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Similan is really the Malaysian word for nine, as there are nine islands in the Similan group: Kohh Bangu, Koh Similan, Hin Huwagralok, Koh Payu, Koh Ha, Kohh Hok, Kohh Miang, Kohh Payan, Kohh Payang, and Kohh Huyong.

Shark Ridge Rocks are pinnacle rocks near Kohh Payan or Kohh Sam (Three). Here, several species of sharks like Silvertip, Leopard Shark, and Reef White tip can be found.

Fantasy Rocks are another scuba-diving site consisting of several large rocks totally covered with soft corals, sea fans, and many species of fish. They are located to the west of Kohh Similan or Kohh Paed (Eight), and are one of the more popular diving sites. The beach here is white like powder. Snorkeling is possible from here. To the right is found the towering 'Sailing Rock', a symbol of Kohh Similan which can be climbed in order to take in a panoramic view of the bay.

Christmas Point Rocks are another scuba diving site, a complex of rocks full of soft corals and sea fans found to the northwest of Kohh Ba-ngu or Kohh Kao (Nine).

Kohh Bon is located between the Similan Islands and Kohh Tachai. There is no beach and the underwater scenery here is not as beautiful as elsewhere, but scuba divers may often find Manta Rays.

Kohh Tachai is located at the northernmost tip of the park. There is a beautiful white beach on the island but no accommodation. The water is suitable for scuba diving, and Whale Shark is often found here.

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