



Location: Malapascua
Reference: P3

Monad Shoal is one of the few places in the world where one can get a decent chance to see the elusive and very shy thresher shark.

Monad Shoal is located about 20 minutes by boat from Malapascua Island which is roughly three hours by road from the second largest city in the Philippines, Cebu City.

HIGHLIGHTS

Monad Shoal is a sunken plateau about 25 meters deep in the middle of the Blue Ocean and is famous for its regular sightings of the two to six meter long silvery thresher shark; swimming out of the deep to get cleaned in the early mornings.

Although the sharks are seen all year round, some months have recorded more sightings than others but these vary from year to year. During the months of May and November, devil and manta rays frequent the same cleaning stations. Hammerheads have been sighted from January to early March along the deeper edges of the plateau.

Nitrox is recommended for Manod Shoal to extend bottom time. Impatient behavior, fancy footwork and chasing after these beautiful animals are not appreciated.

Another popular dive site is Gato Island. A cave runs underside the island; populated with sharks and sea snakes. Evening dives to see mating mandarin fish are also another highlight.

ACCOMMODATION

A wide range of accommodation is available in Malapascua; however do not expect luxury resorts like those found in Maldives or Bali.

GOD's EXPERIENCE

We dived Malapascua in 2006 and 2007 and we still cannot get enough of the thresher sharks. Our wide contacts with local operators ensure you get the best for what you pay for.

BEST SEASON

Generally good all year round but we prefer May to November as we also love the devil and manta rays. It is best to plan for midweek diving for less of a crowd. This way you are able to enjoy the precious lonely moments with the thresher sharks.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

A vibrant night life with the many bars and massage joints; good restaurants and beautiful beaches

PACKAGE COST

USD 660 ex Cebu for divers (6 dives) and USD 530 for non divers inclusive of meals, transfers, superior standard Island Resort accommodation and the company and guidance of a fun GOD leader.

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