

# Secca d'Africa

*The archaeological itinerary of this dive site is a true voyage back in time swimming between the remains of Roman and Byzantine anchors in an environment rich in marine life.*

On the western coast of the island of *Ustica*, just north of *Punta Gavazzi*, lies this *underwater archaeological itinerary* marked by a yellow buoy. Our *dive* starts with a descend along the buoy line, which takes us to a depth of around 10m. Exploring this area remains of *anchors* dating back to the *Roman and Byzantine age* can be admired.

We swim out from this platform, crossing the blue and arrive at a rocky ridge. This area lies at a depth varying from 10m to 24m and is characterized by its enchanting rock formations that offer perfect hiding spots for *marine life*. A *slipper lobster* can be found attached to the ceilings of a big arch, while at the base of a large pinnacle a crack hides a couple of *meagres* and striped *groupers*. Fields of *posidonia* sea grass offer the perfect habitat for *crustaceans*, while shoals of *seabream* and *salema* decorate the blue of the sea. The various types of *sponges*, *tube worms*, sea algae and *corals* colour the background of this scenery, giving it the final touch for its picture-perfect look.

## Characteristics of the dive Secca d'Africa

**Type:** Archeological / shoal

**Certification Requirement:** OWD

**Recommended Certification:** AOWD

**Difficulty Level:** Low

**Depth:** 10-25m

**Duration:** 40-50 min

**Typical encounters:** Slipper lobster, grouper, meagre, seabream, salema

**Notes:** Good visibility, possible weak current

