

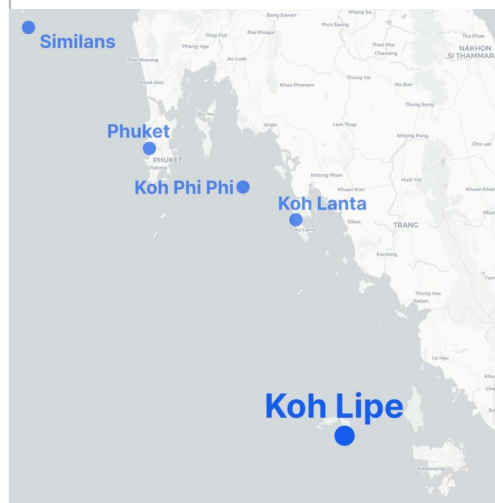
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The diving

Discover the underwater paradise of Koh Lipe, Thailand, a jewel of the Andaman Sea where crystalclear waters reveal a world of vibrant coral reefs teeming with diverse marine life. Whether you're an experienced diver or a first-timer, Koh Lipe promises unforgettable underwater adventures. Explore lush coral gardens brimming with color, glide alongside graceful sea turtles, and marvel at the kaleidoscope of tropical fish that call these waters home. Each dive unveils new wonders, from mysterious rock formations to gentle currents that guide you through this aquatic haven.

Above the surface, Koh Lipe's relaxed island vibe invites you to unwind in a true tropical sanctuary. Stroll along its pristine, powder-soft beaches, soak in the vibrant island life where local markets, beachside cafes, and lively bars create a welcoming atmosphere for visitors. As evening falls, bask in the golden glow of stunning sunsets that paint the horizon, and savor the island's perfect blend of natural beauty and rich culture.

Whether you're lounging by the shore, exploring hidden gems, or enjoying the vibrant energy of the island, Koh Lipe serves up the perfect blend of thrill and chill, making it your ultimate island escape.



Area name / Island name

Tarutao national park, Butang archipelago,
koh lipe

Nearest airport

Langkawi, Hat Yai, Phuket, Krabi

Season

All year

Center type

CMAS Dive center
PADI Courses
Friendly and professional
French-Thai owned

Experience level

PADI Open water diver or equivalent Is suitable for all experience levels. The dives are easy accessible with a short boat ride or directly from the beach. Photographers will cherish the place for the macro & newbies will love the coral and the bigger fish

Minimum age for participation

12 Years

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Location

Koh Lipe remains one of the most enchanting islands in the Andaman Sea, offering a balance of natural beauty and vibrant island life. Nestled in the Tarutao National Park, part of the Butang archipelago, this tropical haven invites visitors with its crystal-clear waters and still-beautiful coral reefs, perfect for snorkeling and exploring. While it has grown in popularity, the island maintains its laid-back charm, with soft white sand beaches, chilled beach bars, and cozy accommodations that make you want to stay forever. Life here feels timeless, surrounded by lush greenery and the warm, welcoming spirit of the Sea Gypsies, whose roots trace back to the island's fascinating past. Koh Lipe is a slice of paradise that blends the best of island living with an authentic yet vibrant edge.

Your resort

Forra Dive Resort Sunrise Beach is a hidden gem on the northern tip of Sunrise Beach, nestled between Lipe Beach Resort and the charming Sea Gypsies village. The 18 basic, but cozy bungalows are arranged around a lush garden, where a wood-built lounge and restaurant offer a peaceful space to relax, read, or connect. Just 100 meters from the beach, you'll find the beachfront clubhouse and dive center, with a stunning view of the majestic Koh Adang island, rising 700 meters into tropical rainforest. Rent snorkeling gear or a kayak and discover the vibrant marine life at Koh Kla, just 200 meters offshore - a true paradise for snorkelers and freedivers alike.

Your room

Your private, basic bungalow with garden view is fitted with mosquito net and a fan. It features a private terrace with hammock. and a spacious tiled bathroom with an open-air shower. The bungalow is 2 minutes walk from the beach. If you are traveling 3 people together, or do not wish to sleep in a queensize bed, upgrade to the Family Bungalow upon booking.



