



DIVING IN OMAN

with Nasser Al Khanjery

As a visitor if you want to try some under water activities it is important to be with the experts who will take you to the best diving spots and give you an unforgettable experience.

We met with one such expert who is not only an experienced certified diver, he also owns his own diving school "Omanta Scuba". Nasser Al Khanjery , an engineer by profession and a passionate diver talks to us about his journey and the best diving spots in Oman.

When did you start diving and how was the process?

I started Scuba Diving end of 2003 where I did my Open Water Course in Oman around Fahal Island through a dive center. Once you sign up for a course you will have to do some reading to complete your theory and get some comprehension on the theory of Scuba Diving. Once the theory is done we head to the pool to do some basic training and safety procedures. Once the requirements for pool are met we head to the sea and dive four dives. Once completed you will be qualified to be an Open Water Diver. And can go anywhere in the world to scuba dive. Once you are a qualified diver you can start going up the ladder of your dive path. Doing Advance and Rescue courses. Adding some specialties to the mix and you can turn into a diver who explores the deep seas.

Tell us about your favorite diving spots in Oman.

The Sultanate of Oman coastline stretches over 2092 Km, there are many locations that has amazing spots to dive. Some are in the deep blue where you dive with whales and pelagic fish to shallow reefs with turtles and colorful fish that pleases the eye. There are also loads of shipwrecks that tells the history of eras lost in due time. It is hard to choose one site that can be called a favorite spot. Being an explorer of the sea, we keep finding new sights that are beyond amazing than the ones we usually dive at like "Lost Reef" or Shipwrecks like "Anna Maria" & "Wokan". One of the spots that is very dear to my heart is "Nasser's Wall" which covers most of the boxes that makes a reef interesting to explore.

Tell us also about the basic requirements to go diving or snorkelling.

If you know how to swim and float in the water you can just gear up and jump in. The instructors will give you a basic guide on how to snorkel or scuba dive.

You have a passion for videography and photography as well, tell us about the places in Oman that inspired you.

Ever since I came back to Oman in 2010 I have always wanted to explore the land and sea of Oman. I have traveled around Oman from south to north to explore the unknown. However the sense of belonging to the sea has always been strong so I picked up my dive gear again and went diving around Oman. The more I dive the more I want to share with the world. My main aim is take loads of footages so I can showcase how important our ocean is to our livelihood. Also use this to educate about how important is it protect it from pollution.

Talk to us about your Omanta Scuba.

Early 2010 I have founded Omanta Scuba with an Aim to protect and Preserve the environment Land & Sea. Omanta Scuba was founded on the values of "Preserve what we know, Explore the unknown & educate the world about it all". We are a PADI affiliated dive center. Where we teach people how to scuba dive and share the enjoyment of our ocean with everyone.

To know more and to book your diving holiday in Oman with OmantaScuba, contact us at khot@kr.om