

Tubbataha - Apo Reef - Anilao

14 Days, 13 Nights



MV SOLITUDE ONE

Day 1: Puerto Princesa (Embarkation - No Diving)

Embarkation at the harbour of Puerto Princesa starts from 1400Hrs. Only transfers from Puerto Princesa Domestic Airport are included in the cruise package. Hotel/resort transfers to the embarkation point can be organised by Solitude with a 3rd party transportation company, and are subject to charges. You are best advised to organise with your resort/hotel to be transferred directly to the embarkation point, or to Puerto Princesa Domestic Airport Terminal where we can pick you up from 1400hrs onwards. Upon boarding Solitude One, you will be welcomed by our crew, and orientation and registration (remember your C-Cards and/or Log Books!) will follow. After dinner, Solitude One will get underway towards Tubbataha Reef National Park at sunset (estimated time of travel is 10 hours)

Day 2 - 5: Tubbataha Reefs National Park (3 - 4 Dives each day)

As dive sites in Tubbataha Reefs are in close proximity, dive sites will be scheduled based on tides/currents as well as communicating with other liveboards in the vicinity to avoid overcrowding a particular dive site. Tubbataha Reefs National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Dive sites are comprised of walls and slopes. The water is usually very clear, currents can be strong, and all dives are done as drift dives. The coral growth is prolific, boasting some of most healthy coral reefs, and biggest Gorgonia fans in the world. Clouds of colourful reef dwelling fish can be seen hovering above the coral everywhere you look. Large schools of jacks and barracuda are normal sightings, along with turtles. Several species of sharks can also be seen, including whale sharks. There are also many interesting macro-organisms, including pygmy seahorses, and lots of nudibranchs. All diving is done during the day, we do not do night dives in Tubbataha for safety reasons, because of the potential for strong currents.

Day 6: Cagayancillo (3 - 4 Dives)

Today we will explore the reefs and walls around Cagayancillo island. An off the beaten path destination only visited on our transition cruises. There's great coral and marine life. Enjoy!

Day 7 - 8: Coron (3 - 4 Dives each day)

We'll spend two days enjoying the diving around Coron island. There are beautiful reefs, wrecks, and even the opportunity to see dugongs.

Day 9 - 11: Apo Reef (3 - 4 Dives each day)

We'll spend the next 3 days exploring Apo Reef Natural Park, which is the largest coral reef system in the Philippines. There're miles of beautiful reef and walls to explore, which are full of fish, sharks, and maybe even Manta Rays.

Day 12: Verde Island (3 - 4 Dives)

Today we'll enjoy some of the most vibrant coral reefs at the world renowned Verde Island, which is positioned in the Verde Passage, one of the most biodiverse places on the planet. Strong currents feed the prolific coral, and bring continuous food to the marine ecosystem there. Schools of both reef dwelling and pelagic fish can be seen, and the currents can be exciting.

Day 13: Anilao (1 - 3 Dives)

We'll enjoy some of Anilao's best diving on our second to last day of the cruise, a mix of famous black sand muck diving, and beautiful coral reefs await. All guests are required to adhere to a minimum of an 18-hour pre-flight surface interval. We'll arrive into Batanagas port the night before disembarkation, and everyone will sleep on board.

Day 14: Batangas (Disembarkation - No Diving)

Disembarkation from Solitude One is between 8 am and 11 am. We say our goodbyes, and you will be transported either to the Manila (MNL) airport, or maybe you'll choose to visit our own Solitude Acacia Resort just around the corner in Anilao for a few extra days of pampering, amazing food, and more great diving. We hope to see you again soon!



Itinerary

Day 1: Puerto Princesa (Embarkation)

Day 2: Tubbataha

Day 3: Tubbataha

Day 4: Tubbataha

Day 5: Tubbataha

Day 6: Cagayancillo

Day 7 & 8: Coron

Day 9-11: Apo Reef

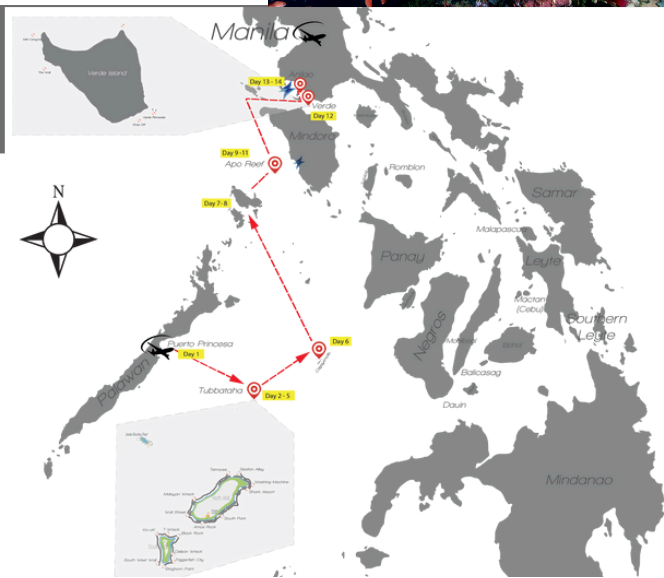
Day 12: Verde Island

Day 13: Anilao

Day 14: Batangas (Disembarkation)

Route Map

Essential Information
Port of Embarkation:
Puerto Princesa: 2pm - 6pm
Puerto Princesa Airport (PPS)
Port of Disembarkation:
Batangas: 8 am - 11 am
Ninoy Aquino International Airport: (MNL)



**Route Itinerary subject to change due to inclement weather, sea conditions and/or restrictions posed by local authorities.