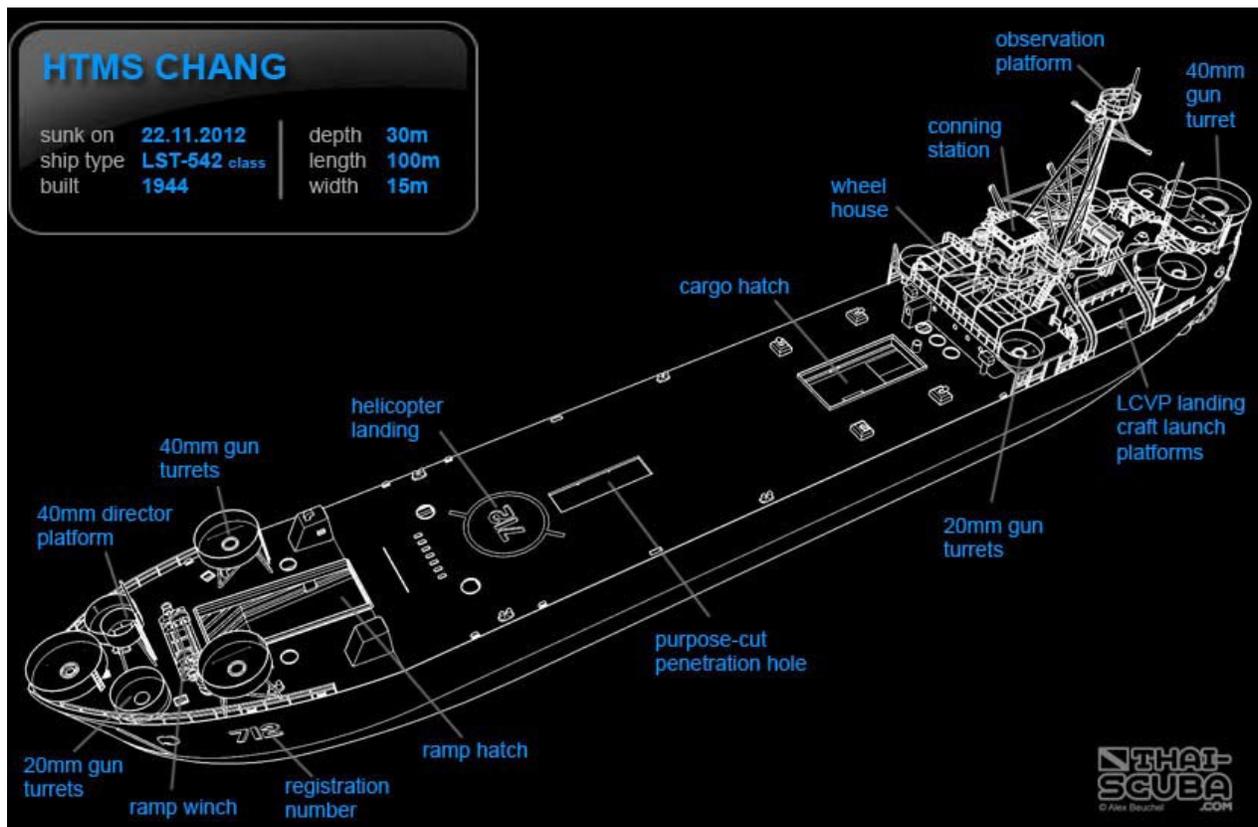


# Sortie Koh Chang 2022/2023



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# Koh Chang



A while ago I realised that no-one could agree on how many islands there were in the Koh Chang Marine National Park. Many websites said 52, others said 46. The National Park website just says over 40. In addition it was clear that some islands went by more than one name which added to the confusion. So, how to get an accurate figure. Two ways – the simple way would just be to get a map and to count the number of islands. Job done & dispute settled. But that's a bit boring and wouldn't provide me with any content for this site.

The harder way would be to visit all the islands in person and count them in real life, as maps can be incorrect. This is what I have done. Only real islands are counted, even if they are nothing more than rocks but their name begins with 'Koh'. Nothing with the Thai prefix 'Hin' ( a rocky outcrop, usual not visible at high tide ) is allowed. 'Visiting' the island means getting close enough to see if there is anything worth getting out and exploring or if there is a beach worth stopping off at.

Visiting the islands would be relatively easy if I had a speedboat – but I don't.

Or if I was well off and could just hire a speedboat for a few days – but I'm not. However, I do have a kayak, nothing fancy just a sit on top Feelfree, but it floats and goes in a relatively straight line.





