



Wicked Horizon

Sail Plan

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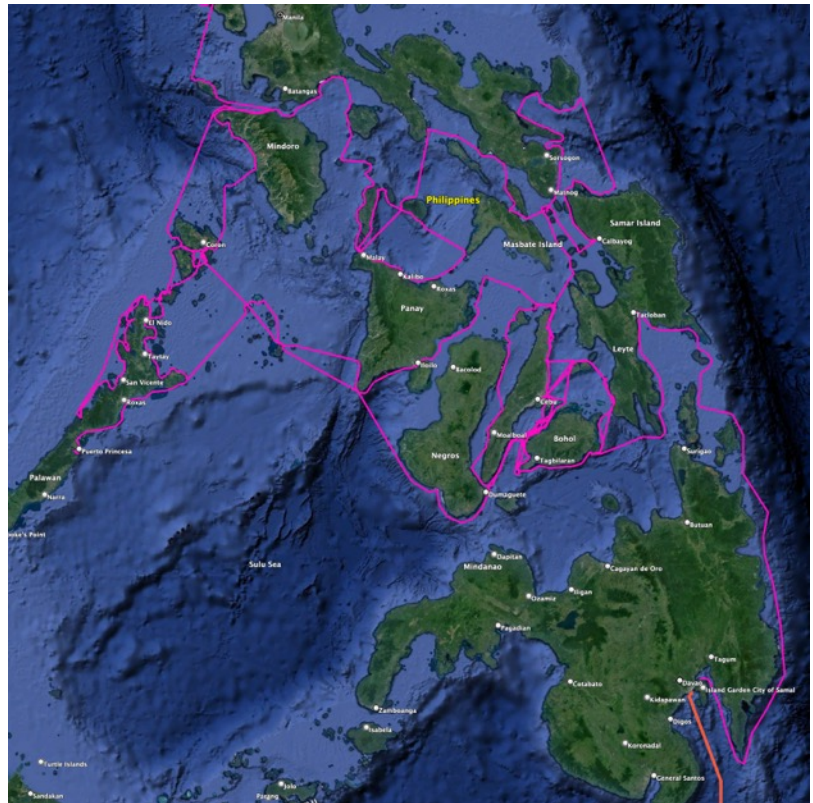


The 2023/2024 Wicked Horizon Philippines Sail Plan

The Philippines offer great sailing, snorkelling and diving as well as plenty of opportunities for land excursions.

We were getting so excited reading all the reports and descriptions of the areas about to be visited that we've decided to write a summary to allow you to choose the trip, time or location that best suits both your availability and your interests.

The table below shows the breakdown of journeys planned. Each of these is described in detail on the following pages. We can't wait to seeing you on board!



Trip	Name	From / To	Dates
Skipper change, maintenance and hand-over: Davao 15/10/2023 - 21/10/2023			
1	450 miles in paradise	Davao - Tacloban	22/10/2023 - 11/11/2023
2	A journey of reefs and cities	Tacloban - Cebu	12/11/2023 - 25/11/2023
3	Sailing in coral galore	Cebu - Carmen	26/11/2023 - 09/12/2023
4	Christmas in Cebu	Carmen - Cebu	10/12/2023 - 30/12/2023
5	Around Bohol from reef to reef	Cebu - Cebu	31/12/2023 - 13/01/2024
Skipper change, maintenance and hand-over: Cebu 14/01/2024 - 20/01/2024			
6	Sailing the island paradise of the Samar Sea	Cebu - Calbayog	21/01/2024 - 03/02/2024
7	Close to the edge	Calbayog - Masbate	04/02/2024 - 24/02/2024
8	Ocean deep and mountain high	Masbate - Caticlan	25/02/2024 - 09/03/2024
9	Calm seas and jagged Peaks	Caticlan - Caticlan	10/03/2024 - 23/03/2024
10	Island hopping in the Tablas Strait	Caticlan - Puerto Galera	24/03/2024 - 06/04/2024
Skipper change, maintenance and hand-over: Puerto Galera 07/04/2024 - 13/04/2024			
11	Crossing the Mindoro Strait	Puerto Galera - Coron	14/04/2024 - 27/04/2024
12	A passage to Palawan	Coron - El Nido	28/04/2024 - 11/05/2024
13	The cliffs and lagoons of west Palawan	El Nido - El Nido	12/05/2024 - 25/05/2024
14	Sailing along the jungles of Palawan (south)	El Nido - Puerto Princesa	26/05/2024 - 08/06/2024
15	Sailing along the jungles of Palawan (north)	Puerto Princesa - El Nido	09/06/2024 - 22/06/2024
16	Island hopping to Coron	El Nido - Coron	23/06/2024 - 06/07/2024
17	A passage to Palawan	Coron - El Nido	07/07/2024 - 20/07/2024
18	The cliffs and lagoons of west Palawan	El Nido - El Nido	21/07/2024 - 03/08/2024
19	Sailing along the jungles of Palawan (south)	El Nido - Puerto Princesa	04/08/2024 - 17/08/2024
20	Crossing the Sulu Sea	Puerto Princesa - San Jose	18/08/2024 - 07/09/2024
21	Taking the scenic route to Cebu	San Jose - Cebu	08/09/2024 - 21/09/2024
Skipper change, maintenance and hand-over: Cebu 22/09/2024 - 28/09/2024			
22	Tresher sharks, corals and Giants	Cebu - Iloilo	29/09/2024 - 12/10/2024
23	Crossing from Panay to Coron	Iloilo - Coron	13/10/2024 - 26/10/2024
24	Sailing past the world-famous Apo Reef	Coron - Puerto Galera	27/10/2024 - 09/11/2024