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This is only a selection of the many dive sites represented on this particular destination. The diving is dictated by the safeness of the environment.

Koh Sawang

Koh Sawang offers a pristine dive experience, with its shallows featuring an immaculate hard coral reef and the depths showcasing towering gorgonians and a dazzling array of both hard and soft corals. The site's signature pinnacles, blanketed in vibrant hues of purple, orange, white, and pink, are an extraordinary sight, with the iconic Christmas Tree Pinnacle standing as the crown jewel. Schools of trevallies, snappers, fusiliers, and damsels dance around you in shimmering waves, while lionfish, scorpionfish, and the ever-curious clownfish add to the excitement. For those with a keen eye, the macro life - nudibranchs and shrimp - offer endless fascination. This site is a haven for underwater photographers and an ideal location for specialty courses such as fish identification, deep diver, or advanced certifications.

Stonehenge

One of our most cherished dive sites, Stonehenge is a treasure trove for underwater photographers, despite the occasional strong currents. The currents, however, lend a sense of adventure, and there are always sheltered spots where you can pause and search for delightful details—such as tiny crabs and gobies tucked along the whip corals or the elusive ornate ghost pipefish. Drifting along with the current unveils a stunning underwater tapestry of magnificent gorgonian fans, and a vibrant panorama of purple, white, and pink soft corals, interspersed with radiant blue tunicates. The towering boulders that lend this site its name stand as silent sentinels, often accompanied by the graceful presence of a leopard shark circling in their midst.

Koh Lancha

There are several ways to dive this island but conditions permitting entry at the SW corner and a look around for fish traps makes a nice start. Stay around the edge of the boulders looking for barracuda hunting above. There are usually large shoals of bait fish here. At the same time you should be checking for rays. Turn the corner to find a plateau of rocks who are great for poking around for nurse shark and the occasional blacktip. Then some sand for rays and finally a shallow hard coral garden for a long swimming safety stop.



Conditions:

Visibility

Inside islands 10 - 20 meters
Outside islands 20 - 30 meters

Water temperature

27 - 29 degrees

Surface temperature

Depending on the wind but generally 30+ degrees

Current

Can be strong during full & black moon. But this is feeding lots of fish. There are always protected bays to find shelter.

Special marinelife

Mantas, devil rays, whale sharks, leopard sharks, schooling trevally and barracuda all depending on dive sites and the season, macro is good too!

Hin Son

Is a beautiful and very large multi level coral plateau. One of the very special ones where you can actually see all 5 colors of soft corals. It's a very scenic dive site with excellent macro life scattered out between the corals. Definitely worth a visit.

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Itinerary

On the day of arrival you will be greeted in the dive center, shown your room and given an orientation of the island activities and of the dive sites or courses you will be doing. You'll be doing two dives a day. Between dives you hang out on the boat where the lunch will be served or on the beach depending if you are doing beach or boat dives. A third dive or a night dive can be organized on location for an extra fee, unless it is included in your package. There will be no refund on dives not used. Check out time is 10.00 am but you can leave your stuff in the reception or the dive center until your boat leaves.

Dive Package: Fundiving Koh Lipe

4 dives spread out on 2 days of diving, one day of rest and 3 nights of accommodation, the dive sites will vary depending on weather and experience level.

If you want a longer itinerary, you can add extra days of diving and accommodation upon booking.

Please note

Due to ocean and weather conditions, the itinerary can be subject to change.

If you are traveling 3 people together, or do not wish to sleep in a queen size double bed, upgrade to the Family Bungalow upon booking.



