



# *Scuba Cat Diving* **M/V Scuba Adventure** *Phuket, Thailand*

KOH BON



SURIN



SIMILANS



KOH  
TACHAI

RICHELIEU ROCK



*The Ultimate Adventure!!!*

# M/V Scuba Adventure Liveboard



Welcome onboard Scuba Adventure, one of the original, classic liveboard cruising the warm waters of the Andaman Sea, visiting the wonderful sites of the Similan National park and the Surin National Park which includes Koh Bon, Koh Tachai and the world famous Richelieu Rock.

Scuba Adventure is truly a comfortable vessel, comprising 5 twin cabins, 2 double cabins, all with individually controlled air-condition accommodating a maximum of 12 guests. The covered deck is the place to relax and relax, to enjoy a movie or read a book or discuss the dives with your buddies. The dive platform is compact and spacious and well organized which makes it the ideal platform to enter the magical realm of the Andaman Sea.

With a very experienced Thai boat crew (over 10 years) looking after all your needs – from getting ready for the dive to preparing wonderful Thai cuisine.



The key to our success onboard Scuba Adventure is listening and understanding to our guests desires. With a flexible itinerary for the 14 dives of your trip, our very experienced dive crew will provide you with the best possible dive sites of the Andaman Sea! In addition we monitor the radio for information regarding sightings at various locations to give you the best chances of seeing wonderful creatures like manta rays and whale sharks.

From the moment you arrive to the moment you leave, your experience onboard Scuba

Adventure will leave you with the desire to come back again and again.

Our excellent dive crew, John and Isabelle will lead you on your magical journey. John is English and has worked in the area for over 3 years diving the sites of the Similan and Surin National Parks. Although John knows the dive sites like the back of his hands, he still finds new things on every dive.

Isabelle is Belgian, speaking French, Dutch and English and has worked in the area for 2 years. It's an Isabelle's nature to be curious that's the reason why she always sticks her nose everywhere to look for small things.

John and Isabelle, two individuals, one team. Join us on Scuba adventure to find a formula that works so well!



## Your Trip



Our 4 day/night and 5 day/night trips depart from Patong Beach in Phuket. Departure is in the evening with a short overnight cruise. When you awake the following morning you will be greeted by the beauty of the [Similan Islands](#). After a light breakfast you will be ready to make your first dive into this beautiful underwater world! When you return to the boat, a full breakfast will be waiting for you. Over the following days you will steadily make your way to the small islands of **Koh Bon**, **Koh Tachai** and the famous **Richelieu Rock**, enjoying dive after spectacular dive along the way



## Prices

Duration	Departure	Price	No of Dives
4 Days / 4 nights	See our Schedule	28.700 THB	14
5 Days / 5 Nights	See our Schedule	37.700 THB	18

### Note:

- Price is per person in shared cabin.
- For Single Occupancy please adds 50 %
- Non-Divers receive 10% discount.
- Equipment Rental 750 Baht per day for a full set payable locally
- 15l tank available to rent 300 Baht per day

### Included in the price:

- Hotel transfers, 2 Nitrox Dives per day -
- Freshly cooked buffet meals, Snacks, Fruits,
- Coffee, Tea, Towels, Tanks, Weights,
- Divemaster service. Dive torch

### In order to provide the best service

- A maximum of 12 divers in 2 double and 5 twin cabins.
- Each cabin has its own air-con unit.
- Four toilets/showers with hot water.
- Portholes in the lower cabins providing natural lighting.
- Nitrox available onboard



## SIMILAN ISLANDS/RICHELIEU ROCK - 4 days / 4 nights



### Departure:

Check in prior to 17:00 on departure day at Scuba Cat Diving Patong Beach. Hotel pick up for guests already checked in 18:00. Transfer to **MV Scuba Adventure** by 19:00 for boat and safety briefing, cabin assignment and then set up dive equipment. Prior to departure the crew set off firecrackers to appease the spirits of the sea bringing good luck for your journey. Dinner is served next as we start off for our leisurely overnight passage to the Similan Islands

*\*\*\*Please note: we can accommodate evening airport arrivals on departure day- please check with our booking office.*

