



Gulf of Thailand Expedition Trips

Big Blue Technical Diving, Thailand

Northern Route 3 days - 4 nights

Run over three or four days, technical dives on our northern wreck expedition have maximum depths in the 50 - 65M range, making the trip perfect for newly certified technical divers and people looking to build up experience.

Ideal for deep air dives or normoxic trimix, the northern route offers exciting wreck diving opportunities, enjoyed by even the most seasoned technical divers. We make two technical dives per day, so usually six dives during the trip.

Known wreck dives on our northern route include the H.T.M.S. Pha-Ngan, Tanker Maru, 'Pornsri', Vlado, Unicorn and Torpedo wrecks.

This northern wreck diving trip is also perfect for trimix training, with the Pornsri wreck offering trimix divers the opportunity to get down to a maximum of 75M.

Eastern Route 6 days - 7 nights

The eastern route is longer, usually conducted as a 6 day tech live-aboard expedition, again fitting in 2 dives per day so a 12 technical dives in total.

The depth range of technical dives on this route is 50 - 80 metres, so wreck dives on this eastern route are suitable for trimix divers or trimix diving courses. It's also a good opportunity for CCR divers to enjoy long bottom times on some spectacular WW2 wrecks.

The eastern route is rich in fantastic wrecks with highlights including the Seacrest Drill-Ship, the impressive Tottori Maru, Araosan Maru, Akela Maru, and recently discovered 'SS Carrie'. Other great wreck dives on this route include the 'Big Boy', Nanmei No.5 Maru and Sakura Maru.

Southern Route 7 days – 8 nights

The Southern Route is another long range expedition, usually run over 6 or 7 days.

Diving is deep, in the 50 - 80M range so again the trip is for trimix divers only, perfect for trimix CCR divers.

Fitting in two dives per day, known wrecks on the Southern Route include the gigantic 'Solimoes', Kinrei Maru, Tairyu Maru, 'Canvas Wreck', and the USS Lagarto submarine on special request.

What's included:

Technical diving live-aboard expeditions are run on a very regular basis - normally twice a month, plus very occasional recreational diving trips. All meals are provided, a mixture of Thai and international cuisine. The boat also has a fully stocked bar so you won't go hungry or thirsty - promise!

Technical tours take a maximum of twelve divers. Twins (2 x DIN aluminium 11 or 13litre) and DIN deco cylinders are included, all other equipment is available for rent. We are CCR rebreather - friendly. If you can put a group together, we're more than happy to give you a daily charter price.

Cost of Oxygen is minimal, maximum of US\$10 per diver- total usage divided amongst the team, (if we can be bothered to do the maths)!

Continuous Flow Nitrox to 40% included in the above.

Trimix is also blended with continuous flow, helium costs 3baht/litre. Helium analyzer on board.

For CCR Divers, all popular brands of rebreather sorb are available on-board (but please confirm you're requirements prior to the trip), and oxygen can be boosted to 200 bar if required. We have CCR rebreather cylinders to fit all popular CCR units.

In addition to the big trips we run local 'Wreck Wednesdays' - two great wreck dives on Koh Tao's local wrecks (the Unicorn or Torpedo) with breakfast and lunch, every Wednesday. Experienced recreational divers are welcome.