

Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park and the Visayas, Philippines

Trip Information

Tubbataha Visitor Entry Permits

All guests must complete a Visitor Entry Permit application before Philippine Siren will be issued with a permit by TMO to enter Tubbataha. When completing the form, which can be accessed here - <https://bit.ly/TubbatahaGuest> - you will need to select the liveboard vessel name which is officially listed as Philippine Siren 2.

Puerto Princesa - Cebu itinerary

- **Arrival airport:** Puerto Princesa (PPS)
- **Embarkation meeting point:** Hotel Centro, Puerto Princesa at 12:30*
- **Departure airport:** Mactan-Cebu International (CEB)

Transfer between Puerto Princesa Airport and Hotel Centro, and from other hotels within Puerto Princesa city boundaries on embarkation day is included in the liveboard price.

***PLEASE NOTE:** *It is imperative that all guests are at Hotel Centro before 12:30 to avoid unnecessary delays to embarkation and the boat's departure from Puerto Princesa.*

Guests who are planning to arrive in Puerto Princesa on the day of embarkation are kindly requested to **book a flight which arrives no later than 12.00 noon**. The airport is a short taxi ride from our embarkation meeting point of Hotel Centro.

Due to local regulations, and 12-16 hours crossing time from Puerto Princesa to Tubbataha, it is vital that all guests embark at the designated time. We cannot be held responsible for delayed departure from Puerto Princesa or for missed dives caused by guests arriving late.

The Tubbataha Management Office needs to do a mandatory briefing for ALL guests which is followed by a check conducted by the coast guards before Philippine Siren can leave Puerto Princesa. If the brief and Coast Guard check are not accomplished in good time, the boat will not be able to leave the port.

Transfer from Philippine Siren to Mactan-Cebu International Airport or local hotels on disembarkation day is also included in the liveboard price.

Disembarkation in Cebu will be just before 10:00; we kindly ask guests not to book flights that depart from Cebu earlier than 13:30 on the day of disembarkation. Earlier departures are logistically problematic and must be confirmed with our office before flights are booked.

If a morning flight departure is unavoidable, guests can disembark the evening before but will need to arrange a hotel for the night and their own airport transfer. Please note however that doing so may also exclude you from diving on your last day.

Cebu - Puerto Princesa itinerary

- **Arrival airport:** Mactan-Cebu International (CEB)
- **Embarkation Meeting point:** Marina Seaview Restaurant, Mactan Island at 13:00
- **Disembarkation time:** 09:30-10:00 am only**
- **Departure airport:** Puerto Princesa (PPS)

Transfer from Mactan-Cebu International Airport or local hotels to Philippine Siren on embarkation day is included in the liveaboard price.

Shared transfer on disembarkation day from Philippine Siren to Puerto Princesa Airport or a local hotel* is also included in the liveaboard price.

*Transfers to hotels or resorts outside of the Puerto Princesa City limits can be arranged for an additional charge.

Disembarkation at Baywalk Pier in Puerto Princesa will be just before 10:00.

****IMPORTANT:**

Guests intending to depart from Puerto Princesa on the day of disembarkation are required to **book a flight which departs from PPS no earlier than 12:30 pm.**

Disembarkation is between 09:30 and 10:00 only, without exception. Flight check-in time is at least 2 hours before departure so, disembarkation needs to be 3 hours before. Early morning flight departures pose many logistical and safety issues and therefore should not be booked.

1. Arrival time in Puerto Princesa from Tubbataha depends on the weather conditions and we can not guarantee that the boat will be back at port in time for early departures.
2. Disembarkation is done using the tenders to transfer guests from Philippine Siren to the jetty. The disembarkation point is slippery and wet, and there are no street lights in the area, which makes it dangerous to disembark in the dark. (Sunrise is around 06:00)
3. At low tide (between midnight and 5 am), the dinghy can not reach the lowest step of the jetty so the crew have to drag the tender closer to the steps, which is hazardous for them and can cause a lot of damage to the RHIB or prop.
4. Our crew needs their rest! - They work extremely hard to make your holiday as enjoyable as possible and there are limits set by the International Labour Organisation's Maritime Convention for the maximum number of work hours and minimum hours of rest for all seafarers. Early disembarkation deprives our crew of the rest they are entitled to and deserve.

