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5 - DAY / 6 NIGHT ITINERARY MERGUI ARCHIPELAGO



Embark on an epic 5-day sailing adventure in the Mergui Archipelago. This journey will take you to the idyllic Burmese islands onboard the classic Schooner Dallinghoo, beginning and ending in Kawthaung.

MERGUI ARCHIPELAGO - General Information

Mergui Archipelago, located in southernmost part of Myanmar (Burma), comprises over 800 beautiful islands. Due to its virtual isolation, the islands and surrounding seas are alive with an amazing diversity of flora & fauna and very beautiful underwater scenes and marine life.

The only human inhabitants in the area are sea gypsies, namely Salon in Myanmar (Moken). They live on boats during dry season and remain on land during rainy season. They still practice the same fishing and boat building techniques used for generation.

Underwater, this region offers scenic reefs, fascinating topography and prolific fish and invertebrate life. One of the main attractions for divers is the strong possibility of seeing big animals, especially sharks and rays. More dependable, however, is the tremendous variety of smaller fish and reef creatures, including many unusual species, some of which are rarely encountered in Thai waters. Add to this the allure of diving where few people have before and you've got all the ingredients for a top-notch dive destination. Considering the vast number of islands and reefs, many more dive sites are undoubtedly waiting to be discovered.

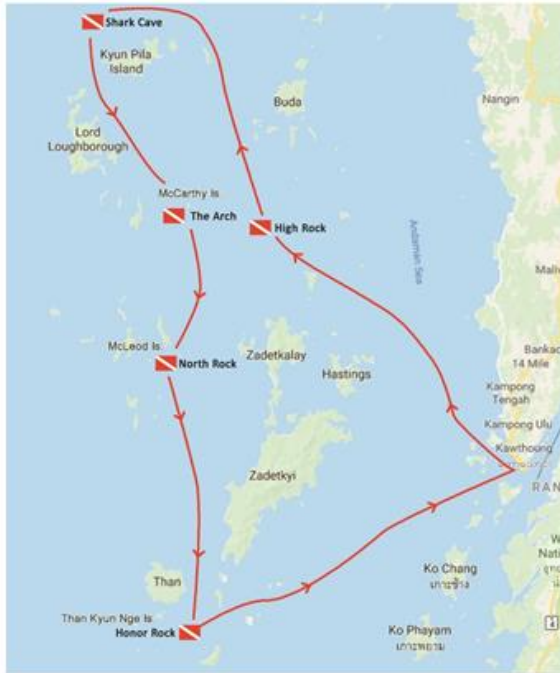
The Mergui Archipelago is renowned for its white-sand beaches, many miles of gorgeous coastline with hundreds and sheltered anchorages. Most islands have one if not many bays where Schooner Dallinghoo can anchor for the day or night. From here you can explore the bay and beaches with our kayaks or sail the coast line with our sailing dinghy. The only way to fully appreciate the natural beauty the Mergui Archipelago is by sailing around them.

Whether you are looking for world-class diving or snorkelling opportunities or some of the world's most spectacular sailing routes, Mergui Archipelago have a great deal to offer.





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DAY 1: QUION ISLAND

Noon - After the welcome aboard Schooner Dallinghoo at Kawthung harbor, you will set sail to the North of Mergui Archipelago. After few hour of sailing, the crew will decide a suitable anchorage point for the night near *Quion Island*. Enjoy a sunset cocktail and a first dinner on board before the night.

DAY 2: HIGH ROCK & SHARK CAVE

Breakfast on board; after a refreshing swim and digestion time you will enjoy your first dive at “**High Rock**”. (*A small islet with a single tree, which has a wall on its north and east sides, and a rocky reef on its south and west. Full of underwater wildlife, it is the perfect spot for a first dive in the region.*)

After lunch you will set sail toward *Three Islets*, close to *Kyun Pila Island* to dive at “**Shark Cave**” during the afternoon. *Shark Cave* is one of the most famous diving site in the region, the biggest islands of the *Three Islets* or “*Square Island*”, originally home of some nurse sharks today it's host a giant green moray eel and schools of Arrow fish. Even if the sharks are not so present nowadays the site is spectacular, right at the begging look up for schools of barracudas cruising near the surface, on the wall don't miss the soft corals from different colors, shapes and sizes. The entrance of the cave is 17 meters deep. The entrance is a square shape hole in the wall, Arrow fish will welcome you at the entrance, the swell might be strong if currents are present, once inside (torch recommended) the walls (left, right and up) are covered by Orange Cup Coral and sponges.

Dinner & overnight on board.





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DAY 3; McCarthy ISLAND (THE ARCH)

On morning, you will dive a second time around **Shark Cave** before sailing south to *McCarthy Island*.

Lunch during sailing time (2 to 3h) and afternoon diving at “**The Arch**” of Stewart Island, *this site has beautiful coral reefs and plenty of sea life. There you have big chance to see both big and small animals.* Anchor & overnight in one of the bays of McCarthy Island.

DAY4: McLEOD ISLAND

After breakfast, enjoy an easy morning dive at “**The Arch**” before set sail to *McLeod Island* to dive during the afternoon at “**North Rock**”. *Dive sites around Macleod are the sites with very good chance to see-Manta Rays, Various shark species, Lobsters, Harlequin Shrimp, Frogfish, Sea Horse and a lot of small things.*

If time permits, a quick swim before sunset cocktails & dinner.

Anchor & overnight close to McLeod Island.





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DAY 5: HONOR ROCK

Breakfast on board; first dive for your fifth day of the trip at “**North Rock**” near *McLeod Island*, if the visibility is good, you will see many big stuff like shark and rays and beautiful coral life.

After lunch, set sail to the southernmost island of the archipelago, to dive at “**Honor Rock**”, *this rock is quite similar with Richelieu rock of Thailand but much bigger. Colorful soft coral and huge sea fan forest are the trademark of that rock.*

Bonfire and sunset cocktail on the beach before getting back on board to enjoy the special “Captain’s diner”.

DAY 6: KAWTHAUNG

Early morning, last dive at ‘**Honor Rock**’ before final passage to Kawthaung. Casual Brunch on board before we reach the pier and say goodbye to the Mergui early afternoon.

**Sample itinerary - can be modified by the captain according to the weather conditions.*

