



DIVE SITES

Shaab Maxsur

Egypt - Red Sea · Riff

Riff

TYPE

8

ROUTES

Großfisch

HIGHLIGHT

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<https://omneia.de/en/dive-sites/shaab-maxsur>

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What awaits you

Strömung	● ● ● ○ ○
Großfisch	● ● ● ● ○
Korallen	● ● ● ● ○
Makro	● ● ● ● ○
Tiefe	● ● ● ● ○
Anfängergeeignet	● ● ○ ○ ○

Routes

- ✓ Brother Islands - Daedalus - Sataya - Elphinstone
- ✓ Daedalus - Rocky Island - Elphinstone
- ✓ Daedalus - South
- ✓ Daedalus - St. Johns
- ✓ Daedalus - Zabargad - Rocky Island - Elphinstone
- ✓ South to Dolphin House Sataya
- ✓ St. Johns
- ✓ St. Johns - Rocky Island - Zabargad

Images

