



Looking for new dive sites?

Al Boom Diving is now offering daily dives in the Musandam by speedboat. We still run the Friday dhow trip as well. Contact us on abdiving@emirates.net.ae or call 04-342-2993 to book your dive!

Dive Sites in the Musandam

Most of the dive sites in the Musandam are sloping sides descending from the Hajar Mountain fjords. Coral reef is abundant in this remote area, reef fish, rays, dolphins, sea turtles and whale sharks are frequently sighted. The sloping sides at most dive sites make the sites suitable for all level of diver, as you can choose your depth. Currents in the area, make it advisable for Zone 1 divers to have the Open Water certification with 20 logged dives, and Zone 2 divers to be at least PADI Advanced Open Water certification holders.

Zone 1 -> Dibba Port to Leema

Ras Haffa

A classic Musandam dive site, with sloping sides and as yet un-spoilt; Ras Haffa is close to the Musandam fishing village of Haffa. Ideal as a second, shallower dive of the day, this site has colorful corals and reef fish. Look out for sea turtles, black tip reef sharks and all of the characters from Finding Nemo!

Depth: 5 – 15m

The Caves

A Musandam favorite, this dive site has it all: coral reef; reef fish; and a selection of swim-throughs. A rock overhang, gives the site its name. Popular as a shallow, second dive of the day, this dive site is great for all level of divers. Look out for the entrances to the swim throughs and watch your buoyancy as you proceed through them!

Avg depth: 5 – 12 m



Ras Alfie

We don't know the real name for this site, but that's the adventure of the Musandam – if you find a new dive site, you can name it! Found by our instructor, Alfie, this previously unknown dive site is in pristine condition. The sloping sides that are so barren above the water descend to a rich reef that is home to hard and soft corals, angelfish, jacks, Moorish idols (or Al Boom Fish) and cuttle fish.

Avg depth: 5 – 22m

Ras Samut

Also known as 'Wonder Wall', Ras Samut is situated close to Leema Rock. Ideal as a first dive of the day in Zone 1, the sloping sides of this dive site are home to everything from big batfish and spotted eagle rays, to Arabian angelfish and colourful clown fish. There can be strong currents at the top point of the site, so it is best to dive towards the point and surface in the shallows around the corner in the sheltered bay. Don't forget your fish ID cards to identify all that you see on this dive!

Depth: 5 – 25m

Leema Rock

Another Musandam must see, Leema Rock is situated close to the Musandam village of Leema. The barren rock juts out from the ocean, but underwater it is home to a variety of marine life! All sides of Leema Rock make for great diving, but the seaward side of the rock is prone to strong currents and is best avoided. In the summer months, juvenile whale sharks are often spotted in the area. Sea turtles, jacks and reef fish are abundant. The sloping sides of the island mean that it is possible to do two dives on Leema Rock, the south side at depth and the north side at a shallower level.

Avg depth: 3 – 27m

Zone 2 -> Leema to Khor Hablane

Pearl Island

Just past Leema Rock is Pearl Island. One of the easier dive sites of Zone 2, Pearl Island offers great reef diving, and is ideal as a second dive of the day. Average depth is 10m around the island, descending to 20m further from the rock. Daisy and



teddy bear corals in oranges, red and pink cover the reef. Parrot fish, clown fish and a variety of reef fish can be seen on this busy reef.

Depth: 5 – 12m

Ras Marovi

Interesting rock formations on the surface descend to produce a varied underwater landscape at Ras Marovi. Just north of Pearl Island, Ras Marovi is made up of four islands, with the best diving in the channels between the islands. Current can be strong running along the channels making for good drift dives. Ras Marovi is home to a variety of sharks such as white tips, grey reef and leopard sharks. It is not unheard of to see manta rays on occasion.

Depth: 6 – 30m

Octopus Rock

One of the northern most dive sites of Zone 2 is Octopus Rock. Named because of the rocks resemblance to an octopus, the circular island on the surface stretches out in 'tentacle' shapes underwater. Most divers start the dive at the tentacle edges where it is deepest and end the dive close to the island. Here you will see big fish – grouper, batfish and sunfish. Shoals of jacks and barracuda can be seen as well as a nurse shark or two if you are lucky! This is a great dive for advanced divers.

Depth: 5 – 20m

Khor Hablane

One of the most northern dive sites of Zone 2, this dive site is well worth the longer boat ride. Khor Hablane refers to an area north of Octopus Rock where sloping sides and small bays before Zone 3. Pebble beaches are common in the area, and a variety of dives await your exploration.

Depth: 3 – 30m