

SOUTHERN VISAYAS 10 NIGHTS PHILIPPINES

The following is a sample itinerary of where you might dive during your holiday with us. We wish to show you the very best diving but a number of factors can determine where we visit. Weather, tides, how busy a site is with other dive vessels all play a part in the Cruise Director's decision of which route the yacht takes. The safety of all on board is paramount and we always do our best in offering diving at alternate locations. The Cruise Director is happy to listen to requests from guests to visit or remain at certain sites and providing it is possible and the schedule allows, then guest's requests are respected.

Southern Visayas- 10 Nights- Cebu to Cebu Up to 31 Dives including up to 5 night dives

- **Day 1-** Arrive Mactan

Meet members of the Worldwide Dive and Sail crew at the Cebu Yacht Club, where our office is situated, at 1p.m. Board the SY Philippine Siren around 2 p.m. After boarding settle into your cabin and assemble your equipment with help from our friendly crew. The boat briefing is followed by dinner and enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure.

Depart for Cabilao

- **Day 2-** Cabilao Island

Dive 1- Cambiquiz: a fantastic spot with a gentle sloping reef and sandy bottom to 20m, great for macro sightings of ghost pipe fish and frogfish

Dive 2- Paradise Wall: gentle drift along a fantastic coral reef with schooling fish and plenty of macro life in the shallow water.

Dive 3- Lighthouse / Talisay Tree: Sloping walls full of sponges and gorgonian fans. This is a great place to look for pygmy seahorses and to dive with large green turtles.

Dive 4- Optional dive at Panganan Island

- **Day 3-** Cabilao Island and Balicasag

Up to 4 dives around Balicasag and Cabilao, South Point offers you the opportunity to look for white tip reef sharks that hang out in the caverns within the steep coral wall. Black Forest offers turtles and schools of barracudas. Sanctuary is another steep coral wall covered in soft corals and gorgonian fans. A great place to find frogfish and as you end the dive you'll be surrounded by masses of schooling jacks in the shallows. End the days diving at Rico's Wall.

- **Day 4-** Balicasag and Siquijor

We start the day with a memorable dive at the Cathedral, a large cavern that can be found at 40m on the steep coral wall. We dive another wall with some beautiful sponges. Ribbon eels and cuttlefish can be found in the shallow areas toward the end of the dive. We end the day with a

dive at Coco Grove. Critters come out as the day ends and sea snakes and bobtail squid are regular sightings. Expect 3 great dives this day.

- **Day 5-** Siquijor and Apo Island

Dive 1- Lighthouse is a gentle sloping wall with plenty of hard and soft corals.

Dive 2- Apo Island: Rock Point East is a favourite for turtles.

Dive 3- Boluarte is a hot spot for nudibranchs and you can also see bubbles underwater coming from the active volcano.

Dive 4- Chapel offers up the opportunity to observe mandarin fish mating.

- **Day 6-** Apo Island

Start the day with a drift dive on Mamsa Point where you'll hang out with schooling jacks. Do the next three dives at a site called Dauin which is a muck diving spot, perfect for macro spotting. Ghost pipe fish, frogfish, nudibranchs and many more can be found.

- **Day 7-** Apo Island

Do another 3 dives at around Apo Island, including Coconut Point and Kantipanan and a night dive at The Chapel.

- **Day 8-** Cebu and Sumillon Island

Weather dependant we will dive the Wall of Death on the southern point of Cebu. It is one of several dives in this area along a steep wall combined with dives in shallower water. Currents can be very strong and the diving here is for experienced divers. Hard and soft corals, sponges, many nudibranchs and frogfish can be found. Mantas and whale sharks have been spotted between March and June. Sumillon Island is a marine sanctuary with hard corals, sand slopes, many coral fish, small caverns and sometimes sharks.

- **Day 9-** Panglao Island and Cabilao

Arco point has a sloping reef with a chimney through a reef wall. Bumphead parrotfish may be sighted. We then cruise north and dive twice off Cabilao. Pygmy seahorses, ghost pipe fish, frogfish, turtles and more are often sighted here.

- **Day 10-** Olango and Mactan Island

Talima reef wall has soft and whip corals with schooling barracuda, unicorn fish and snappers. Do one final dive, the number of dives is dependant on your onward flight arrangements. In the evening enjoy a BBQ on the boat and start planning your next adventure aboard the Siren Fleet.

- **Day 11-** Disembark in Mactan

After breakfast say your farewells and disembark the SY Philippine Siren. Depart around 10 a.m.