

7-Nights / 8-Days Butang Group Itinerary



The Thai islands making up the Butang group, part of Tarutao Marine National Park, provides the clearest waters and most beautiful coral gardens in the area. Due to their location and distance from Phuket these islands are generally 'forgotten' about by the diving liveaboard fleet operating out of Phuket and surrounding islands. Though seldom visited by liveaboards from Thailand they are on 20nm north of the Malaysian tourist island of Langkawi and its International Airport making them very accessible to sail and dive on board Schooner Dallinghoo.

These granitic islands are blanketed by rain forest and fringed with white sand beaches similar to those found in the Similan Islands. The only inhabited island of the Butang archipelago is Ko Lipe, a small island but with fresh water all year round made this the ideal island to settle on and over the years a number of small resorts were build and now these have turned into hotels and a number of luxury villa. The small town does offer restaurants and night life but still very low key and still has the 'beach bar' feel to them.

Tarutao National Marine Park consists of 51 islands located in the Andaman Sea, the park covers an area of 1,490 square kilometers (1,260 ocean, 230 island). The southernmost end of the Park lies on the border with Malaysia. Tarutao became Thailand's second marine national park on April 19, 1974.







Day 1: Telaga Harbour - Langkawi

Guest's will be met at Langkawi's International Airport and brought to Talaga Harbour only 10 minutes away. After the welcome aboard Schooner Dallinghoo the Captain will conduct the safety briefing, once the captain has completed all immigration procedures you will depart port and cruise out where you can have your first swim in the Andaman Sea before enjoy a sunset cocktail and a first dinner on board.

Day 2: Koh Lipe

Breakfast on board; after a refreshing swim Dallinghoo will set sail from Malaysia and sail the 3 hours over the Thai board and anchor of the resort island of Koh Lipe. Here the captain will complete the clearing in procedures and the guest can have a wonder around the island or spend time on the beach. Guest may wish to return ashore in the evening and visit a beach bar many of which have entertainment.





Day 3: Koh Adang

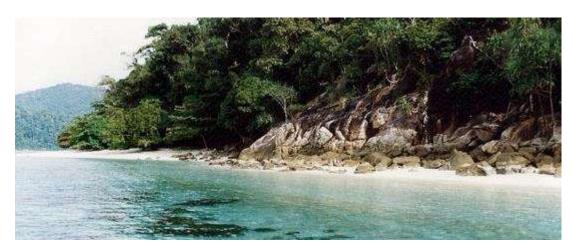
After a relaxed breakfast Dallinghoo will weigh anchor and sail to the island of Koh Adang, Mountainous island with thick rain forest from the peak to the beach. All the islands for the next few days are close together, guests can decide to head straight from anchorage to anchorage to head out to sea and have a few hours of sailing. Decide if you wish to remain the night at Koh Adang or return to Koh Lipe and an evening ashore.





Day 4: Koh Rawai

Another easy morning at the beach and then the short sail around to Koh Rawai, another uninhabited island with a stunning beach. Spend the day relaxing or doing some water sports, the anchorages of the Butang Islands are well sheltered from the weather and the season during a both seasons and a great place to take ELSA our classic sailing dinghy out for a sail.







Day 5: Koh Butang

After a relaxing morning or a early swim, Dallinghoo will weigh anchor again for the short passage to Koh Butang. A small group of islands to west of the archipelago, these offer some of the best snorkelling and diving in the group with great coral and amazing fish life. Spend the day relaxing and then decide if you wish to remain here for the night or return to Koh Lipe.





Day 6: Koh Lipe

A morning spent swimming and snorkelling at Koh Butang where you can visit a number of other small islands in this group, all offering great reefs and underwater life for the snorkelers and divers. After lunch sail back to Koh Lipe where Dallinghoo will spend the evening and after a dinner on board guest can have a final evening ashore.





Day 7: Koh Tanga

A easy morning with a late start for those that need it after a night ashore – the captain will this morning complete clearing out procedures and passport control and then once complete Dallinghoo will sail to Koh Tanga. A beautiful island with a white sand spit and clear water to spend your final evening on board Dallinghoo enjoying your dinner and the sunset.

Day 8: Telaga Harbour

Breakfast and a final swim before Dallinghoo sails south and across the border into Malaysia and on towards Telaga Harbour. Arriving back into port and secured in the marina, lunch onboard while the captain complete clearance again and then depart for the short drive back to the airport.

