



## **APO REEF - CORON 7D6N (14 dives)**

As of 18 Nov 2019

**Travel Period: January - March**

**Day 1 - Departure from Bauan Port, Batangas. Embarkation time is between 1-3pm**

Boat Briefing – Dinner

**Day 2 - Apo Reef (3 dives)**

**Non-divers:** After Breakfast we will leave the ship for a full day on "Apo mayor- the biggest island in the park. The island is surrounded by a white sand beach, clear blue waters and very rich reefs of both hard and soft coral. There is an inland lagoon to visit as well as a lighthouse to climb. Some of the best snorkeling can be found here. For lunch we have a beautiful area with picnic tables shaded by leafy trees.

**Divers:** Apo Reef is regarded as one of the world's best diving locations. We will make a total of 3 dives today. You can look forward to some spectacular dives with visibility of up to 40 m or better. The reef begins at five meters depth, descending to approximately 40 m. The first dive will be a check out dive where you will be asked to demonstrate the 3 basic skills, mask clearing, regulator recovery and buoyancy control.

**Day 3 - Barracuda Lake – Twin Peaks - Siete Pecados (7 Islands) - Maquinit Hot Spring- Kayangan Lake (3 dives)**

**Non-divers** will visit award winning Kayangan Lake after breakfast . Snorkel along the edges of the lake to see what the pinnacles look like underwater. Some guests have compared it to the home of Superman.

We return to the ship for lunch and then we will have a snorkeling expedition at Siete Pecados and a visit to Maquinit Hot Spring. Transfer to the ship for dinner.

**Divers** will do 1 dive in Barracuda Lake, 1 dive in Twin Peaks and 1 dive in Siete Pecados.

Barracuda Lake - a unique and highly unusual dive site. It is a deep, volcanic in-land lake where the water temperature increases with depth - roughly 1°C per metre. The water is clear, but aside from some small c fish in the shallower parts, the lake is devoid of aquatic life. Divers come to appreciate the underwater pinnacles. However, an ancient old barracuda reportedly lives in the lake, hence the name. The lake is accessible through a short climb over stairs placed over jagged rocks.

Twin Peaks is named after the two limestone formations that break the surface of the water. We descend along one of the rock walls adorned with large gorgonians. Turtles are frequently seen here. This dive is suitable for Advanced Open Water certified divers or higher.

Siete Pecados is home to a great variety of unusual tropical fish and a very rich coral environment. Scientists found 2 new coral species here within the last 5 years . This dive is suitable for Advanced Open Water certified divers or higher.

**Day 4 - Sangat & Culion Islands (3 dives)**

**Non-divers** will depart for snorkeling at Lusong Gunboat then transfer to Sangat island for some snorkeling and beach fun. During lunch, the ship transfer to Culion and there will be a Church and Museum Tour. Culion used to be the home of one of the largest Leper Colonies in the Philippines and the laboratory and hospital equipment are now on display as well as historical photographs of the colony.

**Divers** will be doing 2 wreck dives in the morning and 1 dive in Dynamite Point (reef dive) in the afternoon.



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#### **Day 5 - Calumbuyan & North Cay Islands (3 dives)**

**Non-divers:** Guided Snorkeling trips are on the menu today for both Calumbuyan & North Cay islands in addition to the usual beach activities. We will depart for North Cay while lunch is being served.

*This is the night for the Philippine Style Luau with a Roast Pig and other grilled seafood. Shoes NOT required for beach dancing....*

The Akitsushima is the one true warship of the Japanese Fleet that we will be visiting today. A Sea Plane tender, the crane lies in the sand not far from the hull, while an Anti Aircraft gun can be found right next to the deck lying on the sandy sea floor. Around the wreck is one of the few areas where divers can see Sea-whips in the shape of a harp.



The second dive of the day will be at the freighter "Okikawa Maru". It was hit by three torpedoes that all went through the same hole. The gigantic hole is now visible at 14 metres depth. Inside the ship, the two large engine boilers can be seen. The top side of the wreck is completely overgrown with corals, which attract plenty of crocodile fish.

The afternoon dive will be at one of North Cay beautiful reefs. Expect to find Coral bommies with colonies of giant sized grape corals.

#### **Day 6 - Club Paradise, Dimakya Island (2 dives)**

**Non-divers:** Snorkeling, kayaking and the other beach activities. Guests will have a chance to use the beaches and facilities of our sister property, Club Paradise. Those who are extending their holiday at this resort will be disembarked after lunch. The ship will lift anchor for Batangas by 2 pm.



We will be doing 2 morning dives, the first one shall be at Kyokozan Maru (Dimalanta Wreck). A 25 minute ride by chase boat, but divers will be rewarded with a beautiful WWII wreck that stands upright on a slope not far from Dimalanta Island. And finally the last dive of the trip will be at Club Paradise house reef. This is a chance to dive with its resident sea turtle and schooling jacks in the sea grass areas, as well as observe the myriad of macro critters such as frog fishes and nudibranchs on the reef itself.