Voyage 1 - 450 miles in Paradise



Route: Davao to Tacloban
Date: 22/10/2023 to 11/11/2023 (3 weeks)
Distance: 450 NM

About the Trip

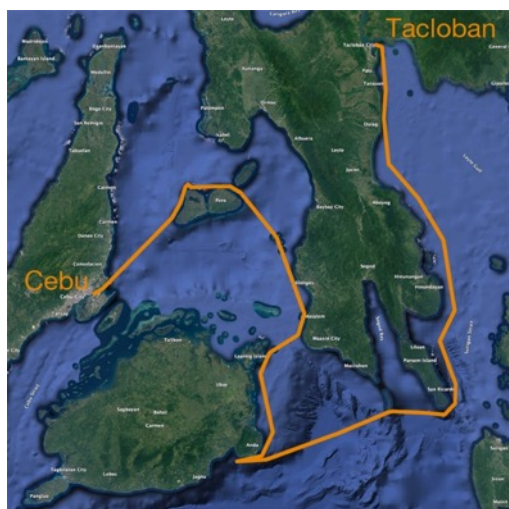
A long sail along Mindanao's east coast followed by a relaxing island-hopping period around Sirago and the Dingat Islands. The coast is facing the open Pacific and offers exciting sailing along coastal forests and beautiful beaches. The northern part of the journey is in more sheltered waters and offers a variety of scenic beauty, cultural attractions and many possibilities for land excursions. It is a trip for sailing

enthusiasts that prefer longer distances and the occasional over-night sailing. Highlights include the following:

- Siargao Island: known as the surfing capital of the Philippines, and has become a popular destination for surfers from around the world.
- Britania Islands: a group of 24 small islands and islets with crystal-clear waters and powdery white sand beaches.
- Hinatuan Enchanted River: a deep blue river located in Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur. It is surrounded by lush greenery and is believed to be enchanted by the locals.
- Tinuy-an Falls: a majestic waterfall located in Bislig, Surigao del Sur. It is known as the "Little Niagara Falls" of the Philippines and is a popular spot for swimming and taking photos.
- Mount Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary: a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to various species of plants and animals, including the Philippine eagle. Visitors can hike and explore the lush forest trails.
- Enchanted River of Sibadan: another enchanted river located in the town of Buenavista, Agusan del Norte. Visitors can swim and snorkel in the clear blue waters.
- Cagwait White Beach: a long stretch of white sand beach located in the town of Cagwait, Surigao del Sur. It is a popular spot for swimming, beach volleyball, and other beach activities.
- MacArthur landing site: General MacArthur landed in Tacloban with his troops to liberate the Philippines from Japanese occupation on the 20th of October 1944



Voyage 2 – A Journey of Reefs and Cities



Route: Tacloban to Cebu City

Date: 12/11/2023 to 25/11/2023 (2 weeks)

Distance: 260 NM

About the Trip

Relaxing cruise with good opportunities for both snorkelling and scuba diving. The Leyte Gulf region in the Philippines offers a variety of historical, cultural and scenic attractions. Anda municipality is home to the scenic Quinapagpan River, which is popular for its bamboo rafting tours. Visitors can also explore the nearby Pahangog Twin Falls and the Lintaon Peak, which offers panoramic views of the surrounding mountains.

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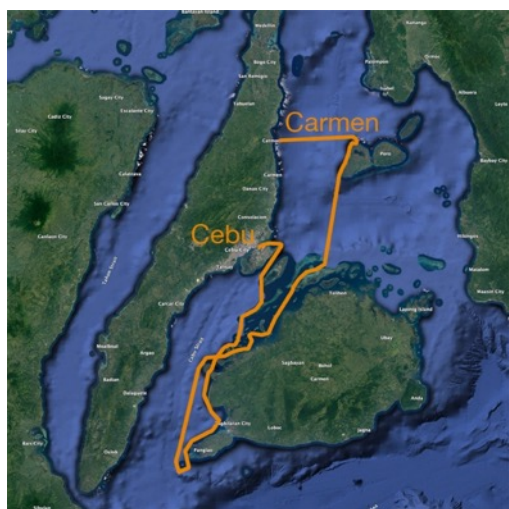
- Sogod Bay and Limasawa Island: a popular destination for diving and snorkelling. It features a diverse marine ecosystem, including coral reefs, sea turtles, and a variety of fish species.
- Anda Rock Formation: a popular dive site that features an underwater rock formation teeming with marine life, including colorful corals, reef fish, and sea turtles.
- La Manok Island: this island is located just off the coast of Anda and offers excellent diving and snorkelling opportunities, with clear waters and a diverse array of marine life.
- Gindulman Reef: a popular dive site that features a vibrant coral reef teeming with marine life, including nudibranchs, seahorses, and octopuses.
- Lungsodaan Wall: a vertical wall dive that offers stunning views of the underwater landscape, with a variety of colorful corals and fish to observe.

Poro and Tulang Islands are two of the smaller islands that make up the Camotes Islands, located in the northeastern part of Cebu Province. Here are some of the top attractions in these islands:

- Lake Danao: a freshwater lake located in the centre of Poro Island, and is a popular spot for boating, fishing, and picnicking.
- Bukilat Cave: a limestone cave located in the town of Tudela, and features impressive rock formations and underground streams.
- Busay Falls: a beautiful waterfall located in the town of San Francisco on Poro Island, and can be reached via a short hike through the forest.
- Tulang Diot Island: a small island located just off the coast of Tulang Island, and is known for its crystal-clear waters and colourful marine life.