Advice on Flights

International flights may be booked into and out of Manila or Cebu. International arrival and departure in Manila offers more domestic flight choices to/from Puerto Princesa whereas flights between Cebu and Puerto Princesa are very limited. There are also numerous daily flights between Manila and Cebu making Manila the preferred international hub for most Tubbataha and More itinerary guests.

Depending on where the liveaboard is embarking, we recommend that you plan to arrive in Manila, Cebu or Puerto Princesa at least 1 day before their liveaboard departure date to allow for possible flight delays or schedule changes and to ensure you start your holiday well-rested.

If travelling onwards on the same day as disembarkation, please allow plenty of time between domestic flight arrival and international departure for transfer between terminals, check-in and immigration clearance.

Puerto Princesa embarkation: If you are intending to arrive in Puerto Princesa on the day of embarkation please **book a flight which arrives in PPS no later than 12.00, noon**.

Puerto Princesa disembarkation: Please *DO NOT* book flights that depart from PPS earlier than 12:30 (pm).

International Pre-Arrival and Pre-Departure registration

All travellers to and from the Philippines are required to use the Bureau of Immigration's eTravel portal (<https://etravel.gov.ph>) to register their personal and travel details. This is in line with the government's directive, introduced in December 2022, for the complete utilisation of the e-Travel system to incorporate traveller health declarations and facilitate faster and more convenient airport procedures.

Arriving passengers: Need to register within seventy-two (72) hours before their scheduled time of arrival in the Philippines.

Departing passengers: Need to register within seventy-two (72) hours before their flight's scheduled departure time from the Philippines.

To register each traveller needs to:

1. Visit etravel.gov.ph
2. Select "Philippine passport holder" or "Foreign passport holder" according to their nationality
3. Enter their travel details and email address
4. Enter personal details and sign a health declaration form to complete the registration
5. Wait for their QR code to be generated then download and print/save a digital copy.
6. Present their QR code upon check-in before their flight departure or during the Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) verification upon arrival.

Paper-based arrival and departure cards are no longer in use.

Visa and Passports

The majority of visitors to the Philippines are allowed entry without a visa for stays of up to 30 days. However, as visa and passport regulations differ for certain nationalities, we advise our guests to check visa procedures and requirements with their nearest Philippines embassy or consulate.

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry into the Philippines. Upon arrival in the Philippines, you may be asked to show your confirmed return/onward flight ticket.

Scuba Diving Equipment

The Philippines Office for Transportation Security includes scuba equipment on a list of blunt instruments that are not to be carried in hand luggage on flights originating within the Philippines. We advise that Siren Fleet guests pack all dive-related equipment in their check-in luggage rather than their carry-on as there have been cases of guests being prohibited from carrying their regulators in their hand luggage. If you are unsure we would advise that you contact your airline for clarification.

Insurance

Insurance which covers scuba diving is mandatory. Your insurance must cover all of your scuba diving and snorkelling activities, including the costs for recompression chamber treatment and emergency air evacuation. We therefore strongly recommend purchasing diving-specific insurance to cover any diving-related eventuality.

All guests are also required to carry full travel and cancellation insurance, as outlined under section 3 of our [Terms and Conditions](#). We cannot be held liable for delays occurring during the cruise, nor delays or cancellations of flights, accommodations, or tours and transfers that we organise on your behalf.

For further details of why travel insurance is a crucial part of your holiday arrangements, take a look at our blog - '[Do You Really Need Travel Insurance?](#)'

Master Liveboards act as a referrer for DiveAssure who offer dive and travel insurance policies, including short-term and multiple-trip policies. Their comprehensive 'Dive & Travel Plus' plan has been specifically developed for diving liveboard holidays and covers expenses in the event of missing your liveboard departure due to flight delays or missed connections, and also provides cover for lost diving days if for any reason the boat is required to abort the cruise; for instance, due to a guest injury, mechanical breakdown of the ship, air supply failure, inclement weather conditions, etc.

Please consult our webpage for details and a direct link to DiveAssure's booking portal: www.masterliveboards.com/insurance.

Diving Information

Although we are happy to welcome divers of all levels on Philippine Siren, diving conditions in Tubbataha are not suitable for beginners or inexperienced divers due to its exposed location and challenging conditions including strong currents and deep wall dives.

