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Know Before You Go

Get ready to travel to Solitude Acacia Resort.




SOLITUDE WORLD





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Climate

Tropical Climate with an annual mean temperature of 28°C (82°F). Rain is frequent between the months of June to October.



Water Temperature

Ocean temperatures in the Philippines range from 26°C to 29°C (81°F - 84°F).



Time Zone

Time Zone: GMT +8



Language

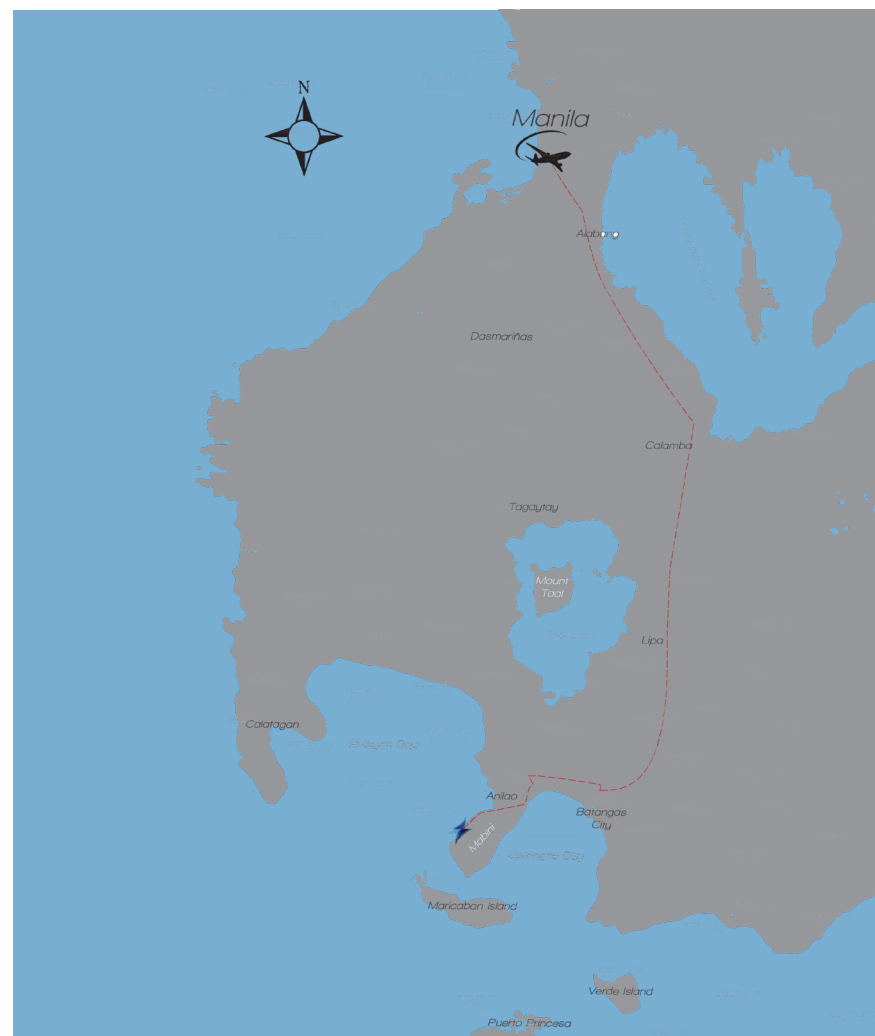
The official language is **Tagalog** in the Philippines, but English is also the working language of the country.

Solitude Acacia

We appreciate that you have selected Solitude World for your getaway, and we trust that this pre-departure guide will assist you in preparing for your vacation with us.

Pre-Departure Information

Solitude Acacia Resort is closest to Manila Domestic and International Airport: Ninoy Aquino Airport (MNL), which is around a 2.5 - 3 hour drive away depending on the traffic in Manila.



Location

Our Resort is located in Mabini (Anilao) in the city of Batangas.

Postal Service

Postal services in the Philippines are handled by PhilPost. Please be aware that items sent by couriers or international postal services are subject to Customs and Duties. We advise against sending anything to the Philippines via courier, as they often get held up by the Philippines Bureau of Customs for opportunities in collecting "taxes".

Dive Insurance

This is compulsory for those that will be diving with us. If you have not already provided your details, please do so on arrival. You will need the following: the name of your insurer, the policy number, the emergency contact number and also any disclosed medical conditions you may have.

We also need your own personal

emergency contact person back home – a friend or family member and their contact details.