## 🌿 Fauna & Flora



Ko Chang has various leisure offers for active holidaymakers as well as a relaxed beach vacation, e.g. snorkeling, sailing, diving or mountain-biking. In many locations, there are snooker tables, volleyball fields and table tennis tables. Many resorts rent kayaks and during high season they and many travel agencies arrange all day boat tours to the surrounding islands. We introduce the exclusive *KonTikiSnorkelingtours & Adventure Cruises* on an own page with information, pictures and contact data. Since 2005 there is also a 13 m Catamaran on the island. During high season you can do daily sailingtrips and snorkelingtours to the surroundingislands of Ko Chang. We also present the *Sailingtrips with the SEA ADVENTURES CATAMARAN* on an own page with pictures, information and contact data.



Scuba divers find fascinating dive sites off the shores of Ko Chang and the surrounding islands. Besides the many coral reefs, sunken warships can be visited in the SalakPhet Bay (see '*What to do on Ko Chang?*', '*Ko Chang Remembrance - the sunken Warships*'). There are scuba diving schools at all beaches and villages along the west coast, where tours can be booked or various diving licences can be obtained. Also at *Baan Bang Bao* (the village in the Bang Bao Bay) you will find some diving schools.

If you are interested in diving, have a look at the page of this diving school: *BB DIVERS* at Baan Bang Bao, Lonely Beach, Long Beach and on Ko Wai. With it's big range of courses it's one of the biggest and best diving centres on the entire island.

Cars and scooters can be rented in most places, which makes the island easier to explore independently, however the motorbike driver should have some two-wheeler experience. The road becomes partly very steep and curvy south of Kai Bae Beach, which means untrained drivers can come into difficulties quite easily. Unfortunately taxi-drivers only pay a small amount of attention to motorbikes. Also attention should be paid to the street - big potholes are not an exception and quite often there is dirt or sand on the roads. Roadworks often don't have danger signs which can be very dangerous, especially at night time.

And because every year people die in accidents, we want to remind you NOT to FORGET: In Thailand they drive on the left, so ALWAYS drive as far left as possible!



When renting a scooter you should ensure that both the brakes and the horn are in working order.



If you want to explore the island in a more environmentally-friendly way you can walk around Ko Chang within 3 - 5 days on the road or small paths. Also organized jungle treks with experienced guides can be booked in many travel agencies. And for the less ambitious, there are small paths all over which lead to short or long walks.

At all beaches, masseurs and masseuses offer traditional Thai massages. Many of the big hotels and bungalow resorts have their own first-class Spa and Wellness areas. In all beach villages, you'll find small massage shops, mostly located directly at the road. In *Baan KhlongPrao* you can attend courses in traditional Thai massage.

In many villages on Ko Chang there are Tattoo parlours, whose standard is allegedly very good. Some Elephant Camps are situated on Ko Chang, which offer elephant-trekking into the jungle. At White Sand Beach you'll find a monkey school, they have shows every day. At Kai Bae Beach there is a Parasail Centre: Hanging on a parachute you'll be pulled behind a speed boat along the coast to enjoy the nearby beaches from above. At Bai Lan Bay you'll find an adventure park and in KlongPrao you can fly with an ultralight airplane across the closer surrounding of Ko Chang. Some of these attractions are only available during high season as there aren't enough guests during low season.

Additionally Ko Chang offers many other attractions including *waterfalls, Buddhist Temples, the national park administration* with the small museum or the beautiful *viewpoints*, which are all worth a visit.

And, of course, there are some "Party-Places" at most of the beaches: Bars and pubs that lure guests in the evening with music, fireworks and fire jugglers ...

As you see, Ko Chang offers enough possibilities for you to enjoy the most beautiful holiday of your year.

# Bang Bao

The main office is located on the dock from Bang Bao, giving you a view of the sea imprénableWe renovate this traditional Thai building to make it a comfortable place to be together every morning for the start. You will find there also a classroom.

# Lonely Beach

Welcome to our resort pool, restaurant lounge and guest rooms. In November 2006, given the success of the center, we decided to expand our infrastructure. So we built the 'BB Divers Pool' to Lonely Beach. It does not comes as a pool for diving courses, it is also a place to relax with a drink after a dive. There is also a restaurant serving breakfast, authentic Thai cuisine and pizza. On the back are rooms for our guests. The pool has been designed and built to allow our students to train in a private environment, the classroom located at the top of the cliff offers a fabulous view of the jungle.

You have also the possibility of you retouver for a movie after the dive.





### **Koh Chang dive sites**

### **KohKood dive sites:**

Description of dive sites north to south

#### **Tui Reef (AoPhukWaeng)**

Mostly a rock dive, with depths 5 to 14m. This reef offers a nice landscape and a good variety of coral. Being on the top of the island we sometimes have schools of fish looking for shelter when the currents picks up.

#### **KohMaisi (Lak Uan reef) depth 5 to 14 m**

Lots of rocks and boulders offer a nice seascape. Between the rocks and coral reef we can find stonefish, eels, stingray, nudibranch, anemone fish, cleaning shrimp and more ...

