

# **Diving in Bohol**

The Visayas are one of the three island groups in the Philippines; enjoy six fabulous days diving from the Atlantis Azores around one of the most beautiful and bio-diverse regions in Asia. Easy cruises each evening will take you from one great dive site to another.

With easy transfers, consider a combo trip with Atlantis Dumaguete for a multiple week first class dive vacation at a very reasonable investment.



## Day 1 & 2: Moalboal - Pescador Island

Rated as one of the Philippines top dive sites for many years this small island is just a couple of miles due west of Moalboal. The exhilarating scene is set by a small plateau that surrounds the island before it drops vertically into the abyss. The wall is literally teeming with life; frog fish, stonefish, barracuda and turtles are common, but the real draw is the sardine run and a chance of a thresher!

## Day 3: Oslob and Sumilon Island

We spend the 3rd day snorkeling with Whale Sharks at Oslob. The rest of the day will be spent diving around tranquil Sumilon Island, surrounded by crystal clear waters and pristine white sandy beaches. Look out for... exquisite coral gardens and drop-offs. 'Might sees' in this area include manta rays and sting rays, barracudas, sea turtles and snakes and very occasionally whale sharks and hammerheads.

#### Day 4: Balicasag Island

Balicasag is a flat island four kilometres southwest of the Duljo Point; the sandy coralline beach is a site to behold. Look out for... jacks, mackerel and barracudas often seen in abundance as well as large groupers, napoleon wrasses and snappers hiding in the over hangs of the dramatic multi-hundred-foot vertical walls. Look out for... turtles, whitetip and blacktip reef sharks, eagle & manta rays, schooling barracuda and trevally, frog fish, ghost pipe fish, pygmy and thorny seahorses, plus many different species of nudibranch, among dramatic walls and reefs.

### Day 5: Balicasag Island and/or Panglao Island or Land Tour

Panglao Island – Look out for... turtles, whitetip and blacktip reef sharks, eagle & manta rays, schooling barracuda and trevally, frog fish, ghost pipe fish, pygmy and thorny seahorses, plus many different species of nudibranch, among dramatic walls and reefs.

Land tour options: Chocolate Hills or Loboc River Tour. A visit to the Tarsiers – the world smallest primate on both tours.

#### Day 6: Half A Day Diving in Either Apo Island or Siquijor

Apo Island is one of the world's best known community organized marine sanctuaries. The island is home to over 650 documented species of fish and estimated to have over 400 species of corals.

Siquijor is called Isla del Fuego or the "Island of Fire" and look out for... superb hard and soft corals, fusiliers, many nudibranchs, clown fish, parrot fish, schools of juvenile barracuda and razor fish. Super pristine walls abound!

## Day 7: Disembarkation 8am

This is an excellent itinerary to add a few nights at Atlantis Dumaguete.