



TUBBATAHA REEF & MALAPASCUA CHALLENGE 2008

Prosafari proudly present this new safari package Tubbataha reef & Malapascua challenge. This is an amazing adventure and we will be able to dive with many different kind sharks, turtles and manta rays. Tubbataha reef offer a great variety of fantastic soft and hard corals as well as challenging walls. The diving around Malapascua area offers some of the most unique divesites in the world. Here you can experience close encounters with hammerhead and the rare threshershark.

Malapascua

The first part of the journey will start in Cebu and take us to the fantastic Malapascua Island, which is located in an area with a lot of sharks and challenging exciting dive spots.

On the divesites of Gato Island, Kimod Shoal and Monad Shoal anything is possible and we have great opportunity to see whitetip reefshark, coral catshark, threshershark, great manta and devilray. The colourful soft corals in combination with the different rock formations among the caves and caverns make an excellent combination. We rarely miss out on sharks and sea snakes during these dives.

For the macro people we have the rare Mandarin fish and the tiny pigmy seahorses outside the main island of Malapascua. One of the most beautiful wrecks Doná Marilyn is located in the neighbouring area.

Tubbataha

After a weeks diving we will depart back to Cebu for a domestic flight to the second part of the safari. Here we will move on south to Puerto Princessa, and take the liveaboard out to the center of the Sulu Sea where the Tubbataha reef national park lies. It was declared a World Heritage site by the World Conservation Union in 1993. This has made this place one of the best dive areas in the world.

Sulu Sea is located in the Southeast Asian region known as the Coral Triangle, located in the center of this sea makes the effect of the human minimal which results in excellent visibility and big variation of sea life.

Tubbataha consists of two coral atolls separated by an 8 km wide channel. These tropical atolls, known as North and South Tubbataha, host an amazing variety of tropical reef fish, turtles, Manta and Eagle rays and several different shark species.

Data gathered from different research shows that the Sulu Sea has over 450 species of corals and it one of the world's 50 largest marine ecosystems. According to the marine biologists who visited and studied the area, it is the center for genetic richness and the diversity of sea grass with 16 known species. Also, found are the some 400 species of marine algae, 6 species of marine turtles and 222 species of marine mammals, most of which are already endangered.

This spectacular explosion of life and colours makes this adventure an experience for life.

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PROGRAM

- Day 1** Departure from Scandinavia.
- Day 2** Arriving Cebu city, Philippines. We will take a transport to a nice hotel where we can relax after the flight.
- Day 3** We checkout from the hotel and start our four hours drive with an aircon-van through the countryside of the Philippines. We will reach the town of Maya in the northern part of Cebu Island, where our safari-boat is waiting to bring us to the paradise island of Malapascua. We check in at Sunsplash resort and we plan to do one dive around Malapascua Island.
- Day 4** We plan to do four dives. One very early morningdive at Monad Shoal, where we look for the famous thresher shark, manta and devilray. After the morning dive, we will go back to Malapascua, where we will be served an american breakfast. After breakfast we do three dives. We spend the night at the resort.
- Day 5** We plan to do two dives this day and if the weather conditions are good we will do two fantastic wrecksdives. We spend the night at the resort.
- Day 6** We plan to do four dives. One very early morningdive at Monad Shoal, where we look for the famous thresher shark, manta and devilray. After breakfast we do three dives. We spend the night at the resort.
- Day 7** We plan to do two dives after breakfast. We spend the night at the resort.
- Day 8** We relax on the beautiful island of Malapascua before we takeoff for Cebu city where we will check in at the hotel. We spend the night at the hotel.
- Day 9** We do an early start on our travellingday towards Tubbataha reef. We start with aircon-van to Cebu domestic airport and then we take the flight to Puerto Princessa and our liveaboard. We reach Tubbataha during the night travelling.
- Day 10** Diving the whole day on the fabulous reefs of Tubbataha. Dive sites are depending on weather conditions.
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- Day 12** Diving the whole day on the fabulous reefs of Tubbataha. Dive sites are depending on weather conditions.
- Day 13** Diving the whole day on the fabulous reefs of Tubbataha. Dive sites are depending on weather conditions.
- Day 14** One dive on Tubbataha reef. After the dive we will start our departure for Puerto Princessa.
- Day 15** Arrive at Puerto Prinsesa transport to airport for a flight to Cebu and the safari ends.



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The package includes:

- All transfers to and from airports
- Domestic flights round trip Cebu- Puerto Princessa.
- Ferry to and from Malapascua
- Full board in Tubbataha (incl. breakfast, lunch and dinner, excl drinks) for the rest of the trip it's included only breakfast.
- Liveaboard and accommodation in resorts during the safari.
- Tanks, weights and air
- Dive guides
- Diving fees
- Transportations
- Approximately 30 dives, depending on the weather conditions.

Price: 1895€

Please note:

- Maximum divers are 16.
- A minimum of 10 diving guests are required for each safari to depart.
- Accommodation in double rooms during the safari. If you wish single occupancy you must inform Prosafari in advanced and you will be charged an extra fee for this.
- The program can be changed with short notice due to different reasons, such as weather conditions, transportations etc.
- Prosafari is not liable for any delayed or cancelled flights, sickness or illness (such as stomach disease), weather conditions, delayed transports.
- If the guest doesn't follow the mentioned schedule, accommodation can be cancelled
- The minimum certification level is advanced open water or similar level. We may offer Advance Open Water course during the safari.
- The guest will pay for any excess luggage on the domestic flights. Please note that on some domestic flights the limit is 10 kg. The excess luggage cost approximately 1 US\$ /kg, which can vary depending on the airline.
- For complete terms and conditions please see our web site www.prosafari.com
- This trip is an Adventure
- **International flight is not included in the package.**

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