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## **BEST OF THAILAND 10 NIGHTS THAILAND**

The following is a sample itinerary of where you might dive during your holiday with us. We wish to show you the very best diving but a number of factors can determine where we visit. Weather, tides, how busy a site is with other dive vessels all play a part in the Cruise Director's decision of which route the yacht takes. The safety of all on board is paramount and we always do our best in offering diving at alternate locations. The Cruise Director is happy to listen to requests from guests to visit or remain at certain sites and providing it is possible and the schedule allows, then guest's requests are respected.

### **Best of Thailand - 10 Nights - Phuket to Phuket Up to 32 Dives including up to 5 night dives**

- **Day 1-** Arrive Chalong

Meet members of the Worldwide Dive and Sail crew near the Chalong Pier, where our office is situated, at 1 p.m. Board the SY Oriental Siren around 2 p.m. After boarding settle into your cabin and assemble your equipment with help from our friendly crew. The boat briefing is followed by dinner and enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure.

- **Day 2-** Phi Phi Islands

A check dive followed by a further three dives to sites such as Koh Bida Nohk, Koh Bida Nai, Phi Phi Lay and Ao Maya. An opportunity to observe leopard (zebra) sharks, tigertail seahorses, ornate ghost pipefish, cornet fish, octopus, scorpion fish, blue fin trevally, barracudas and more.

- **Day 3-** Koh Ha Yai and Koh Ha Noi

Enjoy a wonderful day diving these sites with likely sightings of: parrot fish, scorpion fish, trumpet fish, cuttlefish, squid, ornate ghost pipefish, moray eels, sting rays, snappers and angel fish. Spend 4 dives around these islands.

- **Day 4-** Hin Daeng and Hin Muang

This site is known for manta rays but whether they are sighted or not the sites offer the following: Oceanic trigger fish, giant moray eels, pharaoh cuttlefish, schooling rainbow runners and snappers, pick-handle barracudas, groupers, fusiliers and blue fin trevally.

Depart after the third dive to the Similan Islands

- **Day 5-** Similan Islands

The above water scenery changes to stunningly beautiful white sandy beaches with small forested areas. Enjoy taking the kayaks out and navigate around the islands during your surface intervals. Dive some of the following sites; Boulder City, Sharkfin Reef, Anita's Reef and Honeymoon Bay. Under the surface you may see: Leopard (zebra) shark, blue spotted stingrays, clown trigger fish, rabbit fish, scorpion fish, snappers, emperor fish, giant trevally and angelfish. The coral gardens, bommies and boulder formations are wonderful to dive.

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- **Day 6-** Similan Islands- Koh Bon, Koh Tachai – 4 dives

Koh Bon and Koh Tachai are also dive sites where manta rays might be seen. Also enjoy: Napoleon wrasse, sweetlips, octopus, blue fin trevally, giant moray eels, great barracudas, fire dart goby, popcorn shrimp, spiny lobster and nudibranchs of many type. The dive sites vary from wall diving to gently sloping reefs and from submerged boulders to coral gardens. Spend 4 dives around these islands before departing to our overnight spot close to Richelieu Rock.

- **Day 7-** Richelieu Rock – 4 dives

Richelieu Rock. This limestone pinnacle was named by Jacques Cousteau after the character in the Three Musketeers, Cardinal Richelieu, as it reminded him of his deep scarlet cape. There are gorgeous purple dendronephthya soft corals covering most of the pinnacle and other areas covered in magnificent sea anemones as well. Barely breaking the surface at low tide, this horseshoe-shaped outcropping, slopes steeply to a sandy bottom at 18 to 35 meters (60-120 Ft). This site offers great diversity for such a small and isolated spot. It also offers excellent multi-level diving and, because it's a high-profile reef, there's always sheltered areas to hide from current. The marine life is prolific and includes amongst, many other things; Pharaoh cuttlefish, large octopi, all 5 varieties of anemone fish of the Andaman Sea, variety of moray eels, ornate ghost pipefish, smashing mantis shrimps, harlequin shrimps, tiger tail sea horses, Spanish mackerel, frog fish, many schooling snapper and occasional sightings of manta rays and whale sharks.

- **Day 8-** Similan Islands

We stop off again at Koh Tachai and Koh Bon to look for manta rays before heading to Three Trees and a suitable spot for a night dive. Three Trees has a wonderful coral garden on a gentle slope with some patchy sandy areas. With luck you might see sharks, Napoleon wrasse, porcelain crabs, smashing mantis shrimp, bluefin trevally, fusiliers and more.

- **Day 9 & 10-** Similan Islands

Elephant Head Rock, visible from the surface, is the biggest pinnacle in the Similans and has some great swim-throughs. If lucky and in the water early you might see some white tip reef sharks. Batfish, trevally and barracuda can often be seen on the perimeter of the boulders. If you look closely in the cracks and in the rubble you might see smashing mantis shrimp, porcelain crab, moray eels and cleaner shrimp. East of Eden has an amazing pinnacle, the Ruan Gluay Mai which is covered with colourful soft corals and sea fans. A great site for macro subjects and shoals of fusiliers and trevallies dart in and out. Elephant's Head Rock, West of Eden and East of Eden will be the last days diving sites before we depart to Chalong overnight. The number of dives you do is dependent on your onward flight arrangements. In the evening enjoy a BBQ on the boat and start planning your next adventure aboard the Siren Fleet.

- **Day 11-** Disembark Chalong

After breakfast say your farewells and disembark the SY Oriental Siren. Depart around 10 a.m.

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