Guests' Level of Diving

It is recommended that guests wishing to scuba dive in Tubbataha have **PADI Advanced Open Water certification, or equivalent**, with a **minimum of 30 logged dives**, and experience diving in currents. Please note that we are unable to offer Advanced Open Water Certification on Tubbataha itineraries.

You will need to provide copies of your certification card(s) as part of your pre-embarkation [API](#) and Tubbataha Visitor Permit application, and may also be asked to show them along with a record of your logged dives as proof of experience when you board.

Any guests who our crew feel have insufficient skills or experience in certain conditions may be denied participation in some or all dives during the liveaboard.

*For guests on itineraries starting from Cebu who have the minimum number of required dives but are not certified as Advanced Open Water divers, it may be possible to complete the course on board while the boat is still in the Visayas areas. However, this is subject to several factors and must be requested well in advance of the cruise departure. We are unable to offer courses on itineraries which start in Puerto Princesa. Courses need to be

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the diving conditions or your diving experience, please contact our reservations team.

Fit to Dive

All divers are responsible for ensuring that they are fit to dive, and are required to provide a completed medical statement before their liveaboard departure. Guests who have any symptoms or medical conditions that could be restrictive to diving will need to obtain a doctor's certificate clearing them to dive, before travelling. The medical statement can be downloaded from our website at www.masterliveaboards.com/forms

If you are unable to complete the statement as directed or provide a current doctor's certificate (less than 1 year old) clearing you to dive, you accept that you may not be able to take part in certain aspects of the holiday you have booked with us.

Water Temperature and Exposure Suits

Water temperatures are broadly similar throughout the entire Philippines region with averages of around 26°-29°C (79°-84°F). Most guests find that a 3mm or 5mm wetsuit is suitable for the expected water temperatures. 3 mm shorty wetsuits are available to rent on board. However, we recommend that those who feel the cold easily, especially with repeated diving, bring a full-length wetsuit and / or an extra rashguard, vest or hood with them.

Diving Equipment

Use of a dive computer is compulsory for every diver. Diving equipment is available to rent for an additional charge but is subject to availability and should be pre-ordered.

11 litre (80 cu ft) tanks, weight belts and weights are provided free of charge.

There are a limited number of 13 litre (100 cu ft) aluminium tanks which are available, at an additional cost, by special request only and must be pre-booked.

Equipment rental and Nitrox costs can be viewed under 'Extras' on the Philippine Siren page of our website: www.masterliveboards.com/boats/philippine-siren.

Please pre-book rental equipment and cylinders at the time of confirming your liveboard holiday, as they are subject to availability.

Gloves*, nudi-pointers, reef hooks and tank bangers are not allowed in Tubbataha.

*Guests who have medical issues and are advised to wear gloves for protection underwater must carry a medical certificate for this purpose. There is no exception to this. No medical certificate, no diving.

Underwater Photography and Videography

Philippine Siren offers specialised features for underwater photographers and videographers, which include:

- Indoor work stations for the preparation and maintenance of cameras
- Individual storage drawers for cameras and peripheral items
- Large rinsing tanks with fresh water; changed frequently

Our crews are thoroughly trained in the handling of delicate camera equipment and will bring your cameras to/from the tenders for you.

Please note that **drones are not permitted in the Tubbataha Marine Park unless a permit has been obtained** from the TMO at least 2 weeks in advance.

Diving Safety

Use of a dive computer is compulsory. Guests are responsible for their own dive profiles and must stay within the limits of their dive computer, certification and experience.

We strongly urge all guests to dive conservatively at all times, follow the advice of our dive guides when making repetitive dives throughout their liveboard trip, and make a safety stop at the end of every dive.

Flying after Diving

Current studies indicate that you should wait at least 24 hours before flying after multiple days of repetitive diving. Please keep this in mind when you book your onward international or domestic flights.

Diving Emergencies

In case of a diving-related accident and suspected DCI, there are numerous recompression facilities throughout the Philippines; the most accessible are located in Manila, Cebu, Puerto Princesa, and Batangas.

There is a hyperbaric chamber at Viscom Station Hospital in Cebu City which would be the closest should an incident occur while Philippine Siren is in the Visayas, and at Ospital ng Palawan in Puerto Princesa City which would be the closest for Tubbataha although evacuation could also be to Manila.

