



THE JUNK
LIVEBOARDS

Southern Thailand (incl. Koh Lipe)

Itinerary - 4 Nights

Arrival Airport: Phuket International Airport (HKT)

Departure Airport: Phuket International Airport (HKT)

Embarkation: Chalong Pier, Phuket at 19h00

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.

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.

Minimum dive certification and experience:

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 courses can be completed on board.

It is a mandatory requirement for all divers to have insurance which covers scuba diving activities equivalent to your diving qualification , including emergency evacuation and recompression chamber costs.

Number of scheduled dives:

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 19.00hr 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. 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.**

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

Koh Lipe

This beautiful, pristine island near Langkawi Island and the Malaysian border harbours some amazing dive sites such as: **Stonehenge & 8 Mile Rock**.

Stonehenge is a vibrant pinnacle densely covered in soft corals. Look out in the blue for schools of barracudas, trevallies and yellow snappers. Smaller creatures include seahorse, varieties of shrimp, crab, 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 on local weather conditions and that it is not always possible.

8 Mile Rock is a world class submerged pinnacle located about 8 miles south of Koh Lipe. Many large pelagic can be spotted cruising by: devil, manta and eagle rays are among the usual suspects. Other highlights include leopard sharks, giant barracudas and big groupers. When you are really lucky you may even see a whale shark on your dive! The pinnacle reaches up from the ocean floor at about 50m to 15m under the surface. It's a soft coral paradise: purple, blue and red soft tree coral pop up everywhere. A great variety of reef species can be 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 but the highlights are **Ko Haa Lagoon**, **Ko Haa Neua**, and **Ko Haa Yai**.

Around these amazing islands you can see pinnacles, walls, boulders, caverns, and swim-throughs. **Ko Haa lagoon** is ideal for night dives, courses, and snorkeling, while **The Chimney** and **The Cathedral** offer things that you cannot see on other Thailand liveaboard itineraries with caverns, swim-throughs and chambers all over 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) 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 giant moray eels, pharaoh cuttlefish, schooling rainbow runners and snappers, barracudas, groupers, fusiliers, and bluefin trevally. On the pinnacles, there are fields of Magnificent Anemones, walls of Hemprics soft corals, and huge gorgonian sea fans. Almost perpetual good visibility and dramatic topography combined with huge fish numbers makes 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 is largely broken up now, she is covered in soft corals and hides some 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 each other. Both sites are covered with colourful soft corals and anemones with a variety of fish to suit all divers. From barracuda to seahorses and for the lucky ones of course, the iconic leopard shark!

Koh Doc Mai

'Flower Island' is a tiny piece of sheer rock between **Shark point** and Phuket but, although it's tiny, dives here can provide divers with amazing memories! From a spacious cavern to frog fish, ornate ghost pipefish and even bamboo sharks, Koh Doc Mai never fails to surprise.

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.