#### **KohRaet North and south**

This island offers different dive sites. The depth is between 5 to 14m. The dive sites are located between Koh Rat and KohKood, giving shelter for snorkeling, discover scuba diving and regular dives. There is nice coral and on the reef we often see stingray, moray eels, all kinds of small coral fish, catfish, goatfish, razor fish, stone fish ...

#### **HinYedhi and AoTum ; depth is 5 to 14 meter.**

This rocky dive spots offer some nice coral reefs as well. Fish we find there are parrotfish, lionfish, jack, batfish. It is a good spot to find turtles.

### **Laem Hin Dam**

This is a rock dive, depth 5 to 12m. The rocky outcrop offers a nice seascape with small rock boulders, good shelter for stingray, eels, and good variety of nudibranch, ...

### **AoKlong Chao**

This reef, close the dive shop is a nice and easy dive. Ideal for night dives, perfect for discover dives or refresher dives. There is beautiful healthy coral and lots of things out in the sand such as starfish, octopus, crabs...

### **Hin Bang bao (Hin Loy) 5 to 15 meter**

This rock in open sea offers a good refuge, so it is full of fish. There are many nudibranch, groupers, sweet lips, fusiliers, parrotfish and lots of colorful shrimp hiding in the rocks, sometimes turtle. Around the rock there is nice coral reef, and of in the sand there are many things to find, ray, flounder, sepia, octopus and sometimes seahorses. Because of the abundance of crustaceans it is great location for a night dive.

### **Koh Rang National park dive sites**

#### **Hingadaeng (Koh Rang pinnacle)**

Loc 1 km nw of Koh rang Depth average 15m / max 30m

This spectacular pinnacle is the deepest dive around Koh Rang, a great multilevel site. The rock itself has a very special structure, looks like an underwater cathedral. There are plenty of fish around it, not so much coral though.. Things to see are big barracuda, porcupine, groupers, triggerfish, turtle, nudibranches, sweet lips, and schools of batfish... The currents here can be quite strong and unpredictable, but it is certainly worth the effort!

Great site for photography, vis 5 to30m

### **Koh Tien West**

Loc just nw of Koh Rang Depth average 10m, max 16

Sadly enough on one side of the island the coral is mostly destroyed by anchoring fishing boats and dynamite fishing, but it is a good spot to see how the reef recovers. On the Southside of the island there is the biggest formation of stag horn coral you re likely to see, forming a stunning view and protection to an abundance of fish. Also great snorkeling site

### **HinKuak Ma (or three finger rock)**

Loc about 1 km ne of Koh rang Depth average 10m, max 16m

This is one of the greatest dives here. The south side is a rock wall, good to spot eels, nudibranches, stone fish,.... the backside of the rock is a slope, covered in coral, and with an abundance of fish. Sometimes we spot a bamboo shark or turtle, every dive we see blue spotted stingrays, moray eels, blue ringed angelfish, parrotfish, .....good snorkeling if no current.

### **Koh Yak and KohLaun**

Loc about 1 km ne of Koh Rang, in the south

Depth average 8 m, max 12m

These small islands are ringed with a very beautiful coral reef with a rich abundance of different coral fishes. Both islands are small enough to dive around; because of the shallow depths we have plenty of dive time. Many divers` favourite...

Visibility 5 to 20m

### **Koh Tong Lang and KohKra**

Loc about 1.5 km ne of Koh rang, north

Depth avarage 7m, max 12

Although snorkelling is the major appeal here, these islands offer some beautiful diving. The special coloured rocks offer nice crevices rich in fish life; the coral is very healthy and varied, big table corals, stag horn, anemones of al sizes and colours.

Visibility 5 to 30m

### **Other**

### **Koh Wai**

This lovely paradise island south of Koh Chang is great for a day trip or overnight stay, beautiful snorkelling, although for diving the reef is quite shallow. Some diving is done on the pinnacles close to Koh Wai, and also on the rocky side of the island. It is a good spot for trainings dives or protected diving when the weather turns bad.

### **Kohchang wreck**

Is mentioned in many dive guides, but sadly enough it is in silt water, creating zero visibility most of the time.

## Koh Chang dive sites Hinluk bath

Loc around 3 km southwest of Kohchang

Depth average 11m / max 25m

This is one of the prime dive sites around Koh Chang. HinLuk Bath is a pinnacle that offers refuge to plenty of shoaling fish. There are moray eels, stingrays, parrotfish, snappers, fusiliers, big groupers, butterfly fish, banner fish, barracuda, angelfish, and many more. On the way to the dive site we sometimes see dolphins. The pinnacle is surrounded by huge uw boulders that offer some great swim throughs... The deepest point is 25 metres, however, most of the dive we spend from 5 to 16m. This dive site has an abundance of Christmas tree worms, which makes it very colourful. Great for night diving

Visibility varies from 3 to 20, also very good for snorkelling.