In the unlikely event of an accident, private emergency air evacuation may be needed to access these facilities depending where we are in the itinerary. In such an event, you will be liable for all evacuation costs.

Diving-specific insurance should be purchased before your trip departure and must cover all costs which may be incurred as a result of a diving-related incident, including emergency air evacuation, recompression chamber charges and extended hospitalisation.

General Information

Advanced Passenger Information (API)

There are certain details that we require for the airlines and our administrative purposes prior to guests travelling, including application for Tubbataha Permits and Balicasag Dive Permits*. Guests are required to submit the required information as early as possible via our secure online portal at www.masterliveboards.com/portal.

*For Balicasag permits we also need copies of all divers certification cards. Please be sure to send copies of your certification cards to our team at dive@masterliveboards.com no less than 1 month before the start of your trip.

Forms

It is a requirement for all guests to complete the following forms before the commencement of the liveboard itinerary: medical statement, liability releases, and standard safe diving practices statement, which can be found at www.masterliveboards.com/forms.

To save some time, and to ensure that you have no pre-existing conditions that could affect your diving, you can download the forms from the above link, fill them in and bring them with you. By completing and signing the forms, you are confirming that you have read, understood, and agree to the conditions outlined in the forms.

If you are unable to complete the forms as instructed, you accept that you may not be able to take part in certain aspects of the holiday you have booked with us.

Time Zone

The local time in the Philippines is +8 hours UMC (GMT).

Money Matters

The local currency is the Philippine Peso (PHP).

There are many banking & money changing facilities in Cebu and Manila, although more favourable exchange rates may apply in your home country. ATMs are easy to find in most cities and airports throughout the Philippines.

The vast majority of hotels, resorts, shops and restaurants will accept a wide range of credit and debit cards. Please note that in some cases, away from the major cities, a service charge for credit card handling may be added which can range from 3.5% – 6.0% of your purchase total.

Guests should ensure they have small denominations of Philippine Peso for departure taxes and any excess baggage charges prior to departing from Cebu or Manila.

Health

It is a requirement for all guests to have travel and diving insurance which covers medical treatment and expenses. It is your responsibility to ensure your insurance fully covers all of your requirements including pre-existing conditions, medical expenses and repatriation in the event of an accident or illness, diving injuries and emergency medical evacuation.

Health standards vary throughout the Philippines, depending on location. All major towns have hospitals and doctors available; In some areas, they do not meet Western standards but in others they exceed them. Manila and Cebu have international-class hospitals whilst the hospitals in other parts of the country will ensure that you receive more than adequate care.

We advise all guests to ensure that routine vaccinations are up-to-date, use insect repellent and cover exposed skin to prevent any insect-borne diseases. We also recommend taking sensible precautions with local food to prevent stomach upsets, and to drink either boiled or bottled water only.

Yellow Fever certificate requirements

A Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is required for travellers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for those who have transited for more than 12 hours through an airport of a country with a risk of yellow fever transmission.

Please consult your doctor or nearest health authorities for up-to-date medical travel advice and vaccination recommendations well before departure.

Language and Religion

There are over 170 different languages and dialects spoken in the Philippines although Tagalog (also known as Filipino) is the most widely spoken. Nearly all Filipinos who work in the tourism industry speak good English and English road and street signs are found nationwide.

Almost 90% of the population is Christian with over 80% being Roman Catholic. The largest religious minority is Muslim, which makes up about 5% of the population.

Climate and Weather

The Philippines is a tropical country with a climate that is roughly divided into two seasons ('dry' and 'rainy'), although temperatures are fairly even all year round. Coastal and inland temperatures range from 27°-28°C (80°-82°F) up to 33°-34°C (91°-93°F) with an average of approximately 31°C (87°F). Evenings are marginally cooler.

Dry season generally runs from November through to May but there is always the chance of light rainfall during this period. The warmest months are usually March through to May. The rainy season generally begins in early June and can extend through to November.

The Tubbataha diving season is mid-March to mid-June when seas are mostly calm and days are clear and sunny with temperatures reaching highs of up to 35°C, although there is the possibility of an occasional light rain shower.

