



## Socotra Eco-Tours: FOUR DAYS DIVING Tour

### Socotra Island – Unforgettable holidays with Socotra Eco-tours

#### Day 1: Dubai- Arrival on Socotra- Dihamri Marine Protected Area- Adho (2 Dives)

You will take a direct (non-stop) flight with Yemenia from Dubai on Sunday. You will departure from Dubai at 08:10 AM and arrival to Socotra by 09:25 Am. We will pick you up at the airport and drive you to the Marine Protected Area of Dihamri.

In Dihamri, there are 5 diving sites. The underwater relief is very interesting with a mountain. This is the place with deepest dives up to 50 meters. Night dives are possible here. You will do one dive here.

In the afternoon, we will drive to Adho. In Adho there are 2 diving sites with dives up to 30 meters. You will do one dive here. Then driving back to Dihamri.

Dinner and overnight camping at Dihamri Campsite

#### Day 2: ROSH MARINE PROTECED AREA- RAS IRISAL (the shipwreck)- ARHER FRESHWATER CREEK AND BEACH (2 dives)

Today, we will drive to Rosh where there is one big diing site with dives between 10 and 15 meters. Night dives are possible here. You will do one dive here.



In the afternoon, we will drive to Ras Irsil. In Irisal there are 7 diving sites with numerous shipwrecks. The ships sank due to an underwater mountain. The shipwrecks are up to 50 years old and it is possible to enter them. Ras Irsil has been pronounced a Protected Area. You will do one dive here



We will spend the rest of the day in Arher where a fresh creek coming out from granite massive is meeting sea water on the beach. You can relax on green grass around the creek, swim in the sea or if you feel fit you can climb a huge sand dune to get a fantastic view over this charming spot.



Dinner and overnight at Arher

#### Day 7: Dixam plateau/Fermhin Forest and Derhur Swimming pool- Qalansia and Detwah Lagoon

After breakfast, we will make our way by 4x4 vehicle to Dixam plateau and Shebahon viewpoint. This area is renowned for dragon blood trees, the resin of which is collected, used and traded by the people of Socotra. The area is also home to the endemic and rare Socotra Bunting (estimated at 1,000 pairs). The Shebahon viewpoint gives a fabulous vista overlooking Daerhu canyon (wadi) where we will see unusual yet beautiful rock formations. We will then make our way down to the wadi for lunch and an easy walk and maybe also a swim in a freshwater pool with a natural slide.



In the afternoon we drive to the west of the island to a little fisherman's town of Qalansiya. It consists of traditional Socotri houses, narrow alleyways and a beach full of fishing boats ready to set off for today's catch or to take you to Shu'ab beach. We will continue to Detwah lagoon, a marine protected area renowned for its magic landscape. You will be charmed by a white sandy tongue surrounded by turquoise waters of the bay. You can swim there and enjoy the paradise. There is also an array of sea birds to be seen in the lagoon.



Dinner and overnight at Detwah.

#### Day 4: DEPARTURE FROM SOCOTRA-DUBAI

After an early breakfast, we will drive you to the Socotra airport. You will take the Yemenia direct (non-stop) flight from Socotra. Departure from Socotra at 10:30 and arrival to Dubai at 12:55

Services included in the tour Package:

- Dubai-Socotra-Dubai Air-tickets
- Visa fees
- Welcoming and a transfer from and to Socotra airport
- 4WD vehicles (Transportations)
- Accommodations; Hotel *any day you want*, eco-lodges, campsites and wild camping
- Diving guide and all diving gear
- Boats with captain for diving
- Food (3 meals a day); we do cater also vegetarians
- Sufficient amount of bottled water throughout the trip
- English speaking local experienced guide
- Local trekking guide at specific places
- Protected Area entrance fees and all other fees

Services not included:

- Personal insurance
- Guide's and driver's tips

The price for the above itinerary is **\$1426 per person** for a group of three and more.