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ABOUT KOH TAO

KOH TAO IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE TOP DIVER EDUCATION CENTRES IN THE WORLD! Today, Koh Tao is one of Thailand's major dive destinations. While remaining an absolute paradise, Koh Tao has expanded to cater for all types of tastes and budgets. Although scuba diving remains the primary focus of most local businesses you will find Koh Tao offers far more than just diving, a whole range of activities to keep even the most avid non-diver enjoying soaking up the atmosphere of Koh Tao.

It is your dream of a beautiful tropical setting focused on diving. Unlike competing dive internship destinations, Koh Tao is a vibrant and successful dive destination with ample opportunity to build the experience that will make you a great dive professional. This gives you genuine employment opportunities and the chance of a fantastic lifestyle.

A small island, a little more than 21 square km, located about 70km east of the coastline between Suratthani and Chumpon in the Gulf of Thailand

Initially, there was only the occasional fisherman from neighbouring islands seeking shelter from a storm. On June 18, 1899, His Majesty the King Chulalongkorn visited Koh Tao marking a huge boulder at Jor Por Ror Bay. This site is revered and respected, and marks the island as having been claimed under royal patronage. From 1933 until being abandoned in 1947 the island was used as a political prison. Later, the first pioneers began to arrive from neighbouring Koh Phangan, and began a very simple, tough life, harvesting coconuts, fishing and growing vegetables.

Koh Tao Thailand completes more than half of all the dive certifications in Thailand. This really does make a great destination to begin your career as a dive professional with your Koh Tao diving internship

The first travellers began to arrive in the early eighties and the island quickly became widely known as a paradise. Faster and larger boats began servicing the island and the island's reputation for natural beauty, marine life and coral reefs grew. Koh Tao is one of the must do stops on the South East Asia route. The clear, tranquil waters offer an ideal location for learning to dive. You'll also find that, although Koh Tao and Dive Careers are focused on diving, there are many other interests from rock climbing to water-skiing to make your Koh Tao experience unforgettable.

DIVING ON KOH TAO

SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER AND MARCH TO APRIL YOU CAN SEE WHALESHARKS AROUND CHUMPORN AND SOUTH WEST PINNACLES - AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE! Koh Tao is blessed with an all-year-round scuba diving season.

Koh Tao has wonderful conditions for conducting scuba reviews in the calm shallow, coral filled bays of Aow Leuk and Mango Bay for entry level skills, to the excitement of deeper off shore pinnacles of Chumporn Pinnacle, Sail Rock and South West, surrounded by schools of jacks, batfish and barracuda. This is surely part of the reason for such success as a dive education destination and is also why it is a great choice for your Koh Tao Divemaster Internship.

It is simply one of the best places in the world to make a career as a dive professional.

Koh Tao also has some great artificial reef projects with really successful structures in Tanote Bay and more ongoing projects. Excellent destinations for your Photography and Naturalist Specialties. Plus there is also the navy sunk wreck, the Sattakut. A great dive and perfect for the wreck specialty training.

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OUR IDC CENTRE

OUR PADI 5 STAR IDC PARTNER ON KOH TAO, THAILAND - BUDDHA VIEW CDC DIVE RESORT - Your Koh Tao diving internship is conducted with one of the most successful dive resorts in the world, Buddha View 5 Star Koh Tao IDC Centre.

Dive-Careers was established to focus on professional level diver education. Mark Soworka realised that those seriously looking at making a career from the dive industry, require a different approach than holiday makers.

Dive-Careers caters to the needs of those who wish to be successful Divemasters and Dive Instructors. With that in mind, Dive-Careers' internships includes much more than the average dive master or instructor course, offering extra programmes and certifications to create competent and employable dive professionals.

BUDDHA VIEW IDC CLASSROOM

Buddha View Koh Tao IDC Centre is amongst the best professional diver education facilities in the world. Dive-Careers Koh Tao diving internship trainees have the advantage of learning in a centre designed for dive professional education. This ensures a relaxed, organized atmosphere. We have spacious classrooms equipped with LCD projector, computer based learning, library of diving reference materials and your individual workspace. It's a comfortable learning environment. There are additional classrooms, allowing us to split into smaller groups for your presentations, plus a lounge room, smoking area, garden, toilets and kitchen. All rooms are air-conditioned. Excellent facilities for your internship help us maintain extremely successful dive professional programmes conducted in a relaxed and enjoyable environment.

All candidates have a personal locker and equipment storage area. The facility is open for your convenience for use during study time as well as classroom lectures. The facility is conveniently situated across the road from long term accommodation. Confined water sessions are conducted in Buddha View's swimming pool. Open water sessions are accessed by one of Buddha View's custom built boats. Water sessions are reached easily and conducted smoothly and efficiently, allowing you more time in the water where the learning takes place.

