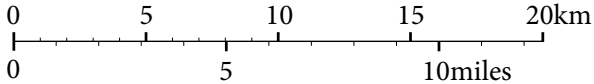


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THE SWISS REEF - 3 DIVE SITES

System of sea mountains running parallel to the wall on a platform 25m down. The mountains have different profiles; from just a few meter up to 100m long. The thing to do here is drift dive over the system going from one mountain to another discovering the amazing reef life. Good chance in seeing big pelagic and turtles. Full of fish in big schools.

Recommended for: Experienced divers.

SHIMBA HILLS - 2 DIVE SITES

The last corner of the Shimba Wall breaks into two and forms a valley at 12m depth with sand bottom with lots of barrel sponges and anthias, red sea sweatlips, fusiliers, red tooth triggerfish, etc.

Recommended for: Novice Divers

THE EDGE - 5 DIVE SITES

Just west of the north-western peninsula. This is the last wall before Pemba island drops into the Pemba channel. The wall starts at 30 meters and falls down steep! On the top of the wall huge barrel sponges and spiral corals grow up to two meters in length. This is a great place for encounters with Napoleon wrasse, potato grouper, cubera snapper, big pelagics, turtle and even white tip reef shark.

Recommended for: Deep divers certificate apply. Strong currents occur.

NJAO GAP NORTH - 2 DIVE SITES

Just north-west of Njao Island, on the north-west corner of Pemba. Another interesting and dramatic dive site. The lovely coral garden slopes from 5m to 18m, and suddenly plummets down into "un-diveable" depths. Currents can be strong. Best enjoyed when drift-dived, allowing the north bound current to sweep you through the gap into the lagoon, with no risk of getting lost. Vertical walls, giant sea fans, green turtles, large napoleon wrasse and a host of titan trigger fish makes this site memorable. Visibility usually excellent.

Recommended for: Novice divers.

NJAO GAP SOUTH - 2 DIVE SITES

Description: Steep Wall, huge overhangs, gorgonian sea fans, eels, giant grouper, turtles, wrasse. Amazing night dives.

Recommended for: Open water divers

MANDELA WALL

The north-western tip of Fundu Island. The top of this wall is between 8 to 15 metres deep, dropping dramatically in some areas to more than 200 metres. The precipitous cliffs are adorned with gorgonian sea fans and whip corals. Be on the look out for large "blue water" species. This wall runs parallel to Njao Islands south wall, and has a shallow platform that gently falls from 4m to 12m. Extraordinary table coral formations on top of the wall and anemones cities. The wall continues to gently fall down, all covered of lettuce coral, gorgonian, and sponges till 25m depth. Occasional pass of pelagic fish like Tuna, Wahoo etc.

Recommended for: Novice divers

CORAL GARDEN

At the end of Mandela wall, and start Fundu Gap, this platform of coral is protected from strong currents. It is a great place to see the thousands of coral formations. Take your time to see the macro life that exist in Pemba, such as the pipe fish, banded boxer shrimps, commensal, emperor partner shrimp eels. Good possibilities to see the napoleon fish, Nassau groupers and torpedo rays.

Recommended for: Novice divers

MANTA POINT - 2 DIVE SITES

Manta Point, said to be one of the world's finest dive sites, is situated just beyond the mouth of the Fundu Gap, west of Fundu Island. It is well-named, though mantas are not guaranteed. During dry season from January, to April it is possible to see Devil and Eagle rays in groups of up to 15 individuals. They visit this spectacular coral pinnacle for cleaning purposes or just to glide past in their graceful way, filter feeding as they go, sometimes at surprisingly shallow depths. The pinnacle, flocculent with fantastic corals, rises from 40m to 8m, with a dramatic drop on its western side. Visibility varies from about 20 to 40 metres. A whole range of marine life, from fusiliers, jackfish and surgeon-fish and turtles, might be seen here, as well as plenty of coral. Recommended for: Unfortunately for novices, this marvellous site is for experienced divers only.

FUNDO REEF

Fundo Gap is a solid coral drop off that starts at 3-6 meters and drops down until it disappears in to the big blue. A smooth current that we call "The Fundo Express" transports you past huge waterfalls of corals such as Broad Leaved coral, Brain coral, sponges and Soft coral. Hunters like Jackfish, Barracudas, Snappers and Groupers pass thru the mouth of the narrow Fundo gap, waiting for food. The Gap finishes in an underwater dessert where the life is reduced to small corals heads.

Recommended for: Experienced divers.

THE CRACK

The Crack is a massive vertical crack that divides the wall in two. The wall starts at 7m and falls down to 45m. The crack is situated in the narrowest part of the gap. Be aware that there always is very strong currents! The wall is one of the most amazing walls you will ever see. It's full of sponges of the most variable colours and forms, the cliff is 90 degrees and is a perfect location to spot big potato bass, Nassau groupers, Cubera snappers, barracudas, batfish, napoleon wrasses and occasional devil rays. Please note that The Crack is only diveable when the right weather and tide conditions apply.

Recommended for: Experience divers only