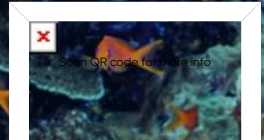




Blue Kingdom



Al Lith Sha'ab Ammar

Top Dive Time

45-60 Min

Distance

KM From

Skills

All Levels

This location may seem off the beaten track but the islands and reefs here are considered to be some of Saudi Arabia's best diving locations – and for good reason. The mesmerising underwater coral gardens at Sha'ab Ammar are testament to this.

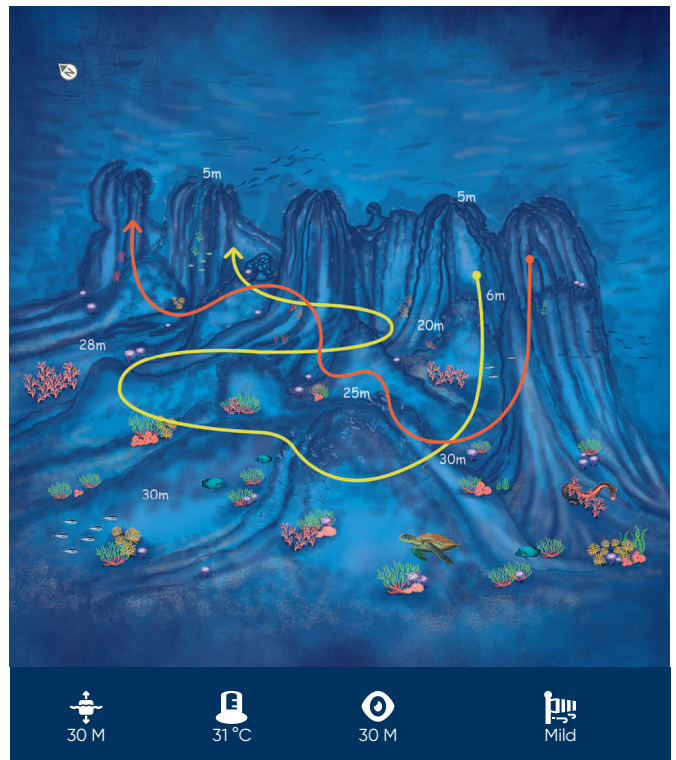
The dive begins at the reef's be-jewelled coral wall and moves south-west over a stretch of sand that takes you to an exquisite coral garden which sits 25m beneath the water. There are plenty of rocky crevices and chasms to explore but be careful not to disturb the resident moray eels who like to hide in dark corners.

Further west, you'll reach a sandy plateau which descends gently downwards to 32m. The sugary white sand is interspersed with spindly strands of red whip coral, also known as *Juncella rubra*.

The underwater landscape is also punctuated by enormous coral pinnacles and diving here almost becomes a form of subsurface island hopping, where divers are enticed to move from one treasure trove of marine life to the next.

Besides the fire coral, orange sponges and crimson red *Acropora*, divers can expect to see shoals of tuna, orange anthias and Red Sea bannerfish circling the platforms.

Giant humphead wrasse, in



Coordinates	Entry	Exit
19°33'41"N	-	-
39°59'57"E	-	-
Coast Guard		994
Ambulance		997