

SOUTH EGYPT, RED SEA

Area

Hamata. A small town 160 km south of Marsa Alam in the very south of Egypt. Beautiful resorts have been built and tourism here is highly developed compared to the rest of the area. Egypt and the Red Sea have a lot to offer here for various activities. Visiting the camel market, riding a camel or quad through the desert, diving, kite surfing, snorkeling, swimming with dolphins and so on. The weather here is a super stable factor. In our winter period it averages 22°C in Hamata and in summer temperatures rise to over 30°C on average. However, there is always a fresh sea breeze that makes the stay here very pleasant. So all in all a great place to spend a holiday.



At the airport of Marsa Alam you will of course be picked up by our local contact person and taken to the booked location.

In the vicinity of Hamata there are many reefs, islets and atolls. It goes without saying that the underwater flora and fauna are also very well developed here. For the fishermen, names like the reefs of Benerice, Maksum and St. John's Reef are well known after this fishing trip. Our local

partner stimulates the catch & release principle for popping and jigging. Only by way of exception or damage the fish it ends up on the bbq.

There is also a 'resting period' of at least 10 days between the different fishing spots. This means that there will be no fishing for at least 10 days after a visit to this fishing spot. This supports the conservation of the fishing spot and prevents the fish seeing to many lures and get used to them. Furthermore, there is only 1 group per week fishing and no more. There are more than enough reefs, atolls and islets that make it possible to maintain this policy for days on end. All these fishing spots are free of commercial fishing and practically virgin in terms of fishing!



Fishing

At this location there are two possibilities to organize the fishing trip:

1. Day trips while staying in the luxury 4 star Wadi Lahmy resort Hotel (all-inclusive)
2. Fishing safari and staying on the mother boat.

Day trips

You will stay in the luxurious 4 star Wadi Lahmy Resort Hotel based on a double room. The stay is on an all-inclusive basis which means that all meals are provided as well as soft drinks. Alcoholic drinks are available at extra cost. Meals are served in buffet style with plenty of choice and something for everyone.

The rooms are spacious and cool because of the tiles. Furthermore, they are equipped with large sliding doors, air conditioning and satellite TV. Towels and bed linen are of course provided. The resort has its own dive center and other (water sports) facilities which can be booked on site for an additional fee. Furthermore, there is a private beach and two large outdoor pools with in 1 of them a built-in bar and there is also an animation team for children.

This option is therefore ideal to book with the family, partners or several couples. While the fishermen are busy with 'other things' during the day, the remaining partners and children can enjoy themselves at one of the swimming pools, the beach or with the animation team.

The fishermen are picked up early every morning and brought to the boat in the harbour of Hamata. This ride takes only 5 minutes. From here several reefs in the region are visited and fished. Depending on the wishes of the anglers you can choose between trolling, popping or jigging. The 9 meter fishing boats are fast with two 85 HP engines and meet the wishes of the modern angler. Lunch on board is provided, as well as water, coffee and tea. Other items such as soft drinks and beer are available at extra cost. At the end of the fishing day you will of course be brought back to your hotel and you can relax in the pool or at the beach after a hard day of fishing. The average fishing day starts at 8 am and lasts until 4 pm.



Fishing safari

This fish safari can be completed in two ways.

1. Mother boat
2. Mother boat with extra fishing boats

1. Mother boat

During the fishing safari you will stay on the nicely equipped 22 meter long mother boat. The boat is



equipped with GPS,

fishfinder, generator, radio and complete cartography of the Red Sea. The boat has three double rooms, two shower/toilet combinations. Furthermore, guests have access to a spacious foredeck, aft deck, terrace and dining area above deck in the shade. Furthermore, there is a TV with DVD, kitchen and is there for perfectly equipped to host a fishing safari of a week or more! On the spacious shady upper deck you can relax after a day of hard fishing while enjoying a drink and watch the sun go down and admire the stars. The boat will be sailed by an experienced captain who knows these waters very well.



If the group consists of 7 or 8 people, an even larger mother boat will be used with four double rooms available on board. This boat obviously has the same equipment as described above.

When you choose the 'fishing safari' option, the fishery focuses on trolling and bottom fishing. Trolling especially during the day and bottom fishing in the evening and at night. This option offers the opportunity to fish comfortably and get to know the different species of fish in the Red Sea.

Optionally it is possible to jig or pop from the fore and aft deck when the boat gets close enough to the different reefs. This option is ideal for anglers who do not specifically want to pop or jig all the time are taking this trip as a first introduction to the Red Sea.



2. Mother boat with extra fishing boats

For the more specialised angler who also wants to focus on popping and jigging, this is the obvious option.