Visa and Immigration

Visa exemption is granted to foreigners from 166 countries, entitling them to a [30-day Visit Stay Permit](#). It's important to note that a valid passport with a minimum validity of 6 months and at least 2 blank pages for visa stamp is required. To ensure a smooth arrival, please complete the [ETravel Registration](#) at least 72 hours before your arrival.

Please visit the [Philippine Embassy site](#) for further information on current covid requirements, travel guidelines and [ETravel Registration](#).

Drones / AUVs / ROUVs

Currently, there is no restriction or regulation to the flying of Drones / AUVs or ROUVs in the region. This may change however without any prior announcement from the authorities.



Currency

The currency is Philippine Peso (PHP). Solitude Acacia Resort accepts PHP or USD cash and credit card (Visa/Master Only). We do not accept any travellers' cheques. We are unable to provide currency exchange.



Wifi

Free Wifi is available at the resort, but Solitude Acacia Resort is not responsible for any loss of income, data, or information due to connectivity issues caused by weather or third-party service providers.



Electricity

The power sockets in the guest rooms and common areas are universal, and the electrical supply is rated at 220V 50Hz. Please note that there is no regulated Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) except for the Camera Room facility located near the pool area.



Duty Free

1 Adult is allowed: 2 bottles, maximum 1 litre of any alcohol and no more than 400 sticks of cigarettes, 50 cigars or 250g of pipe tobacco.

Arriving in Manila



We will be seeing you very soon!

NAIA REFURBISHMENT UPGRADE

As of April 2023, NAIA is currently undergoing renovations that could affect the suggestions we provide. We recommend reviewing the following links for more information on the refurbishment, as it may impact your arrival and departure from NAIA.

[MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY](#)

TERMINAL REASSIGNMENTS

Airport Transfers

Transfers can be arranged for you through our reservations staff or you may choose to do so independently.

Airport Meeting Point

Navigating between terminals at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila can be a challenging experience, so it's crucial to confirm which terminal you will be arriving at or departing from. This will help you prepare for your transit and avoid potential frustration and delays. To assist you with your arrival process, please note that your terminal at the Manila

Paging Board

To help identify our friendly airport transfer staff, please look for the SOLITUDE ACACIA RESORT paging board with your name.

airport (NAIA) will determine the meeting point for our Solitude Acacia transportation team to greet you. Additionally, different terminals may have varying security regulations for allowing non-passengers into the airport, which can affect the location where you will meet our transportation staff from Solitude Acacia Resort.

Terminal 1, 2 and 3: International and Domestic

Terminal 4: Domestic Only

Friendly Reminder

We do not offer currency exchange services or accept foreign currency as payment at our resort. We only accept payment in PHP or USD cash or major credit cards such as Visa and Mastercard.

For your convenience, currency exchange services are available at international airports, or you can utilize local ATMs with your debit/credit card to withdraw PHP on your way to the resort.



Airport Meeting Place



NAIA Terminal 1

At this terminal, only those with a departing ticket or airport personnel can enter the building. As a result, our transport team cannot wait for you outside the baggage claim/customs area. You need to exit through the designated doors and walk outside, cross a crosswalk, and down to the "Greeter's Area," where our staff will be waiting. Beware that the pick-up area outside is only for taxis. You should proceed across the taxi lanes via a crosswalk and into another open-air building, then down a walkway to the "Greeter's Area." Our staff will hold a sign with the Solitude Logo and your name to help you find them.



NAIA Terminal 3

This terminal's meeting point is the easiest, with our staff being able to enter the airport and greet you directly after you exit the customs area. Our staff will hold a sign with the Solitude Logo and your name to help you find them.



NAIA Terminal 2 and 4

Exit the airport building and our transport staff will be waiting for you directly outside the exit doors holding the Solitude Acacia Resort Sign.

If you find yourself arriving and needing to switch terminals to catch your domestic flight to Puerto Princessa (or Cebu), here are some options for you:

1. It is recommended to use the free Terminal Transfer Service (Bus). If you are unable to locate the sign indicating where to catch the bus, kindly ask for directions. Although the bus service is not frequent, it is the most convenient way to reach your terminal. Be sure to join the queue, as the bus has limited space, and missing it means waiting for another 30 minutes. Also, remember to ask the warden or bus driver for assistance.
2. To get a taxi, find the yellow metered and airport-accredited taxi counter and inform the staff that you're going to Terminal 1. Terminal 3 is the farthest and can take 60-90 minutes, while Terminal 2 is the closest but can still take 30-60 minutes due to traffic. Taxi fares may vary depending on traffic and terminal, but yellow taxis are slightly more expensive than regular white taxis. Ensure the meter is on, and for group travel, only two people can fit in one taxi with luggage. Expect to pay no more than PHP250.