Voyage 3 - Sailing in Coral Galore



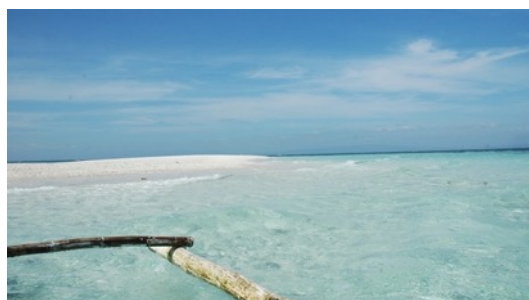
Route: Cebu City / Bohol Reefs / Carmen
Date: 26/11/2023 to 9/12/2023 (2 weeks)
Distance: 190 NM

About the Trip

Relaxing cruise along Bohol's west coast including Dumog Sandbar, Tubigon, Batasan, Tagbilaran, Punta Cruz and Balicasag Marine Sanctuary. Plenty of snorkelling and scuba diving. Crossover to Poro and then to Carmen. The Bohol Reefs are on the 'must do' list of many divers and are known for their scenic coastline, white sand beaches, and stunning natural beauty.

There are other highlights on this voyage besides diving and snorkelling:

- The reefs along the west coast of Bohol: These reefs are one of the prime diving and snorkelling sites of the Philippines.
- Panglao Island: this island is located just off the coast of Bohol's West Coast and is known for its beautiful beaches and world-class diving spots, such as Balicasag Island and Pamilacan Island.
- Alona Beach: this popular beach destination is known for its white sand and clear waters, and offers a variety of water sports activities, such as scuba diving, snorkelling, and kayaking.
- Philippine Tarsier Foundation: located in the towns of Tagbilaran and Corella, this sanctuary is dedicated to the protection of the endangered Philippine tarsier, a tiny nocturnal primate that is native to the island. Visitors can observe these adorable creatures in their natural habitat.
- Hinagdanan Cave: this limestone cave is located in the town of Dauis and features a crystal-clear underground pool that is popular for swimming and photography.
- Baclayon Church: this historic church is located in the town of Baclayon and is considered one of the oldest stone churches in the Philippines. It features a museum that showcases religious artefacts and antique items from the Spanish colonial era.
- Chocolate Hills: this iconic geological formation is located in the town of Carmen and features over 1,000 symmetrical mounds of limestone that resemble chocolate drops. Visitors can climb to the top of one of the hills for panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.



Voyage 4 - Christmas in Cebu



Route: Carmen to Cebu City
Date: 10/12/2023 to 30/12/2023 (3 weeks)
Distance: 450 NM

About the Trip

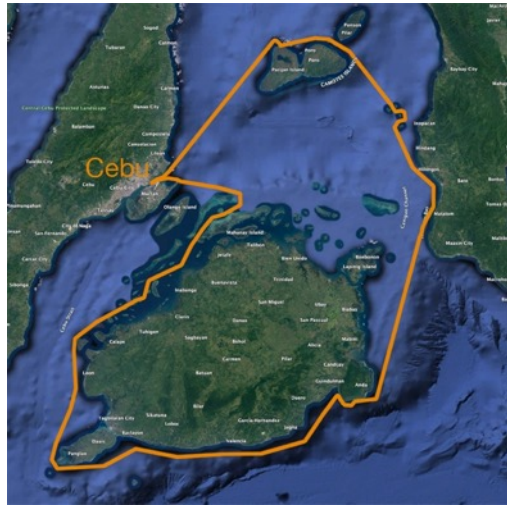
We circle Cebu Island counter-clockwise with little sojourns to neighbouring islands. There is much to see and since the voyage takes place during Christmas it is also a chance to see more of the Filipino culture: Christmas in the Philippines is a joyous and festive occasion filled with meaningful traditions and a strong sense of family and community. Homes and streets are decorated with colourful lights and lanterns called

"parols". Filipino Christmas dishes include "lechon" (roasted pig), "bibingka" (rice cake), and "puto bumbong" (sticky rice cake). Highlights include the following:

- Malapascua Island is known for its world-class diving spots, which offer a diverse range of marine life and underwater landscapes.
- Monad Shoal - This is the most famous diving spot in Malapascua Island, famous for its thresher sharks sightings. Divers usually start their dive early in the morning, around 5 am, to see these amazing creatures.
- Gigante Island, also known as Islas de Gigantes, is a group of islands located off the coast of Carles, Iloilo. They are known for their pristine beaches, crystal-clear waters, and stunning rock formations.
- Bantigue Sandbar - This long stretch of white sand connects two islands and is only visible during low tide.
- Alcoy is a coastal town located on the southeastern coast of Cebu Island in the Central Visayas region of the Philippines. It is known for its beautiful beaches, crystal-clear waters, and stunning underwater landscapes, making it a popular destination for tourists and diving enthusiasts. One of the town's main attractions is the Tingko Beach.
- Whale Shark Watching in Oslob: One of the most popular attractions in the area is the chance to swim and snorkel with whale sharks, also known as "butanding".
- Tumalog Falls in Oslob: Located a short distance from the whale shark watching site, Tumalog Falls is a beautiful waterfall with a unique tiered formation.
- Bohol's West Coast is known for its scenic coastline, white sand beaches, and stunning natural beauty.



