

**A voyage to Pulau Aur in the Schooner *FOUR FRIENDS*:**

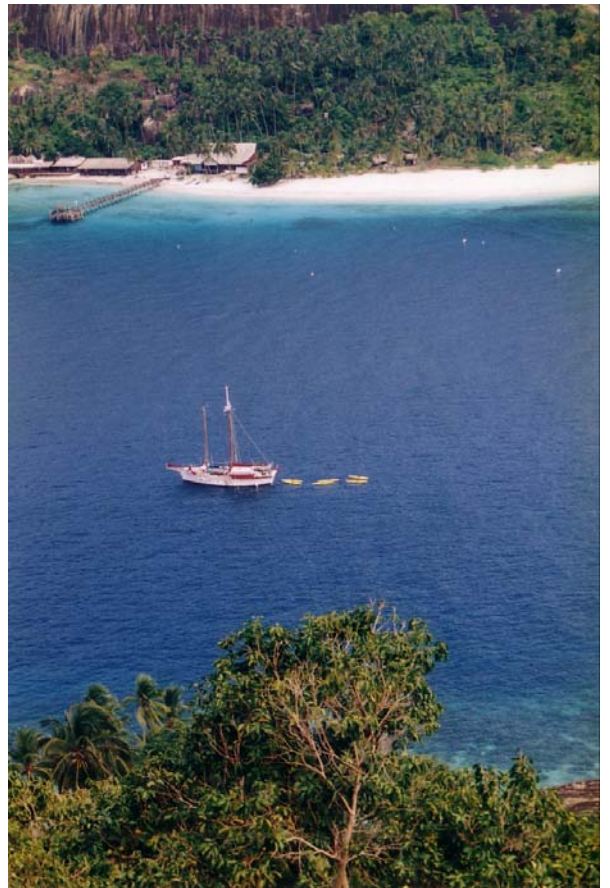


Four Friends sails in the evening, across the open ocean, about fourteen hours to Pulau Aur...an ideal destination for a 3 day weekend, or even for a rushed normal weekend, departing on Friday afternoon.

She arrives in the morning light; at right P.Dayang, left of centre is P. Pemanggil, in the background, faintly, is Tioman.



She anchors in the channel between Aur & Dayang



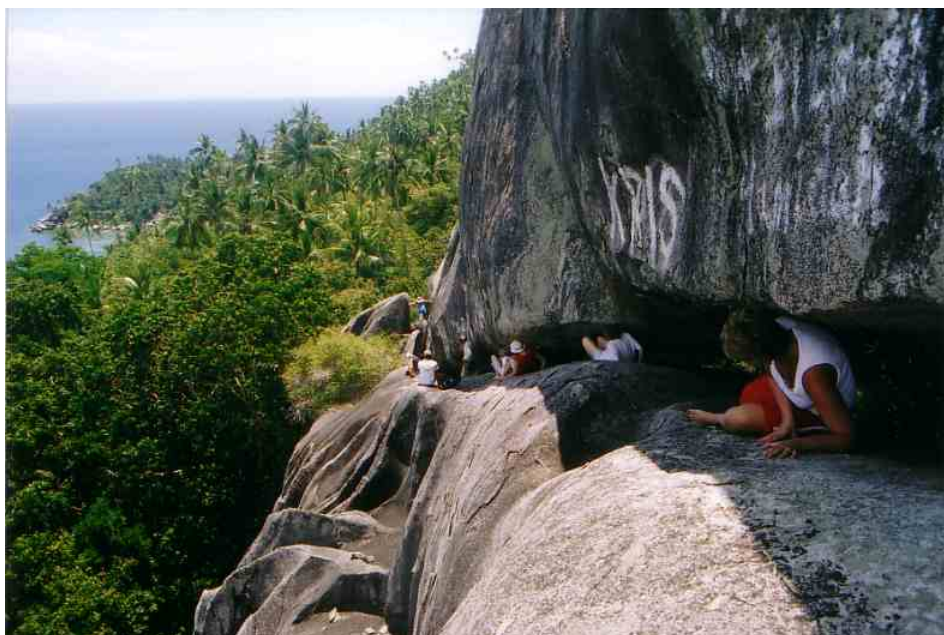
...we land on Dayang in kayaks and Launch

**Climbing Batu Berhala,**  
at Pulau Aur, in the South  
China Sea:

FOUR FRIENDS at Pulau Aur.  
Batu Berhala on sky-line, its  
North Face characteristically  
free of snow in June Note the  
traverse (or crack) sloping up  
from left to right.



Kids wriggle up the crack with  
groans and giggles. This is a  
perfect climb for 10 yr. olds or  
fit 60 yr. olds, and gives them a  
fabulous 360 view from the  
shoulder:

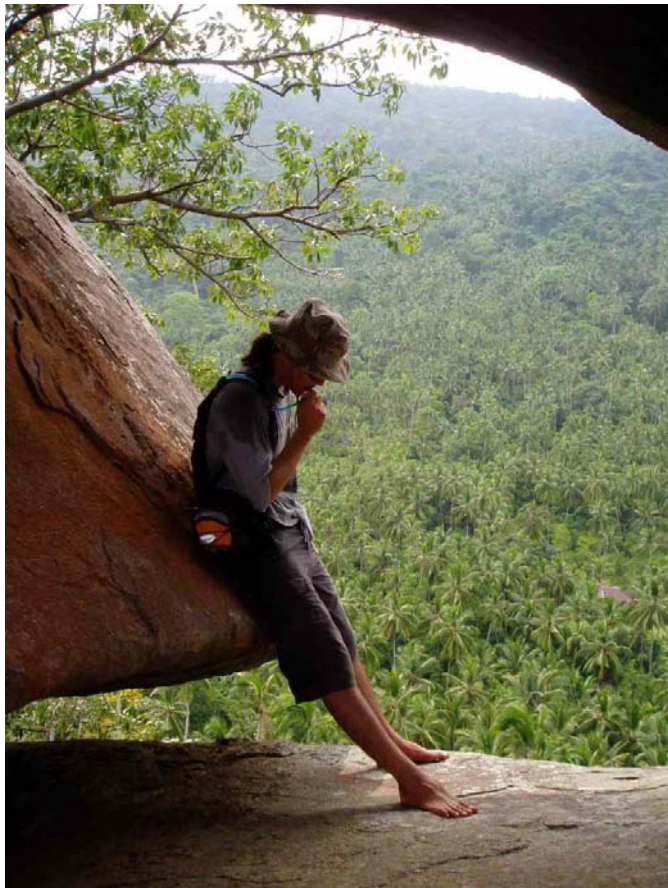


Below: looking North, Pulau  
Dayang. The climb to the scarp  
left of centre is equally  
rewarding. Our tiny floating  
home is at anchor in mid  
channel.





View looking NW, over Kampung Batu Berhala, Pulau Lang in mid-distance, Pulau Tinggi on horizon. The Malaysian mainland was visible to the naked eye behind. The eagles start riding thermals up the North Face from below here, and get a fright when they come eyeball to eyeball with us above them.



View South through the gap on Batu Berhala. Philip is looking vertically down on the houses, palms, fruit trees, hornbills, and jungle inland.

## Abseiling on Batu Berhala:

Novices start on the Nursery Slope of 10 degrees, while others kayak and snorkel. In the background, our Schooner at anchor:



Left: With sufficient experience, two climbers go over the edge. FOUR FRIENDS at anchor in the channel below...

Or, below, with a lot of experience, swing free down an overhanging vertical wall: (Philip, aged 10). This in Thailand, actually.



Then the ascent to the East Col, free of treacherous ice in June:



Down the slope and into the trees.