For fishing around the reefs, atolls and islets there are two nine meter fishing boats available, each with two 85 HP engines. These boats are modern and can accommodate up to 4 people. They are equipped with GPS, fishfinder, safety equipment, etc. In addition, the fewer anglers the more casting comfort. But with 4 anglers and a rotation schedule it is OK for fishing. By using these fishing boats the best fishing spots for popping and jigging can be reached. These spots can simply not be reached with the mother boat because of the shallow water. These fishing boats therefore offer a much greater chance of catching the (large) specimens that are close to the reef. While you are busy catching fish during the day, lunch is prepared on the mother boat. After lunch, the mother boat sails ahead to the next overnight location and after a long day of fishing, you join the mother boat again to enjoy the evening meal.

UNIQUE is that we are the only provider in this region with two extra fishing boats. So when the group consists of 4 or more anglers, everyone can come to the best reefs / fishing spots with us. This is an important advantage over other providers!

For both options there can be fishing 24/7. In the evening hours the ship anchors and you can go bottom fishing or otherwise cast out your rod until the wee hours. You will stay 6 nights on board on the basis of full board and the last night you will stay in the luxury 4 star resort on the basis of all-inclusive.





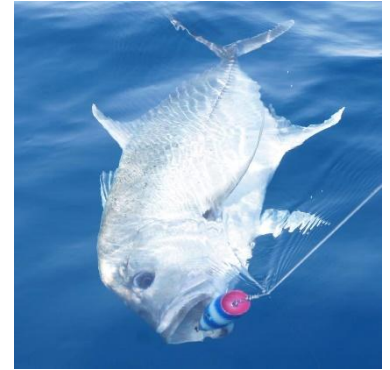
Diving goggles and snorkels are available on board of the mother boat so you can see the local reefs from the other side after fishing. Be sure to take the time to dive. You will be amazed by the beauty under water.





Far away from all the hustle, the large amount of reefs and atolls are fished only by you and your fellow fishermen. For the option with only the mother boat, trolling and bottom fishing are the most important methods of fishing.

For the option with the additional fishing boats, popping & jigging are the main form of fishing. In the evening you can also go bottom fishing from the mother boat if you still have energy left. The mother boat sails along the various reefs and atolls depending on the catches, so you can visit several hotspots every day during the week.



The fishing here is of a very high level because there are no other fishermen present. And also because the fishing spots are free of commercial fishing because the reefs are inaccessible to trawlers and long liners. A few local fishermen you might come across here, but then you've had it. All in all an undisturbed place, free of competition!

The different types of fish you can catch of course depends on the season. But for popping the main target is the GT! This is THE location closest to Europe where you can catch this species. In addition, you have a good chance of catching other species such as barracuda, dogtooth tuna, wahoo, bonito,

kingfish, needlefish, snappers, napoleon fish, different kinds of groupers and many more species found around the reefs. You can sharpen up a lot of your PB's on this fishing trip!

Also be prepared for shark fishing. It's quite easy to mount a baitfish on a steel leader on a large single circle hook with a balloon above it on one rod in the evening. Tip: put a break light in the balloon before you close it, and you'll see it float well at night! Fish with no more than 1 rod this way for shark (or barracuda) because otherwise there's a big chance that the lines will cross and possibly even cut through each other.

Of course it is also possible for the fly angler to bring your equipment and chase the great diversity of fish. Especially from the coast and on the reefs this is a beautiful way of fishing where it is always the question what you will have at the end of your line again and again.



Material

Depending on the details of your fishing trip, there are a number of types of fishing to consider.

Popping:

For this fishing it is required to bring a popper rod with a casting weight of up to about 250 grams. The recommended length is from 2.3 to 2.7 meters. Use a strong reel with good drag power (20 kilo+) with this rod. Don't go cheap on this and make sure you have good gear because the fish really demand the utmost of your material! Good reels are: Cinnetic Ray Force Devil 6500, Daiwa Saltiga or the Shimano Stella.



Poppers come in different sizes of course, but also here the rule goes: the bigger the bait, the bigger the fish! Make sure that the trebles you use are of the highest quality. Gamakatsu or Owner 5/0 3 x strong! And also the splitrings should be at least 200 lbs or more. In order to be able to go popping for a full week, an arsenal of 10 to 15 poppers in weight classes of 100 to 200 grams in different colours is recommended.

Yo-Zuri surface bull GT Popper, Storm Rattlin' Chug Bug, Sebile Splasher, Daiwa Saltiga Popper, Darkstar, Hart are all examples of good models. Check the hooks of all of them and when in doubt

change them! Due to mandatory catch & release, we strongly advise to fish with 1 treble, at the end of the popper, without barbs.

