



Cebu & Malapascua Islands

Philippines

Situated in Southeast Asia in the Western Pacific, the Philippine Islands are known for having some of the warmest waters on the planet. As one of the most unique areas in the Pacific Ocean, the coral reefs in this region have the highest marine biodiversity in the world, sporting more than 2000 different kinds of fish. The coral reefs surrounding the islands are very beautiful – ideal for divers and snorkeling tourists. Our Cebu - Malapascua Safari will take us to some of the best Philippine islands situated in the Visayan Sea – where we will enjoy ten fabulous days of diving from the Atlantis Azores Liveaboard around one of the most beautiful and bio-diverse regions in Asia. This charter offers some of the best diving in the Philippines, including Sumilon & Pescador Islands & Malapascua's Gato Island, home of a protected sea turtle breeding sanctuary. This charter includes another Malapascua favorite, Monad Shoal, known for frequent sightings of thresher sharks as well as manta rays. In addition to these pelagic species, the Malapascua area offers a wide variety of

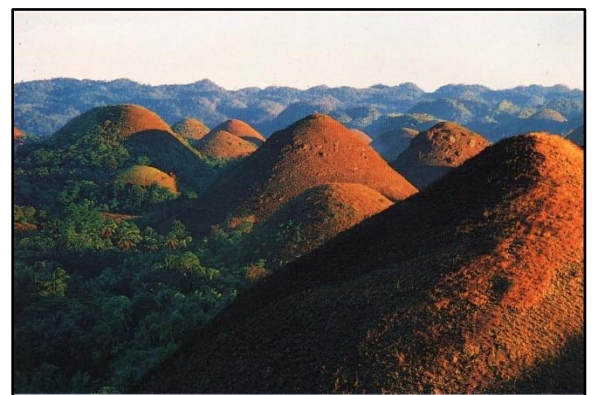
critter diving not to mention abundant reefs and wall diving. Leaving Malapascua, we head to Kalanggaman Island, one of the Philippines' most beautiful islands. Then we will sail to Bohol for again a wide variety of reef, wall & critter diving as well as some land tour opportunities for those so inclined. As a Grand Finale, we finish the itinerary on the dramatic walls of Balicasag, one of our favorite dives. This itinerary is hard to beat if you want a wide variety of locations as well as incredible diving.



The water temperature during the warmer months of April to November is between 77° – 82° – blissfully warm, and a perfect temperature for first-time divers. The Philippines' incredible dive sites are a part of the country's colorful personality. Beyond its shores, under the deep blue sea, lays another paradisiacal world, where coral coexists with exotic fish. We will explore several sites around this area

and, in addition to the pelagic life, witness pristine coral reefs as well as the smaller creatures including thorny and pygmy sea-horses, ghost pipefish, cuttlefish, myriads of nudibranchs and countless schools of reef fish. As we are not in 'open ocean', but instead, traveling through the inside passages of the islands, our cruising should be very smooth each evening as the Azores sails us short distances from one great dive site to another.

In addition to fabulous diving, we will still have time to take in some of the best land sites of Bohol during our last day of sailing – which should not be missed! After two morning dives, we have the option to venture onto the island of Bohol to **The Chocolate Hills** – notably Bohol's most famous tourist attraction. This geological phenomenon looks like giant mole hills covered with grass which, at the end of the dry season, turns chocolate brown. We will also take in



the Tarsiers – (the world’s smallest primates) as well as a unique butterfly farm and cave (*land tours available for an additional charge*).

The Ship



Measuring 107 feet long, the M/V Atlantis Azores is a wonderful addition to Philippine diving. Serving 16 guests in eight staterooms with full ensuite facilities, Atlantis Azores has raised the bar in terms of quality and service for the area. Seven deluxe staterooms with double and single berths, lavatory, hairdryer, and private head & shower line the lower deck of the vessel and one private suite is located

on the top deck.

The spacious dive deck allows you to gear up in comfort. A roomy three-tier camera table is available for photographers along with a charging station; all divers have their own storage area for dive equipment and there are warm fresh water showers on the back platform – complete with **heated** towels! Most dives are done from two Zodiac tender boats with a short ride to the dive sites; their dive team will ensure you get the best out of every dive! Nitrox is available but Tech and Rebreather diving is by pre-arrangement.

Entertainment & Amenities

Enjoy a wide selection of movies on their flat screen TV or sit back with a book or magazine from the library; an assortment of board games and cards is also available. Each evening you will be treated to either one of Atlantis’ unique marine life presentations, a picture slide show, or a presentation on your next destination. Besides diving, you can improve your photography skills, snorkel or take land



excursions during your trip. The Azores features a partially covered sun deck with chaise lounges, complete wet bar, hot tub, an assortment of sitting areas with tables and a large swim platform with warm freshwater showers. The Azores Boutique offers essential dive equipment such as signal

tubes, whistles and flashlights, as well as logo t-shirts, caps and other souvenirs. You are always welcome to relax in the spacious salon and dining areas. Besides diving, there will be some land excursions as well as many opportunities to snorkel during our trip.