Activity starts

Every day depending on request

Activity starts from

The dive center, The best possible wreck or reef will be chosen according to weather conditions, experience level and requests

Group Size

No Limit

No more than 4 divers pr. Instructor or dive master

Language

English

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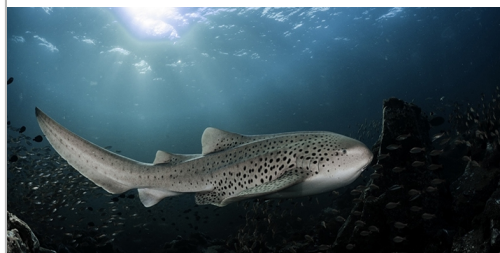
Transfer Information

It's easy to get to Koh Lipe from Southern Thailand. In high season there are several ferry routes in the Andaman Sea. From November until May you will find direct ferries from Koh Phi Phi, Koh Lanta, Langkawi, Pak Barra, Koh Ngai, Koh Muk and Koh Laoliang. Coming from the islands on the east coast like Koh Tao or Koh Samui, it is recommended you stay the night on Koh Lanta, from where it's easy traveling to Koh Lipe.

From Bangkok to Hat Yai: Trains leave every day from Bangkok's Hua Lamphong Trains Station between 17.00h and 20.00h. It is a 15 hour journey and first or second class sleepers are recommended. For a similar price you can take a much less comfortable bus.

From Hat Yai to Pak Barra: Minibuses leave every hour to Pak Barra. The ride to Pak Barra takes around 2 hours and costs around 150 THB per person. Any travel agency can help you book your minibus.

From Pak Barra: The last ferry leaves at 2PM. Tickets range from 650 to 750 baht and can be obtained by the check in desks. There is no pier on Koh Lipe, Local Chao Ley (Sea Gypsies) will come with their longtail boats to pick you up from the ferry.



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Prices below are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

FUNDIVING - PRIVATE BUNGALOW	
Days / Nights	4/3
Amount of dives	4
Price (incl. accommodation)	264 EUR

Supplements	
Extra day of diving (2 dives, incl. equip.)	101 EUR
Extra night of accom. (after)	20 EUR
Extra night of accom. (before)	20 EUR
Upgrade to Family Bungalow - (person per night)	4 EUR

Prices for supplementary accommodation are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

Supplements

A supplement can be choose to add on your package. All supplements can also be booked on site. In high season, bungalows and boats get filled fast - you might find trouble getting an extra night in your resort or an extra day of diving. If you are booking a course, it is recommended to book an extra night of accommodation prior your course, to get settled and get up front on the studying.



Included

Diving as stated in package
Accommodation
Diving equipment
Dive guide
Food/snacks on dive boat

Not included

All meals and drinks
Alcoholic beverages
All transfers
Diving Insurance
National park fee

Diving Insurance

Dive insurance is mandatory. Can be purchased locally (70thb) or via DAN Europe or your own insurance company.

Also available on site

Extra Accommodation if available
Extra days of diving if available
Continuing education
All continuing courses available on site

Cancellation

Terms on voucher

Dive insurance

Basic dive travel insurance required

General terms and conditions

GENERAL CONDITIONS

CHANGES OF BOOKINGS:

You can change your booking request or start date free of charge.

If you need to change your booking you must contact the **dive center** directly by e-mail or phone. You will find the contact details on your voucher. For verification purpose, please remember to mention your name and booking ID.

If you want to change your start date, we recommend that you do so minimum 10 days before the beginning of your dive package. Later than this, might cause the accommodation to be fully booked for alternative dates. During high seasons, 10 days might not be sufficient time, please allow extra time for changes in the high season. As a reminder, you will receive an email with general information and contact information of your dive center 10 days prior to your start date.

CANCELLATION RULES:

Any customer has the right to cancel their booking with Blue Venture Diving. In order to do so, you must contact your selling agent. The cancellation fees and rules of your selling agent will apply for your cancellation.

Blue Venture is not liable for any cancellations done by the customer of personal reason such as/or in the same category as sickness, family, missed flights etc, or other circumstances that is beyond reasonable control such as force majeure.

Blue Venture booking cancellation

In the unlikely event that Blue Venture is forced to cancel a booking, the customer will get direct notice. A cancellation will only happen if Blue Venture finds that the contracted dive center can't perform the needed service of the booked package or if the dive standards can't be fulfilled accordingly. Minor changes in the itinerary will not be defined as a valid cancellation reason, as diving is dictated by the environment and the people enrolled in the activity.