Besides fishing with poppers, stickbaits are certainly part of the equipment for this trip. Darkstar stickbaits and Ice Cones of 100 to 200 grams are the perfect material to have success here. And also for these lures the same goes for treble hooks. Another tip is to replace the treble hooks with large single hooks that make it easier to unhook the fish and damage it less.

Fishing is mainly done with braided lines with a tensile force of 40 kilo or more. A nylon leader from 150 lbs of around 1 to 1.2 meters is used best. This is mounted to the main line via an FG or PR knot. At the end of the leader we use a crimp, swivel and split ring of at least 150 lbs. This set up is GT proof!

During the 'poppersafari' there will be a limited number of poppers on board in case you are short of them. So be well prepared and think carefully about the amount you want to take with you.



Jigging:

For this fishing a short rod in the weight class of 30 to 50 lbs (casting weight 200 - 500 grams) to up to max 2 metres is recommended. Some examples of good rods are: Hart Bloody Classic Jig, the Beastmaster Boat or Jigwrex from Shimano.

The selection criteria for the reel mill to be used are a good retrieval speed (at least 5 : 1 and at least 1 metre per turn but preferably more) and an extremely powerful drag with at least 20 kilo +. The line capacity is around 300 metres for braided line with a breaking strength of around 40 kilos. In the base these are the same reels as described for popping. As a leader, a fluorocarbon line of about 1 to 1.5 metres of 150 lbs. is required.



The jigs used vary from 100 to 300 grams. Depth and current play an important role. They must sink quickly and end up in the 'strike zone'. After that it is a matter of quick and effective jigging and the result will follow! Again, pay attention to the quality of the hooks and split rings! As jigging takes place at depths of 30 to 120 metres, bright, brilliant and reflective colours are important. Also fluorescent colours are often used here.



Trolling

For the fishing safari from the mother boat trolls is one of the most important aspects. It is best to use the same materials as for jigging. So short sturdy boat rod and heavy reel with a line of around 40 kilos. All this with a leader of 1 to 1.2 meters of fluorocarbon of 150 lbs.

For the lure it is advisable to bring crankbaits / lures that are active at different depths. The bigger the paddle the deeper the lure goes down in the water. Variation is important to be able to fish a large part of the water column in a structured way.



Bottom fishing

For bottom fishing it is best to use a short boat rod or jigh rod of 20 to 30 lbs. with a mill (or reel) and a line with a breaking force of 30 to 40 lbs. Make sure you have at least 300 meters of line available. It is also advisable to bring lighter equipment in order to be able to adjust the fishing to the fish present. From a good stiff jerk rod to 100 grams and a sea bass rod from 100 to 150 grams you will certainly have a lot of fun there. Also take small fishes and mackerel paternosters with you. These are useful for catching baitfish that can be offered in whole or in part on a hook of a larger size later in the fishing trip (or directly). Small leads of 50 to 100 grams are available to a limited extent on board.





Season / weather

	Ave temp	Hours sun	Rain days	Humidity
January	22	7	1	40
February	23	8	0	33
March	25	8	0	27
April	27	9	1	21
May	31	10	1	18
June	32	11	0	20
July	35	12	0	24
August	36	12	0	28
September	32	11	0	31
October	29	10	1	31
November	26	8	1	38
December	23	7	0	41

The weather in Egypt is ideal. Until the winter months the temperature remains around 22 ° C and in the summer months it goes up to over 30 ° C. Because of the low humidity and the proximity to the sea, this is very pleasant. Rain is hardly seen. On average there are 5 rainy days a year and the sun shines continuously. The water temperature is very stable and varies from 21°C in the winter months to 28°C in the summer. This makes it an ideal place for fishing. Another additional advantage is that there is actually always a breeze in this region, which makes it wonderfully cool on the water. Sunglasses, cap and suns lotion are necessary all year round.

Each season has its own advantages and disadvantages with regard to the available fish species, but generally speaking, the period from October to June is the best for popping and jigging. For the fishing safari with only the mother boat you can go all year round and in the summer period you also have a good chance of sailing fish, grouper and dorado

	jan	feb	mar	apr	may	jun	jul	aug	sep	oct	nov	dec
GT	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green
Barracuda	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green
Dorado	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Bonito	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Tona	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Grouper	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Kingfish	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green
Queenfish	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green
Blue Fin Trevally	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green
Amberjack	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Sailfish	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Shark	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow

Reasonable	Yellow
Good	Green
Perfect	Green





No vaccinations are required for this location. To charge your mobile phone and (film) camera at the same time, it is recommended to bring a multi purpose socket and power strip. The generator will turn on for a few hours in the evening. Then remember to charge all the batteries of the different devices. Don't forget a pair of sturdy water shoes to stand on an island reef or beach and protect your feet.