Dining & Drinking



There is always an abundance of food: you should **never** be hungry! From morning 'till night, the ship's crew works tirelessly to ensure we are well fed with a blend of both local and international cuisine.

A typical day begins at 6:30am with Italian coffee and freshly-baked breads and fruit. After our 7:00am dive, a full breakfast including choice of pancakes, French toast, waffles, bacon, eggs and various Asian and European hot dishes is served. At 10:00am we will take our 2nd dive and enjoy snacks once we return to the ship. Our 3rd dive will happen around noon and be followed by a bountiful lunch that varies between Mongolian Woks, homemade pastas, and Paninis to order. 3:00pm is the time set aside for our 4th dive and fresh fruit shakes, as well as a variety of freshly baked cakes & cookies eagerly await our return. Our full day of diving rounds out with a dusk or night dive – usually conducted daily at 5:00pm or 6:00pm, weather and current conditions permitting. Hot cocoa with Bailey's Irish Cream (optional) is ready for us, along with hot towels!

After a shower, we will be entertained by Atlantis' Marine life presentation and then – you guessed it – a themed evening meal reflecting the dining you have come to expect from



Toko's – Atlantis' Resorts famous dining room. During our cruise, we will enjoy a 'seafood night' with crab cakes, Fish in Beurre Monte Citronee and seafood curry as well as a 'Carvery Night' featuring a selection of roasts and accompaniments. The Azores' complimentary open bar includes: fresh blended juice, such as Calamansi (local citrus fruit), lime juice, freshly squeezed orange, pineapple and mango juices, iced tea, coffee, selection of tea, milk, filtered drinking water, Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Royal (orange), San Miguel Pale Pilsner, San Miguel Light and Tanduay (local)

rum. The service is so amazing, your glass of juice or water will never become empty – a crew-member will fill it long before it does!



Vibrant local culture, colorful coral reefs and abundant marine life are perfectly paired with superior accommodations and a professional, attentive crew to make our Cebu - Malapascua safari the ideal choice for our next Indo-Pacific diving adventure. Whether sailing, cruising, or at anchor for sunset, this yacht provides the perfect setting for a remarkable dive vacation through the azure-blue waters of the Philippines.

Upon our return to port (the Atlantis Dumaguete Resort), our transfers will be waiting to take us to the airport. For those not staying with us at the resort, we will need to say, “Good-bye” and begin the second half of our adventure at the Atlantis Dumaguete Resort spending the rest of our day in complete luxury.

Dumaguete

Once we disembark the Azores, the second phase of our trip will begin on the island of Negros Occidental at the Atlantis Dumaguete Resort. Located just 20 minutes from the airport, Dumaguete features what is known as “Critter Diving”. Black volcanic sand lines the shores of this peacefully lush, plant-filled resort. Upon our arrival, we’ll be treated to our first dive (daylight permitting) where we’ll see many creatures including glass shrimp, large sea-horses, lion fish and eels. This destination has several established sanctuaries boasting stunning marine biodiversity including blue ringed octopus, wonderpus, mimic octopus, ocellate octopus, Ambon scorpion fish, flamboyant cuttlefish and bobbit worms.



Sumptuous feasts are in store for us each night, as the chef prepares two or three delectable dishes from which to choose. Beautifully landscaped in tropical plants & trees, Dumaguete has calmness



and serenity all its own. After dinner on our first night's stay, the Divemaster will conduct a brief session teaching us how to look for the smallest of creatures, and shows us photos so we can identify the marine life we do see.

Apo Island is a spectacular day trip that's included in our package. After we experience some absolutely wonderful diving we will enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch! We will swim with hump nose wrasse, schools of yellow-tail

snapper, juvenile triggerfish, pyramid butterfly fish and thousands of anthias, fusiliers and other brightly-colored fish. The most amazing part of this day trip is when we swim through the huge

school of large jacks – literally thousands of them – they surround but never touch us, making it difficult to see one another due to the density of the mass! After our day of diving, we can opt for a night dive where we will encounter unusual creatures in the black volcanic sand, soak next to the waterfall in the resort's beautiful swimming pool, or, relax in luxury at the Atlantis Spa where you will enjoy a wide selection of reasonably priced therapeutic and



relaxing massage and spa services. Facilities include imported spa beds and lotions to add to your comfort and enjoyment. The tranquil surroundings & smells and sounds of their Spas will help put you in the mood to relax and wind down.



