

# The Junk

## Southern Explorer

### 3 Days - 2 Nights Itinerary

Join the June Hong Chian Lee to explore the very best diving that Phuket, Phi Phi and Racha Noi have to offer, taking in highlights such as Shark Point, King Cruiser and Koh Doc Mai.

What to do?		The Basics:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Suitable for photographers	Reefs: A mix of colourful reefs, submerged pinnacles and limestone walls
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A mix of large and small life	Large Fish & Pelagics: Blacktip Sharks, Barracudas Macro: Seahorses, nudibranchs, frog fish
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Colourful Reefs	Night Dives: 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Experience Levels	All Levels: Ideal for AOW courses

### Schedule

Your Cruise Director will schedule up to 4 dives per day; 3 day dives and a night dive (total of 10 dives over 3 days). The diving day has a typical schedule as follows:

- Boarding The Junk at Chalong Pier at 8.30 am or wake-up call followed by a briefing, light breakfast & dive 1
- Full Breakfast on day 2, relaxation followed by briefing & Dive 2
- Lunch, relaxation followed by briefing & Dive 3
- Snack
- Briefing for Sunset or Night dive on day 1 and 2, or disembarkation at around 5pm on day 3
- Dinner will be served after the sunset dive or before the night dive

For your final day aboard, we schedule 2 morning dives and a single dive after lunch to allow plenty of time for off-gassing before disembarkation. The Cruise Director is happy to listen to requests from guests to visit or remain at certain sites and providing it is possible and the schedule allows, then guest's requests are respected.

### Itinerary

Please note: we wish to show you the very best diving possible but a number of factors can determine where we visit. Weather, tides, currents and how busy a site is with other dive vessels all play a part in the Cruise Director's decision of which route the yacht

takes. Whilst we attempt to ensure the number of dives we have scheduled is fulfilled, bad weather can hinder the yacht's ability to reach a specified dive site in good time. The safety of all on board is paramount and we always do our best in offering diving at alternate locations should we be unable to visit those sites listed below:

### **Koh Phi Phi**

With mini-walls and shallow coral gardens predominating, there are a host of dive sites to choose from around the Phi Phi national Park. Hin Bida, Koh Bida Nok, Koh Bida Nai, Pilay Wall, Hin Dot and Ao Maya all offer something special. Wildlife is hugely varied across the sites with black tip reef sharks common, tigertail seahorses, ornate ghost pipefish, cornet fish, octopus, scorpion fish, blue fin trevally, barracudas and more.

### **Shark Point and Anemone Reef**

These pinnacles are part of the same reef system and are only a very short distance apart from each other. Both sites are covered with colourful soft corals and anemones with a variety of fish to suit all divers. From barracuda to seahorses and for the lucky ones of course, the iconic leopard shark!

### **King Cruiser**

The King Cruiser was a car ferry that used to travel between Phi Phi and Phuket. In 1997, 'the cruiser' hit Anemone Reef on her crossing and sank a short distance away. No lives were lost, but divers were left with a great wreck dive! While she is largely broken up now, she is covered with soft corals and hides some wonderful gems, as well as being home to several large schools of snapper. While currents can be strong and visibility sometimes challenging, this is a great site to dive as part of an Advanced Open Water course.

### **Koh Doc Mai**

'Flower Island' is a tiny piece of sheer rock sat between Shark point and Phuket but, although it's tiny, dives here can provide divers with amazing memories! From a spacious cavern to frog fish, ornate ghost pipe fish and even bamboo sharks, Koh Doc Mai never fails to surprise.

### **Racha Yai & Racha Noi**

Racha Yai is an excellent trip for beginners and those that have not dived for a while. Indeed for any guests aboard carrying out Advanced Open Water courses on-board, Racha Yai offers the perfect opportunity for course dives, with sloping hard coral reefs, white sandy bottoms and a choice of wrecks on the west coast.

Racha Noi has some of the best visibility of all sites in the area. Often described as a 'mini Similans' the granite boulder topography is also unique compared to other sites. It offers a choice of hard coral reefs, boulders with large swim throughs and the beautiful pinnacle on the south point of this island. Strong currents can make the southern sites challenging, however, with a year round chance to see manta rays, it is worth the effort to dive here.

## Top Side

Along the route there are some incredible views from the boat including Phi Phi's famous beaches and limestone karsts climbing vertically from the ocean. There will be opportunities to leave the boat and take a sight-seeing trip on the dinghy.