## HinRaab South (locals call it HinLaab)

Loc 5 km south of Koh Chang

Depth average 11 / max 16

This is also an underwater rock. There are actually two dive sites in this area, one is a dive around the rock, a good place to spot turtle, batfish, stonefish, porcupine fish, stingrays, moray eels, often we see big barracuda. We also had a few whale shark spottings here. There is an abundance of soft coral. The second one off to the north is a bit deeper and richer in coral and has a lovely small canyon. Here we often see rays, morays, angelfish, groupers, triggerfish, anemone fish, parrotfish, Once in a while we spot a turtle. Visibility varies from 3 to 20m, often very clear water, and good for snorkeling.

### Hin Tai Nam (populaire benaming is Blueberry Hill)

Loc 5 km south of Koh Chang

Depth max 16m

Close to Hin Raab, a bare rock full of fish. Only the Southside has coral. Great place for spotting nudibranches, batfish, stingray, eels, groupers.

Visibility 3 to 20m.

### Hinruatek (Banana rock)

Loc 3 km south of Koh Chang

Depth average 10m, max 16m

A rocky dive site, with nice crevices to search for shrimp, lobster, nudibranch, ....there are big table corals, gorgonian fans, soft corals, sponges,..... No abundance of coral, but a dive most people love because of the general surroundings. Visibility from 2 to 15m, OK for snorkeling.

### Hinsaamsao

Depth average 11m / max 16m

Towards the northwest of Koh Chang, this dive site has some nice corals, rich fish life, but sometimes has poor visibility because of its closeness to land. One side of the reef was destroyed by dynamite, it is recovering though. Max. depth 16m. Visibility from 2 to 10m.

### Hinlaab north

Loc 5 km south of Koh Chang

Depth max 18m

Very close to Hinsaamsao, similar dive site. Max. depth 18m. Visibility from 2 to 10m

**KohKhlum**

Loc 5 km south of Koh Chang

Depth 5 - 10m

Has a few dive sites around, they are from 5 to 10m, good for beginner divers.

## Hotel



### Room Info:

- Air-Conditioned Room
- Sea View
- Shower hot and cold water
- Private bathroom
- Wifi service
- Restaurant
- Bar

## Stay of 4 days and 3 nights in kohchang

### Day 01 : Airport reception

- Airport reception
- Transfer to kohchang
- Transfer to hotel
- Evening free



### Day 02 : Diving

- Breakfast
- first dive
- lunch
- 2nd diving
- Transfer to hotel
- Evening free



### Day 03 : Diving

- Breakfast
- first dive
- lunch
- 2nd diving
- Transfer to hotel
- Evening free

### Day 04 : Transfert reception

- Breakfast
- free morning
- Transfer to the pier
- Transfer to Bangkok or other
- End of our services



## The price includes

- All that is stated in the program
- Private or Service
- The transfer plane Bangkok kohchang / kohchang Bangkok
- The transfer taxi kohchang
- Entrance fees to National Parks
- 3 nightshotel
- 2 days dives
- The welcome drink
- English speaking instructor
- Big fun
- And more.... more

## Price does not include

- Transfer to another airport
- gratuities
- miscellaneous costs
- Meals out programs
- insurance
- The diving equipment
- Drinks

## To book:

- 50% deposit to confirm your reservation
- The balance 30 days before the date of travel.
- Any deposit is lost 30 days before the date of travel.

# PRICE AND CONDITIONS

## OUR PRICES INCLUDE

- Private Circuit
- All services mentioned in the program
- All visits and excursions mentioned in the program
- All transfers and transport mentioned in the program
- The transports by car or minibus (van) Conditioning
- The double room accommodation in hotels
- All meals mentioned in the program
- The assistance of local guides

## PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE

- International flights
- All services not mentioned in the program
- Lunches and dinners not mentioned in the program
- Drinks
- Tips
- Insurancedisease / repatriation / cancellation / luggage
- All personalexpenses
- The entry visa

## WARNING

Possibility of tariff surcharges in certain hotels during festive seasons:

Christmas, New Year Khmer New Year (April).

Consult us for these periods.

## CONDITIONS AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

50% deposit upon booking.

Balance one month before departure.

Any payment to be made by bank transfer or check (The details will be communicated to you upon confirmation of your benefits).

## CANCELLING POLICY

30 Euros per person cancellation fee more than 60 days of departure.

25% cancellation fee 60 days before departure.

50% cancellation fee 30 days before departure.

75% cancellation fee 14 days of departure.

100% cancellation fees 7 days of departure.

## REMARKS

- Offer subject to availability.
- Rooms available in hotels from 14.00.
- Rooms must be vacated at noon in hotels.
- Rating based on 1 Euro equivalent to 40 baht. In case of change of over 3%, the prices will be adjusted.

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