Voyage 5 - Around Bohol: from Reef to Reef



Route: From/to Cebu, circling Bohol and Panay

Date: 31/12/2023 to 13/01/2024 (2 weeks)

Distance: 250 NM

About the Trip

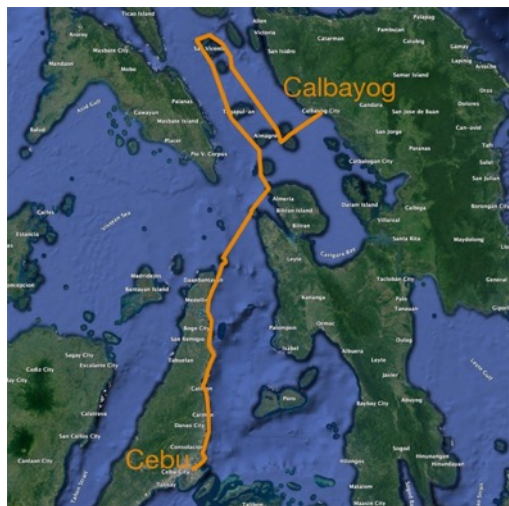
Scenic cruise around the islands of Bohol, Poro and Tulang. This voyage is ideal for snorkelling and diving enthusiasts as we'll visit some of the prime dive sites of the Philippines. Beach activities, paddle boarding and swimming are of course possible as well. Poro Island sports caves, rivers and hiking paths to allow for enjoyable land excursions to have a break from sun, sea and sand.

Highlights include the following:

- Poro and Tulang Islands are two of the smaller islands that make up the Camotes Islands, located in the north-eastern part of Cebu Province.
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Voyage 6 - Sailing the Island Paradise of the Samar Sea



Route: Cebu City to Calbayog

Date: 21/01/2024 to 03/02/2024 (2 weeks)

Distance: 200 NM

About the Trip

This voyage combines exciting sailing, land-based activities and island-hopping. We will sail along the north-eastern coast of Cebu, visit Malapascua, cross the Visayan sea and enter the Samar Sea to visit its islands, most notably San Vicente, Tagapul-an, Almagro and Maripipi. This part of the Philippines is off the beaten track and offers access to a more authentic and lesser visited parts of the Philippines.

Malapascua Island is known for its world-class diving spots, which offer a diverse range of marine life and underwater landscapes. The most famous one is Monad Shoal due to its thresher sharks sightings. Divers usually start their dive early in the morning, around 5 am, to see these amazing creatures.

The Samar Sea offers further highlights:

- San Vicente: known for its pristine white-sand beaches, clear waters, and coral reefs. It is a popular destination for snorkelling and diving, as well as other water-based activities such as kayaking and paddle-boarding.
- Tagapul-an, Almagro Island: known for its beautiful beaches, crystal-clear waters, and vibrant marine life. It is a popular destination for swimming, snorkelling, and diving. The island is also known for its traditional fishing practices and visitors can observe local fishermen catching fish using hand nets and other traditional methods.
- Maripipi Island, Biliran: known for its lush forests, pristine beaches, and natural hot springs. Visitors can explore the island's natural beauty by hiking through the forests, visiting waterfalls, and soaking in the hot springs. The island is also home to several historic sites, including the Maripipi Church, which was built in the 18th century.
- Mt. Balugan - a scenic mountain located in the nearby town of Calbiga, offering panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.

The journey ends in Calbayog City. Here we can visit nearby waterfalls (Tarangban Falls, Bangon Falls), the Sohoton caves and natural bridge, enjoy the urban sights and Mt. Balugan, a scenic mountain in the vicinity.



Voyage 7 - Close to the Edge



Route: Calbayog to Masbate

Date: 04/02/2024 to 24/02/2024 (3 weeks)

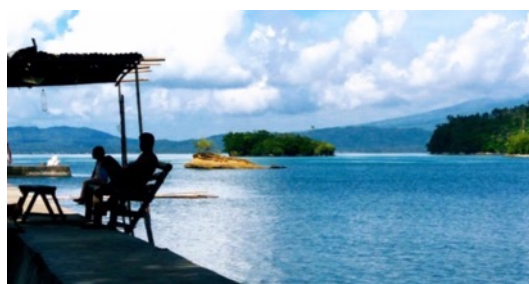
Distance: 340 NM

About the Trip

This journey visits the eastern Samar Sea, at the very edge to the open Pacific. After crossing the San Bernardino Strait, we will visit Bani and Biri islands, and cross to Catanduanes Island. The return to San Bernardino Strait brings us through Lagonoy Gulf and Albay Gulf and ultimately to Masbate City with a stop at the lovely San Vicente Islands. This journey is ideal for sailing enthusiasts and explorers.

