

Aliwal Shoal Diving



Aliwal Shoal launch site, from the Umkomaas river and out to sea!

Welcome to **your Dive Planning**, and we can help you find exactly what you are looking for!

We at **Aliwal shoal** offer some of the best and most exciting diving in the world – diving with Ragged Tooth sharks, Tiger sharks, Dolphins, Whales, Turtles, Black Tip sharks and Manta Rays...to name a few. Aliwal Shoal is rated as one of the Top 10 dive sites of the world for our varied and seasonal sea life. We have a very healthy reef in a marine protected area.

WHAT WE CAN OFFER

We can help you with your underwater explorations, accommodation, transfers and packages.

Reef and wreck dives
Baited shark dives – no cages
Double tank dives
Equipment rental
Equipment service
Open Circuit Dive Courses
Rebreather Dive Courses
Technical Dive Courses
Nitrox

Rebreather dives
Available consumables
Local and overseas dive holidays
Dive Safaris
Sardine Run
Private boat charters
Transfers
Breakfast on site

Even if you want something different, why not look at our Baited Shark Dives – an essential part of your dive holiday! Just ask for all the details.



DIVES & GEAR HIRE

1 Dive includes nitrox or air fill	R 430
5 Dive package includes nitrox	R2000
Nitrox fill (ex cyl)	R 100
Baited Shark Dives (incl weights/cylinder)	R1450
Rebreather dives (2 hours down time)	R 600
3 nights /5 dive package pp	R3945
3 nights/3 dives/1 baited shark dive pp	R4700
Full Gear hire daily	R 300
Snorkeling gear	R 175
Scuba Set (BC/Reg/Cyl/w/b)	R 250
Reg or cyl or BC or wetsuit (per item)	R 60
Soft Gear: mask, boots (per item incl weight belts)	R 60
Deco cylinder hire	R 80
Deco regulator hire	R 60
Rebreather accessories available	
Airport transfers	R490 pp(2/3) R350pp (+4) R1000 single



PAYMENT FOR DIVES

Electronic transfer into Nedbank Account is preferred to confirm the dive booking. Cancellation policy: please cancel at least 24 hours in advance to get a refund or to defer. No refunds will be given, once you have confirmed your dives, that is, for last minute seasickness, colds, sunburnt, hangovers or headaches! Enjoy!

If you would like to learn to dive or improve your knowledge – a wide variety of courses are on offer with flexible schedules to suit.

www.MeridianDive.com, various courses, technical diving, dive safari, shark dives, game parks, Sodwana, custom made tours, and anything that you can't find here don't hesitate to contact us, we are always happy to help. Barry and Celia Coleman.

www.DiveRaid.com offer on-line eLearning diving courses from open water all the way through to Instructor Trainer, from as little as US\$65 which is the on-line fee for your manuals, open book quizzes, exams and certification. Then only pay for your practical pool and sea training direct to the dive centre, when you are ready to book your practical training. RAID is a world-wide recognised training organisation, with the complete range of courses for open circuit and rebreathers, and is the ONLY training organisation of its kind in the world, your instructor can follow along your academics on-line.



Perhaps you are qualified and want to dive with competent staff, friendly and knowledgeable skippers and dive-masters – we launch every day and can accommodate all types of diver.

DIVE LAUNCH TIMES

Weekdays: Meet at the dive centre at 7 am for 8 am launch. Sometimes this is a double tank dive.
Weekends: Meet at the dive centre one hour before these launch times, rebreather divers please arrive earlier: Launching 7 am; 9 am; 11 am; 13 pm .

The launch is via the river or beach -through the surf, on an 9m zodiac, which holds 11 divers and the skipper. Enjoy a short 15 – 20 minute ride out to the famous Aliwal Shoal for your reef or wreck dive.



Downtime is usually one hour, and the turnaround time from launch to beaching takes about 2 hours. Your dive is lead by an experienced Dive master or Instructor on every dive. Most of the dives are drift dives and we usually decide where to go on the morning of the dive, depending on currents, wind, diver experience etc.

THE BOATS

9m semi-rigid super ducks/zodiacs (RIB) powered by two 115 hp outboard motors. On board is full safety equipment in accordance with DAN Safety Partner standards, including lifejackets to use while travelling through the surf zone, emergency oxygen, first aid kits, fire extinguishers, radios and GPS.

WHERE ARE WE

We are only 45 minutes south of the Durban city centre, in the little town of Umkomaas right on the coast

Safe enclosed parking
Large outside area to kit up
Dive gear for hire – pre-booked
Breakfast brunch available
Hot Showers

Rebreather friendly
Gear storage room
Friendly staff to help with all equipment
Wash bays
Deep Tek diving

DIVE PERMITS

Aliwal Shoal and Sodwana are marine protected areas. Please purchase your permit at any Post Office before your dive for a nominal cost. You can purchase your last minute permit at the dive charter for +-R75 pp/pmonth.

ACCOMMODATION

We can book various accommodation available: On site full board; Self catering or BnB's all within 5 minutes of the dive centre.



TRANSFERS

King Shaka Airport to Umkomaas – private transport:
Transfers from your accommodation to the dive site can be arranged prior to arrival.

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS www.kulula.com :

www.flymango.com : www.flysaa.com

THE WEATHER

View our local weather conditions <http://www.windfinder.com/forecast/kelso>

Our average sea temperatures: November – May 22°C – 26°C
June – October 19°C – 22°C

5mm wetsuits recommended all year round. Bring wind jackets for the boat during our cooler months.



Bookings with celia@meridiandive.com : www.MeridianDive.com : 0828941625 : 0714220788

We will give you a weekend or dive holiday to remember, assuring you of our professional and dedicated service.

Best Regards,
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