### Day 1 – 4 Dives

7am wake, up open your eyes and see paradise! After a light breakfast, 1st dive around 8am may be at the beautiful coral reef known as **East of Eden** on Island 7. The dive is followed by a full western breakfast with always plenty of conversation as your new friends settle into the Eat, Sleep, and Dive routine. Dive #2 at world famous **Elephant Head Rock** between islands 7 & 8. You will enjoy coral encrusted swim through, sharks, giant travely and mostly large fish action at this remarkable site. Macro enthusiasts should look out for specials like dragonets, whiskered pipefish, nudibranches, peacock mantis shrimp and more! Then we cruise north to **Koh Bon** to see if the Mantas are dancing off West Ridge. The night dive will feature crustaceans, sea stars, morays, lionfish plus more. Dinner is served then its time to relax with our new friends over a cold beer on the party deck.



### Day 2 – 4 Dives

An early morning departure cruises us up to **Koh Tachai** to dive the fabulous "Plateau" - leopard sharks sleep around 25 meters while over head masses of barracuda, big eye trevally and a wonderful school of resident batfish wait the keen diver - maybe even a chance for an angler fish hiding among the cabbage corals on the dome. Whale sharks are frequent visitors to this dive site as are mantas!!!

Next we cruise north for 2 hours to the world famous **Richelieu Rock** for a minimum of 2 dives - sea horse, frog fish, harlequin shrimp, ornate ghost pipefish plus more will delight the macro enthusiast with loads of fish action for everyone - rivers of fusiliers, big schools of jacks, chevron barracuda, yellow striped snapper swim in the blue around "the Rock" with giant groupa standing sentinel at the many coral heads just off the Rock - dripping with yellow, purple and pink soft corals. A sunset dive at Richelieu Rock is a treat if conditions allow otherwise it's off to Koh Tachai for a good night dive where we shelter in a quiet bay for the night.

## Day 3 – 4 Dives

Early morning, another chance for the pelagic action of Koh Tachai and then its back to Koh Bon for more sharks and manta action off the West Ridge or a deep dive on the Pinnacle for advanced divers! Relax over lunch as we cruise back to the Similans for an island adventure to enjoy the white sand beaches and awesome granite boulder formations. Then Dive #3 in the warm blue waters of **Anita's Reef Island #5** - wow - are your cameras fully charged? Night diving at **Honeymoon Bay** or the **Hideaway** will give you the chance to see loads of big and small crabs, lobster, shells and more - maybe a twin spot lion fish, a Spanish dancer.



## Day 4 – 2 Dives

Today 2 morning dives around the southern Similan Islands - **Boulder City** and **Shark Fin Reef** often feature on the itinerary that is developed each trip to suit conditions and all divers on board. These sites are washed by light to moderate currents bringing swarms of baitfish attracting pelagic and reef fishes galore. Loads of gorgonian fans dot the sea floor providing homes for creatures big and small and plenty of photo opportunities. Look around the many huge granite boulders for leopard sharks, napoleon wrasse, oriental, sweet lips, jaw fish and more.

Your Similan/Richelieu adventure comes to an end as we cruise back to Patong Phuket arriving around 16:30 hours - relax over a yummy lunch while the crew wash your equipment and ready the boat for arrival- all part of the service on board MV Scuba Adventure. On shore you will be transferred to your hotel or our shop for assistance in reaching your next destination.



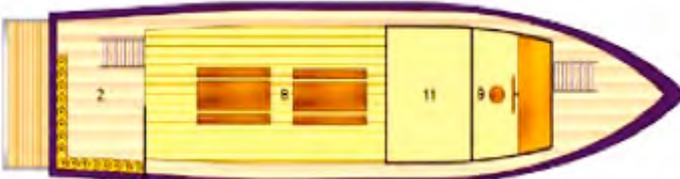
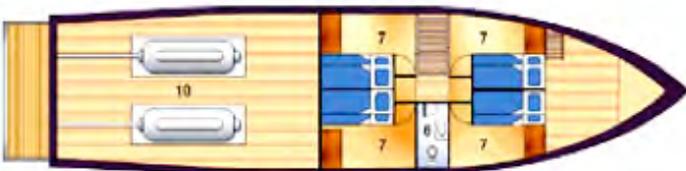
# MV Scuba Adventure Technical Drawing



