

Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts scuba experiences: Dive into the New Year.

Colourful coral gardens, schools of clown fish and perhaps a turtle or two are all part of Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts' dive destinations.

Zurich (Switzerland), 4 December 2012 — Exceptional diving facilities in unique destinations around the globe are some of the exotic Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts treasures that the international hotel company of Swiss heritage is happy to share.

With 15 resorts located at the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Philippine Sea and the Andaman Sea, Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts provides a vast array of options in some of the world's best scuba locations: Heading east from Egypt's Red Sea resorts in El Quseir, Sharm El Sheikh, El Gouna, Hurghada; Taba, to Tala Bay and Aqaba in Jordan; across to Yanbu in Saudi Arabia; south to Mauritius in the Indian Ocean; then east to the Philippine Sea in Cebu and finally the Andaman Sea on Karon Beach in Thailand, there is something for everyone.

Whether a guest is an experienced diver or someone who has never stepped into the underwater world before, Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts offers reliable and reputable scuba experiences for all levels.

"We have resorts on the shores of the most exciting dive locations in the world, in Jordan, Egypt, Mauritius, Thailand and the Philippines," says John Griffin, senior vice president brand and marketing, Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts. "Escaping the winter season by taking a warm diving holiday is a perfect way to actively relax and recharge for the New Year."

The company's resorts offering unique diving experiences include Mövenpick Resort & Spa Mauritius which features its own scuba school to ensure divers get the most out of the wonderful Indian Ocean. Unlike the reefs in Seychelles and the Maldives, the coral reefs in Mauritius have not been bleached or affected by the warming of the ocean. The crystal clear water, the abundance of fish life and colourful reefs provide magnificent backdrops for underwater filming and photography.

The Mövenpick Mactan Island Cebu on the shores of the Philippine marine life sanctuary of Mactan Island offers divers a world of coral gardens, caves, sea-grass beds, wrecks and dazzling marine life

In Thailand, the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Karon Beach Phuket overlooks the white beach of the Andaman Sea and has its own dive school offering access to highlights such as Shark Point, the vast fields of anemones and enormous schools of snappers, groupers and clown fish at Anemone Reef and the coral-encrusted hull of the King Cruiser wreck.

The Red Sea has been named as one of the seven wonders of the underwater world, namely because of its extreme beauty and the biodiversity of marine life there. The area teems with over 1000 different species of fish, 400 species of coral as well as a large variety of birds above the water, giving anyone who visits an eye opening experience. Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts is currently operating nine resorts along the Red Sea:

Mövenpick Resort & Spa El Gouna offers some of the best marine-based activities in the Red Sea. Located directly at the beach, underwater marvels are just a mere dive away. All this can be explored by diving or snorkelling excursions through the on-site professional diving center. Experienced divers will find some of the Red Sea's highly acclaimed reefs and wrecks. The resort is also well-known for its kite-surfing, the latest trend sport offered directly at the resort's own beach.

Just a short drive down the coast, Mövenpick Resort El Quseir is famous for its unique underwater experiences in the El Quadim bay, situated just in front of the hotel. This ecologically intact and well-protected expanse of water was once used as a Roman harbour and amphora can still be seen between the swaying corals, amidst dodging turtles and gliding stingrays.

Right now, seven nights in a double room at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa El Gouna, including breakfast and ten dives in the warm waters of Egypt's legendary Red Sea start from just US\$1,200 for two

persons in a double room. Over at the Mövenpick Resort El Quseir, also in Egypt, seven nights including breakfast and six dives start from just US\$1,100 for two persons in a double room.

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