

# ATLANTIS

## *Philippines*

DIVE RESORTS & LIVEBOARDS



# *Tubbataha*

Our reputation as the leader in first-class dedicated dive vacations in the Philippines is further enhanced by our dive yacht, Atlantis Azores. The Azores is positioned strategically to service remote diving areas with spectacular diving throughout the Philippines 7,107 islands.

Tubbataha is located in the Sulu Sea, at the center of the Coral Triangle between Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. Rarely visited due to its location and its status as a marine preserve, Tubbataha is made up of two reefs, simply referred to as the North and South Reefs. The North and South Reef both enclose a sandy lagoon. On the southern tip is an islet with a lighthouse. This is used as a rookery for birds and is frequented by turtles. Tubbataha Reefs Natural Parks is home to no less than 573 species of fish, 373 species of corals, 11 species of sharks, 12 species of dolphins and whales, nestling hawksbill and green sea turtle.

Enjoy a week at Atlantis Dumaguete or Puerto Galera before or after the trip – the perfect combo of resort and liveaboard.

### Seasons & Weather

Seven night charters run between March - June  
Air temperature 28c/82F+; Sea temperature 78c/82F+  
Visibility 28c/82F+ to 25m/80ft+

Port of embarkation - Puerto Princesa



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## DIVE DAY 1 & 6: NORTHERN TIP OF NORTH ATOLL

Fissures and crevices lead into it where nurse and whitetip reef sharks can be found resting during the day. Small manta rays, stingray's and spotted eagle rays, together with numerous turtles have all been seen.

The wall has huge gorgonian fan corals, soft corals and barrel sponges. Blacktip, whitetip and grey reef sharks can normally be seen patrolling here in numbers.

## DIVE DAY 2: SOUTHERN END OF NORTH ATOLL

The whole stretch of this face is excellent for diving. A dusk dive here, when the fish are feeding, is an amazing sight. Almost every type of native reef fish can be found here. Invertebrates like sea cucumbers, nudibranchs, flatworms and crinoids are everywhere.

Larger fish will be encountered, including giant & bluefin trevally, dogtooth tuna, great and pickhandle barracuda. Manta rays and turtles swim closer to the surface. During low tide a wreck can be seen.

## DIVE DAY 3: NORTHERN TIP OF SOUTH ATOLL

The area is particularly renowned for green and hawksbill turtles. There are plenty of schools of reef fish and larger pelagic species including narrow-bared spanish mackerel, bluefin and giant trevally, pickhandle and great barracuda can be seen. Whitetip reef sharks, together with black-blotched stingrays and eagle rays occasionally venture into these waters. When the manta rays show up here they can hang around for hours majestically playing with divers.

## DIVE DAY 4: SOUTHERN END OF SOUTH ATOLL

Also known as "The Lighthouse" with impressive views over Tubbataha Reef. Here, there are small reef fish, corals, sponges and anemones with a variety of anemone fish species living in symbiosis.

## DIVE DAY 5: SOUTH EASTERN OF NORTH ATOLL



The dive starts on a gentle slope that is covered in surperbe unmolested corals and ends with a wall covered with dramatic gorgonian fans where sharp eyed divers can often spot pygmy seahorses.

If there's current, you'll come across a wide variety of large fish, including narrow-bared spanish mackerel, giant trevally, red snapper, napoleon wrasse and giant & malabar groupers. You're certain to see whitetip and grey reef sharks.

Look out for manta rays, spotted eagle rays and both green & hawksbill turtles closer to the surface. Other fish that can be seen include rainbow runners, african pompano, angel fish, leaf scorpion fish, fire dart fish and, down deeper, decorated dart fish.

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- Itineraries are subject to change due to weather, safety or logistical issues and final routes are always at the discretion of the captain.

