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Similans, Koh Bon, Koh Tachai and Richelieu Rock for 4 days and 4 nights!

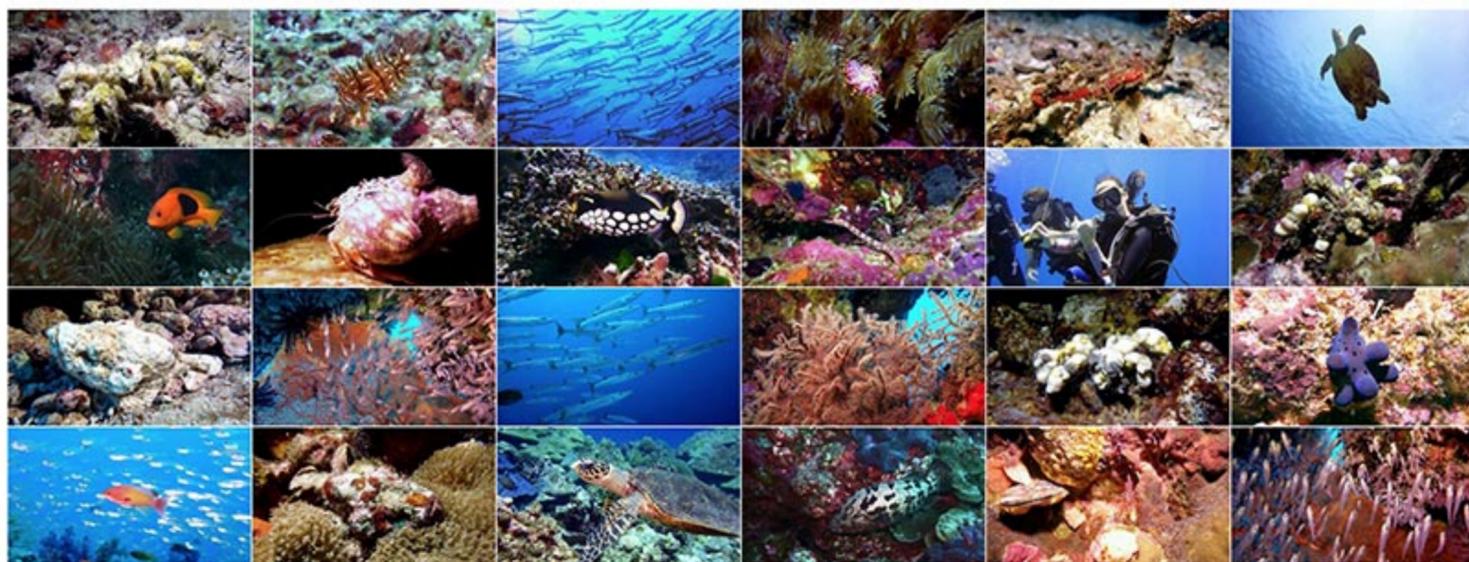
The Scuba Explorer departs from Patong pier. A transfer bus collects guests from either Phuket airport or a hotel in Phuket to take you to the boat where all Crew and dive guides will be waiting to greet you and help you settle into this luxury boat. A light evening meal will be provided and a briefing about the boat given. The Scuba Explorer sets sail at 10pm that evening to arrive at Koh Bon, the first dive site, early the next morning. The first dive each day is done before breakfast but there are snacks, bread, tea, coffee, soft drinks and water available all day. There is food provided in between each dive, all the meals are cooked fresh on board by the excellent chef. A mixture of western, Japanese and Thai food is served.

Each evening of the cruise there is the option to do an extra night dive; this gives you the opportunity to do 5 dives each day instead of the normal schedule of 4, meaning you do not need to miss any dives. After your last dive of the day you can relax and chat about your dives with a beer or glass of wine, all included in the price. The Scuba Explorer is geared towards comfort, on the second deck outside the saloon are sofas, enough for each cruise member to stretch out and take a nap. There is also a sundeck to top up your tan and get some photos of the beautiful islands. If you wish to sit in the air conditioned Saloon there are enough comfortable sofas to do so.

The boat arrives back at Patong pier on the 4th day at 11am where a transfer will be waiting to take you back to your Phuket hotel or Phuket airport. For those of you who are not able to stay for the full duration of the trip, there is the option of getting a speed boat back after the 3rd dive on day 3 of the cruise, this takes you to tap Lamu pier in Koh Lak where you then get a transfer back to the airport in time for an evening flight.