Length	23 meters
Beam	5.5 meters
Tender	1 Inflatable
Main Engines	2 x 320 Hp
Fuel capacity	15,000 l
Generators	1 x 30 Kw 1 x 40 Kw
Compressors	2 x electric Comp Nitrox Blending Panel



Communication	Cellular Pone, Mobile Phone, VHF, Citizen Band
Emergency	First Aid, Dan Oxy Vac Kit, large O2 Cylinder, 22 Life jackets, 25 person life raft
Navigation	Radar, GPS, Sonar
Facilities	4 Toilets/Showers
Fresh Water	9,000 l
Entertainment	TV, Video, Stereo, Library
Accommodation	5 Twin & 2 Double Cabins with AC



1	Diving platform
2	Diving area
3	Saloon
4	Galley
5	Staff cabin
6	Shower/toilet
7	Guest cabin
8	Sundeck
9	Bridge
10	Engine room
11	Captain's cabin

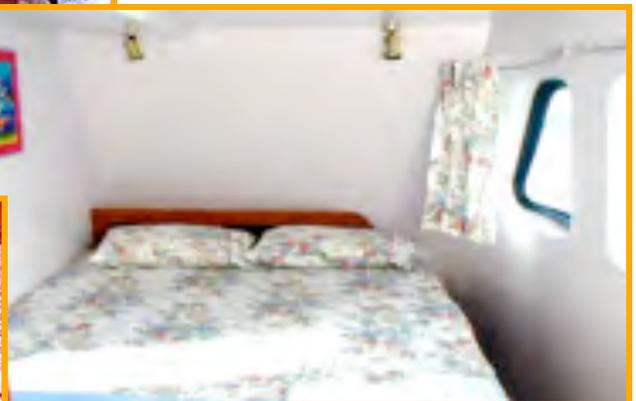
# The Boat



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SIMILAN ISLANDS



SURIN ISLANDS

## Similan Islands



The Similan Islands can certainly lay claim to being one of Phuket, Thailand's top scuba dive sites. Thriving reefs with abundant hard and soft corals highlight the dramatic terrain; the tremendous diversity of marine life makes it a fantastic observation point for the larger pelagic. Richelieu Rock has the reputation as being the place to see Whale Sharks and Manta Rays in good numbers. The Similan Islands lies about 100 km Northwest of Phuket, Thailand. Declared a National Park in 1982, the Similans are comprised of 9 islands, which run roughly North to South, and numerous smaller rock outcroppings. With snow-white beaches and a tropical jungle above the water and spectacular scuba diving sites in often crystal clear water below, it's not surprising that the Similans are ranked as one of the top 10 dive sites in the world!

Nearly all of the 9 islands are surrounded by huge underwater rock formations, eroded by the action of a relentless sea. These stone giants are home to an amazing variety of marine life and reach down to 40 meters or more, with passages, caves and gorges forming a unique underwater landscape. All this has

made names like Elephant Head, Shark Fin Reef and Christmas Point justly famous. A world of giant underwater boulders, caves, narrow passages, some 500 species of hard and soft corals and an amazing variety of marine life including Leopard Sharks, Guitar Rays, Whale Sharks and Manta Rays is waiting to be explored

## Koh Bon

Koh Bon is an island located 13 miles northeast of the Similan Islands. You can dive all around this island but mainly on the west tip where we have seen Manta Rays so often during the years that it has led me to believe they breed there. Whale Sharks are also seen here occasionally while scuba diving. Diving down the west ridge you can see big schools of Travelies and Tunas as well as big Marble Rays and Leopard Sharks. On the way back to the shallows you can see schools of Yellow Snappers, Oriental Sweetlips as well as mating Cuttlefish, Octopus and Banded Sea Snakes. Definitely a site not to miss.



