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## Destination

## Mataking with Timba-Timba Islands Hopping

### Overview

Off the coast of Semporna are world-renowned island paradises. Sunseekers can enjoy this island hopping day tour in Tun Sakaran Marine Park, snorkeling and diving in the clear sea and treading on the white sand along with stunning seascape. You can also dive to send a postcard from Malaysia's first underwater post office. Both Timba Timba island and Mataking island are top choices for snorkeling and diving.

### About The Location

- **Timba Timba Island** is covered with soft, pure white sand. Apart from being known for its wonderful beach, it is also a great place to look for rarer macro marine life that includes cuttlefish, frog fish, crab and occasionally nurse sharks. While turtles can be seen in numbers, other frequent sightings include blue ribbon eels, moray eels, lobster and barracudas.
- **Mataking Island** is home to the first 'Underwater Post Office' in Malaysia, also known as the 'Shipwreck Post', and is connected to Pulau Mataking Kecil (Small Mataking Island) via a narrow sand bank. House reefs surround the whole island where you can easily snorkel or dive. During the months of May to August, you may be lucky enough to spot Hawksbill and green turtles laying their eggs on the beach.

**Region:** Tawau / Semporna

**Duration:** 9 Hours

**Minimum:** 2 Pax

**Availability:** Everyday

**Pick up point:** Semporna Jetty

**Pick up time:** 08:00 Hrs – 08:30 Hrs

**Drop off point:** Semporna Jetty

**Drop off time:** 17:00 Hrs – 17:30 Hrs

**Price**

- Snorkeler (Non-Diver) – Adult/Child : RM230
- Leisure Diver (Certified Diver) – Adult/Child : RM490

### Private Tour Service

- Request for Private Tour at a reasonable fee (private guide).

### Tour Highlights

- Snorkel in Crystal clear waters of Tun Sakaran Marine Park, Semporna
- Dive to explore “Underwater Post Office” at Matakina Island
- Sandy beach of Timba Timba Island
- Snorkeling / Diving Equipment included

## Itinerary:

### Semporna / Timba Timba Island / Matakina Island / Semporna

- Meet up at **Semporna Jetty**.
- Hop on a speedboat and proceed to the first island, **Timba Timba Island**.
- Gear up and attend to a short safety briefing before snorkeling or diving. Enjoy your first snorkeling or diving session.
- Proceed to next island, Matakina Island.
- **Matakina Island** is considered one of the best islands around Semporna for snorkeling and diving! For snorkelers, gear up for your second snorkeling session to enjoy the reefs. For divers, get your mail ready, put them in a sealed waterproof vacuum bag, and post it from Malaysia’s first underwater Post Office to surprise your friends & families.
- After two sessions of snorkeling or diving, enjoy a simple packed **lunch**.
- After lunch, head back to **Semporna Jetty**.

## Thing To Bring:

### Tour Includes:

- Towel
- Complimentary use of glass boat
- Return boat transfer
- Jetty fees
- Conservation fees
- Meals (Lunch, snacks with coffee and bread)

### (For snorkelers & Non-Divers)

- Snorkeling equipment (Masks, Fins, Snorkel)
- Boat snorkeling session
- Snorkeling guide

### (For Divers)

- Diver Equipment (weights, weight belts, BCD, regulator, mask, fins, snorkel, wetsuit, tank)
- Boat dives
- Divemaster

## **Tour Excludes:**

- Alcoholic drinks
- Personal travel insurance
- Any items not mentioned

## **Noted:**

- Rate per person is based on join-in tour basis.
- All rate displayed are quoted in Ringgit Malaysia
- All rates are inclusive of 0% Goods and Services Tax
- This package is based on join-in basis of shared guide and transport vehicle.
- Child 11 years old and above subjected to Adult rate.
- Child rate applies for children between 3 – 10 years old.
- Infant below 3 years old is FOC.

## **Recommended Attire**

- Bathing suit
- Quick Dry T-shirt
- Shorts
- Sun hat/Cap
- Sunglasses
- Sandals/Flip Flops

## **Things you should bring**

- Insect repellent
- Towel
- Suitable outfit for snorkeling / diving
- Sunblock lotion
- Extra change of clothing
- Personal toiletries

## **Things you should know**

- Boat journey to the island(s) may not be suitable for individuals who have any of the following conditions but not limited to: heart or lung conditions, recent surgery, back or spinal surgery, back problems/injury/fracture, arthritis, osteoporosis or other similar spinal/pelvic diseases.

- Pregnant women are also not recommended as the boat ride may be bumpy depending on the sea condition. If you are having similar issues as above, kindly consult your physician before you enrol in this activity.
- Please do not bring valuables as there are no lockers on the islands.
- Be a Responsible Snorkeler / Diver:
  - If we deem your diving / snorkeling skills or attitude may bring harm to marine life or other guests, the crew has the right to stop you from participating in the activity.
  - It is strictly prohibited to remove, pick up, step on, or destroy any marine life during the trip.
  - Do not snorkel or dive separately from the group and follow the crew's instructions. Failure to do so will result in the crew stopping you from participating in the activity and no refunds will be made.

## Important Notes

- You will be responsible for obtaining your own visas to enter Sabah.
- Flights to and from Semporna will be at your own arrangement. Contact our Tour Consultants if you need assistance.
- You are strongly recommended to have your own personal travel insurance while traveling, to ensure a peace of mind.
- Your safety is our top priority. Should the weather or sea conditions render it unsafe to proceed with this tour, Dizcovery Asia reserves the right to change or cancel the tour.
- If an accident(s) were to occur during the trip, all customers must return to the dive centre together. No refunds or change of date will be made.
- Departure time is approximate and varies from different hotels so please do reconfirm with our staffs. Please call the relevant telephone number as stated on the voucher before making alternative arrangements.
- Dizcovery Asia reserves the right to alter routes, timetables, itineraries and accommodation reserved should conditions beyond our control render it necessary.
- Dizcovery Asia will not be held responsible, or in any way liable, for property losses, personal losses, accidents, injury, or death for any reason whatsoever, whether through any activities booked through us, or caused to you by third parties.
- Tipping is like giving a hug. Although it's never expected, it's always very much appreciated.

## Useful Travel Tips

- Your belongings may get wet. You can bring along waterproof bags such as dry bags or plastic bags to keep your belongings nice and dry.
- Before going out for some fun in the sun, you may bring along some environmental-friendly SPF50 sunscreen and an umbrella to shield you from the sun.