Tubbataha - Ban on Single-Use Plastics

Since 2019, there have been regulations in place against single-use plastics in the Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park. This ban applies to all diving vessel operators and visitors, with the TMO (Tubbataha Management Office) and park rangers having the authority to ensure compliance.

The ban specifically refers to plastic water/ drinks bottles, plastic cutlery, plastic cups and plates, plastic straws and stirrers and styrofoam/ polystyrene food and drinks containers.

From 2023 stricter checks are being implemented by the TMO to enforce this dictate with the park authorities announcing that they will board vessels and impose fines if any of these items are found.

However, as single-use plastics generally refer to any item which is intended to be used once and then thrown away or recycled, they also include packaging and wrappers, carrier bags, and a variety of other products. With this in mind, and to help the initiative to reduce plastic pollution throughout the Philippines, we respectfully ask guests joining a Tubbataha itinerary on Philippine Siren to try to avoid bringing any single-use plastic items with them.

Life on Board

The main features of the vessel can be seen on the Master Liveboards website, here: www.masterliveboards.com/boats/philippine-siren.

Accessibility

Due to the layout of the boat, Philippine Siren may provide challenges, or be unsuitable for guests with limited mobility. Please contact us for further details if you have any concerns.

Accommodation

All cabins on board Philippine Siren are twin or double occupancy. Single occupancy may be available on request and is subject to a supplemental charge.

Cabin Facilities

All cabins have individually controllable air-conditioning and private en-suite bathrooms with centrally heated hot water. Other facilities include towels, bathrobes and a lockable safety box.

Food and Drink

Meals are provided on a full board basis including a light breakfast, full breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks with unlimited drinking water, tea, coffee, fruit juices and soft drinks. Local lager (beer), wine, and spirits are available for an additional fee.

We offer a choice of International and locally inspired cuisine and can cater to special dietary requirements with advance notice. Should you have any specific dietary needs, allergies, or special requests, please advise your sales consultant at the time of confirming your liveaboard trip to ensure we are able to make provisions for your needs.

Please note: It can be very difficult to find low-fat or soya products that are common elsewhere. While we always do our best to accommodate dietary requests, please consider bringing some of your own foods if the lack thereof may constitute a health risk or seriously compromise your enjoyment of your holiday.

Clothing and Footwear

Dress on board is very casual and most guests feel comfortable in little more than swimwear, shorts and t-shirts. A sweater is advised for cooler nights, particularly after multiple dives. Philippine Siren is equipped with laundry facilities and our housekeeper is more than happy to launder your clothes during the trip for a small charge.

We do request that guests respect the wishes of others by donning clothing for meal times. Most guests prefer to walk barefoot on board our vessel; however, island visits may require sturdy sandals or cross-trainers.

Electricity

Both 220V and 110V European style 2 round pin sockets and Universal sockets are available on board. Nevertheless, we do advise guests to bring their own adapters to ensure you have the correct type to charge your equipment.

Staying Connected

Guests with international roaming packages on their phones, or a local SIM will be able to use them periodically while the vessel is in the Visayas region and close to Puerto Princesa. However, signal strength can be sporadic or very weak and, in some areas covered by this itinerary, there will be no coverage at all. Signal strength varies throughout each cruise but is typically stronger when close to major islands, such as Cebu, Negros and Palawan.

Outside of Puerto Princesa and the Visayas areas, there is no mobile phone network coverage meaning that, while the vessel is cruising to, around and from Tubbataha National Park, there will be no signal at all.

Local SIM cards and data packages can be purchased at international airports or various shopping outlets.

For guests who wish to stay connected for the duration of their time on board, Wi-Fi internet access is available for 35 USD per person for 13 nights.

Philippine Siren is also equipped with satellite phone communications which can be used by guests in the event of an emergency, for a small charge.

PLEASE NOTE: Mobile phone service providers in the Philippines are required, by law, to register subscriber details before a SIM card can be activated. This means that, if you wish to purchase a local SIM card before embarkation, you will need to provide your full name, passport details and Philippines contact address to fill in the provider's SIM registration form.

Smoking

Smoking on board is permitted in designated outdoor areas only.

Environmental considerations

Although there are recycling programs and facilities in place in the Philippines, they are very limited and are only able to process a small amount of recyclable plastic materials. We therefore ask our guests to consider the following to help with our mission to reduce our environmental impact.