There will be optional exciting land tours available for our travelers including a one-hour boat trip to Oslob to snorkel with the gentle giants of the sea, whale sharks. We can get very close to them and experience their massive, but gentle power – an amazing experience! On Wednesday mornings only, you can visit the Malatapay Market and take in the traditional Philippine “barter” system. The locals eagerly

trade livestock, fish, exotic fruits, strange vegetables, and household items. Another excursion we

highly recommend is to participate in an exciting 4x4 ride up into the mountains where we will hike to reach the highest waterfall in Negros – Casaroro Falls. **Casaroro Falls** is lodged deep into the rock crevices of the rugged Valencia mountains. With an astounding height of 100 feet, the water plunges into a deep cold basin before it flows down to a stream. The waterfall is considerably narrow, instead of the usual wide cascade, but this is precisely what makes Casaroro unique. Though despite its narrowness, the volume of water that drops is heavy and causes a roar as it touches the pool. Around the basin are natural boulders huge enough to rest any traveler's weary feet. There you have the opportunity to relax in the twin waterfalls and the Red Rock Hot Springs.

Red Rock Hot Springs – is a another optional excursion. Set on the side of the road that goes up to the Valencia mountains, the water is around 35°C (95°F) and is high in sulfur and iron concentration. You can relax in the warm water and enjoy the surrounding, volcanic ridges which are completely covered in vegetation. A real jungle! When it starts getting dark, on come the lights which makes the ambiance even more special. **BE WARNED** however, if you wear swimwear with any light colors or white, it will stain them turning them reddish!

After fourteen wonderful days of unlimited world-class diving, well-portioned gourmet meals, incredible, friendly service and complete relaxation, we will reluctantly depart for home.





Malapascua

September 16th – 25th, 2023

\$ 3,859* / person, dbl occ. (Add: \$630pp Upgrade to Owner's Suite)

- **Round-Trip Domestic Airfare from Manila to Dumaguete**
- **All Round-trip Airport Transfers Aboard Private Motor Coach**
- **Personal Airport “Meet & Greet” & Luggage Assistance**
- **9 Nights Accommodations Aboard the M/V Atlantis Azores**
- **8 Days of up to 5-Tank Boat Dives per Day**
- **All Breakfasts, Lunches & Dinners while aboard**
- **All Snacks, Soft Drinks & Selected Alcoholic Drinks while aboard the Ship**
- **Tanks & Weights**
- **All Hotel Taxes, Service Charges & VAT**

*** NOTE:**

Airfare and Liveaboard prices (if listed or included) may be adjusted due to government fees, fuel surcharges, and / or taxes, as these are outside of our control and beyond our current, best estimates for this service. Cruise and / or airline schedule changes may affect rates to the extent the change requires additional lodging. We will do our best to minimize any adjustment and inconvenience this may cause our travelers.

TL Sea Travel shall **not** be responsible for providing a roommate for any traveler in order to secure double or quad occ rates.

All prices quoted are based on US Cash. We do accept Visa & MasterCard although a 3% surcharge will be assessed.

Air Travel: The above price does not include international airfare. Should you wish a quote on airfare, please contact us for our best estimates for this service or to assist you with your transportation arrangements.

If you would like to continue your adventure, we are offering the following extension...



Dumaguete

September 25th – 29th, 2023

\$ 1,529 / person, dbl occ*

- Round-Trip Domestic Airfare from Manila to Dumaguete
- Round-Trip Airport Transfers aboard Private Charter Coach
- Personal Airport “Meet & Greet” & Luggage Assistance
- 4 Nights Accommodations at the Atlantis Hotel / Resort, Dumaguete
- All Breakfasts, Lunches & Dinners at Resort – Deluxe Menu Package
- 3 Days of up to 4-Tank Boat Dives & One Night Dive
- 1 Apo Island Cruise with Barbeque Lunch
- Tanks & Weights
- Unlimited Internet Access
- All Hotel Taxes, Airfare Taxes, Service Charges & VAT

▪ *** Air Travel & Additional Nights:** As this is an extension reflecting our package price, the above price includes domestic airfare. Should you wish to travel only to Dumaguete & extend your stay, we will be happy to quote additional nights & airfare for you.

Above Prices Do Not Include:

- Roundtrip Airfare from U.S.
- Applicable Port & Park Fees
- Government fees, Tax Increases and / or Fuel Surcharges
- Additional Services & Enhancements
- Land Excursion Fees at Dumaguete
- Diver Insurance (required)
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)
- Equipment Rentals
- Dawn Dives
- Nitrox Tanks
- Meals, Snacks & Beverages (other than specified)
- Tips & Gratuities
- Items of a Personal Nature
- Supplements / Optional Tours & Services / Extensions
- Transfers of less than 4 passengers
- Other Expenses
- Departure Tax

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Join Us!

If you are interested in traveling with us to Cebu – Malapascua, please reserve your space with a non-refundable \$750 commitment.

If you wish to add our 4-Night stay in Dumaguete, please add an additional \$350

If you would like a quote on a 7-Night Option at Dumaguete, please contact us.

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