

Southern Thailand – incl Koh Lipe

Itinerary - 4 Nights

Arrival Airport: Phuket International Airport (HKT)/ Phuket Hotels

Departure Airport: Phuket International Airport (HKT)/ Phuket Hotels

Embarkation: Chalong Pier, Phuket at 18h00

Disembarkation: Chalong Pier, Phuket at 14h00

Shared transfers between Phuket Airport, Phuket hotels, and the vessel on embarkation and disembarkation day are included in the cruise price. Transfers to and from hotels and resorts outside of these areas can be arranged for an additional charge. For your final day aboard, we schedule 2 morning dives to allow plenty of time for off-gassing before disembarkation.

Marine & Port Fees

- 50 USD per person

Marine park fees can be paid in advance or on board.

Diving conditions in the Andaman Sea are generally suitable for all levels of divers. Divers who wish to join this itinerary are advised to have Advanced Open Water certification or equivalent* with a minimum of 10 logged dives and experience with diving in currents.

*Advanced Open Water course can be completed on board

For this itinerary, your Cruise Director will schedule up to 14 dives. This itinerary involves some long-distance travel and, whilst we attempt to ensure the number of planned dives is fulfilled, bad weather and sea conditions can affect the boat's ability to reach a specific dive site in good time and may impact the number of dives that are possible. While we wish to show you the very best diving possible, the safety of all on board remains paramount. In the unlikely event we are unable to reach a specified dive site; we always do our best in offering diving at alternative locations.

Safety and dive briefings are conducted in English. If you, or any of your group, do not speak or understand English, please contact us.



The following is an example of the day-to-day itinerary.

Day 1: Embarkation at 18.00hr followed by briefings and dinner.

Day 2-4: Your Cruise Director will schedule up to 4 dives per day; 3 dives and a sunset or night dive. A typical diving day is scheduled as follows:

- Light breakfast, followed by briefing & Dive 1
- Full breakfast, relaxation, followed by briefing & Dive 2
- Lunch, relaxation, followed by briefing & Dive 3
- Snack
- Briefing for Dive 4
- Dinner

Day 5: For your final day aboard there will be 2 dives* scheduled before heading back to port. Following lunch, disembarkation is scheduled for 14.00hr.

*We kindly request that guests check their flight departure times to ensure that they leave a minimum of 24 hours between their final dive and the departure of their flight.

The following is a description of the dive sites that we may visit during your liveaboard.

Koh Lipe

This beautiful pristine island is near Langkawi island and the Malaysian border with some amazing dive sites such as Stonehenge and 8 Mile Rock.

Stonehenge is a vibrant pinnacle densely covered with colorful soft corals. Look out in the blue for Schools of barracuda, giant trevallies, and yellow snappers. Smaller creatures include seahorses, a variety of shrimp & crabs as well as Nudibranchs. Find the masters of camouflage: stonefish or scorpionfish. As this site is very exposed, strong currents are common and can be expected. It also means that diving Stonehenge, as well as 8 Mile Rock (below), depends entirely on local weather conditions on the day. Many other dive sites are also available if conditions do not permit it.

8 Mile Rock is a world-class submerged pinnacle located approximately 8 miles south of Koh Lipe. Many a large pelagic can be spotted cruising by: manta and eagle rays are among the main suspects. Other highlights include leopard sharks, giant barracudas and big groupers. If we get really lucky we may even be graced by the presence of a whale shark during the dive. This pinnacle reaches up from the ocean floor at about 50m to 15m below the surface. It is truly a soft coral paradise, covered in purples, blues and red soft tree corals everywhere. A variety of reef species are found here in great abundance and size.



Koh Haa

Possibly some of the most underrated diving in the whole of Thailand, Moo Koh Haa (literally 'five island group') sits almost halfway between Hin Daeng and Phi Phi and is part of the Koh Lanta National Marine Park. There are actually several dive sites around Ko Haa, the highlights are Koh Haa Lagoon, Ko Haa Neua, and Ko Haa Yai.

Around these amazing islands, you will find pinnacles, walls, boulders, caverns, and swim-throughs, it is magical diving come to life. Ko Haa lagoon is ideal for night dives, and snorkeling, while The Chimney and The Cathedral offer diving not found on other Thailand liveaboard itineraries; with caverns, swim-throughs, and chambers scattered throughout the sites. Ko Haa has varied marine life too, with ornate ghost pipefish, morays eels, octopus, hawksbill turtles, sea horses, marble rays, and sometimes even leopard sharks.

Hin Daeng & Hin Muang

These two sites are pinnacles (translating directly as Red Rock and Purple Rock) out in the open ocean, reaching down to over 70m, and are best known for manta ray and whale shark encounters. Whether these are sighted or not, the sites also offer an enormous amount of varied life from giant moray eels, pharaoh cuttlefish, schooling rainbow runners and snappers, barracudas, groupers, fusiliers to bluefin trevally. On the pinnacles, there are fields of Magnificent Anemones, walls of Hematypic soft corals, and huge gorgonian sea fans. Almost perpetually good visibility and dramatic topography combined with huge fish numbers make for excellent liveaboard diving.

King Cruiser

The King Cruiser was a car ferry that used to travel between Phi Phi and Phuket. In 1997, 'the cruiser' hit Anemone Reef on her crossing and sank a short distance away. No lives were lost, but divers were left with a great wreck dive! While she has largely broken up now, she is covered with soft corals and hides a few wonderful gems, as well as being home to several large schools of snappers. While currents can be strong and visibility sometimes challenging, this is a great site to dive as part of an Advanced Open Water course.

Shark Point and Anemone Reef

These pinnacles are part of the same reef system and are only a very short distance apart from one another. Both sites are covered with colorful soft corals and anemones with a variety of fish to suit all divers. From barracuda to seahorses an interesting variety of sea life can be found.

Koh Doc Mai



“Flower Island” is a tiny slice of sheer rock located between Shark Point and Phuket; although it is tiny dives here will always provide divers with a pleasant surprise of underwater life. From Ghost pipe fish to schooling snappers, frogfish, and the occasional bamboo shark there is never a dull moment.

Top Side

Along the route, there are some incredible views from the boat including verdant forests, deserted beaches, and limestone karsts climbing vertically from the ocean. You may even be entertained by marine life while relaxing on board as turtles cruising around the boat from time to time are not an unusual sight.

Should you have any questions or queries concerning the dive sites or whether this itinerary is suitable for your experience level, please contact our reservations team via info@thejunk.com who will be pleased to assist and advise you.