We recommend 24hrs after the last dive before flying, so please consider this when booking flights.

The Things You Can See There!



The Dive Sites We Will Visit!

The 3 day 4 night trip on the MV Scuba visits the Similan Islands, Koh Bon, Koh Tachai and Richelieu Rock. Koh Bon, a well-known Manta Ray cleaning station and a chance to see the magical creatures often has 30m visibility healthy corals and an abundance of life, it can also bring strong currents and the 'Big green monster', a cold thermocline bringing nutrients with it to feed the big fish. Manta Rays are not the only creatures to encounter here, watching the Emperor snapper and Trevally feed on the swarms of glass fish around the bomby is an impressive sight, producing some amazing visuals for photos and video. There is a lot of life on Koh Bon; we stay for 2 dives as one dive is just not enough, especially if you are lucky enough to see a Manta Ray.

Island hoping further North we also visit **Koh Tachai**, an imposing dive site with huge looming boulders and a beautiful coral garden featuring giant gorgonian fan corals, whip coral, harp coral and so much more. Here there is a chance to see circling Barracuda, Giant Trevally, Neopolitan Wrasse, big schools of Fusilier and Snapper. Sightings of Manta Rays and Whale Sharks are also a regular occurrence on Koh Tachai. This dive site is often a favourite with the dive guides as it is so diverse, swim one way around the pinnacle through the boulders and you feel like you are swimming around ancient grounds, go the other way around and find hidden gems in the amazing corals.

Further north and into the Surin National Marine park lies Richelieu Rock, the jewel of the Andaman Ocean, a fantastic dive site, one, two even three dives is not enough here, for that reason the Scuba Explorer stays the full day at Richelieu Rock, 5 dives are possible here including a night dive, not done by any other boat. The night dive here is definitely not to be missed. The whole site is crawling with life, big schools of Tuna, hunting Trevally, Barracuda tomados, Seahorses, Ornate Ghost pipefish, every type of shrimp and, if you are lucky, the magnificent Whale Shark. Each dive here offers something different. The stunning reds and purples of the soft corals covering the horse shoe shape pinnacle make fantastic photo opportunities during the light of the day. The marine life hunting in the evening dive where you find yourself just watching in wonder. The Whale Shark often seem above the pinnacle swimming back and forth feeding on the plankton rich waters makes for one spectacular safety stop, you will want to dive again and again here.

The last day of this trip is back in at the Similan Islands where visibility ranges from 20-40m in turquoise blue waters. Dive amongst the beautiful corals on the West of Eden; navigate through the swim-throughs of the boulders at Elephant Head Rock. On the beautiful Anita's Reef the centre piece of this dive site is a magnificent bomby teaming with life, here you may find schools of glass fish, Long nosed Hawk fish, Robust pipefish and even Clarks Anemonefish living in a rare pink Anemone. The Dive sites in the Similan Islands offer such a diverse amount of wild life, each dive being unique from the next, every one as exciting as the last; you never know what you may encounter.

Marine Park Fee

All Scuba Explorer liveaboard trips include a marine park fee that goes exclusively to the conservation efforts for the marine park you are visiting, in this case the Similans Marine park benefits from your contribution and allows the Thailand government to police and regulate fishing activity in the area and keep an eye on Turtle populations. The **marine park fee is not included in the trip price**, so please bring the correct amount with you on the cruise.

This trips marine park fee is:

> **Park Fee: 1,600 THB**

Cruise Itinerary

The first day is spent at Koh Bon and Koh Tachai, 2 day dives on each and an optional night dive on Koh Tachai. On day 2 the Scuba Explorer spends the full day at Richelieu Rock, doing all 4 dives here and also the optional night dive, the only boat that offers a night dive on this amazing dive site. You will want to spend the whole day here as there is so much to see, from the creatures just waking on the early morning dive, seeing the vibrant colours under the sunlight of the day dives, the fish out hunting on the sunset dive, the rock coming alive at night on the night dive. Day 3 is spent in the Similan islands, the dive sites are chosen depending on weather conditions, currents etc. Here there will also be photos opportunities to take of the beautiful Similan Island with their white sandy beaches and crystal clear turquoise waters.

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