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Welcome to Koh Tao - aka "The Rock"!

Koh Tao offers some of the best diving in The Land Of Smiles! Several sites are offering excellent dives, including Chumphon Pinnacle which has an incredible volume of marine life, such as giant groupers, hundreds of schooling Barracuda, Tuna, Mackerel and the gigantic Whale Shark! The biggest fish in the ocean, the peaceful Whale Shark frequents Koh Tao's waters year-round and loves the company of curious divers. Like so many others, you too could get lucky!

Koh Tao dive sites offer great visibility year round, with average clarity of 15 metres and up to 30 metres when conditions are perfect! The water temperature is 30C and currents are almost non-existent, allowing for super-relaxed, long dives.

Dive sites around Koh Tao are easily accessed by their comfortable dive boat. Sites are between 10 and 40 minutes from the pier. Enjoy the sundeck, fruit and refreshments, spacious bathrooms and showers onboard. You will also meet Mr.White, the resident boat cat. :)



Area name / Island name

Chalok Bay, Southern part of Koh Tao

Nearest airport

Koh Samui or Bangkok

Season

Dive Center is open all year round. A short rain season between October and November give limited access to some of the dive sites but diving will continue

Center type

Top ranked PADI Dive Center!

This dive center is a super smooth operation with top of the line dive equipment, experienced instructors and a very professional atmosphere

Professional Yoga studio
International instructor team

Experience level

PADI Open Water Course or equivalent

Minimum age for participation

10 Years

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Location – Chalok Bay

The island of Koh Tao is full of different bays and beaches, who all have their own special atmosphere. Where Sairee Beach is known for the young crowd and great parties, Chalok is the super laid back and quiet bay down in the South of the island. But don't despair! Koh Tao is a small island, and easy to get around! Busy Sairee beach is only 5 minutes away by scooter or TukTuk. You can still join the party before you return to Chalok for a good night's sleep. Chalok is also famous for snorkelling with small Blacktip sharks and turtles in Shark Bay!!

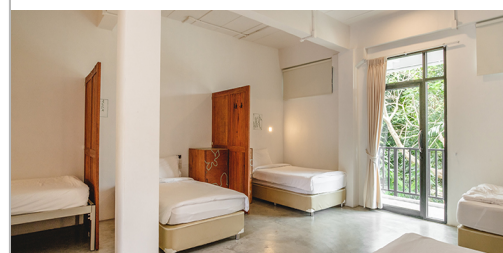
In the area of Chalok Bay, you'll find a few lovely beaches for lazy afternoon sunbathing, plenty of delicious restaurants and cozy little beach bars too. There are also SPAs, shops, tattoo parlours, laundry facilities, kayak rentals, beautiful hikes, viewpoints and plenty of other activities around to keep you occupied when you are not underwater or on your yoga mat!

Your accommodation

The luxury hostel The Dearly is located just 200m from the dive center and features quality bedding, A/C, hot water and clean modern decor. Onsite you will also find a huge swimming pool tucked into the rocks and jungle palms and a welcoming reception area great for socializing or enjoying a cappuccino. Breakfast is also included each morning. The hostel has an amazing social atmosphere every day, and even free "beach crawls" are arranged on a regular basis. Transportation is provided to take you and your new friends to some of the island's best beaches and viewpoints!

Your (spacious) dorm room

Is furnished with 6 individual beds, individual lockers, personal reading light, and electrical outlet. The room is air conditioned and has a spacious balcony along with a clothing rack. Trust us, this hostel ROCKS!





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This is only a selection of the many dive sites represented on this particular destination. Diving is, at all times, dictated by the safeness of the environment.

Chumpon Pinnacle

Northwest of Koh Tao, Chumpon Pinnacle is widely regarded as one of the Gulf's premier dive sites. The site itself is a huge granite pinnacle and a series of smaller pinnacles rising from the bottom at 36m to within 14m of the surface. On the main part of the site divers can expect to encounter Batfish, Trevally, large Groupers, as well as huge shoals of Fusiliers. For those with keen eyes it is also possible to see Scorpion fish lazing on the rocks. Chumpon pinnacle also plays host to seasonal visits by Whale Sharks and their attendant Cobias and Remoras, plus the occasional Manta.

White Rock

White Rock boasts a large coral garden situated between two distinct granite pinnacles to the north and south sides of the site, and a vast array of both daytime and nocturnal inhabitants. With a depth range of 5m to 26m, and an average depth of 12m, White Rock is suited to everyone's experience level. White Eye Morays and Blue Spotted Rays are commonly sighted. Barracuda routinely visit here, it is particularly impressive to see them hunting on night dives when they will actually follow divers using the torch beams to spot their dinner. Night dives also unveil many different kinds of Feather Stars, hunting Cone Shells and feeding Stingrays.

