

Dive Sites around Phi Phi Island

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Ko Bida Nok

Belonging to the Phi Phi group of islands, this dive site is one of our favorites in the whole area. Start your dive at the northern end of this rocky outcrop and descend close to a wall to a maximum depth of 30m. Follow the wall to south and you will find large boulders standing apart from the wall. Continue further south and the dive site changes slowly into a sloping reef, until you find boulders and walls going down to 30m. At the south end of the outcrop is a little bay so much covered with corals that you will hardly find a patch of sand there. During your dive you can almost be sure to see Lobsters, schools of fusiliers, hunting Trevallies, Moray Eels, Anemone Fish, Moorish Idols, Parrotfish and many more kinds of colorful reef fish. There is a very good chance to see Leopard Sharks on the sand or even swimming around. Look for turtles also, but don't forget to enjoy the underwater seascape itself with lots of hard and soft corals and Gorgonian Sea fans. As the bay in the south is rather shallow, advanced divers as well as novice divers will have an unforgettable dive here.

Ko Bida Nai

Just north of Ko Bida Nok, this dive site has almost everything you would like to see again after you dived Bida Nok. It has a sheer wall at the northern end, and on its east side you will find a sloping reef. Further south towards a little bay you have rock formations, a swim-through with lots of glassfish, and a very beautiful coral garden. Common sights include everything you can see at Bida Nok, but have a close look around the rocks and boulders in the south. You might find a Ghost pipefish there. Along the sloping part on the east side White Tip Shark sightings have been reported.

Maya Bay / Maya Wall

Located on the west side of Phi Phi Ley Island, this spot has become very famous after the movie "The Beach" has been shot here. So be prepared that you will have quite a bit of speed boat traffic above you when you dive inside the bay. Don't forget to inflate your safety sausage before you surface! You will find rock formations with hard and soft coral here, some swim-throughs and a lot of colorful reef fish. If you want to do a shallower dive, start in the bay and swim towards the west with the reef on your right. Conditions and currents allowing, you would prefer to jump into water at the wall, which is outside the bay and a little bit to the north. Then head south and swim back into the bay. Choosing this option you will have good chances to see a turtle or a Leopard Shark.