## Koh Tachai



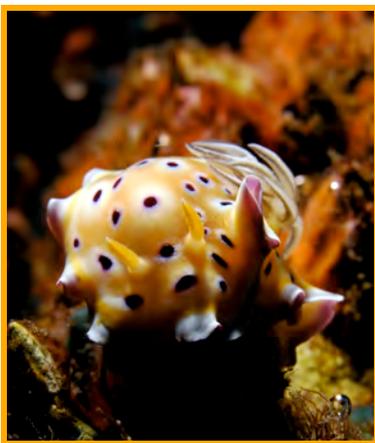
Koh Tachai is an island located 25 miles northeast of the Similan islands. Tachai Reef is a round reef located at the south of the island, the reef is surrounded by big boulders and big fans where you start the dive enjoying the site of big barrel sponges and encounters with leopard sharks and rays lying on the sand. The top of the reef is all hard and soft corals of incredible variety. We've also seen the rarest Nudibranches you can imagine. The encounters with manta rays and whale sharks are frequent. We've seen up to three Manta Rays and one Whale Shark in a single dive!

## Surin Islands National Park

The Surin Islands Marine National Park lies just a few miles south of Burmese border. Surin Islands are more appropriately famous for their beautiful coves, bays and dense jungle than they are for their diving. The five islands are closely grouped together; the main islands larger than any of the Similans and covered in verdant rainforest. A small Sea Gypsy community lives on the east coast. The diving here is mainly on fringing hard coral reefs, similar to the east side of the Similans. Besides hawksbill turtles one can also observe juvenile tailfin batfish and a wide variety of colorful reef fishes.



## Richelieu Rock



Richelieu Rock is one of the most amazing dives sites we've ever done in our entire lives. Located 9 miles east of the Surin Islands, this rock comes out of the water approximately 1 meter during low tide. Diving around this pinnacle is something not to miss. There are schools of Barracudas and Big-Eye Travelies, so many of them you can't see your buddy anymore. Schools of Batfish, Sergeant Majors, Long Nose Emperors, Snappers, Rainbow Runners and Cobias are always around. You also find big Potato Cod, Marble Rays and, during the last two seasons on the north and west side, about 200 Blue Spotted Stingrays were lying on the sand. The best are the White-Spotted Shovelnose Rays and the Whale Sharks, a rare site in any other part of the world, but a very common here. During last season we saw Whale Sharks while scuba diving on every trip from the end of January to beginning of May and on four different occasions two swimming together!

## Season 2008/2009

<b>Trip Code</b>	<b>Departure</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Days</b>
S/AD 04/08	19/11/08	23/11/08	4days/4 nights
S/AD 05/08	24/11/08	28/11/08	4days/4 nights
S/AD 06/08	30/11/08	04/12/08	4days/4 nights
S/AD 07/08	06//12/08	10/12/08	4days/4 nights
S/AD 08/08	12/12/08	16/12/08	4days/4 nights
S/AD 09/08	18/12/08	22/12/08	4days/4 nights
S/AD 10/08	24/12/08	28/12/08	4days/4 nights
S/AD 11/08	30/12/08	04/01/09	5days/5 nights
S/AD 12/09	06/01/09	10/01/09	4days/4 nights
S/AD 13/09	12/01/09	16/01/09	4days/4 nights
S/AD 14/09	18/01/09	22/01/09	4days/4 nights
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S/AD 20/09	23/02/09	27/02/09	4days/4 nights
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S/AD 22/09	07/03/09	11/03/09	4days/4 nights
S/AD 23/09	13/03/09	17/03/09	4days/4 nights
S/AD 24/09	19/03/09	23/03/09	4days/4 nights
S/AD 25/09	25/03/09	29/03/09	4days/4 nights
S/AD 26/09	31/03/09	01/04/09	4days/4 nights
S/AD 27/09	06/04/09	10/04/09	4days/4 nights
S/AD 28/09	12/04/09	16/04/09	4days/4 nights
S/AD 29/09	18/04/09	22/04/09	4days/4 nights
S/AD 30/09	24/04/09	28/04/09	4days/4 nights
S/AD 31/09	30/04/09	04//05/09	4days/4 nights

*Possibility to extend your stay in the Similan Islands with M/V Scuba Cat*

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