Highlights include the following:

- The rock formations of Biri Island were sculpted by the strength of waves where the San Bernardino Strait meets the Pacific Ocean.
- Catanduanes Wildlife Sanctuary: This protected area is located on Catanduanes Island and is home to a diverse range of wildlife, including monkeys, birds, and reptiles. Visitors can go hiking or take a guided tour to see the animals in their natural habitat.
- Surfing in Puraran: This world-renowned surf spot is located on the eastern coast of Catanduanes Island and is known for its consistent waves and beautiful scenery. Visitors can take a surfing lesson or watch the locals catch waves.
- Lagonoy Gulf, Rapu-Rapu Island, Albay Gulf, and Catanduanes Island are all located in the Bicol Region of the Philippines, known for its natural beauty, adventure activities, and delicious cuisine.
- Mayon Volcano: This active volcano is located in Albay and is known for its perfect cone shape and breathtaking views. Visitors can hike to the summit of the volcano.
- Nag-Aso Lake: This crater lake is located in the town of Buhi in Lagonoy Gulf and is a popular spot for fishing and boating. The lake is surrounded by lush vegetation and offers stunning views of the surrounding mountains.
- Bulusan Volcano is an active volcano located in the province of Sorsogon. We can hike there and enjoy its hot springs.
- Local Culture: The Sorsogon Province is known for its rich cultural heritage, and visitors can explore the local culture by visiting traditional villages and attending local festivals, such as the Kasanggayahan Festival.



Voyage 8 – Ocean Deep and Mountain High



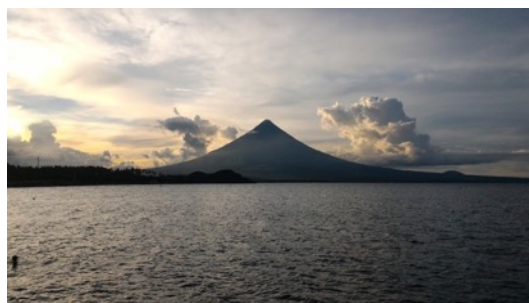
Route: Masbate to Caticlan
Date: 25/02/2024 to 09/03/2024 (3 weeks)
Distance: 200 NM

About the Trip

This journey brings us from Masbate north-northeast to Leyte Islands at Ragay Gulf. After that we'll head south through the Sibuyan Sea past Sibuyan Island and ultimately to Caticlan. The Sibuyan Sea is known for its rich marine biodiversity, with a variety of fish species, corals, and other marine creatures inhabiting its waters. It is also home to several important marine protected areas.

Highlights include the following:

- Ticao Island: this Island is known for its beautiful beaches, including the popular Ticao Beach and the secluded Tikling Island Beach. Divers can see manta rays at the dive site called 'manta bowl' and the San Miguel Island Marine Reserve, which boasts a diverse range of marine life. The Catandayagan Falls are a stunning waterfall that drops into the sea.
- Masbate City is home to a rich cultural heritage, and visitors can explore traditional villages, churches, and other historical landmarks. The city is also known for its delicious cuisine, including seafood dishes and local specialties.
- Burias Island is known for its beautiful beaches, including the popular Sombrero Island Beach and the secluded Animasola Island Beach. Burias Island is also home to several hiking trails, including the climb up Mount Burias, which offers stunning views of the surrounding islands and countryside.
- Bondoc is home to several beautiful beaches, including the popular Borlongan Beach and the secluded Kwebang Lampas Beach.
- Alibijaban Island is home to a unique mangrove forest, which can be explored by boat or on foot.
- Sibuyan Island is home to Mount Guiting-Guiting, one of the most challenging climbs in the Philippines. The Island is also home to several waterfalls.
- Caticlan is the gateway to Boracay, one of the primary tourist spots of the Philippines and therefore quite crowded. It may not appeal to us after having visited all those deserted beaches but who would want to forego a nice meal and some party atmosphere at the end of the trip!



Voyage 9 - Calm Seas and Jagged Peaks



Route: From/to Caticlan around the Sibuyan Sea

Date: 10/03/2024 to 23/03/2024 (2 weeks)

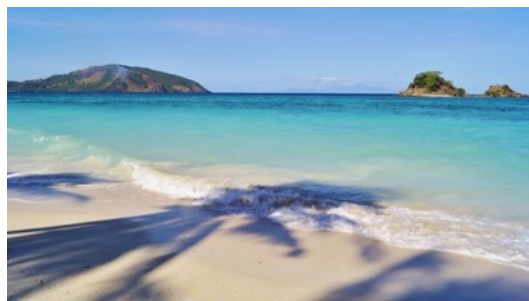
Distance: 210 NM

About the Trip

On this journey we circle the Sibuyan Sea with ample opportunities for snorkelling, hiking, forest treks and party-time at Boracay. The majority of the cruise follows the coast with only short sections across open ocean, bringing Nora from beach to beach and into small towns and villages. This is a cruise for those inclined to undertake land-based activities, notably hikes. Sibuyan Island is also called “the Galapagos of

East Asia” due to the fact that it is (geologically) quite young, and was never connected by land bridge to any of the other Philippine islands. Highlights include the following:

- Sibuyan Island is home to Mount Guiting-Guiting, one of the most challenging climbs in the Philippines. The Island is also home to several waterfalls.
- Tablas Island is home to several beautiful beaches, including the popular Aglicay Beach, which offers stunning views of the surrounding countryside and is a great spot for swimming and snorkelling. Looc Bay Marine Refuge and Sanctuary features a diverse range of marine species, including several rare and endangered species.
- Romblon Island is known for its marble industry, and visitors can explore the local quarries and workshops to see the skilled artisans at work. It is also home to several beautiful beaches, including Bonbon Beach, which offers stunning views of the surrounding countryside and is a great spot for swimming and snorkelling. Romblon Island is also known for its rich cultural heritage, and visitors can explore traditional villages and attend local festivals, such as the Biniray Festival.
- Alad Island is a beautiful island with crystal clear waters, white sand beaches, and vibrant coral reefs that are perfect for snorkelling and diving.
- Cresta de Gallo Island: a remote island that is considered as one of the most beautiful beaches in the Philippines, with its clear blue waters, white sand, and stunning rock formations.
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Voyage 10 – Island-Hopping in the Tablas Strait



