

# The Tubbataha Itinerary...

of a 7 Days... 6 Nights Cruise

## Tubbataha Reef National Park



### Day 1 – Embarkation (Puerto Princesa) begins from 1400Hrs

Embarkation at the harbour of Puerto Princesa starts from 1400Hrs. Only transfers from Puerto Princesa Domestic Airport are included in the cruise package. Hotel/resort transfers to the embarkation point can be organised by Solitude with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party transportation company but will be subject to charges. These charges will vary depending on your location. You are best advised to organise with your resort/hotel to be transferred directly to the embarkation point or to Puerto Princesa Domestic Airport Terminal where we can pick you up from 1400hrs onwards.

Upon boarding Solitude One, a welcome from the rest of our crew awaits you. Orientation and registration (remember your C-Cards and/or Log Books!) will begin once you are welcomed. You are encouraged to complete your registration and general liability release forms prior to embarkation; this way you will save yourself some time with the orientation and can use this towards getting yourself settled in and rested! If you have not, there is nothing to worry about as you can complete them after the orientation to hand to your cruise directors. During the registration, Permit and National Park fees will be collected as well. For this stand-alone Tubbataha itinerary, a total of 3000PHP (subject to change as informed by the authorities) is required to be paid.

Dinner is included.

*Solitude One will get underway towards Tubbataha Reef National Park at sunset (estimated time of travel is 10 hours)*

### Day 2, 3 & 4 • 3 or 4 dives daily, North & South Atoll

*As dive sites in Tubbataha Reefs are in close proximity, dive sites will be scheduled based on tides/currents as well as communicating with other liveaboards in the vicinity to avoid overcrowding a particular dive site.*

### Day 5 & 6 • 3 or 4 dives daily, North Atoll & Jessie Beazley Reef

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*Solitude One will get underway towards Puerto Princesa (estimated time of travel is 9 hours) after the scheduled final night dive in Jessie Beazley Reef.*

### Day 7 - No diving, disembarkation (Puerto Princesa) at 1100hrs

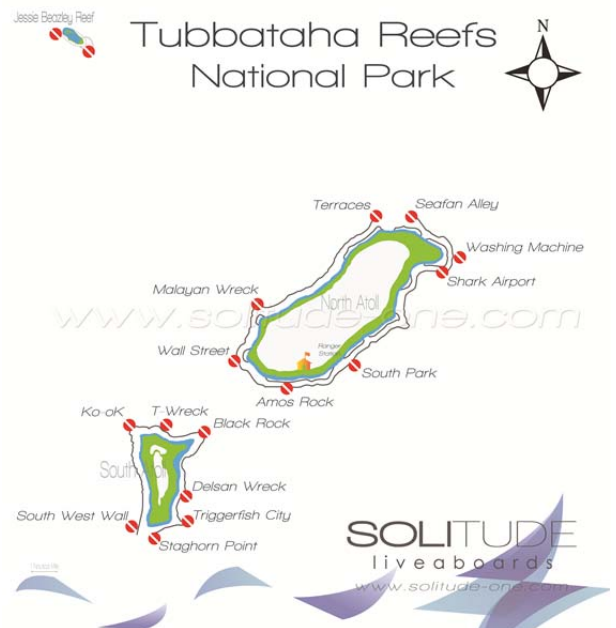
During 0700hrs to 0800Hrs, you will be advised by a member of our crew on your bill (If you have any payments for Satellite Communications, Equipment Rentals, EANitrox, Alcohol, etc.). Please check that it is correct and make your payment at your convenience before 0930Hrs. We accept only CASH in USD (Preferred) or Philippines Pesos (PHP).

After a big breakfast, we will organise an appreciation briefing followed by final disembarkation for our guests. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate late Check-Out requests as we have to prepare for the new cruise the next day.

### A typical day on board...

The daily itinerary, except on days of embarkation and disembarkation, is as follows:

*Light Breakfast > Dive > Big Breakfast > Dive > Lunch > Dive > Afternoon Snack > Night Dive > Dinner*



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#### Safety and Common Sense

We know that time and investment in holidays are valuable and you want to dive as much as you can. We fully understand that, as we take diving holidays too! Be assured that we are committed to provide you with as many dives as we safely can. Besides the obvious reasons why we would not let you go for a dive (stated in your registration form declaration), being well rested and rehydrated for your first dive is a good first step.

This is why we need to ensure that you have at least 6 hours of proper rest after your arrival before making your first dive. We know you learned about safety during your scuba course(s) but sometimes the excitement and anticipation of a diving holiday can get the better of us and we tend to overlook our own condition for a dive.

Our commitment to safety also includes our crew which is why we limit a maximum of 4 dives (including a night dive) in a day so that they too get ample rest to minimise fatigue, ergo minimise the risk of working on a vessel.

As always, itineraries are subject to weather, logistics and also, importantly, where sites are better during the week of your cruise. Your cruise directors will constantly be updating you on the schedule/plans on board during your cruise.

For more information or clarification, please do not hesitate to write to [emailus@solitude-liveboards.com](mailto:emailus@solitude-liveboards.com)

#### Enriched Air Nitrox



Although the standard mix for EAN is 32%, on most dives we have made an educated decision to provide in the proximity of EAN30 instead, to allow a safer M.O.D. EAN 30% would provide some degree of depth buffer if you are caught especially in a down current, but will still allow ample extended length of bottom time (compared to normal air). EANitrox prices are as follows: US \$8 per dive OR US \$135 for 7 days/6 nights Philippines itinerary, with subsequent additional use US \$20 per day.

#### DIN or International?

We have both.

#### 15L/100cuft Scuba Cylinders?

Yes we have. It is an additional US \$8 per cylinder per diving day.

#### Side-mount Diving?

- Additional 12L/80cuft cylinder with air: US \$10 per cylinder per diving day
- Additional 12L/80cuft cylinder with EANitrox: US \$18 per cylinder per diving day. Whole Trip Use discount applies. Please check with your cruise directors or our sales and reservation staff.

#### Rebreather Diving? Twins?

Yes, we do support Rebreather Diving but we do not have Twin-Tanks. Our support is only on oxygen filling (US \$0.06 per litre) with a booster pump on board. Your dive profile must also follow with the other recreational divers in consideration for other guests' comfort and safety. Complete support (including Twin Tank configurations) can be accommodated for full charters. For full charters, profiles are of course not limited to our standard recreational limits. Do note that the price of helium, if required, can be costly.

#### How can someone contact you if they need to?

Yes they can! Please refer to the "How to Contact Me" document for more information.

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