THAILAND MASTER

Southern Thailand

Chalong Pier, Phuket | Racha Islands, Phi Phi, Koh Haa and Hin Daeng



Southern Thailand reaches out to open-ocean pinnacles painted red and purple by soft corals, best known for manta ray and whale shark encounters.

Almost perpetual good visibility and dramatic topography combine with huge fish numbers, from schooling rainbow runners to giant moray eels.

Racha Noi is often described as a mini Similans, with granite boulders, big swim-throughs and a year-round chance of manta rays.

Limestone walls around Phi Phi drop away with gorgonian fans and soft corals, while leopard sharks sleep on the sand and turtles drift by.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
4 nights	Chalong Pier, Phuket	Chalong Pier	Certified divers







Your itinerary

1

Embarkation

Embarkation at 19:00 is followed by introductions, 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.

3

Disembarkation day

Depending on the disembarkation time there are usually 2 or 3 dives on the last day before the boat starts her return to Phuket.
Disembarkation is at 14:00 on the four night trip and 17:00 on the five night trip.







THE DIVING

Dive sites

Racha Yai

Located south of Phuket, Racha Yai offers the perfect location for a check dive with great visibility, sheltered sandy-bottomed bays, sloping hard coral reefs and underwater statues to explore.

Racha Noi

This island has some of the best visibility of all sites in the area. Often described as a ‘mini Similans’ the granite boulder topography is also unique compared to other sites in the area.

King Cruiser

The King Cruiser was a car ferry that used to travel between Phi Phi and Phuket until, in 1997, ‘The Cruiser’ hit Anemone Reef on her crossing and sank a short distance away.

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.

Koh Phi Phi

Lying in Phang-Nga bay about 45 km east of Phuket and 30 km southwest of Krabi, two breathtaking limestone islands make up the greater part of Moo Koh Phi Phi; the largest island of Phi Phi Don being a few kilometres north of Phi Phi Lae.

Koh Haa

Possibly some of the most underrated diving in the whole of Thailand, Moo Koh Haa (meaning Five Islands) sits almost halfway between Hin Daeng and Phi Phi and is part of the Koh Lanta National Marine Park.

Hin Daeng and Hin Muang

Translating as Red Rock and Purple Rock, with their names derived from the colour of the corals they host, these two sites are pinnacles in the open ocean, reaching down to over 70m, and are best known for manta ray and whale shark encounters.

Koh Lipe

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

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.