All Tubbataha operators are mandated to follow **No-Single-Use Plastic** regulations at all times during the season. The ban includes drinks in plastic bottles, plastic cups and lids, plastic cutlery, plates and food containers, plastic straws and stirrers, etc.

A complete overview of Tubbataha Park Rules can be downloaded via this [link](#) or from the Philippines Useful Trip information section on the [downloads page](#) of the Master Liveboards website.

Batteries

If your equipment requires a unique battery size, or will need a lot of replacement batteries during your trip, please bring them with you. We kindly request that you take spent batteries home so that they can be recycled or disposed of properly. Alternatively, ***consider using rechargeable batteries*** as there are plenty of sockets to plug in a charger on board.

Water Bottles

As we do not provide single-use plastic bottles on Philippine Siren if you own a sports bottle we simply ask that you bring it with you, or you can purchase one on board. If you don't have one and you don't want to purchase one, we have plenty of reusable cups on board which you can use to ensure you remain well hydrated.

Plastic bags and wrappers

We do not provide plastic bags for purchases made on board, although reusable canvas bags are available for sale. Please help in our mission to reduce plastic waste by removing plastic wrappers and packaging from items before travelling.

Toiletries

We kindly ask that guests consider the type of products they are bringing with them and, where possible, to bring environmentally friendly toiletries for use on board, and to take partially or unused products home with them.

If you are bringing cotton buds (Q-tips) with you, please avoid the types that have plastic stems. There are many such products available which use unbleached paper or bamboo instead of plastic and are therefore much more environmentally friendly.

Reef-safe sunscreen is available to purchase on board Philippine Siren.

Underwater

- Nudi Pointers, Reef Hooks and tank bangers are prohibited.
- Diving with gloves is not allowed. If guests have been advised to wear gloves for protection underwater for medical reasons, they MUST carry a doctor's certificate for this purpose.

Payments on Board

Marine and Port Fees

Marine, park and port fees will be added to your invoice to be paid on board before disembarkation; please refer to your itinerary details for further information.

Optional Extras

In addition to equipment rental, Philippine Siren offers a range of services and optional extras to make your stay on board even more enjoyable. The following services are also available for an additional fee:

- 1 Hour Relaxation Massage
- Laundry
- Exclusive Siren Fleet merchandise

All prices on board are quoted in USD although we are also happy to accept cash payment in PHP, GBP, EUR and AUD (Exchange rate from USD on board will be based on local bank rates at that time). We can also accept payment by credit card (Mastercard or Visa) for which there is a 3% surcharge.

Equipment rental, nitrox and other extras that can be paid for in advance do not incur additional charges, except for any that might be imposed by your bank or card issuer.

Guests are advised to bring 250-400 USD cash with them for any incidental costs and gratuities, in addition to marine, park & port fees and gratuities, in case of credit card payment issues.

Tipping

We believe that tipping is a matter of personal choice. Should you feel that our crew has made your holiday extra special, they would certainly appreciate a tip as a sign of your appreciation.

Please note that ***we are only able to accept tips in cash***; for this purpose, an envelope will be provided by the cruise director at the end of your time on board. He/ she will make sure the tips are divided equally amongst all crew members, including the captain and dive guides.

Safety on Board

Emergency Management & Equipment

All Philippine Siren crew members have been extensively trained in emergency management procedures. A thorough boat safety briefing will be provided by your cruise director at the start of your trip, during which all guests will be requested to participate in a life jacket drill.

Further practice scenarios may be performed during your cruise to assist our crew in keeping their skills sharp.

Philippine Siren is equipped with many modern safety features including automated life rafts, EPIRB, satellite communication and emergency pumps.

First Aid

Philippine Siren is equipped with a fully stocked medical first aid kit for treating minor injuries and ailments, as well as for assisting trained medical professionals in remote locations. You will also find on board an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), which has been proven to greatly increase the survival rate in the eventuality of cardiac fibrillation.

There is also a full complement of medical-grade oxygen on board which can be administered to divers through DAN kits or unit-specific attachments.

Our dive teams are all qualified emergency responders. Should you feel unwell at any point during your cruise, please seek the advice of your cruise director who will be able to assist you.

Extending your holiday

Travelling within the Philippines can be made exceptionally easy when you book with Master Liveaboards. We can offer a range of domestic flights, hotels, transfers and short excursions for before or after your trip.