Route: Caticlan to Puerto Galera

Date: 24/03/2024 to 06/04/2024 (2 weeks)

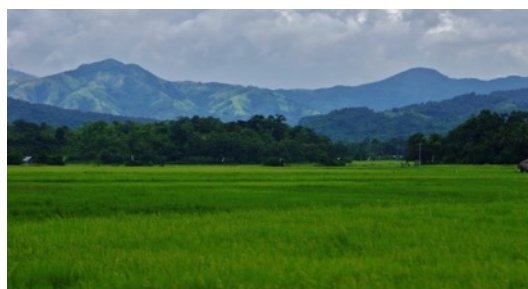
Distance: 220 NM

About the Trip

Heading north along Tablas Islands, past Marinduque and Luzon to Puerto Galera. Plenty of snorkelling and swimming opportunities. This is primarily a coastal cruise with only two open ocean crossings. The journey follows lush cost lines and secluded bays and fabulous beaches. There is opportunity for land excursions, visits to national parks, hikes and trekking. Puerto Galera offers world-class diving.

Highlights include the following:

- Simara Island is a small island located in the northern part of the Visayas region in the Philippines. It is part of the province of Romblon and is known for its unspoiled natural beauty and diverse marine life. Attractions include the Tinagong Dagat - a hidden lagoon surrounded by limestone cliffs and crystal-clear waters; the Araw Beach - a secluded beach with crystal-clear waters and powdery white sand; and Sibale Island - a nearby island known for its unspoiled natural beauty, waterfalls, and hiking trails.
- Banton Island is another small island with white sandy beaches, crystal-clear waters, and vibrant coral reefs. Attractions include the Cathedral Cave - a unique cave formation with stalactites and stalagmites that resemble a cathedral; and Mount Banderahan - a popular spot for hiking and camping, offering panoramic views of the island and the sea.
- Marinduque is an island known for its beautiful beaches, lush forests, and historical landmarks. Attractions include Mount Malindig - a dormant volcano; and Tres Reyes Islands - a group of three small islands with white sand beaches.
- Tayabas is known for its diverse marine life and beautiful beaches. Attractions include: Cagbalete Island, the Pagbilao Mangrove Forest and the Padre Burgos Castle, a cultural regional museum
- Sariaya is a municipality with a rich history: attractions include the Sariaya Church, an artisanal heritage village, several heritage houses (Villa Sariaya and the Cotta Ancestral House and their local delicacies. Natural attractions include Mount Banahaw (a sacred mountain), Kwebang Lampas (a natural sea cave), the Bantakay Falls and plenty of beaches.
- Puerto Galera is a major dive centre and has numerous internationally renowned dive sites.



Voyage 11 - Crossing the Mindoro Strait



Route: Puerto Galera to Coron

Date: 14/04/2024 to 27/04/2024 (2 weeks)

Distance: 190 NM

About the Trip

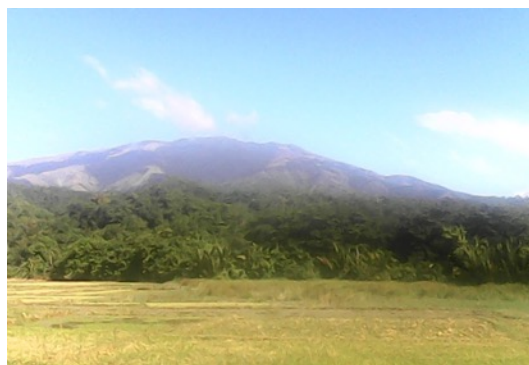
We follow Mindoro's northern coast and then head south-southwest towards Coron Island. This will be an exciting passage with an overnight sail and well suited for sailing enthusiasts. After braving the open ocean, we will be rewarded by the lagoons, beaches and limestone cliffs of Coron. Coron is a major diving and snorkelling destination that offers anything from wrecks to corals and more.

Highlights include the following:

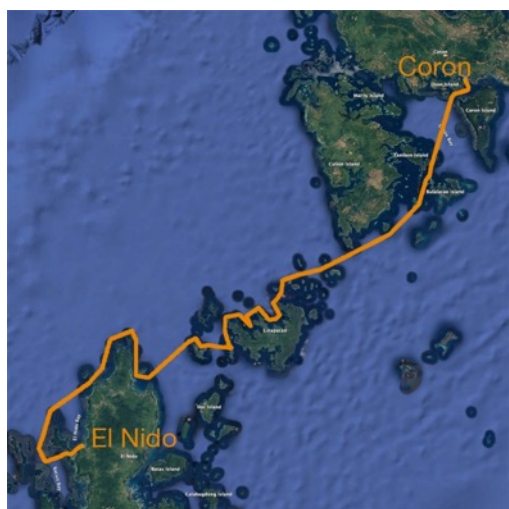
Mount Cavite Wildlife Sanctuary is a protected area on Mindoro Island. It is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna, including numerous species of birds, mammals, and reptiles, including some endangered species. The sanctuary is a great place for hiking and trekking. The trails are well-maintained, and there are several routes to choose from depending on your level of experience and fitness. The sanctuary offers educational programs and activities aimed at promoting conservation and sustainable development.

