



## 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**

*\*Discovery Fleet will make best efforts to follow the established itineraries but reserves the right to change it due to sea conditions, weather and safety considerations during the actual voyage.*



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