Green Rock

One of the outlying dive sites Green Rock has its own special attractions for divers in the form of many varied swim throughs and the lunar like landscape created by nesting Yellow Margin Triggerfish. With a depth range of 3m to 30m most divers will find this site within their capabilities. The insides of the caverns and the undersides of outcroppings are home to many brightly colored soft corals and sponges, while the outer parts of the site play host to shoals of electric Blue Damsel fish, Tube Anemones with tiny translucent shrimps, Angel fish and the occasional Turtle.



Conditions:

Visibility

10m to 25m

Temperature

27 to 29 degrees

Current

Zero to medium currents

Depths

Average depth is 18 m

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Whaleshark season:

March - June and October - December

Turtles, Barracuda, eagle rays and blacktip reefsharks are spotted all years round

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Itinerary

On the day of arrival, you will be picked up at the pier when you get off the ferry and taken to the dive center. Here, you'll meet the team and your equipment will be fitted and packed for the following day. Enjoy complimentary coffee, tea, water and wifi anytime you stop by!

The rest of your day is left for exploring on land and settling in. You will be informed in advance at what time the boat will be going out the following day. The boat will visit 2 dive sites and offer amazing views of paradise, both above and below the surface as you cruise the blue waters!

You will be back for lunch at around 11:30.

The afternoon boat will return at 16:30 after another two dives have been concluded. It is possible to do two morning dives, two afternoon dives, or a full day of diving if you feel up for it.

A night dive can be organized on location for an extra fee.

There will be no refund on dives not used.

Check-out of the accommodation is at 10:30 on the last day. Your luggage can be stored if you are leaving on the afternoon or evening boat.

Itinerary

4 dives spread out over 2 days of diving and 2 separate boat trips. A balance of action and chill out! You will have 3 nights of accommodation. The dive sites will vary depending on weather and experience level.

Day 1 - Check in, register for diving and chill.

Day 2 - Dive trip AM or PM (2 dives)

Day 3 - Dive trip AM or PM (2 dives)

Day 4: Depart Koh Tao or submit to everyone's urge and stay forever :)

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.



Activity starts

15 good sites are reached by boat. The best possible dive site will be chosen according to weather conditions, experience level and requests.

Please note that start times and daily pick-up times can vary from trip to trip. If any changes, you will be notified upon arrival

Activity starts from

Dive center

Please contact your dive center latest one week prior arrival to confirm your arrival time and pickup

Group Size

Max. 4 divers pr. Instructor/Divemaster

Language

English

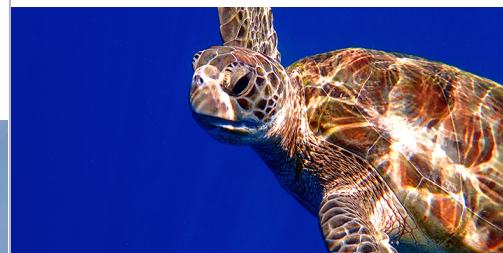
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Transfer information

The easiest way to get to Koh Tao is to take the bus from Bangkok. The bus leaves twice a day from Khaosan Road in central Bangkok to connect with the Lomprayah High Speed Catamaran in Chumphon, for a 1,5 hour crossing to Koh Tao. If travelling down to Koh Tao in the high seasons or around a full moon party it's always a good idea to book your bus ticket in advance. You can do this at <http://www.lomprayah.com>.

You can buy the ticket in most local tourist and travel agents around Bangkok.

Regardless of where you are in Thailand prior to your trip, you can always get a package deal from the local travel agent that will get you to Koh Tao. If in doubt about your arrival or how to get to Koh Tao, contact your dive center. You need to let the dive center know your arrival at least one week in advance. You will find the details for the dive center on your voucher.



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

FUNDIVING - DORM ROOM	
Days / Nights	4/3
Amount of dives	4
Price (incl. accommodation)	179 EUR

Supplements	
1 day yoga pass	16 EUR
1 extra day of diving (2 dives)	54 EUR
1 extra night in dorm (after package)	15 EUR
1 extra night in dorm (before package)	15 EUR
1 extra night in private (after package)	25 EUR
1 extra night in private (before package)	25 EUR
Refresher dive (added to first dive in package)	27 EUR
Upgr: Deluxe Room w. ensuite (per. night. p.p)	17 EUR
Upgr: Superior Room w. ensuite (per. night. p.p)	10 EUR

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

Supplements

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



Included

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Accommodation
Snacks on dive trips
High end dive equipment
Professional Dive Guide
Pick up/drop off service from ferry pier
Breakfast each day
Local dive insurance

Not included

All meals (besides breakfast)

Also available on site (based on availability)

Extra days of diving
Extra accommodation
Upgrading of room

Continuing education

Courses are available on request for the next level of continuing education

Cancellation

Please refer to FAQ & Terms on www.blueventure.net

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>

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.