Think carefully about the things you think you're taking with you. You'll be on a boat all week and don't need a lot of gear other than clothes, toiletries, a camera and your fishing gear, but plan ahead when it comes to fishing gear. On the boat there are no alternatives if you have lost something. If you are going with more than one participant, plan together so that you do not bring 6 pliers or 6 extra spools with line.

Travel & Price

You have to fly to Marsa Alam. After arrival you will be picked up and brought to your hotel or mother boat in Hamata. In both locations you will stay on a full board basis and in the hotel even all-inclusive. This means that all non-alcoholic beverages are included. Alcoholic beverages are available at extra cost. All bed linen, towels, marina entrance fees, local taxes, transport to and from the marina and return transport from the airport to the accommodation location are included. Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages for the mother boat must be ordered in advance and have to be paid on arrival. This can be in Egyptian pounds, US dollars or Euros. Other additional costs are tips for the entire crew (40 - 50 euros per fisherman) and a tourist visa which must be purchased at the airport for an amount of approximately € 25,- per person.

Fishing safari	Motherboat
# persons	€
3	2515
4	2325
5	2055
6	1825
7	1750
8	1695



Fishing Safari	Daily from hotel
# persons	€
4	3295
5	2745
6	2455



4 pers. is with 1 boat and 5 or 6 with 2 boats

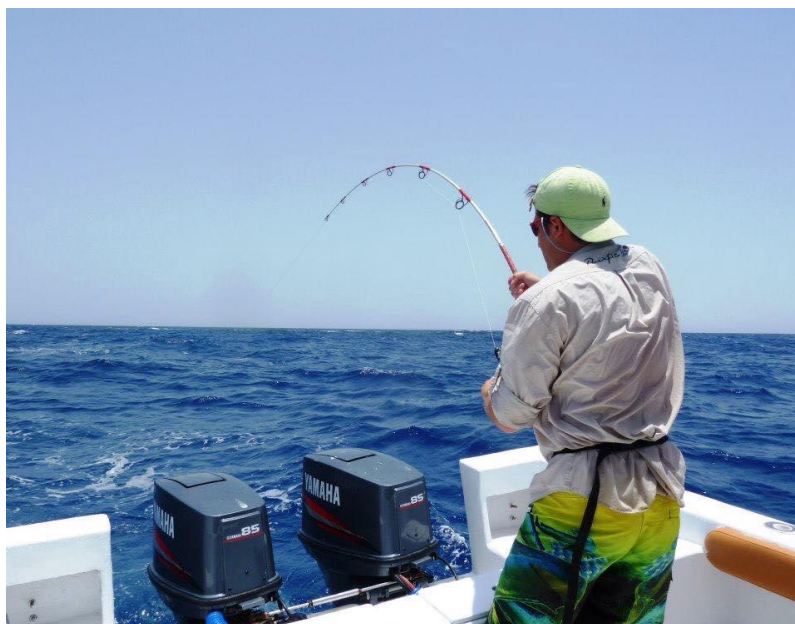
Fishingsafari	extra	
# persons	# fishingboats	€
3	1	3320
4	1	2515
5	1	2285
6	1	2170



Prices are in Euro's per person, upgrade to single room costs € 79,- per person per night. Non anglers € 1395 per person with a minimum of 2 anglers. The extra distant southern route along the further reefs costs € 140,- per person extra.

It is also possible to compose this trip the way you want. For example longer stays and less days fishing, a few days diving or another excursion we can arrange for you. On request we can also provide an upgrade to a 5 star hotel for an additional fee.

The costs for the flights are not included. Depending on the period between booking and fishing trip and the desired period these may vary in price. Holiday periods have higher rates than in low season. In addition, there are various options in terms of amount of luggage, seat types, etc. We will be happy to arrange these flights according to your personal desires.





To be able to take care of the fishing licenses in advance, we need a copy of the passport so we can forward them to the local authorities and arrange them before arrival. It is also important that your passport is still valid for at least 6 months after your return. For this fishing trip we advise you to arrange a travel insurance!

Would you like to enquire about the availability of this group trip or would you like an offer, please contact us:

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Attention! We have 4 mother boats at our disposal at this location. We can offer this fishing trip for groups, such as angling clubs, up to 24 people.

