

# Grotta dei Gamberetti

*A swim over an infinite meadow of posidonia sea grass concealing a variety of species and a visit to the charming submerged cave, home of unicorn shrimps and lobsters.*

This *dive site* is located on the southwestern coast of the island of *Ustica*, at “*Punta Galera*”. Here, a tongue of land that forms a rocky ridge diving the bay into two adjacent coves.

The *dive* starts with a descent in the shallow waters of the cove. Following the contours of the coasts line in a southern direction, we swim over an infinite meadow of *Posidonia* sea grass. Between the leaves of grass, we can encounter *crabs* and various types of colourful *wrasse*.

At a depth of 20m the seabed changes towards a rocky substrate. Here we find a beautiful arch which we can swim through and which leads us right towards the entrance of the *cave*. The cave’s floor is composed of rocky layers that slope upward to lesser depths. We follow the slope of the cave, while we can explore the interesting *marine life* that hides inside it; *unicorn shrimps*, *orange shrimps* and *slipper lobsters* are often encountered.

We exit the cave from the same passage used to enter it and from here, make our way back towards the *dive* boat. Before surfacing, we can take some time admiring the *sea life* that is found around the waters of the cove of *Punta Galera*; *sea stars*, *pencil sea urchins*, *octopuses* and cuttlefish.

## Characteristics of the dive Grotta dei Gamberetti

**Type:** Cave

**Certification Requirement:** AOWD

**Recommended Certification:** AOWD

**Difficulty Level:** Medium

**Depth:** 25-28m

**Duration:** 40-60 min

**Typical encounters:** unicorn shrimp, crab, lobster

**Notes:** Good visibility, no/weak currents