

Wildlife Underwater Video and Editing Course with Jeff Goodman and Oonas Divers

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It has been a perfect week here at Marsa Shagra. With all the troubles here in Egypt over the past month there was a slight question as to whether the course could go ahead or not. I called Oonas and they assured me there was no problem. And they were absolutely right. The flight into Hurghada was easy, as was the transfer to Marsa Shagra. Once here, Red Sea Diving Safaris, as usual, welcomed myself and my students from the UK National facility for scientific diving, with the very best of hospitality. There were many other resorts that had closed but here at Shagra all was running as normal. Although, for the first few days here, there were only four guests, plus my course. We were absolutely spoilt with good food and great diving.



The resort is now slowly filling up and has 60 divers here right now but still there is no sense of crowding. During the past week we have dived with the ever present Green Turtles at Marsa Abbu Dubab. This is a great bonus for the video class. We then spent a day on the off-shore boat at Dolphin House reef where there were on this occasion no dolphins, but never the less the reef diving there is simply wonderful with exceptional visibility and pristine reefs. As well as a short cave dive through and under part of the reef there is the busy clown fish area where videoing these charismatic fish is a must.

Other wise, the house reef kept us busy for the rest of the week .A small pod of dolphins came for a short visit, a small white tip reef shark played to the cameras, countless spotted rays always gave us something to film, and the numerous shoals of very diver friendly fish kept the whole experience vibrant.