



MV White Manta LOB Similans

2nd to 7th January 2008

The LivingSeas Team is diving regional again!
Thailand, Phuket diving is alive again!!



Similans, Koh Bon, Koh Tachai and Richelieu Rock

The Similan islands are a string of nine granite islands, providing breathtaking scenery above and below the water. The Similans are more famous for their rocky dive sites. Enormous granite bolder formations form numerous swim-thrus, gullies and canyons.

The islands are fringed by extensive coral reefs and home to a multitude of tropical fish, with frequent sightings of turtles, rays and sharks. Visibility year round averages 30 metres with a sea temperature of 27 - 29oC. All this makes the Similans attractive for both divers and snorkellers alike.

The most popular Similan dive sites are: Elephant Head Rock, Christmas Point, East of Eden, The Ridge, Breakfast Bend, Three Trees, Boulder City, Shark Fin Reef and Anita's Reef.

Worldwide known as the ultimate spot for whale shark diving in the Andaman Sea, Richelieu Rock has much more to offer than "just" big fish encounters. These pinnacles rise from 40 meters of depth up to the surface but can only be seen during low tide. The pinnacles are completely covered in an amazing variety of beautifully colored soft corals.

The abundance of marine life will satisfy even the most demanding diver. Camouflage experts such as sea horses, harlequin shrimps, anglerfish, pipefish are all found here. Giant groupers can be found in the deep and nurse sharks, turtles and barracuda are all regular visitors. Lionfish, emperor angelfish, scorpion fish, trevallies and glassfish can be found in large numbers. Between January and April, the chances to meet whale sharks are higher than anywhere else in Southeast Asia.

We can fill this whole website just explaining Richelieu Rock and what you can see there - you'll have to come to see for yourself!

***Suggested Itinerary:**

- Jan 2 (Wed)** Meet at Budget Terminal 11.50pm Tiger Airway TR 154 Departing 1.50pm. Arrive 2.45 at Phuket Airport, transfer to (transport not included in package) Kata Beach Dive Center, free and easy till 8pm. Pick up at dive center 8pm, transfer to Tap Lamu (2hrs ride) to board MV White Manta (Transfer included in package)
- Jan 3 (Thurs)** 4 dives at Anita reef, East of Eden, Elephant Head Rock and Turtle bay
- Jan 4 (Fri)** 4 dives at Christmas tree point, North Point Snapper Alley, Koh Bon.
- Jan 5 (Sat)** 3 dives at Richelieu rock, night dive at Koh Tachai.
- Jan 6 (Sun)** 2 dives at Ko Bon Pinnacle and Boon Sung wreck. Arrive 4pm at Tap Lamu, transfer to hotel at Phuket.
- Jan 7 (Mon)** Free & easy.!!
- Jan 8 (Tues)** Free & easy. Transfer to Airport. Depart 3.05pm with Tiger Airways TR155 and arrive Singapore @ 5.45pm.



**subjected to changes where necessary.*

Total dives: 14

S\$ 1200 (excluding airfare and hotel stay in Phuket)

3-4 pax : less 10%

5-6 pax: less 15%

What's included:

- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on board
- 14 dives
- Transfers to and fro Tap Lamu

Excludes:

- Gear rental
- Hotel stay on 19th Jan at selected resort (Price approximately ranging from S\$50 to S\$100 per pax)
- Return Airport Tax
- National Park Fees (~S\$55 per diver)
- Tips
- Air fare (Tiger Airways ~S\$220 Return)
- Extras
- Others not mention above

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Terms and conditions:

- 1) All dive trips arranged by Nan Cheng Zhan Travel Pte Ltd. License number TA 652.
- 2) Bookings must be made by 10th Nov 2007 with S\$500 deposit. Full payment by 30th Nov 2007.
- 3) Package price is based on US\$950, subject to availability.
- 4) Bookings accepted on proof of air-ticket reservations for stipulated dates, no change of dates for travel is allowed.
- 5) 50% charge applicable for any cancellations after confirmation. Full charge applicable 2 weeks before departure.
- 6) Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner are provided only on board.
- 7) Transfer provided is only to and fro Tap Lamu (Jetty) to hotel/airport/dive centre.
- 8) Additional travel insurance recommended upon booking in case of last minute cancellations.