



# World Class Diving

## Andaman Island

### Trip Details Andaman Island

- Day 1-2:** Meeting time in our Dive Shop 7:00 where we will have time to try equipment before we go to our boat. Before departure comes the Thai emigration on board and will stamp us out of Thailand. Then we will have about 45 hour of cruising to Port Blair where we will check in and get fresh supply's.
- Day 3-4-5:** We will spent 3 days to discover this area of Havelock Island and North Passage Island.
- Day 6-7:** From Harvelock Island we will have about 9 hour cruising to Narcondam Island.
- Day 8-9:** Overnight will we go to Barren Island. Cruising time around 7 hour.
- Day 10:** Again over night we go to Flat Rock about 7 hour cruise.
- Day 11-12:** From Flat Rock we have about 5 hour cruise to the southern part of Andaman Island.
- Day 13-14:** After checking out in Port Blair we will again have around 45 hour of cruising back to Ranong.

**Note that route can change according to weather and what we think is the best diving..  
Also plan to have minimum 1 day extra in Ranong after the trip, just in case..**

### Andaman Island - 14 Day/13 Night 40 Dives

**Price per Diver Standard cabin 100.000,- THB**

**Master cabin 107.000,- THB**

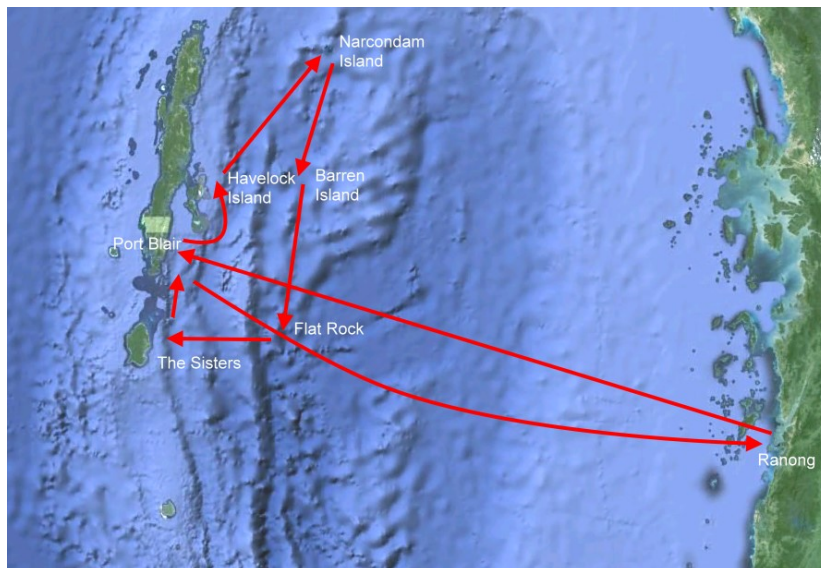
**We will maximum take 8 divers on this trip.**

#### **Included in price:**

All Food, snacks, soft drinks and light for night dive

#### **Not included:**

Entry fee, Equipment rent 500,- THB per day, beer and wine.



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## Divesites

Beneath the waves lie reefs barely touched and hardly seen by other divers. In fact, until recently, only about 50 divers a year have been lucky enough to experience the Andaman's hidden treasures. It is easy to see why Jacques Cousteau named the Andaman's the 'invisible islands.' You can be among some of the first explorers in this incredible diver's paradise! A lack of any local commercial fishing fleet, and the granting of only very few licenses to foreign fishing boats, means the reefs are simply teeming with fish and macro life, as well as home to some thrilling sharks and giant rays, and the occasional dugong. The islands themselves are rocky, rainforest-clad droplets in an azure ocean, edged with champagne-colored beaches fringed with palms, and are home to over 150 endemic plant and animal species. You may be lucky enough to witness a 'snorkeling' working elephant, as these creatures often cool off in the sea using their trunk to breath above the water! And where else can you go diving and then go off and search for Tigers or visit the wonderful Taj Mahal?

At Passage Island the sloping hard coral reef levels out at 22-28 meters and is known for its vibrant fish life. Here you can encounter Spotted Eagle Rays and Mobula Rays, schools of banner fish, both Blue-fin and Giant Trevallies, Oriental Sweetlips and Hawksbill Turtles.

Fish Rock is a series of rocky pinnacles and underwater rock formations which now house fan corals in what was once an Indian Navy target practice area. The sea seems to have harnessed the power of the ammunition once fired here and can sometimes unleash powerful currents! Fish Rock is so-called for a good reason! Napoleon Wrasse and an assortment of groupers, as well as octopi and giant Yellow-margin Moray Eels, regularly put in an appearance here.

The two adjoined islands of The Sisters ought really to be called The Siamese Twins! The hard and soft coral reefs are usually explored as a drift dive to encounter giant groupers, White-tip Reef Sharks, Great and Chevron Barracudas, and nudibranchs, as well as beautiful Harlequin Sweetlips.

Sixty nautical miles out in the open sea is the barely visible pinnacle of Invisible Bank. This ancient reef is home to some enormous coral formations at around 18 meters deep. Drifting along with you on this dive could be Nurse Sharks, White tip Reef Sharks, Black tip Reef Sharks and Whip Rays – quite a collection of the bigger fish!

Barren Island is a live volcano. Its wisps of volcanic smoke may well have rendered the land barren, but under the water lies a different story! The reef topography allows for wall diving. Gently sloping lava ridges and seemingly infinite drop-offs can be dived as a drift where you can hope to share the reef with some of the more spectacular residents such as Manta Rays, Grey Reef Sharks, White-tip Reef Sharks, Silvertip Sharks and Blue-spotted Sting Rays – far from barren! What makes this site all the more fascinating and unusual is the effect of the last volcanic eruption. The black sand encrusted walls make for a startling backdrop for the colorful fish and the graceful outlines of the silvery, streamlined sharks.

A now extinct volcano, Narcondam Island, is encircled by coral beds where you may witness gas bubbles popping up from the shallow sea floor. As well as the larger sharks and rays which can be found at Barren Island, Narcondam Island's reefs harbor rich fish life as well as some fascinating macro life. Lionfish, Hawksbill and Green Turtles, Ornate Ghost Pipefish and several unusual nudibranchs all make their home along the ridges and among the coral gardens. Diving here offers pinnacle diving and current-beaten crests and rims, as well as some calmer coral gardens.

The hard coral gardens of Button Island offer the macro diver a gentle and shallow experience with anemones, mantis shrimps, banded boxer shrimps and giant clams. Schooling fish including Horse-eye Jacks, while Great Barracudas and an assortment of butterfly fish are found at nearby Campbell Shoal.

Named after the 18th century British marine surveyor John Ritchie, Ritchie's Archipelago comprises 13 islands including Button Island, Havelock Island and Henry Lawrence Island. The thrill of diving in this area is that it is still being discovered and explored, so you really will be among the first divers to have the pleasure of charting new waters. The reefs which ring Havelock Island are home to a plethora of colorful and intriguing fish from lionfish lurking at Lighthouse to numerous splendid sea fans at Seafan City, where residents include some large schools of tuna, jacks and groupers. The gullies and ravines of Pilot Reef make perfect homes for Leopard and White-tip Reef Sharks, and there is always the possibility of encountering a visiting Manta Ray. At Mac Point you might be lucky enough to see a dugong frolicking in the sea grasses!

Diving in the Andaman Islands can involve drift and current diving and divers should be comfortable and experienced with diving in these conditions before booking on Andaman Islands cruises, which are not recommended for inexperienced divers.



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