

CEBU – MALAPASCUA - VISAYAS 7D6N (15 dives)

Travel Period: October – December

As of 18 Nov 2019

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 2nd 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 1st and last day as embarkation & disembarkation days. To extend it to 10 day trip, we can add Apo Island and Anda.

**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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