



Location: Tubbataha, Philippines
Reference: P5

The name 'Tubbataha' is a Samal word for "long reef exposed at low tide". Samal's are seafaring people of the Sulu Sea.

Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park is home to some of the most beautiful coral reefs in the world. Rising from the volcanic depths of the Sulu Sea in the western Philippines, these magnificent atolls encompass an astonishing diversity of marine life.

The park is an underwater sanctuary where nature can thrive. Tubbataha is the Philippines' only marine natural Park and is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site, a place of global importance, being preserved for generations to come.

HIGHLIGHTS

The park contains roughly 10,000 hectares of coral reef, lying at the heart of the Coral Triangle.

573 recorded species of fish, 379 species of coral, 11 species of sharks, 12 species of dolphins and whales, hawksbill and green sea turtles.

All dives were wall dives ending on the reef at the top of the atoll. We encountered black tip and grey reef sharks on every dive; turtles and an amazing number of fish.

ACCOMMODATION

Tubbataha reef is only accessible by Liveonboards (LOB) as the reefs are a good 10-12 hour journey from Puerto Princessa in Palawan.

Expedition Fleet are the recommended operators as they manage to keep their boats in pristine condition and have excellent service standards.

GOD's EXPERIENCE

You need to be well prepared to face up to 6 knots of current, unpredictable cold water (temperature can drop several degrees during a dive) due to the meeting of currents.

BEST SEASON

Tubbataha reef is only open for divers between the months of March till June; any other months would mean choppy sea conditions.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Purely diving and sunbathing on top deck!

PACKAGE COST

Around USD 1,400 ex Puerto Princessa for 6 day 5 nights LOB. Price ranges depending on standard of dive boat.

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