

TUBBATAHA AND MORE 13 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.

Tubbataha and More-13 nights- Cebu to Puerto Princesa Up to 41 Dives including up to 8 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 1 p.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.

- **Day 2-** Cebu and Cabilao Island

Enjoy up to 4 dives; critter diving around Cebu and then moving onto Cabilao, home to some of the best diving in the Philippines.

- **Day 3-** Panglao and Balicasag

Spend the whole day here, and up to 4 dives, as it offers a variety of diving.

- **Day 4-** South Cebu, Siquijor Island

Do another great day diving where you will enjoy 3 day dives and a night dive.

- **Day 5-** Dumaguete

We spend the day diving, up to 4 dives with some smaller critters. There are possible sightings of frogfish, ornate ghost pipefish, mandarin fish and many more. Depart for Apo Island

- **Day 6 & 7-** Apo Island

We do six dives around Apo Island, considered by many to be the most successful marine sanctuary in the Philippines. Coral growth has benefited greatly and the vast number of fish species is outstanding. Jacks, barracuda, sweetlips, bumphead parrotfish and lots of turtles can be seen. There is a clownfish city with hundreds of tomato anemone fish living together. After two dives on day 7 depart for Tubbataha Reef.

- **Day 8-** Travel to Tubbataha Reef

Travel to Tubbataha and if you are lucky dolphins could be seen swimming at the bow of the boat.

- **Day 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13-** Tubbataha Reef

Up to 19 dives at Tubbataha Reef, the sites consist of vertical walls or near drop offs rising out of great depths. The shallow reef tops are teeming with local reef fish; in many places stingrays, spiny lobsters, immature manta rays, turtles, leopard sharks and guitar sharks are common. The angelfish, butterfly fish, rainbow runners, moorish idols, fusiliers, jacks, snappers and sweetlips follow you around. Large trevally, tuna and barracuda as well as grey reef sharks and white tip reef sharks patrol the reef. Giant manta rays and eagle rays fly overhead and turtles and groupers large and small including Napoleon wrasse pass by. This really is an amazing dive site and rated by those who have been fortunate to dive it as one of the world's best. After the third dive on day thirteen we head off for a long journey to Puerto Princesa. The number of dives you do is dependent 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 14-** Disembark Puerto Princesa

After breakfast say your farewells and disembark the SY Philippine Siren. Depart at 10:00 a.m.