Blue Venture will always do their best to find another operator of same or higher standard, but it is up to the customer to decide whether they want to accept the change or get a refund.

INSURANCE:

A cancellation insurance is not included. It is highly advised recommended that you obtain adequate travel insurance prior to your departure from your home country.

REFUNDS:

Medical Statement

To enroll in an Open Water Course, all students **MUST** fill in the Medical Statement. Please ensure that you have received the medical statement from your travel agent. If any questions are replied with a "Yes", the medical statement must be signed by a doctor. Failing the medical statement at the destination, and therefore not being able to enroll in the diving course, you will not be entitled to a refund.

If you have not received your Medical Statement, please make sure to print it from this link.

<https://blueventure.net/files/information/12.pdf>

Medical statements, specifically for courses in Cairns (Australia)

Entry level (E.g. Open Water course)

<https://blueventure.net/files/required/138.pdf>

Continuing education (e.g. advanced course)

<https://blueventure.net/files/required/139.pdf>

Restricted dives

Diving is dictated by the environment and the people enrolled in the activity. All diving is performance based. It is up to the discretion of the dive guide/instructor to restrict divers from entering activities that goes beyond their experience level. All guides strive to reach the expectations of the customers. However, if they find that the safety of the group or an individual is jeopardized or at risk by one or several individuals, it is up to the dive guide/instructor to restrict any divers from entering the water.

In this event the dive center or Blue Venture is not obliged to give a refund.

Dives not completed

There is no refund for dives not carried out.

Refund for dives not done for any reason is up to the discretion of the dive center. Most dive centers do not give refunds for dives not done with personal causes such as seasickness, low on air situations or a failure in mastering the equipment etc. All log books will be checked prior to the dive and the dive sites will be chosen accordingly to the experience level. It is however expected that certified divers keep within their limits and do not cross their comfort zone. Blue Venture and your travel agent is never responsible to pay a refund for dives not done.

Courses not completed

There is no refund for courses not completed! All courses are performance based, but it is up to the instructor to pass the student. If a customer can not complete a course with success they will receive their course documents for an optional referral, but the contracted dive center, your travel agent and Blue Venture is not responsible to pay a refund.

Boats or dives not departing

If boats or dives are cancelled due to bad weather or sea conditions, it is up to the dive center to re-schedule and compensate with a similar dive trip when conditions allow. If the customer does not have adequate time to enroll in another trip/course it is up to the customer to make sure the dive center notify Blue Venture of this in order to secure a refund via the sales agent who completed the sale with the customer. There will only be refund on the diving and not the accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION:

Unless mentioned in the destination information folder the accommodation is always part of the package.

If the dive center by any means can't deliver the agreed accommodation, it is up to their discretion to supply immediate accommodation of the same or higher standard. (the destination information folder is found on the Blue Venture website.)

If the accommodation somehow does not live up to satisfactory standards of the customer, the customer must contact Blue Venture by phone or email as soon as possible (preferably while still on site) in order to solve the problem.

DIVE INSTRUCTORS & DIVE GUIDES:

All contracted dive centers has been handpicked based on their level of professionalism and expertise. Blue Venture ensures that all guides and instructors have the correct education and experience. In the unlikely event that a customer suffers a bad experience with any guide, instructor or dive center facilities, Blue Venture is entitled to know, but can't by any means be held liable.

At the end of you dive experience as questionnaire will be sent out to you, that we would like you to answer. By doing this, you help securing a high level of professionalism towards all customers.

MEDICAL STATEMENT & LOGBOOK:

If you are about to enroll in a dive course (entry level only), you must fill out the RSTC Medical Statement before you leave your home country. Please make sure your agent has provided you with the RSTC Medical Statement. You can also print the medical statement from the link, further up on this page. If you need the medical statement reviewed by a doctor, you have 10 days from the date of the booking with the option of cancelling for free.

If you are already certified as a diver and about to go fundiving, you must remember your current dive certificate and your personal logbook or dive computer.