THAILAND MASTER

Similan and Surin Islands

Thap Lamu Pier, Khao Lak | Similan, Surin and Richelieu Rock

Manta rays and whale sharks glide past the pinnacles of the northern Andaman Sea, with the best chance of the big ones from late January to April.

Around the Similan Islands, huge granite boulders and swim-throughs are patrolled by white tip reef sharks, schooling giant trevally and neon fusiliers.

A remote limestone pinnacle in purple soft corals and magnificent sea anemones hides pharaoh cuttlefish, ornate ghost pipefish and tiger tail seahorses.

The Surin Islands have some of the greatest hard coral diversity in Thailand, and dolphins are often seen swimming alongside the boat.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
6 nights	Thap Lamu Pier	Thap Lamu Pier	Certified divers







Your itinerary

1

Embarkation

Embarkation at 19:00 is followed by briefings and dinner.

2

Diving days

Your Cruise Director schedules up to 4 dives a day: 3 day dives and a sunset or night dive.
A typical diving day is a light breakfast, briefing and dive 1; full breakfast, relaxation, briefing and dive 2; lunch, relaxation, briefing and dive 3; a snack and a briefing for the sunset or night dive; then dinner.

7

Last day

Following breakfast, disembarkation is scheduled for 10:00.







THE DIVING

Dive sites

Similan Islands

The above water scenery will provide stunningly beautiful white sandy beaches with small forested areas. Dive some of the following sites; Boulder City, Shark Fin Reef, Anita's Reef and Three Trees.

Koh Bon

This is generally the most likely place to see manta rays on this itinerary.

Koh Tachai

This island is famous for its pinnacle dive site, known by many as Twin Peaks as well as more relaxed reef diving on the North Reef and South Reef.

Richelieu Rock

This limestone pinnacle was named by Jacques Cousteau after Cardinal Richelieu due to the similarity to the colour of his gown as there are gorgeous purple dendronephthya soft corals covering most of the pinnacle.

Surin Islands

The topside scenery of Koh Surin, with evergreen forests, mangroves, and small beaches, surpasses even that of the picturesque Similan Islands.

Khao Lak Wrecks

Before disembarking in Khao Lak, if conditions and timing are favourable there is a choice of easily diveable wrecks between the Similan Islands and the port of Tap Lamu.

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

We recommend divers have PADI Advanced Open Water certification, or equivalent, with a minimum of 10 logged dives and experience in strong currents.

Good to know

The Advanced Open Water course can usually be completed on board with advance notice.

Good to know

Guests who do not fulfil the minimum certification and experience requirements may be denied participation in some or all dives.

Flying

Leave a minimum of 24 hours between your final dive and the departure of your flight.