At the Resort

We extend a heartfelt welcome to you and hope that your stay with us will be both pleasant and comfortable. Our staff is committed to ensuring your satisfaction, so please don't hesitate to inform us of any ways we can improve your comfort during your stay.

Welcome!

24 Hour Guest Service Desk

Our 24-hour guest service desk is the heart of our resort, ensuring that our guests receive exceptional assistance and support at any time of the day or night. Staffed by friendly and knowledgeable personnel, our guest service desk is always available to address any inquiries, provide information about the resort's facilities and services, and assist with various requests. Whether you need help with check-in or check-out, want recommendations for local attractions, or require any kind of assistance during your stay, our dedicated team at the guest service desk is committed to making your experience comfortable, convenient, and enjoyable around the clock.

Pool

The focal point of our resort is a spacious swimming pool that covers an area of 100 square meters, offering stunning views of the Mabini Sea. With depths ranging from 3 feet to 10 feet, the Acacia Resort pool is perfect for leisurely swims as well as scuba diving lessons, catering to guests of all preferences and skill levels.

The highlight of Solitude Acacia is our iconic and picturesque acacia tree, which serves as a centerpiece.

This magnificent tree provides natural shade both within our glass-walled restaurant and by the pool area, creating a serene and comfortable atmosphere for our guests to enjoy their dining experience and relaxation.

Common Showers and Toilets

To enhance your convenience, we have provided four shared showers and three toilets situated behind the camera lounge. Furthermore, additional restroom facilities can be found at the dive centre, adjacent to the Acacia Restaurant, and near the Guest Service Desk.

Pet Friendly

We are pet friendly. Feel free to inquire about our pet-friendly policy as we warmly welcome pets at our establishment.

Conference Room

We have a conference room above the garden lounge that can accommodate up to 20 people. Advanced reservation is encouraged for this complimentary facility.

Our Bar

Our bar offers a carefully curated selection of wines, cocktails, spirits,

and local beers, light meals and tapas. Guests are permitted to bring their own alcoholic beverages onto the resort premises, but please note that a corkage charge will apply if you require supplies or services from our bar or restaurant.

Special Diets

Kindly inform us in advance of any special dietary requirements you may have. This is essential for us to accommodate your needs, as sourcing certain items can be challenging at different times of the year. If you have a medical dietary condition, please consider bringing your preferred alternative products, such as gluten-free pasta or soy milk.

BYOB

Outside food and beverages are not permitted in our restaurants or bars, as we aim to preserve the integrity of our dining experience and the overall hospitality we provide.

Our food and beverage offerings are reasonably priced to ensure both enjoyment and convenience for our guests. Exceptions may be granted for duty-free alcohol within the international allowance, medical dietary needs, or special celebrations—provided these are

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arranged in advance and approved by management.

Medical Services

24-hour on-call medical doctor is available. There is 1 International Hospital with a decompression chamber located in the city of Batangas approximately 60 minutes away.

We have a comprehensive first aid kit on site. Our resort is affiliated with several clinics which offer 24-hour doctor assistance.

Laundry Services

Laundry service is available. You will discover a laundry bag containing a list of items and associated charges within your room.

Baby Sitting

We can make arrangements for a babysitter, depending on availability. To confirm rates and availability, kindly inform us at least one week prior to your arrival.

TV Entertainment

Television is available in the guest rooms, restaurant, camera lounge, and classroom.

Mobile SIM

Pre-paid SIM cards, including Globe, are available for purchase at the airport right after baggage collection. Salespeople can assist with package setup.

Wifi

Solitude Acacia Resort offers free internet access to our guests through our WiFi network hotspot. Guests will receive their login details upon check-in to access the internet.

However, please note that the quality of the internet connection may be affected by weather and is dependent on a third-party service provider. Therefore, Solitude Acacia Resort, its staff, and management cannot be held responsible for any inconveniences, loss of income, or data that may occur due to any disruptions, partial or complete, in the internet service.

Massage

We can make arrangements for a masseuse to provide services during your stay, but please note that we require a minimum of 30min advance notice.

Digital Room

Our digital room is equipped with air conditioning, moisture filters, and 28 spacious powered stations with universal power points (220 V) for your convenience.

