



## MALAPASCUA TO CEBU

### 12 NIGHT DURATION

Qualification required: PADI Open water or equivalent - no minimum number of logged dives required

This 12 night liveboard adventure allows up to 40 dives (including night dives) and offers the chance to dive many of the best sites in the Philippines archipelago.

#### Diving Highlights

**Malapascua Island: Monad Shoal** is one of the few dive spots in the world where the shy pelagic thresher sharks may be seen on a daily basis. Other visitors to the shoal include manta, devil and eagle rays. Running along the same outer reef ridge is Kimud Shoal, another superb site to spot thresher sharks, rays and even hammerhead sharks.

**Malapascua Wrecks:** The 100m passenger ferry Dona Marilyn lies at a depth of 32m and is now a haven for marble and blue spotted stingrays and home to schools of sweetlips. The Tapilo, a Japanese cargo vessel sunk during WWII, is now covered in bushes of black corals and home to a wealth of macro life including tiny skeleton shrimp and squat lobsters.

**Pescador Island - off western Cebu:** Famous for huge schools of sardines which also attract many pelagics, this spot is well-known for diving with thresher sharks and even whale sharks. Stunning walls are lined with gorgonians, soft and hard corals, leaving plenty of hiding places for giant frogfish, morays, trumpet fish, box fish and lots more!

**Apo Island Marine Reserve:** Watch mandarin fish mating in a special sunset dive at The Chapel (night diving is not permitted at Apo Island) and enjoy an exhilarating, often fast-paced drift with turtles, humphead parrotfish and marbled groupers at Coconut Point.

**'The Cars' - Dauin:** The dark sand slope leads down to two artificially-sunk Volkswagens, covered with corals and sponges and home to schooling lionfish. There's plenty of macro life here just waiting to be discovered including porcelain crabs, ghost pipefish, nudibrachs of every shade and mimi octopus. Critter diving at it's best!

**Black Forest - Balicasag:** Black Forest was named after it's black coral covered ledges. Not so prevalent now, this site is a real hot spot for turtles and the lovely shallow seagrass beds make the perfect place for a relaxed safety spot watching the turtles feeding.

Cabilao Island: There are several interesting wall and coral garden dives around the island of Cabilao. Paradise Wall provides a gentle drift along a fantastic coral reef with schooling fish and plenty of macro life in the shallow water. South Point offers you the opportunity to look for white tip reef sharks that hang out in the caverns within the steep coral wall.

NOTE: Liveaboard itineraries can change without notice. The itinerary will depend on several factors including, but not limited to, weather, diving ability of guests & the number of other boats already present at the various dive sites. All dive sites visited are subject to weather conditions and are at the discretion of your dive guides and vessel captain.

