

Fabulous Philippines!

**The Atlantis Puerto Galera Boutique Resort
and The Azores Live Aboard**

April 9–23, 2017

This trip will be led by PADI Master Instructor & Certified Leisure Travel Specialist: Saralynn H Turner and accompanied by Staff Divemaster: Chris 'Tater Belle' Jones.

Last time we went to the Philippines, we really thought we were completing a bucket list dream. Guess what? We are headed back because there is so much more beauty to see and experience. And who wouldn't want to repeat the royal treatment that is the norm from the Atlantis Resort and Azores Yacht staff? This trip will allow us to experience the magic of Verde Island and the exclusive Tubbataha reef located 100 miles from anywhere.

Due to the airline schedules from most gateway cities, it is generally going to be necessary to overnight at the well appointed Belmont Hotel on both ends of the trip. This is a great way to get some rest and recuperation first from the plane ride and then from all the diving fun.



We love being greeted at the airport, given cold bottled water, and escorted to the van while our hosts retrieve and load our luggage. Hotel check in is fast and easy and a nice breakfast is included in our overnight stay. Then it is off to our air conditioned vans and our private "banque" (outrigger boat) to Puerto Galera. After a short walk through town we arrive at the resort where we are greeted with a cold welcome beverage, a thorough hotel briefing, and a nice teasing five minute neck and shoulder massage by the onsite spa therapists. Who would like to start diving right away?

The dive operation is the epitome of EASY diving! After checking in, everyone is assigned a spacious cubby for their gear. After the first dive, our gear will be assembled and placed on the boats for us each time. During the surface intervals we travel back to the resort for water, tea, and cakes before returning to do it all over again. At the end of the day, our gear will be washed and put up for us (my gear has never been so clean!). Dives are typically scheduled for 9:00, 11:00, 2:00, 4:00 and night, and really they are each so spectacular you don't want to miss any of them (unless of course it is for a 90 minute massage...).

After our five days at the resort we will fly to Puerto Princessa and our floating hotel, the Azores Liveaboard. On our private, luxury yacht we will enjoy eight more days of supreme adventure on the Tubbataha Reef, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



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Tubbataha is very special in that it is only accessible by liveaboard for a few weeks of the year. Each cabin is serviced daily, and has its own air conditioning control and ensuite bathroom. The main salon has a flat screen TV, plenty of movies and games, and a nice area for relaxing. On the dive deck there is plenty of space to hang our wetsuits, stash our gear, shower in fresh hot water, dry off with ever present warm beach towels, and have room to work on our cameras at the dedicated camera table. The top party deck has chaise lounges, wet bar, hot tub, and a variety of sitting areas in both shade and sun.

Certainly a trip of this length requires some great food options! Both the hotel and boat offer a variety of freshly prepared meals and snacks all day long. We were impressed by having several choices of appetizer, entrée, and dessert at each meal. The food was well prepared, plentiful, and delicious.

Trip fees include:

- Transfers from Manila to Puerto Galera
- 5 days, 4 nights accommodation based on double occupancy at Puerto Galera
- All meals at Toko's Restaurant
- Coffee, tea and filtered water (specialty coffees at breakfast)
- Unlimited Internet access while at resort
- Unlimited scheduled boat diving (up to five dives per day)
- 1 day trip to Verde Island with lunch and beverages
- Roundtrip air to Puerto Princessa
- 8 days, 7 nights boat accommodation based on double occupancy
- Complimentary local soft drinks, beer and social servings of wine
- All diving All meals and snacks on board

Pre trip organizational meet and greet and water practice.

An Easy Diver Travel Application & Agreement must be completed and returned with initial deposit & a copy of your Passport Information page.

Trip Fees:

Garden View Room and Deluxe Boat Cabin

- \$5995 per lucky traveler, based on double occupancy
- \$800 deposit per person due at time of reservation

Garden View Room and Owners Suite Cabin

- \$6510 per very lucky traveler, based on double occupancy
- \$1000 deposit per person due at time of reservation

Have we convinced you yet? How about a picture presentation to seal the deal.

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Please note: Your deposit is a promise to travel, reservations are confirmed and staff engaged, so please understand that trip deposits are non-refundable. Package price can change at anytime, so it cannot be fully guaranteed until deposit is made. Credit card and Pay Pal payments are subject to a 3% processing fee.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare from US Gateway City to Manila, Philippines
- Airport/hotel transfers - \$20 per person each way
- Belmont Hotel, pre and post stay - \$140 per night for two
- Extra baggage allowance for Cebu Airlines - \$40 roundtrip
- Nitrox - \$225 (All divers must be Nitrox certified)
- Marine Park Fees - \$165 (may change at any time)
- DAN – Evacuation/Accident Insurance (mandatory for Live Aboard)
- Staff gratuities – about 10% the cost of the trip

Travel Protection Insurance (cost based on age of participant and cost of trip)



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