Additionally, fresh water rinse basins are available and air guns can be found at the entrance to the camera room for cleaning and drying your equipment.

Activities

Yes! We have a variety of activities such as tricycle tour around Mabini, hike to Mount Gulugod Baboy (470 to 525 MASL), island hopping and white sand beach picnics. Please inquire at reception.

Social Media

We encourage you to share your encounters with the fascinating new critters you'll undoubtedly encounter, as well as your enjoyable experiences with us. Feel free to tag us on social media platforms:

Instagram:

[@solitude.acacia](https://www.instagram.com/solitude.acacia)

[@solitude.world](https://www.instagram.com/solitude.world)

Facebook:

[@solitudeacaciaresort](https://www.facebook.com/solitudeacaciaresort)

[@solitudeliveaboardsandresorts](https://www.facebook.com/solitudeliveaboardsandresorts)

Gratuity / Tips

Throughout your stay, our dedicated staff and crew are fully committed to ensuring you have a fantastic Solitude experience, and while gratuities are not expected, they are sincerely appreciated. They recognise the collective teamwork, even from those working behind the scenes, and distribute all tips equally. Should you wish to show your appreciation, a recommended gratuity of 5% to 10% of the total stay cost is suggested. Of course, if you wish to express your appreciation with a higher amount, you are more than welcome to do so.



What to Know

Check-In time is from 14:00 and **Check-Out** time is before 12:00. We will try to accommodate earlier arrival of guests based on the availability and the readiness of each room. However, any check-ins earlier than 10:00 is subject to a surcharge.



Your Room

Amenities

In-room amenities consist of air-conditioning, a writing desk, a wardrobe, an electronic in-room safe, in-room coffee/tea facilities, a refrigerator, an ensuite bathroom with a toilet and shower, a hair dryer, shower amenities, and an LCD TV with international channels.

Check Out

We will try to provide a one to two hour extended check-out time, depending on availability. However, late check-out will incur a surcharge. Late check-out after 17:00 will be charged 100% of the room's package per night value.

Laundry, Anilao Marine Park fees and other incidentals will be paid at check out.



Mode of Payment is in Philippine Peso (PHP), USD (100s denomination only) or Credit Card Visa/Master Card.

Scuba Diving

Anilao offers year-round diving opportunities with the exception of June to October when more rainfall is expected.

Diving is typically scheduled between 08:00 to 14:30, but arrangements for other times can be made with the dive centre for an extra fee.

Dive schedules include boat dives at 08:00, 11:00, and 14:30, as well as dusk and night dives for an additional charge. Solitude Acacia Resort offers a house reef for diving from 07:00 to 17:00 at no extra cost.

Anilao's critters can be difficult to spot, so it's recommended to dive

with our experienced dive guides. Solo diving is not allowed if services or equipment are provided by Solitude Acacia Resort.

Water temperatures range between 26°C and 28°C (78° to 82° Fahrenheit), but may drop slightly from November to February.

It is suggested to wear a full-length 3mm wetsuit, or a 5mm suit if planning multiple dives.

For the cost of a tank at Solitude Acacia Resort, you can enjoy diving unguided on the house reef between 07:00 and 17:00.

Dive Centre

1	Enriched Air Nitrox	Yes
2	100 cu.ft. / 15L cylinders - additional charge per cylinder per diving day (3 dives).	Yes*
3	Sidemount support - additional 12L/80cu.ft. cylinder and twin tank 12L/80cu.ft. available	Yes*
4	DIN valves with option of Yoke (A-clamp)	Yes
5	Rebreather diving	No
6	Rental gear available	Yes*
7	PADI certifications and specialities	Yes
8	DPVs - we have 2 SUEX (XJOY 7) DPVs for hire. Battery "burn time" is up to 60mins. DPV diver certification is required.	Yes*

