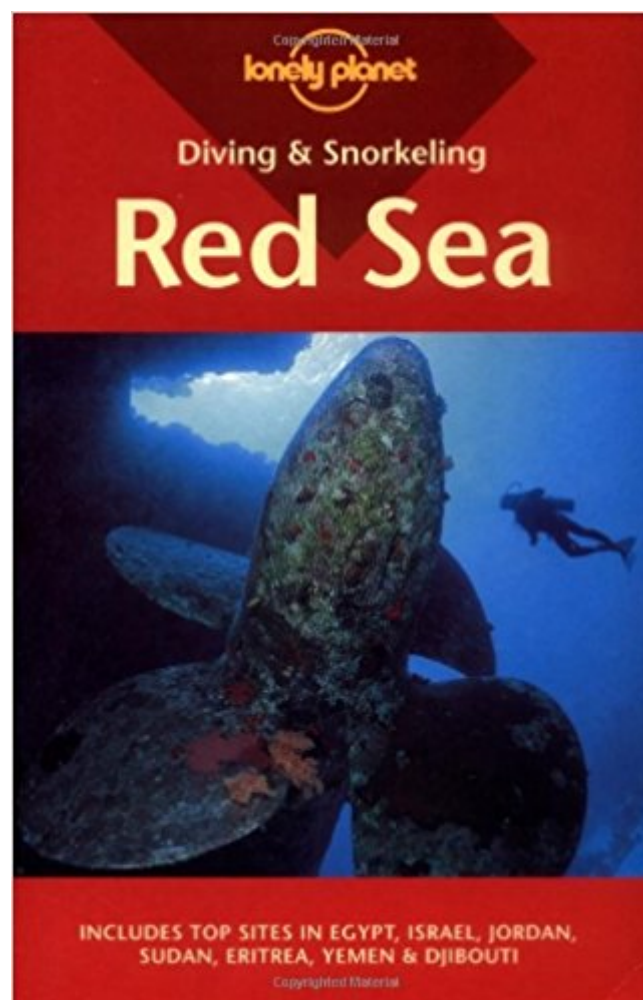




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Synopsis

For five millennia people have gathered along the shores of the Red Sea, but only in the past five decades have recreational divers delved beneath the waves. They flock here to explore the incredibly diverse underwater topography and marine life, as well as shipwrecks such as the Thistlegorm and the wrecks of Sha'ab Abu Nuhas. On land visitors can wander ancient ruins and buzzing souqs or tour the desert atop a camel. From the towering walls of Ras Mohammed to the offshore islands of The Brothers and Zabargad, this book describes 108 of the best Red Sea sites, with full-color photos throughout. You'll get specific information on: dive sites access and topography typical diving conditions common and hazardous marine life topside information for eight countries 18 easy-to-read maps

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Customer Reviews

A bit dated, and the info is rather basic. I wouldn't buy this again, but since it was so cheap, I'm happy I have it.

There's some good things about this book: in typical Lonely Planet style you've got great general travel information for the area (which if I really wanted, I'd buy a general travel book). It does also cover a large number of sites - though is still far from comprehensive. And it has some nice additional information occasionally through the book. Two main peeves though. And they're killers:- Each description is a paragraph, or two at most. You can't tell me very much about a dive site in so

few words.- There are no maps / diagrams for specific dive sites (just area overview maps) - a dive guide fails totally without these. It's a pretty book, but to be any use you need to include maps and more detail per site (if this was done it could be forgiven for not being totally comprehensive). In short, it's nice, but it's no use as a tool for researching a dive holiday. What's further is I now own two of these (Red Sea and Bahamas) - I certainly will not buy another.

Compared to the other Red Sea dive guides I've been able to find, this one is the best by far. The photos are fantastic and the maps are very readable - and the text gives an excellent overview of the dive site conditions and highlights. The descriptions seem balanced and informative, and if the site isn't the greatest, it says so ("hard corals are not a strong point here..." and for a wreck dive - the Salem Express "...take a look, spare a thought for the victims and then head to the nearby reefs."). Based on my 5 dive trips in the RS, it looks very accurate as well.

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