

ALIWAL SHOAL & SODWANA BAY - OPTION#3

ALIWAL SHOAL RAGGED TOOTH SHARK COURSE (2 DIVES) & 3 CASUAL DIVES SODWANA BAY 5 CASUAL DIVES

DAY 1 - Arrive Aliwal Shoal

Arrive Durban. We will meet you at Durban International airport, or at another pick-up point in the area and transfer you to our dive base, (approx. 30 minutes drive) which is situated on a beautiful, tranquil 100 hectare farm, just minutes away from the actual launch site that we use for our diving operations. You will spend the rest of the day relaxing, becoming familiar with your surroundings at Fontana Farm & Al Fiume or Riva Valley lodge accommodation and gathering your energy for the days ahead. In the evening, you can enjoy dinner at one of the local restaurants in our little dive town.

DAY 2 - Ragged Tooth Shark Course (1 Dive)

After your breakfast we will meet at the dive base and commence with your educational course PADI/SharkLife Ragged tooth shark course. Depending on weather conditions, we will gear up our dive equipment and head down to the beach for our first dive with the ragged tooth sharks and our first exciting, typical African surf launch. After this, you will return to the farm base and have the balance of the day at your leisure.

In the evening you can enjoy dinner at one of the local restaurants in our little dive town.

DAY 3 - Ragged Tooth Shark (1 Dive) - Aliwal Shoal (1 Dive)

An early morning start and after breakfast, get ready for your 2nd ragged tooth shark dive.

We can either decide to do 2 dives and then return to the beach or we can return for a small break and then re-launch the boat for our 2nd dive. We can organise a packed boat lunch for you, which you can enjoy in between your dives.

After this, you will return to the farm base and have the balance of the day at your leisure.

In the evening you will be transferred to Durban for dinner at one of our favourite spots.

DAY 4 - Aliwal Shoal (2 Dives)

An early morning start and after breakfast we will meet at the dive base and then head down to the beach again for a further 2

spectacular dives. The team will choose the dive site on the day, weather dependant.

We will do our first dive, which starts with yet another exciting typical African surf launch. We can either decide to do 2 dives and then return to the beach or we can return for a small break and then re-launch the boat for our 2nd dive. We can organise a packed boat lunch for you, which you can enjoy in between your dives.

After this, you will return to the farm base and have the balance of the day at your leisure.

Dinner on this final evening can either be at our farm base, with a typical South African barbecue (Braai) at Al Fiume club house, situated on the river bank overlooking the Umkomazi River and small town of Umkomaas, followed by drinks at the bonfire, or we can enjoy dinner at another local restaurant.

DAY 5 - Depart Aliwal Shoal for Sodwana Bay

In the morning you will enjoy breakfast at your accommodation or Al Fiume club house. After breakfast, we will transfer you to our next shark safari destination, Sodwana Bay.

The trip to Sodwana Bay is an average 5½ hours of travel time up along the scenic north coast of KwaZulu-Natal, into the heart of the Zulu's. We will pass many large sugar cane estates along the way and we will also pass the very popular Zulu curio stall called Zamimpilo, where, time permitting, we can stop and you can browse through their traditional Zulu curios which make for excellent gifts.

Once at Sodwana Bay, the rest of the day is spent at leisure.

With its tropical diving, Sodwana Bay, rated alongside Aliwal Shoal, is a top international dive site and is certainly a hugely popular dive destination for locals. The reefs are exquisite, with warm waters, great visibility and biodiversity, said to rival that of the Great Barrier Reef. Dinner at your accommodation is served from 19h00 and this is included in your tariff for the duration of your stay here.

DAY 6 - Sodwana Bay (2 Dives)

After an early breakfast, we will transport you to the beach for your first day of diving. Launch times will be advised on the previous evening and you will be notified of your collection time.

We will spend at least half of the day doing 2 dives and enjoying this very different location and all that it has to offer. Dive sites will be chosen on the day and are weather dependant.

There is a small shop on the beach which caters for small meals,

snacks and refreshments and you can enjoy your lunch here whilst watching the ocean, so be sure to exchange your currency for Rands for this purpose, as the shop does not exchange currency.

After your dives, you will be transported back to your accommodation and the rest of the day is yours to explore and relax and enjoy the warmth of Zululand.

If you choose to do the ragged tooth shark course at this location, you will have a formal presentation in the afternoon ahead of the dive the following day.

Dinner is served from 19h00.

DAY 7 - Sodwana Bay (2 Dives)

After an early breakfast, we will transport you to the beach for your 2nd day of diving. A dive briefing will take place prior to all dives and if you are doing the ragged tooth shark course, your briefing will take place at this time.

Enjoy a further 2 dives on these beautiful reefs.

After your dives and time spent on the beach, you will be transported back to your accommodation and the rest of the day is yours to explore once again.

Dinner is served from 19h00.

DAY 8 - Sodwana Bay (1 Dive) then Depart Sodwana Bay to Durban International Airport

After an early breakfast, you will complete your last dive in this beautiful location.

On this day, you can either choose to have breakfast before the dive or after the dive as the kitchen will close for breakfast at 11h00.

We bid farewell to the heart of Zululand & Sodwana Bay and you will be transported back to Durban International airport or you will stay on for other possible extensions to this itinerary.