* Subject to availability

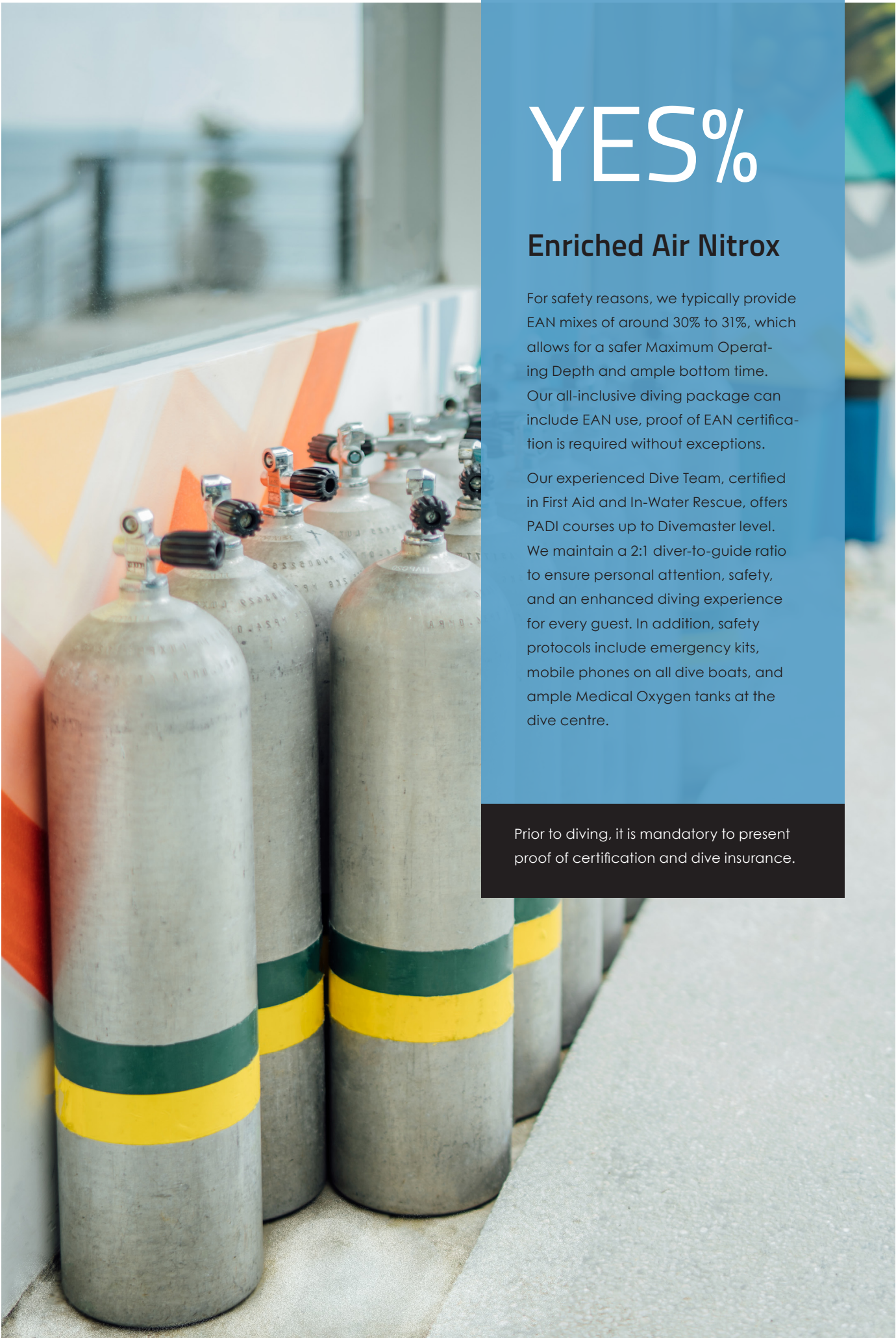
YES%

Enriched Air Nitrox

For safety reasons, we typically provide EAN mixes of around 30% to 31%, which allows for a safer Maximum Operating Depth and ample bottom time. Our all-inclusive diving package can include EAN use, proof of EAN certification is required without exceptions.





Our experienced Dive Team, certified in First Aid and In-Water Rescue, offers PADI courses up to Divemaster level. We maintain a 2:1 diver-to-guide ratio to ensure personal attention, safety, and an enhanced diving experience for every guest. In addition, safety protocols include emergency kits, mobile phones on all dive boats, and ample Medical Oxygen tanks at the dive centre.

Prior to diving, it is mandatory to present proof of certification and dive insurance.



More Information

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Information Booklet	<p><u>Solitude Acacia Resort Data Sheet</u></p> <p>Know more about your stay.</p> 
Website	<p><u>Solitude Acacia Resort Website</u></p> <p>For more details about the resort, rooms, facilities and amenities.</p> 
Compulsory Forms	<p><u>Form A. Registration Form</u></p> <p>Compulsory for all guests.</p> 
Compulsory Forms	<p><u>Form C. General Liability Release Form</u></p> <p>Compulsory for all guests.</p> 



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