Following are just some of the packages that we can arrange for you.

Optional Puerto Princesa / Cebu Extensions

To extend your Master Liveaboards holiday experience and ensure you are fully relaxed, we can arrange the following supplemental package for you:

- 1 night pre-cruise and 1 night post-cruise in a hotel of your choice.
- Domestic flights between Puerto Princesa and Cebu or Manila
- All domestic transfers

Furthermore, we are happy to assist with your holiday extension, either pre- or post-cruise in Palawan, Cebu, or elsewhere in the Philippines. Just let our Reservations Department know of your wishes and we can tailor packages to suit your needs.

The following are just some of the many domestic travel options to choose from when you book a Philippine Siren liveaboard with Master Liveaboards.

Puerto Princesa Underground River Tour

This full-day excursion takes you to the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park which is a protected area located some 80 kilometres (50 miles) north of Puerto Princesa City. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999, and selected in the group of UN New Seven Wonders of Nature, the stunning landscape and biodiversity make this a truly memorable way to spend a day.

Further details of this and other full/half-day tours from Puerto Princesa can be found in the following document: [Puerto Princesa Tours](#)

El Nido / Bacuit Bay, Palawan

Located at the northern end of Palawan Island, El Nido and the surrounding islands are one of the most beautiful parts of Asia, where sheer karst rock formations drop down into the deep blue surrounding waters and an abundance of marine life. There are many possibilities for experiencing the beauty of Bacuit Bay which can be tailored to fit your preferences. Adventurous nature lovers may choose to spend their days kayaking and snorkelling around the islands with nights spent camping on a beach. Alternatively, several 'Island Hopping' day trips can be arranged for those who would prefer to stay in a resort in El Nido.

Further details can be found in the following document: [Palawan Extensions](#)

Bohol Island Tour

Explore the island of Bohol on a full-day tour incorporating the Historic "Blood Compact" site and the Tarsier Sanctuary in Corella as well as a cruise in the Loboc River and a visit to the geological wonder of the Chocolate Hills. The tour includes the ferry crossing between Cebu and Bohol, land-based transportation, entrance fees, lunch and English speaking guide.

Prices and details of other Cebu-based excursions can be viewed here: [Cebu Based Tour Suggestions](#)

Malapascua Extension – Thresher Shark Dives

Malapascua Island is a small island just off the northern coast of Cebu Island, and is the only place in the world where you can experience daily thresher shark action. As thresher sharks' numbers are diminishing, a marine park was established in the Monad Shoal area to protect and rehabilitate these magnificent sea creatures. We can arrange Malapascua transfers, accommodation and diving packages to fulfil your requirements. Just let us know when and for how long, and leave the rest to our reservations team.

Prices for add-ons vary depending on the time of booking; please contact our team for further details and prices, or consult your agent for more information.

FAQs

If have any questions that have not been answered here, please visit the FAQs section of our website www.masterliveboards.com/faq/ or email us at dive@masterliveboards.com

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Master Liveboards 24hr emergency number:

Please only use the 24hr emergency if you are unable to get a response from the numbers above.

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What to Bring

Our blog, [Packing for a Scuba Diving Liveaboard](#) provides useful tips on what to pack. Please ensure you *remove all plastic wrappers and packaging* from items you are bringing with you.

The following is a checklist of essential items that you should ensure you bring with you for your trip on Philippine Siren. You can also download a complete packing checklist from the General Information section of the Master Liveaboards [downloads page](#)

Passport

6 month validity & at least 2 empty pages for visa stickers and stamps

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Travel Documents

Flight tickets - International & Domestic; hotel booking; excursions

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Cash & Credit Card for emergencies

Recommended amount (additional to park & port fees): 250 - 500 USD

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Diving Certification & Logbook

Including Nitrox Card if certified & intending to use Nitrox

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Travel and Diving Insurance Documents

To include emergency medical evacuation

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Essential Diving Items

Dive computer with full battery

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Toiletries & Medications

Including sunscreen (reef-safe, please) & insect repellent

Inform booking team of medical conditions

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Essential Clothing Items

Swimwear, hat and lightweight jacket

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Guests are strongly advised to carry essential items in hand luggage in case of lost or delayed luggage through International or Domestic Flights.