

## Alex Tattersall Photo Workshop

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010  
**Tour:** Sea & Shore Tour -Sharks Bay Umbi Diving Village  
 5 Nights Landbased with 2 Nights Liveaboard.  
**Price:** From £499 Per Person excluding flights

### About Alex Tattersall

Dr Alex Tattersall is an award winning underwater photographer and the founder of UnderWaterVisions/Nauticam UK. He began diving in the early 1990s in Venezuela and Australia becoming instantly addicted to the wonders of the marine environment.

Alex picked up his first camera in Taiwan in 1999 and has since gone on to win a number of underwater photography awards including the coveted 'Best of Show' in the British Society of Underwater Photographers print competition.

### The Workshop

This workshop is designed both for novice and moderately experienced UW photographers and, alongside the exploration of 'technical' areas of photography such as exposures, compositions, and camera settings, will impart how a greater understanding and sensitivity to the behaviour of marine life can enable anyone to take award winning photos.

You do not need the latest, most expensive equipment to get photos that you are truly happy with. This course will also give you the opportunity to try some of the latest photo post-processing software to get the best final results from the shots you take.

The course is open to anyone seriously interested in improving their underwater photography in an informal, friendly, non-competitive environment. You will need to bring with you a camera and housing (although not essential, we'd suggest if you are taking a compact camera that it has manual control over the aperture and shutter speed ideally), good buoyancy skills and a willingness to try something new. We look forward to seeing you there.

### The Workshop Structure

Alex recognises that although you are keen to improve your underwater photos, you are also on holiday so the format of teaching is very informal. Every day will begin with a brief presentation of a theme in underwater photography which is designed to promote discussion among the group. You will then receive briefings for the days diving including some of the highlights of each dive-site and ways in which you can exploit the opportunities found on each submersion to their maximum.

Alex will be on-hand throughout the day to offer individual advice about any aspects of your photography and we will finish each day with a discussion and *constructive* criticism of a selection of shots from each course participant. The week will finish with a light-hearted competition (sponsored by UnderWaterVisions) with some fabulous underwater photography equipment prizes to be won.



## Imaging Media

The digital day has finally dawned for most of us. It has also become increasingly difficult to get E6 chemicals reliably in Egypt and these combined facts sadly will now exclude the processing of films on board.

This of course does not preclude film users at all and the same level of attention and advice will be available to users of both media. The techniques for both film and digital vary very little, the big difference is what you do with the image after the dive. The themed presentations will be suitable for you no matter what your media choice.



## Camera & Diving Equipment

You will need to bring all your own camera equipment. If there are techniques that you wish to experiment with but lack equipment then consider hiring before departure.

You will need to bring all your own diving equipment with you, or if wanted you can always hire on site, if you need to hire equipment then please contact Oonasdivers who will arrange this in advance for you. Clothing at Sharks Bay and on board Freedom IV is very informal.

## Flight Notes

There are several flights available from different UK departure airports operating into Sharm. Baggage allowances and optional excess baggage packages for divers vary from airline to airline.

Please discuss your flight options with your Oonasdivers representative prior to booking in order to maximise your benefits.

## Sharks Bay & Freedom IV

Sharks Bay has a well-equipped dive centre, its own private jetty and a fleet of five boats, so access to the best dive sites is effortless.

The tour includes 5 nights staying in the Bedouin Village room, these are integrated into the cliff above the bay and all have stunning sea views of Tiran Island as well as a beautiful house-reef with excellent conditions and abundant coral.

The National Park of Ras Mohammed is within easy reach of the day boats and just 30 minutes cruising and you are in the world class diving area of the Straits of Tiran, teeming with marine life, here you will find the steep walls, coral gardens, exciting drifts, pelagic fish, sharks and rays. The beautiful dive sites of Ras Nasrani and Ras Gamila are only 15 minutes away.

You will also spend 2 nights aboard The Freedom IV liveaboard giving you access to the further dive sites of the northern Red Sea - the wrecks of the Thistlegorm and Dunraven are only a few hours away, offering in total 6 days of diving.

## To Book

To secure your booking we require a non refundable deposit of £200 per person, you can book by calling Oonasdivers on 01323 648924.

The balance of your tour would be due 8 weeks prior to departure, you would be invoiced for this balance at approximately 10 weeks.

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