

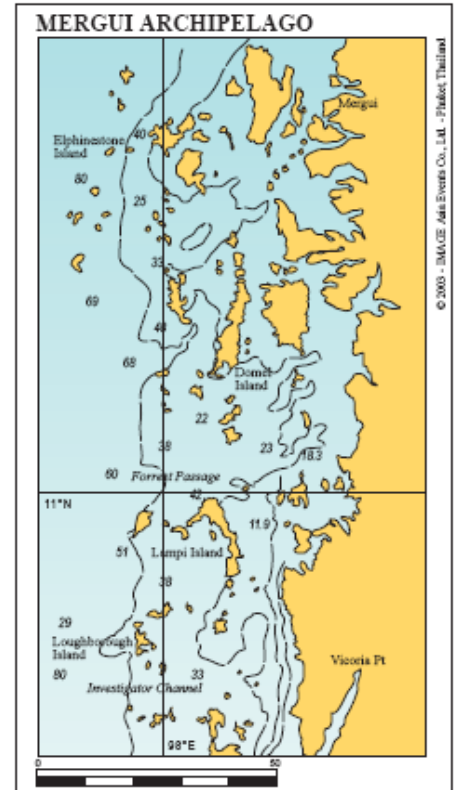


Mergui Archipelago 7 Day Example Itinerary

Day 1 Join SY Asia at Kawthaung on the river border between Thailand and Myanmar. Options for getting to Kawthaung include a commercial flight from Bangkok to Ranong (the sister town on the opposite side of the river), a 4 hour luxury minibus transfer from Phuket or a spectacular seaplane trip along the Andaman Sea coastline from Phuket.



Depart Kawthaung for the Mergui Archipelago. Magnificent first night anchorage at "115" an un-named island with a peak of 115 meters on it.



Day 2 Spend the morning exploring the idyllic anchorage at "115". This jungle clad, mountainous 5 islands that make up this group have over 50 white sand beaches and beautiful fringing coral reef. This is a great place for kayaking, snorkeling, fishing or just relaxing and enjoying the birdsong from the jungle.



Late morning sail to Nga Mann for lunch and some great snorkeling with turtles and blue spotted rays off a perfect white sand beach. Afternoon sail to Great Swinton Island.

Day 3 Day spent exploring the uninhabited National Park island of Great Swinton. This island has everything with a mountainous interior, primary jungle with a teeming wildlife, rivers and waterfalls, over 50 pristine white beaches and great snorkeling on the surrounding reefs. There is a superb dive site at nearby “Shark Cave”.

Day 4 Set sail for Clara Island, one of our favourite islands in the Mergui. Anchor in a bay of white sand and go ashore for a seafood BBQ next to an icy cold mountain waterfall that tumbles into the ocean. With an additional day of charter head north to “Black Rock” for spectacular scuba diving.

Day 5 Sail to Salet Galet – one of the most spectacular areas of the Mergui Archipelago. A narrow channel between Lampi island and Wa Ale Kyunn forms a perfectly protected anchorage surrounded by pristine jungle. This is a great area for jungle walks, kayaking and wildlife viewing. For the energetic, climb the west peak of Lampi island (pictured).



We often encounter the nomadic “Moken” tribe in this area who still live a hunter-gatherer existence in this remote wilderness.

Day 6



Sail to Ko Phawt – a unique and unusual area of the Mergui Archipelago with about 20 islands surrounded by shallow channels and fringed by miles of mangroves. This area is full of wildlife with large numbers of hornbills, giant fruit bats, monitor lizards and pythons. This is a great area for kayaking.

Day 7 Morning sail to Bo Cho Island to visit a Moken village. Fascinating insight into the local culture and a chance to see local Moken boats being built out of hand sawn planks. Afternoon sail back to Kawthaung.



Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
High season. Pleasant NE winds, hot and sunny, cool overnight. Great sailing. Great fishing.				Very hot – no wind. Great diving. Visiting whales.		Effectively closed with heavy rain, strong winds, rough seas and hurricanes.					