

Dive Sites Khao Lak

Koh Bon Max. depth: 40 m

The beautiful Island of Koh Bon is a part of the Surin National Marine Park.

Koh Bon is an amazing dive spot, famous primarily for its visiting whalesharks, manta rays and sharks. There are thousands of schooling fish, octopus and cuttlefish. A myriad of corals, anemones and fascinating sea sponges make this an exceptional dive spot teeming with life.



Sea Chart Wreck Max. depth: 30 m

Once a week, Sea Bees Khao Lak offers experienced divers a new wreck dive. Using 'Runaway' (max. 12 divers + staff), we explore the 'MV Sea Chart 1' which sank in August 2009, not far away from Thap Lamu harbour. The vessel is on its starboard side on a sandy bottom at depths of 28 metres - 40 metres and offers a breathtaking dive. The wreck is a little more than 80 metres long and about 12 metres wide and, although still a relatively 'young' wreck, already hosts an abundant variety of marine life.

The second dive will take place at the 'Premchai', a relic from Khao Lak's tin mining industry and which, because of the shallower depth (15 - 20 metres), is a comfortable and enjoyable second dive.

Minimum prerequisites to join this trip are an AOWD level or equivalent, 100 logged dives, with the last dive being no more than 12 months prior (don't forget your logbook!). This is also a perfect day for diving with Nitrox or an opportunity to include these dives as part of your Deep Diver Course.

The Similan Islands Max. depth: 40 m

The Similan Islands are a stunning group of nine Islands, north west of Phuket, famous for being one of the top dive destinations in the world and certainly the best in Asia. The diving here is simply amazing. You'll immerse yourself in thriving reefs, lush corals, impressive sea fans and an incredible variety of marine life including large pelagics such as manta rays and whale sharks.

The Similans are characterised by gigantic boulders above and below the water line, creating awesome underwater scenery and exciting swim throughs for divers to explore. The water is crystal clear and the visibility fantastic. The Similans also boast exquisite sandy beaches and shallow coral reefs in the bays. A perfect place for snorkelling.

Spread among the nine islands are over 20 distinct dive sites. One of the favourites, especially for photographers, is Fantasea Reef. Thousands of schooling fusiliers, banner fish and reef sharks make this an awesome site.

Another wonderful site is Christmas Point. This is a good spot for manta rays, nurse sharks and barracudas. It has an impressive variety of hard and soft corals and a wonderful maze of swim throughs.

Shark Fin Reef has beautiful coral and sponge gardens. It is an excellent site to see reef sharks and huge Napoleon wrasse.

Elephant Rock from the surface looks like an elephant head. Below the surface there are many impressive tunnels and swim throughs. You can find small white tip reef sharks in a rock crevice at the beginning of the dive and many colourful fish.

Boulder City is another favourite site in the Similans. Due to its exposed location it is possible to see almost anything here including whalesharks and manta rays. It is invariably an exceptional dive. Leopard sharks, spanish dancers and great barracudas have been seen here against a back drop of huge granite boulders.

Boonsung Wreck Max. depth: 30 m

The Boonsung Wreck is located right in front of the tropical beach, north of Khao Lak. The site itself is an absolute highlight for scuba divers. Once a marine mining station, Boonsung Wreck sank in 1979 and has been covering with soft corals ever since. These days it is home to an outstanding variety of marine life.

