



## LOOKING FOR YOUR NEXT EXPEDITION BASE?

Open Ocean marine field station provides a range of facilities and services for researchers, universities, school groups and anyone with an interest in the marine environment. It is situated on the shores of the Red Sea, nestled in the desert mountains just north of El Quseir, on the edge of the Egyptian Eastern desert.

The field station offers unlimited direct access to the Red Sea at our house reef, Abu Sauatir, plus the option to travel to dozens of nearby reef sites, accessible from the shore or boat. Other local habitats of interest include mangroves, seagrass meadows, offshore ergs and fossil reefs.

Open Ocean facilities include modern indoor and outdoor wet labs with fresh and seawater supplies, spacious classrooms, and several outdoor study areas. All located onsite at Roots Red Sea our award winning accommodation base.

Roots Red Sea is also home to Pharaoh Dive Club which provide all the in water support and training that maybe required.

This all simply means that we can create the perfect fully bespoke package for you, tailored to your specific requirements and budget.

'The Open Ocean team were fantastic and went out of their way to make our trip a great success. The location is great – accessible and secure with a splendid house reef. The dive team were knowledgeable, helpful and reassuringly professional. The accommodation was just right and the food was great. We took a group of ten 13 - 14-year-olds, and they all had a wonderful trip – so much so that most of them have signed up to return next year!'

Vic Russell BA  
Oakham School, UK



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AN ARRAY OF HABITATS ON THE DOORSTEP



DIVE TRAINING FOR ALL AGES & LEVELS



ON SITE ACCOMMODATION – FULLY SELF CONTAINED

THIS & MORE IS WHAT OPEN OCEAN CAN OFFER!



RESEARCH PROJECTS & CITIZEN SCIENCE



OPEN OCEAN SURVEY & MARINE LIFE COURSES



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT





## DIVE TRAINING

Pharaoh Dive Club is a multi agency dive operation offering a full range of courses from introduction dives through to instructor. Our instructors and staff are certified to provide training for PADI, RAID & BSAC courses and will offer advice as to which agency provides the best solution to your individual needs. In many cases the courses can be commenced in the students home country with remote learning and scheduled pool sessions. Pharaoh Dive Club offer very competitive rates for student group training.

## RED SEA DIVING & SNORKELLING

Open Ocean's house reef is a short 5 minute walk from the accommodation and provides a sheltered easy access bay suitable for surveying, research projects and training. The reef is in pristine condition and extremely healthy. A recent university study recorded in excess of 200 species of reef and pelagic fish on the reef in a 10 day period.

With a 30 minute radius of the field station there are many different habitats that provide opportunities for study of mangroves, sea grass meadows, fringing reefs, offshore reefs, 100 metre plus drop offs and fossil reefs.

Accessible diving is strongly encouraged and the team are very experienced in supporting and adaptive training for divers with disabilities. Roots has accessible rooms to facilitate this.

## OPEN OCEAN SURVEY & ID COURSES

Whether for personal development or class learning, the Open Ocean Survey and Marine Identity courses are the perfect solution. The programmes are totally flexible to be either Dive or Snorkel based with various levels to suit the target age group.

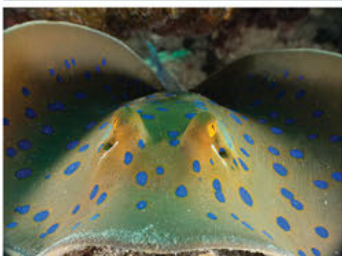
The course can be completed with a bespoke practical mini

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## RESEARCH & SCIENCE AT OPEN OCEAN

RESEARCH PROJECT: undertake your own project using skills from our Survey & Marine ID courses, with support from our in-house marine biologist as required

CITIZEN SCIENCE: contribute to one of the Open Ocean Citizen Science projects on coral monitoring, coral recruitment, and fish assemblages. Or support one an associate project such as Sharks Trust or Turtlewatch Egypt.

CONSERVATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: make a meaningful impact during your stay by contributing to our community projects, including shared learning with local school pupils, environmental & beach clean ups and through cultural exchange with the community.

## ACCOMMODATION

Roots Red Sea is a small friendly resort with a private beach offering direct access to incredible coral reefs in Abu Sauatir.

Being away from everything in the desert, Roots Red Sea provides a safe and secure location as a fully self contained lodging and activity centre.

Room options vary from multiple occupancy Eco Huts to private Deluxe Chalets, additionally there are 3 fully accessible chalets.

The package provided by Open Ocean and Roots Red Sea include Soft all inclusive board, return airport transfers and airport visa assistance.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Our team would be delighted to have the opportunity to discuss both any general questions or your specific requirements. We are available by email, telephone, or for virtual or physical meetings. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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# TYPICAL OUTLINE PROGRAMME & INDICATIVE COSTS

## EXAMPLE 1

7-day Survey Snorkeller Package  
OOSC Fish ID or OOSC Survey Snorkeler Courses  
Project Day including data collection and analyses  
Half day visit to mangrove or seagrass or other dive site  
Community engagement e.g. beach clean-up with local school  
Fun day with opportunity to try-dive  
Accommodation in shared Eco-huts for pupils with soft all inclusive board  
Airside Visa Assistance & Airport transfers  
All marine fees and permits

FROM £775 per person 4 share

## EXAMPLE 2

7-day Survey Diver Package  
Open Water diver training course with our onsite team Pharaoh Dive Club  
OOSC Survey Diver Course  
Contribute to an OOSC Citizen Science  
Community engagement e.g. beach clean-up with local school  
Accommodation in shared Eco-huts for pupils with soft all inclusive board  
Airside Visa Assistance & Airport transfers  
All marine fees and permits

FROM £925 per person 4 share

## EXAMPLE 3

7 Day Self Conducted Field Course  
Accommodation in shared Eco-huts for pupils with soft all inclusive board  
Airside Visa Assistance & Airport transfers  
All marine fees and permits

FROM £495 per person 4 share

Duration of programme is totally flexible beyond a minimum one week stay.  
Use the following matrix to assist planning and requesting your bespoke offer.

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# PROGRAMME MATRIX

Student Eco Hut Accommodation	7 Nights	10 Nights	14 Nights	
Staff Delux Chalet Accommodation	7 Nights	10 Nights	14 Nights	
Soft All Inclusive Board	Included	Included	Included	
Airport Assistance with Visa				
Return Airport Transfers Hurghada				
Open Ocean Field Station Bench Fee				
Open Ocean Field Station License				
Research/Survey Diving at House Reef				
Research/Survey Snorkelling at House Reef				
Field Trips to Alternate Sites				
RIB Boat Hire				
Completing Own Project				
Citizen Science Project				
Community Engagement				
Snorkelling Training	Open water	Snorkel Leader		
Diving Training	Open water	Advanced	Rescue	Dive Master
Open Ocean Courses	Survey Diver	Survey Snorkler	Marine ID	
Snorkel Equipment Rental				
Dive Equipment Rental				

Accommodation occupancy in Eco Huts is 2,3 or 4 share, the more occupants the lower the cost. Sharing is only with your own group.

Staff accommodation is either 2 sharing or single occupancy.

Alternative board is possible but not practical without your own transport as there is no alternative food suppliers in the area.

Transfers are based on single group travel, independent travellers will incur additional costs.

The visa service includes the cost of visa at U\$25 and is subject to the arriving guests being eligible for visa on arrival, advice on status can be provided.

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