#### **Day 7 - Disembark Bauan Port, Batangas approximately 11am - 12nn**

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## CEBU – MALAPASCUA - VISAYAS 7D6N (15 dives)

Travel Period: October – December

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**Day 01 – Embarkation in Cebu Yacht Club between 2 – 4pm.**

**Day 02 – Kalanggaman (3 dives)**

Our first stop is the beautiful **Kalanggaman**. The first dive will be a check out dive before exploring its rich walls and reefs. At low tide a beautiful sandbar exposes itself and selfies on a stick and drone shots are a must. Underwater, the prevalent feature are bountiful strands of black coral trees in different colors. White sandy reef tops are rich in both hard and soft corals and marine life are plentiful.

Non diving guests will be disembarked right after breakfast to have a chance explore the island and lie on the beach. Lunch will be served here, weather permitting.

Divers will have 1 more afternoon dive while non-divers can enjoy the beach till it is time to go back to the ship.

**Day 03 – Monad Shoal/ Malapascua/ Gato (3 dives)**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Stop will be **Monad Shoal** famous for its Thresher Sharks coming in for an early morning grooming session. Divers will be in the water while non-divers are still in dreamland.

After breakfast, non-diving guests will be disembarked at **Malapascua** to enjoy the beach as well as the resident community and various shops. Divers will have another go at Monad Shoal at the Manta Cleaning station. Lunch will be served on board as the ship moves to **Gato Island**.

A 30 meter long tunnel cuts through the small island at a depth of only 12 meters. You will definitely need a torch to light up your way and watch the walls come alive with different crustaceans, sponges and colorful Tubastrea. Outside, you can find bommies covered in pastel shades of yellow and orange soft corals. Various species of nudibranchs including the famous Spanish dancer can be found here.

**Day 04 – Pescador Island & Moal Boal (3 dives)**

Pescador is a small, oval shaped island surrounded by fringing reefs and a drop off.

Between 4 to 10 meters, expect to see a sloping reef filled with both hard and soft corals and the requisite reef fishes. But it is the drop off and the sponge covered walls that extend down to about 55 meters that pique the diver's interest with lots of cracks and crevices to explore, and overhangs to swim through. Seafans and colorful soft corals adorn the walls where sponges with camouflaged frogfish lie in ambush.

After breakfast, non-divers will be brought to snorkel around the shallow coral gardens around Pescador. Lunch will be served on board and the ship will move closer to the mainland near the town of Moal Boal where both divers and non-divers can fin or free dive through the Philippine version of a sardine run.

**Day 05 – Oslob & Sumilon (3 dives)**

This once sleepy and poor town of **Oslob** quickly gained its claim to fame from the presence of the whale sharks. Once hunted for their meat, the citizens of this area have realized that sustainable income coming from whale shark tourism can sustain their families year round as divers and snorkelers arrive to snorkel/dive with the biggest fish in the Sea. These majestic, gentle creatures have provided the residents a dependable income as guides, boat men and other work. In the afternoon, we transfer to **Sumilon island** where guests can snorkel and dive the shallow and beautiful reefs around Sumilon.

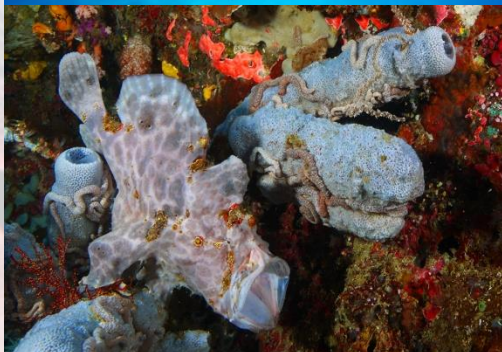
**Day 06 – Cabilao Island (3 dives)**

Remains as one of the roads less travelled as far as diving goes. As a result, the corals seem to be more prolific and healthier here than the other popular dive sites in the Visayas. Sea fans, Elephant ear corals, deliciously colored soft corals await the lucky divers. Seafans contain pygmy seahorses, while sea moths can be found crawling on the sandy bottom.

**Day 07 – Disembarkation in Cebu Yacht Club between 8 – 10am.**

The above schedule is for a 7days/6nights trip with the 1<sup>st</sup> and last day as embarkation & disembarkation days. To extend it to 10 day trip, we can add Apo Island and Anda.

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## **TUBBATAHA 7D6N (19 dives)**

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**Travel Period: March – June**

**Day 01** – Embarkation in Puerto Princesa Port between 2 – 4pm

**Day 02** – 4 dives in TRNP (Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park) (no night dive)  
South of North Atoll (Ranger Station, Amos Rock, Wall Street)

**Day 03** – 4 dives in TRNP - South of South Atoll (no night dive)  
(Delsan Wreck, Southwest wall, Triggerfish City)

**Day 04** – 4 dives in TRNP - North of South Atoll (no night dive)  
(Black Rock, T Wreck, Ko-ok)

**Day 05** – 4 dives in TRNP - North of North Atoll (no night dive)  
(Shark Airport, Seafan Alley, Washing Machine)

**Day 06** – 3 dives (no night dive) in TRNP  
(Malayan Wreck of North Atoll and Jessie Beazley)

**Day 07** – Disembarkation in Puerto Princesa Port after breakfast, 8am onwards

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