



## *Diving the Walls of Layang Layang*

### *9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013*

### **Layang Layang**

Meaning kite, is fast becoming one of Malaysia's premier dive destinations. This oceanic atoll is situated in the South China Sea about 300km north-west of Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Sabah. The little land mass supports a Malaysian Naval base and a nesting colony for several sea-faring migratory birds. The reef topography is essentially made up of a rich growth of hard corals; some so shallow that they break the sea surface during low tides, but most begin at depths of about 5m right down to the ocean floor. Some of the marine animals observed around the dive sites include black-tip sharks, hammerheads, jacks barracudas, bump-head parrotfish, lionfish, moray eels, turtles, nudibranches, gobies and the ghost pipe fish.



You can dive Layang Layang from March to August, with March and May being the best time for seeing schools of scalloped hammerhead sharks performing mating rituals.

A short flight off the north of Borneo lays Layang Layang a tiny gem of a resort island surrounded by clear water, pristine reefs and some of the most heart-stopping diving opportunities around. The fact that the coral atoll is situated by deep waters gives rise to some outstanding wall diving and encounters with pelagic species such as Hammerhead Sharks, which gather here to perform their mating rituals. Diving in Layang Layang is challenging and varied - visitors often enthuse about both the above-water and underwater beauty of the area.

Layang Layang's pristine reefs, which drop down as sheer walls into the abyss, are covered with splendid examples of healthy hard corals with stag horn, tables and acropora being the most numerous. The reefs are home to a great variety of sea life where turtles, triggerfish, manta rays and more are quite common, but overshadowed by the mighty presence of the scalloped hammerhead sharks. You may also encounter a whale shark or two.



### **Diving in Layang Layang**

Located in waters 2,000 metres deep, Layang Layang is an atoll of 13 linked coral reefs. Situated about 300 km off the Borneo coast, Layang Layang is surrounded by waters teeming with a rich biodiversity of marine life and some of the most heart-stopping diving opportunities around. Although concentrating on only one feature does not do justice to Layang Layang's varied reefs, the draw card for divers from all over the world is the chance to see vast schools of hammerheads cruising ar. The extraordinary coral gardens of these virgin atoll reefs surrounding Layang Layang Island, have never been fished or experienced any kind of man-made pollution. They are undoubtedly the healthiest reefs in Malaysia and rank as high as any for fish species and coral diversity too.

The visibility in these waters often exceeds 40 metres. In fact, the extraordinary visibility and exciting variety of marine life can sometimes be misleading and dangerous to divers - watch your diving depth and no-decompression times, you could well be deeper than you think!





## **White Manta Layang Layang Itinerary:**

**Day 1.** 2pm - Sail from Sutra Harbour marina to Layang Layang.

**Day 2.** (4 dives) 8am Navy clearance at Layang Layang then 4 dives at The Point, Shark Cave, Gorgonian Forest, Crack Reef.

**Day 3.** (3 dives) 2 morning dives at Dallas Reef then sail back to Layang Layang for a dusk dive and for overnight mooring.

**Day 4.** (4 dives) Morning dive at Dogtooth Lair, then sail to Mariveles Reef for 2 dives. Then back to Layang Layang for late afternoon or night dive.

**Day 5.** (3 dives) 3 different dives around Layang Layang. Wrasse Strip or The Point for more sharks, Snapper's ledge, Valley. 3pm - Sail overnight to Usukan wreck

**Day 6.** (3-4 dives) World War 2 wreck dive Usukan Wreck. 3-4 wreck dives and return to harbour by ~8pm. Dinner is served onboard. Some people may want to check KK nightlife.

**Day 7.** 8am - 10am - breakfast & farewells, then disembark the boat.

NB. \*\* We will make every effort to maximize the chances of seeing the Hammerhead Sharks. The last days diving may be down to "popular opinion of our guests" on what the majority prefer.

NB. All divers **MUST** have travel & Diving insurance that cover trip cancellation or trip disruption

### **COSTING:**

**INR 1, 40,000/-**

*\*Rates based on current exchange rates, liable to change.*

#### **The above Cost includes:**

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis En – suite
- 18 dives including tanks and weights only
- Land transfer from hotel / airport from destination start (Kota Kinabalu) to boat
- All meals, (Western, Thai, Malay), snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, towel, toiletries, cabin services,
- Instructor surcharge

Please send in a scanned copy of your Passport (face page) to allow us to apply for your permit.

#### **The above does not include:**

- Flights
- Visa cost
- Alcohol and other purchases on the island
- Additional dives and special dives such as night dives
- Any items not mentioned in ' the above includes '
- Travel and diving insurance
- Taxes - Indian
- **Marine Park fee RM\$ 400 per person** for entry to the Borneo Banks(to be paid onboard in RM\$)

### **Additional costs**

- Dive insurance(Mandatory) available at [www.danasiapacific.org](http://www.danasiapacific.org) (Orca Dive Club code - DS-0234)
- Fuel Surcharge, may apply without prior notice @ USD 100 – 150 per guest (At this moment, however there is no fuel surcharge)
- Massage services (US\$25 /per hour),
- Beer (US\$4),
- Soft drinks (US\$2),
- Nespresso coffee (US\$2),
- Nitrox refill (US\$12 per refill), 15L tank rental (US\$12/ day
- Rental equipment, per item per day;

BCD US\$10, Regs US\$10,  
Wetsuit US\$8, fins US\$5,  
Mask snorkel US\$5,  
Dive computer U\$12, torch US\$12,  
Large tank US\$12,  
Nitrox 10+ package; if more than 10 dive on Nitrox ALL fills are US\$10/ fill for trip (normal US\$12/ fill).

### **Flight details:**

**Getting There:** - 8th April 2013 Singapore Air SQ 425 Dep: 22:20, Mumbai Airport (BOM)

Arr: 06:15, Changi, Singapore (SIN) – 9th April 2013

Singapore Air SQ 5092 Dep: 8:50, Changi, Singapore (SIN)

Arr: 11:20, Kota Kinabalu (BKI)  
Operated by Silk Air

**Coming Back:** – 15th April 2013

Singapore Air SQ 5091 – Dep: 12:00, Kota Kinabalu, (BKI)  
Arr: 14:10, Changi, Singapore (SIN)  
Operated by: Silk Air (S)

Singapore Air SQ 426 – Dep: 18:00, Changi, Singapore (SIN)  
Arr: 21:05 Mumbai Airport (BOM)

### **How to get to Sutera Harbour Marina?**

The taxi ride is 10 minutes from the Airport to Marina.