OUR DIVING RESORT

BUDDHA VIEW DIVING RESORT, KOH TAO, THAILAND PADI 5 STAR CDC - Buddha View Dive Resort is on Chalok Baan Kao, the south side of Koh Tao. Great views and a relaxed beach ensure an enjoyable atmosphere.

You can get athletic with a little bit of beach volleyball, or unwind in the chilled bar and excellent BBQ on the beach each evening. Buddha View is one of the most successful dive centres around. This ensures that during your internship you will get the chance to be part of a vibrant and creative dive business. This is where you will pick up the experience and skills during your Koh Tao diving internship that will put you ahead of other dive professionals.

Plus you have access to all of the Buddha View facilities that have helped make it such a successful business and brings divers back year after year, growing through word of mouth and a great reputation.

The Buddha View BBQ...

The original Beach BBQ on Koh Tao offers a great selection of Thai and European food. Great value and great taste. Nightly you can choose from the array of seafood, steaks and special dishes.

Buddha On The Beach Bar...

After a "heavy" days diving there's no better place to hang out than at "Buddha on the Beach". The beach front location makes it Chalok's most popular bar and it's a cool place to hang out with the real island-style chilled out vibe. Join our students, Divemasters and Instructors for an unforgettable night and enjoy frequent live music and an eclectic mix of indie, funk and alternative. "Buddha on the Beach" will definitely bring you many nights to remember!

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ACCOMMODATION

Koh Tao offers a great choice of accommodation and we will help you find the accommodation that suits you best for your stay on Koh Tao. Accommodation prices range from 130\$ per month bamboo huts through to luxury villas at around 2000\$ per month.

Our aim is to find the accommodation that fits your budget and needs. Just email me on mark@dive-careers.com with an idea of what you are after and I will help with suggestions.

Some of the more special accommodation will require booking ahead, but for most accommodation, there is ample choice to find when you arrive on Koh Tao.

Often I suggest to take a room on the beach at the dive resort for a few days and we will show you around and find the accommodation that suits you best.

Budget accommodation on Koh Tao is normally simply a fan and cold shower with a bed. Mid range accommodation on Koh Tao may have TV, Fridge and even a kitchen in some places. Luxury accommodation on Koh Tao can have whatever you want.

When making a choice about the accommodation that suits you best note that air conditioning often increases the price dramatically as electricity is locally supplied and not from the mainland. Kitchens can be very useful, but meals in restaurants are available for as little as 2\$. Hot showers can be great in the rains, but normally temperature is around 30 Celsius, so not always necessary nor desired.

GETTING TO KOH TAO

The quickest way to get to Koh Tao for your diving internship is to fly directly to Koh Samui with Bangkok Airways then transfer to the Lomprayah high speed catamaran. Nok Air and Air Asia also fly to Suratthani with connecting Lomprayah catamaran service. Chumphon port is also serviced by flights from Solar Air and Lomprayah catamarans.

Traveling via Phuket, it is best to take the bus to Suratthani. From Bangkok the Lomprayah buses leave twice daily, 6am and 9pm, to Chumphon where they connect with the catamaran. You can book directly on www.lomprayah.com

Contact Dave in our Bangkok office info@justdiveit.com and he will organise your travel to Koh Tao. Dave talks a lot and is full of loads of great advice. He will also be happy to help you out with sightseeing and accommodation in Bangkok. From plane tickets to visa runs, Dave is a fountain of knowledge and can also recommend the best places to grab a bite to eat and have a beer in Bangkok, just what's required after a long haul flight.

Our Bangkok office is located just inside the lobby area of "Sakul House Hotel" on Soi Rambuttri (which runs parallel to Khaosan Road) and we have a sign above the office which reads 'BUDDHA VIEW DIVE RESORT KOH TAO'

Our Office address is: BUDDHA VIEW BANGKOK, SAKUL HOUSE HOTEL, SOI RAMBUTTRI, NEAR KHAOSAN ROAD, BANGKOK

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Dave will be waiting to meet you, to greet you and send you on your way to paradise. You can check out his own website by clicking this link www.justdiveit.com or email him at info@justdiveit.com
VISAS FOR THAILAND...

Many countries are granted a 30 day tourist visa on arrival free of charge. If staying longer, it is best to apply at your local Thai consulate for a tourist visa. The tourist visa allows 60 days on entry and can be extended an additional 30 days in country. For longer stays, multiple entry visas are granted. As part of your Koh Tao diving internship package, we will send you a letter of invitation and proof of accommodation to help with your visa application.