Coron Island, located in the northern part of Palawan, is a popular tourist destination in the Philippines due to its stunning natural beauty and rich marine life. Here are some of the top attractions to visit while in Coron Island:

- Kayangan Lake - a beautiful turquoise lagoon surrounded by towering limestone cliffs.
- Twin Lagoon - two lagoons separated by a narrow opening in the rocks. The water is crystal clear and the surrounding cliffs are breath-taking.
- Malcapuya Island - a beautiful white sand beach surrounded by crystal clear waters.
- Siete Pecados Marine Park - a protected marine park with a variety of colourful coral reefs and marine life. It is a popular spot for snorkelling and diving.
- Coron Bay - a beautiful bay surrounded by lush green mountains. It is a great place for island hopping and exploring the nearby islands.
- WWII Wrecks - Coron Island is known for its many World War II wrecks that can be explored by scuba divers. The wrecks are home to a variety of marine life and offer a unique diving experience.
- Maquinit Hot Springs - a natural hot spring located on the main island of Busuanga, near Coron.



Voyage 12 and 17 - A Passage to Palawan



Route: Coron to El Nido

Date: Voyage 12: 28/04/2024 to 11/05/2024 (2 weeks)
Voyage 17: 7/07/2024 to 20/07/2024 (2 weeks)

Distance: 110 NM

About the Trip

This is the shortest trip among all the segments, but the sheer density of beauty is overwhelming. We'll island-hop from Coron Bay to Linapacan Island, past Gintu, Iloc Island, and finally to Palawan where we conclude at El Nido. Of course, we will not miss the Big Lagoon and the Small Lagoon at El Nido Bay.

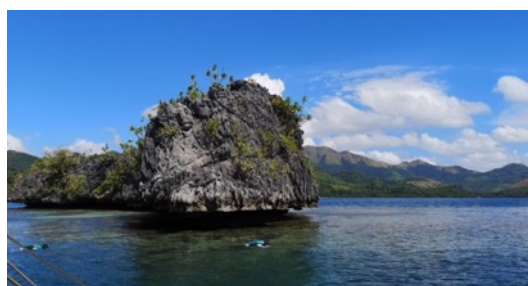
Coron was described in voyage 11 above. The highlights described here concern only the post-Coron part of the voyage.

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- Sunken Shipwreck: it can be explored by snorkelling or diving. It is home to a variety of fish and other marine life.

El Nido Bay:

- El Nido Bay is surrounded by several smaller islands and islets that can be explored by boat. It includes deserted beaches, hidden lagoons, and snorkelling spots.
- The Big Lagoon and the Small Lagoon are stunning natural attraction located on Miniloc Island. Visitors can explore the lagoons by kayak or boat and admire the towering limestone cliffs and crystal-clear waters.
- The Secret Lagoon is a hidden natural pool located on Matinloc Island. Visitors must swim through a small crevice to access the lagoon, which is surrounded by towering limestone cliffs.
- There are several caves in the area around El Nido that visitors can explore, including the Cathedral Cave and the Cudugnon Cave.



Voyage 13 and 18 - The Cliffs and Lagoons of West Palawan



Route: El Nido (West) to El Nido (East)

Date: Voyage 13: 12/05/2024 to 25/05/2024 (2 weeks)
Voyage 14: 21/07/2024 to 03/08/2024 (2 weeks)

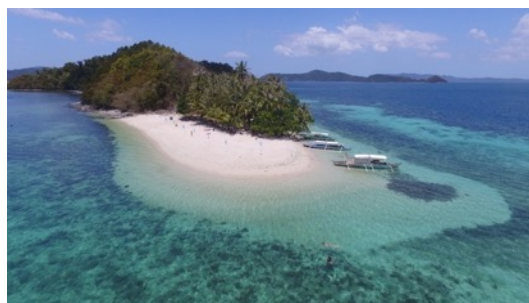
Distance: 240 NM

About the Trip

We sail along Palawan's scenic west coast. This coast is a relatively undeveloped region that offers a variety of natural attractions and sights to explore. We'll then double back the same way we came, sail around the north cape of Palawan and end on the western side of El Nido. En route we'll pass towering limestone cliffs, beaches and secluded lagoons.

Highlights include the following:

- The Big Lagoon and the Small Lagoon are stunning natural attraction located on Miniloc Island. Visitors can explore the lagoons by kayak or boat and admire the towering limestone cliffs and crystal-clear waters.
- Port Barton is a laid-back fishing village located on the west coast of Palawan. It is known for its beautiful beaches, crystal-clear waters, and vibrant marine life. Visitors can enjoy activities like snorkelling, diving, and island hopping.
- San Vicente is a small town known for its long, pristine beaches and beautiful sunsets as well as Long Beach, a 14-kilometer stretch of white sand, one of the longest beaches in the Philippines.
- Twin Creeks is a natural attraction located in the Napsan area. It is known for its two natural creeks that flow side by side, surrounded by lush greenery and stunning rock formations.
- Napsan Beach is a beautiful beach located in the same area as Twin Creeks. It is a relatively secluded beach, known for its pristine white sand and crystal-clear waters.
- Nagtabon Beach is another stunning beach located on the west coast of Palawan Island, near Puerto Princesa. It is a popular destination for surfers, as it offers consistent waves throughout the year.
- Sabang, a small town, known for its beautiful beaches and its proximity to the Puerto Princesa Underground River.
- The Puerto Princesa area has several natural and man-made attractions.
- Nagkalit-Kalit Falls is a beautiful waterfall located near El Nido. There is a hike through the lush forest to reach the falls, which features several tiers of cascading water and a pool at the base.



