

Trip in Koh Lipe

2023 / 2024



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Koh Lipe



The village is located on the north coast of Koh Lipe where you can find the school, a small infirmary as well as a few stalls and grocery stores.

The situation of the village is due to the fact that the air is cooler there and that there are no mosquitoes during the summer season. It is easier to sleep there without air conditioning or a fan.

Pattaya Beach is a ten minute walk from the village and is located on the south coast of the island. This beautiful beach, known for its restaurants and bars, is the place to go out at night, eat fish in one of the restaurants on the beach.

You can find us on Sunrise Beach, next to the village, next to SITA Beach Resort, or at Forra Dive Center at the entrance to the shopping street on Pattaya Beach.

Geography

Koh Lipe is part of the Butang archipelago, a group of twenty islands, which is located west of Koh Tarutao in the Tarutao Marine Park in Thailand.

The Butang archipelago experiences the highest tides and the currents can be very strong, which explains the richness and diversity of the seabed. Thus, scuba diving and snorkeling are excellent around Koh Lipe.

Some of the islands in the archipelago are large and mountainous. They are covered with primary forests and are surrounded by a fringing reef. Others are nothing more than a few boulders of diorite (a kind of granite with less quartz) barely sticking out of the water. Koh Lipe is relatively flat, as its name suggests in Chao Ley: Pulau Nipi, which means flat island. Koh Adang is the large island north of Koh Lipe. It is similar in size and appearance to Koh Rawi, its neighbor to the east.

Climate

The year is divided into two main seasons. The dry season begins in early November and ends in May. The rainy season begins in June and ends at the end of October.

From November to February, the northeast wind (Chinese monsoon affecting the east coast of Thailand) provides a cool breeze all night long. This wind stops at the beginning of March, so that the following months are the hottest of the year. The months of March to May offer the best visibility conditions and the best chance of seeing pelagic.

From June to the end of October, the southwest monsoon, coming from the Indian Ocean, brings a lot of rains. There is only one connection left per day at 11.30 from Pakbara. There are only a few visitors and the island can benefit from an ecological break.

History

The people of Koh Lipe are known as Chao Leh, which means "sea people" or "sea gypsies" in Thai. Those living in Adang, Lipe, Bulon and Lanta are known as Urak Lawoy, and are from Malaysia and Sumatra. To Kiri was the first village chief of Koh Lipe, known to history, and visited these islands at the beginning of the last century, at the invitation of the governor of the province of Satun. Koh Lipe was given to him by royal decree to ensure Thai predominance in this region coveted by the English. There are currently 700 Chao Leh in Lipe-Adang and 200 in Bulon Don and Leh.

The language of the Urak Lawoy reflects these Malay-Polynesian origins. Their animist religion is distinct and sea gypsies revere the spirit of their ancestors, the sea and the islands. Evil spirits cause calamities and bad luck, good spirits protect the fisherman and his family. Twice a year, on the full moon in May as well as in October and November, the Loy Rua festival bears witness to the strength of these centuries-old beliefs. The Chao Leh venerate the memory of their ancestors and especially that of their founding chief, To Kiri. They build a 2 meter boat in which they place spices, rice, fish, cakes, strands of hair and nail clippings. The festival lasts three days and the drinking is constant. On the third day, the Chao Leh launch the boat into the sea and if it drifts out to sea, the year presents itself under the best auspices. If the boat runs aground on the beach, the year looks bad.

The creation of the Tarutao Marine Park and its designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1973 marked the end of the complete freedom enjoyed by sea gypsies. The villages of Rawi and Adang were moved to Lipe to ensure the protection of nature in these islands.

Tourism and the appearance of currency began in the mid-1980s and the first groups of bungalows were built in the early 1990s.

This new year, a special atmosphere is still attached to it...

Diving cruises,...

Diving outings, dreams and nocturnal activities...



The hotel or similar



Room Info:

- ☒ Daily breakfast
- ☒ Bedding Provided: 1 Queen Size Bed
- ☒ Location: near the sea with balcony
- ☒ Room facilities: air conditioning
- ☒ Room amenities: safe
- ☒ Room amenities: tv
- ☒ Room amenities: fridge
- ☒ Room facilities: Wi-Fi



Trip

DAY 1: WELCOME at Bangkok airport or others



- Transfer to bangkok by taxi
- Transfer to Satun by plane
- Transfer to koh lipe by speedboat
- Hotel reception
- Free afternoon at the beach
- Free evening



DAY 2: Diving

- Lunch
- 1st dive
- 2nd dive
- Dinner and free evening



DAY 3: diving

- Lunch
- 1st dive
- 2nd dive
- Dinner and free evening

DAY 4: diving

- Lunch
- 1st dive
- 2nd dive
- Dinner and free evening





DAY 5: diving

- Lunch
- 1st dive
- 2nd dive
- Dinner and free evening

DAY 6: Return to Pattaya

- Coffee and toast
- Transfer to satun by speed boat
- Transfer to the airport by taxi
- Transfer to Bangkok by plane
- Transfer to pattaya by taxi
- End of our services



The price includes

- ☒ All that is indicated in the program
- ☒ Private service
- ☒ Taxi transfer pattaya Bangkok a / r
- ☒ Airplane transfer Bangkok Satun / Satun Bangkok a/r
- ☒ transfer by taxi from the airport to the port a/r
- ☒ boat transfer from Satun to koh lipe round trip
- ☒ entrance fees to national parks
- ☒ 5 nights hotel in koh lipe
- ☒ 8 dives
- ☒ a French-speaking instructor
- ☒ the fun
- ☒ and more....and more

The price does not include

- ☒ Transfer from another airport
- ☒ Tips
- ☒ Miscellaneous costs
- ☒ Meals outside the programs
- ☒ Insurance
- ☒ Diving equipment
- ☒ The drinks
- ☒ **Vaccines and testing**



For your reservation:

- ☒ 50% deposit to confirm your reservation
- ☒ The balance 30 days before the date of the trip.

Rates subject to variation depending on the course of the day.

Schedule and dive site subject to change depending on weather and tides.



PRICES & 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 - Transport provided by air-conditioned car or minibus (van) - Room accommodation double in hotels - All meals mentioned in the program - Assistance from local French-speaking guides

OUR PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE

- International flights - All services not mentioned in the program - Lunches and dinners not mentioned in the program
- Drinks
- Tips - Health / repatriation / cancellation / luggage insurance - All personal expenses - Entry visa for the Philippines

ATTENTION

Possibility of tariff surcharges in some hotels during the holiday periods:
Christmas, New Year, Khmer New Year (April).
Consult us for these periods.

CONDITIONS AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

50% deposit on booking.

Balance one month before departure.

Any payment must be made by bank transfer or check (The details will be communicated to you when confirming your services).

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

50% cancellation fee 90 days before departure.

100% cancellation fee 30 days from departure.

REMARKS

- Offer subject to availability.
- Rooms available in hotels from 2 p.m.
- The rooms must be vacated at noon in the hotels.
- Quotation based on 1 Euro equivalent to 40 Bahts. In the event of a variation of more than 3%, the prices will be readjusted.

Bank Details:

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