

PLANET SCUBA ADVENTURE TO THE PHILIPPINES: March 15-25, 2021

We are planning a very special trip to the Philippines for 2021. It is a trip custom designed by Planet Scuba to take advantage of a distant reef and a few great wrecks. I have wanted to dive Tubbataha, which is a protected marine park and a UNESCO site, for quite a while and have had a desire to do a few days exploring the wrecks of the Coron area.

Tubbataha can only be dived during the late spring & early summer. It is a distant reef and not visited by many ships and divers. I have chosen the last trip of the season so that we can have the boat for a few extra nights and reposition it in the Coron area. In September of 1944, the U.S. surprised the Japanese fleet while anchored in Coron, sinking 12 war ships. Although many of the ships are in muddy waters, we have chosen specific wrecks further on the reef for their better visibility and marine life (for you non-wreck enthusiasts).

Our itinerary is not set in steel yet, but a preview is below. We will have the opportunity to customize which wrecks we would like to do but the ship's owner has suggested these. Additionally, if you are not into diving wrecks we will provide transfers to the outer reefs as well. I have also included a link to the ship: this is the only trip we have ever offered where pricing is by location and size. We are offering this trip by invitation only. We would love to have you join us on a great adventure!

Let me know if you are interested and I can forward additional details. We are planning a full boat charter of 20 people.

<https://allstarliveboards.com/stella-maris-explorer-vessel/>

<http://www.tubbatahareef.org/home>

<https://divezone.net/divesite/akitsushima>

<https://divezone.net/divesite/irako-wreck>

<https://divezone.net/divesite/okikawa-maru>

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Approximate pricing, per person, with all port and park taxes

Cabin A1-A4 \$4,100.00

Cabin B1& B3 \$4300.00

Cabin B2 4,250.00

Cabin C1&C2 \$3,800.00

Cabin C3 \$4,200.00

Cabin C3 can accommodate a 3rd person at \$3000.00

10 nights Tubbataha Transition trip from Anilao to Puerto Princessa with Coron Wrecks

Day 1

Arrival in Anilao via van transfer from Manila. Check-in onboard

Briefing of Boat Manager/Dive Master

1800H Departure to Coron (ETD)

Accommodation and meals onboard Explorer

Day 2

Location: Sangat Reserve (Wreck Diving)

The Irako

PLUS SURROUNDING WRECKS AND REEFS

Day 3

Location: Sangat Reserve (Wreck Diving)

The Akitsushima

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Day 4

Location: Sangat Reserve (Wreck Diving)

The Okikawa Maru

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Day 5

Location: Apo Reef, Mindoro

Arrive Apo Reef at 0500H (ETA)

Dive site briefing, day diving only (2-3 dives)

Depart Apo reef, Mindoro for Tubbataha, Batangas at 1800H (ETD)

Day 6

Location: South Tubbataha

Whole day diving at South Tubbataha (4 dives)

Dive Sites: Lighthouse Islet

Day 7

Location: South Tubbataha

Arrive Lighthouse, South Tubbataha

Whole day diving at South Tubbataha (4 dives)

Dive Sites: Black Rock

Day 8

Location: North Tubbataha

Arrive at Bird Island, North Tubbataha

Whole day diving at North Tubbataha (4 dives)

Dive Sites: Bird Island, Ranger Station, South Rock

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Day 9

Location: Jessie Beazley

Whole day diving at North Tubbataha (4 dives)

Day 10

Location: Cuyo Island

Arrive Santa Filomena Shoal, Cuyo Island Group at 0700H (ETA)

Dive site briefing, day diving only (2-3 dives)

Depart Santa Filomena Shoal, Cuyo Island group for Puerto Princessa (ETD)

Day 11

Arrival in Anilao, Batangas\Breakfast onboard Disembark

Number of dives: Up 34 possible