



Location: Richelieu Rock, Thailand
Reference: T3

Richelieu Rock is located some 50 nautical miles north of the Similan islands and about 3 hour boat ride from Phuket.

HIGHLIGHTS

Richelieu Rock is one of the best places in the world to dive with whale sharks. Sightings are common from the month of February on to April.

Richelieu Rock is an isolated pinnacle to the east of Surin Islands. Forming a horseshoe figure, the pinnacle falls steeply to the surrounding sand bottom at 35 metres depth. The south side is a bay with a slope that gently falls to the deep, while the rest comprises sheer walls, groups of rocks and numerous small caves that are home to various marine life.

Richelieu Rock is a paradise for underwater photographers. Ghost Pipefish, Frogfish, Harlequin Shrimps, Tiger-tailed Seahorses, Janss's pipefish are some of the smaller marine life that can be spotted here. In addition, plenty of Anemonefish species, particularly Tomato Clownfish are regularly sighted.

Pelagic fish swarming around the small outcrops include chevron barracudas, rainbow runners and plenty of Bigeye Trevally, Fusiliers and Snappers. Giant Groupers resting on the sand floor are a common sight. On the Surrounding sandy slopes can be seen Leopard Sharks and the elusive Guitar shark!

ACCOMMODATION

Given the long boat journey from the mainland liveboards are the best option.

BEST SEASON

February to April is the best time for a visit if your aim is to enjoy the exhilaration of swimming with whale sharks onboard liveboards in Thailand.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Purely diving and sun bathing on the sundeck of your liveboard.

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