



TUBBATAHA

The Crown Jewel of Philippine Diving

Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park is a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#) located at the heart of the Coral Triangle, a “wetland of international importance” renowned for having unparalleled biodiversity in terms of coral species. Nominated as [one of the 7 New Wonders of the World](#), Tubbataha is most known for dramatic reefscapes, massive walls and drop-offs, amazingly abundant marine life, and excellent visibility. Considered as [the Philippines' top diving destination](#), Tubbataha also ranks as one of the World's best.

Rough seas make Tubbataha impossible to reach most of the year; it is Mother Nature's way of protecting its beauty and maintaining its pristine underwater condition. The water calms down during the summer months of March to June, giving divers a limited window to experience this world-class diving destination. There is also virtually no land in sight within the 97,080-hectare marine protected area, except for a small sand bar along the North Atoll, making liveaboard the only option for diving in Tubbataha.

Due to the remoteness of the place and the limited seasonal factor, dive slots to Tubbataha sell out very fast and it is advisable to book as early as possible to secure a space. More so, fully paid early bird bookings 6 months ahead of the scheduled trip will be rewarded with FREE UNLIMITED NITROX.

The following is a sample itinerary of the schedule and some dive sites we may visit during your liveaboard cruise with the Big Sky Explorer. Please bear in mind that this is only a sample itinerary and there are a number of factors that determine the actual dive route. Surface conditions, tides and currents all play a part in the Captain and the Cruise Director's decision on where to sail the vessel. Guests are nonetheless welcome to suggest any preferred dive site(s) to the Cruise Director and we will do our best to accommodate one's wishes, provided it is possible and the schedule allows for it.



The Cruise Director will be arranging up to 4 dives per day, except for the last diving day, which will only have 2 to 3 dives depending on guests' flight schedules the following day. A total of 5 meals will be served each full day on board.

A typical diving day will be scheduled as follows:

0600 Light Breakfast, followed by dive briefing
0700: Dive 1
0830: Full Breakfast, followed by relaxation and dive briefing
1000: Dive 2
1200: Lunch, followed by relaxation and dive briefing
1430: Dive 3, followed by relaxation and afternoon merienda (snacks)
1700: Dive briefing followed by Dive 4 (sunset dive)
1900: Dinner

Sample Itinerary

Tubbataha Regular Trip (7d/6n)

Embarkation Point: Puerto Princesa, Palawan
Disembarkation Point: Puerto Princesa, Palawan

Puerto Princesa → Tubbataha → Puerto Princesa

Day 1: Embarkation in Puerto Princesa Pier between 2PM to 5:30PM. Service starts with a welcome drink and a boat briefing followed by dinner before departure to Tubbataha Reefs approximately at 6PM.

Day 2: Jessie Beasley Reef 3-4 dives

Day 3: Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park 3-4 dives

Day 4: Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park 3-4 dives

Day 5: Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park 3-4 dives

Day 6: Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park 2-3 dives, depending on flight schedules the next day.

Day 7: Arrive Puerto Princesa approximately 6AM. Disembark between 8AM and 10AM. Breakfast will be served before disembarkation and transfer to Puerto Princesa.



Additional Information

<u>INCLUSIONS</u>	<u>EXCLUSIONS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full board accommodation in a twin or quad sharing cabin. Single occupancy rates available.• Five (5) meals a day (including light breakfast and afternoon snacks).• Unlimited coffee, tea, juice and drinking water.• Diving (3-4 non-deco dives a day), service of a dive master, full dive tanks and weight belts.• FREE UNLIMITED NITROX (for fully paid bookings 6 months or more prior to the scheduled trip).• Two-way transfer between M/V Big Sky Explorer and Puerto Princesa.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International and domestic air transportation (if required).• Hotels and meals before and after the cruise.• Dive, travel, and medical insurances.• Soft drinks, beer, wine or spirits (minimal corkage fees apply).• Extra services such as laundry, massage, etc.• Diving equipment rental.• Nitrox-filled tanks (for non-early birds).• Park entrance fees and dive permit.• Crew gratuities.