:

- Soft drinks à € 2,-, Beer à € 4,-, Wine € 20,- bottle, Whiskey € 40,- bottle,
- Tips and expense of personal nature around € 200,-.

VISA:

Marcopolo Adventures will arrange Sudan VISA with a copy of your passport, sent to us by e-mail. Passport validity needs to be at least 6 months at time of travel. Passports with VISA/STAMP originating from Israel cannot be used for Sudan VISA. \$ 155,- Visa + € 195,- (Local taxes)

PRICES:

12 Day Trip € 4.800,-



TECHNIQUES

POPPING

As the seaward side of Sudanese coastal is thick with coral reef, seawater offers a wide variety of fish. Wild Sea Expedition is fully learned in both popping and lure casting. On popper is possible to hook GTs, Red Snapper, Coral Trout, different kind of Grouper and Emperor, big Barracuda, Napoleon Wrasse, Dogtooth Tuna and Shark.

EQUIPMENT

ROD: you will need a 170-200 gr rod able to hold 8-10 kg of drag, and a 100-120 gr rod to fish with 6 kg of drag

REELS: for heavy popping Stella 10000 FA, 18000 SW or Saltiga 6000, for light popping Stella 8000 FA, Stella 10000 SW and Saltiga 4500

LINE AND LEADER: for heavy popping 80-100 lb braid and 200 lb shock leader, for light popping a 65 lb line with a 120 lb leader work well. To connect braid and leader we suggest PR knot.

LURES: noisy popper from 80 to 140 gr, floating stickbait about 18-24 cm and sinking stickbait from 80 to 150 gr.

TERMINAL TACKLE: as hook we recommend Owner ST66 4/0 and 5/0, for the smaller lures Owner ST76 3/0 are a better option. A good choice are also single hook for popping, like Decoy Cutclass 5/0 7/0 8/0 and 10/0, Owner SJ51 7/0 and 9/0 and SJ41 9/0 11/0 and 13/0, Fisherman Spinoza 9/0 11/0 and 13/0 and Hot's Otoko6/0 9/0 11/0. As split ring we recommend Owner size 9, 10 and 11.

JIGGING

Jigging is likely the most productive technique in Sudan; many big fishes are hooked weekly. It is well impressive the stunning concentration of Dogtooth Tuna over the Sudanese Red Sea, indeed it is quite common to hook 4 Doggy at the same time during the first drop. Probably Sudan represent today one of last good fisheries for big doggy, thanks to the structure of the drop off and the low professional fishing. The medium size is between 7 and 15 kg, even if a number of bigger ones has been recently spotted. Other species are caught on jigging too, however tuna represents the big majority of the catch.

EQUIPMENT

ROD: the best is get two rods, one in the 300 gr range, Instead a good equipment to fight whit submarine is a powerful rod for 400-500 gr

REELS: on the medium rod is possible to use a medium reel like Shimano Stella SW 10000 or other reels of same size, or conventional reels with high retrieve ratio. On the powerful rod you will need a Stella 20000 SW or 18000 SW for speed jigging.

LINE: for medium jigging a 50-60 lb line, for heavy tackle the best option is a PE 6-8 (80-100 lb)

JIG: the 'must have' jig are the Williamson Benthos, river to sea Sea Rock, Hooker from Sevenses, Hots Y2, Maria Deep Sea Flower. Size from 180 to 300 gr.

TERMINAL TACKLE: There are many hook on the market, but we recommend Fisherman, Hots, Gamakatsu and Decoy.

SHORE AND FLAT FISHING

In terms of wading, we strongly recommend: walking in the flat along with your medium-light rod and looking for Triggerfish, Giant Humpback Parrotfish, GT, different kind of Trevally and Barracuda. Also getting off the islands and walking on the reef's edge, carrying your heavy equipment and casting outside to tempt the chance whit big GT, Napoleon, Barracuda and Shark, all fish that caught from shore can provide a considerable dose of excitement and adrenaline.

EQUIPMENT

ROD: for sight fishing the best equipment is composed by a ¾ ounce

REELS: the best option can be a medium-light reel like Stella 5000 or other reels of the same size with decent drag and gear.

LINE: 20-30 lb braid line and a 40-50 lb shock leader.

LURES: a good selection is composed by some minnow and lipless minnow, small popper and stick of 10-12 cm, some metal jig and some jig head setted whit soft bait. Expecially for the Giant Parrotfish, a soft crab assembled whit an heavy duty hook and some lead can be the definitive solution. Fishing from the reef's edge is possible to use the same tackle from offshore fishing, the best lures in these condition are sinking stickbait around 100 gr and pencil bait of the same size.





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