Voyage 14, 15 and 19 - Sailing along the Jungles of Palawan



Route: El Nido to Puerto Princesa

Date: Voyage 14: 26/05/2024 to 08/06/2024 (N-S)
Voyage 15: 09/06/2024 to 22/06/2024 (S-N)
Voyage 19: 04/08/2024 to 17/08/2024 (N-S)

Distance: 190 NM

About the Trip

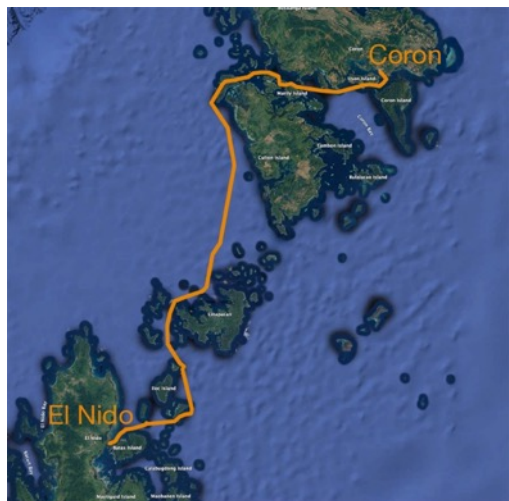
Palawan's east coast between El Nido and Puerto Princesa is known for its rugged natural beauty and varied landscape. We will sail along cliffs, lagoons, beaches and areas where the jungle abuts the sea. We will spend time in Honda Bay and explore the many islands there.

Highlights include the following:

- Nacpan Beach is a stunning beach located on the north-eastern coast of Palawan. It is known for its long stretch of pristine white sand, crystal-clear waters, and views of the surrounding mountains.
- Nagkalit-Kalit Falls is a beautiful waterfall located near El Nido. There's a hike through the lush forest to reach the falls, which feature several tiers of cascading water and a pool at the base.
- Taytay Bay is known for its stunning sunsets, beautiful beaches, and vibrant marine life.
- San Rafael Beach is a secluded beach located on the eastern coast of Palawan. It is known for its clear waters, soft white sand, and picturesque views of the surrounding mountains. Visitors can enjoy swimming, sunbathing, and beachcombing, as well as exploring the nearby mangrove forests and rock formations.
- The Puerto Princesa Underground River is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, some 80km north of Puerto Princesa. Visitors can take a boat tour through the river's limestone caverns and see a variety of unique rock formations and wildlife.
- Honda Bay is a group of beautiful islands north of Puerto Princesa. It is famous for its scenic beauty, snorkelling, scuba diving, beaches, mangrove forests and its biodiversity. The latter can be seen on Starfish Island, Luli Island and on mangrove tours.
- Local Food - Honda Bay is also known for its delicious seafood, particularly its fresh catch of the day. Visitors can try local dishes like grilled squid, fried fish, and seafood soup at the many restaurants and eateries in the area.
- The Puerto Princesa area has several natural and man-made attractions, such as the Palawan Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Center, the Baywalk or the Iwahig Penal Colony.



Voyage 16 – Island-Hopping to Coron



Route: El Nido to Coron

Date: 23/06/2024 to 6/07/2024 (2 weeks)

Distance: 100 NM

About the Trip

We are crossing back from Palawan to El Nido with a few stops at Linapacan Island on the way. It is a short cruise in a very scenic environment. We will visit secluded beaches, sail past towering limestone cliffs and have plenty of choices for land excursions, snorkelling and diving. Coron is a major diving and snorkelling destination that offers anything from wrecks to corals and more.

El Nido Bay:

- Nacpan Beach is known for its long stretch of pristine white sand, crystal-clear waters, and views of the surrounding mountains.
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- Sunken Shipwreck: it can be explored by snorkelling or diving. It is home to a variety of fish and other marine life.

Coron Island has a stunning natural beauty and rich marine life. Its main attractions include the Kayangan Lake, a beautiful turquoise lagoon amidst limestone cliffs; the Twin Lagoon, two lagoons separated by a narrow opening in the rocks and the Siete Pecados Marine Park, a protected marine park with a variety of colourful coral reefs and marine life. Coron Island is also known for its many World War II wrecks that can be explored by scuba divers. The wrecks are home to a variety of marine life and offer a unique diving experience. A further attraction is the Maquinit Hot Springs - a natural hot spring located on the main island of Busuanga, near Coron.



Voyage 20 - Crossing the Sulu Sea



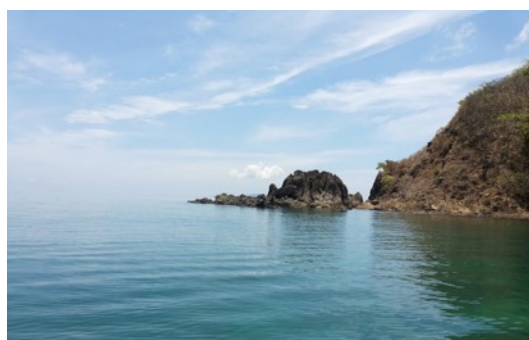
Route: Puerto Princesa to San Jose
Date: 18/08/2024 to 07/09/2024 (3 weeks)
Distance: 310 NM

About the Trip

The cruise starts at Puerto Princesa, follows Palawan's east coast and then crosses the Sulu sea and ends at San Jose on Panay Island. On the way we will visit the Cuyo Archipelago with its remote islands, unspoilt beaches and secluded lagoons. This is a longer journey and we suggest to take three weeks to allow enough time for all the attractions that can be enjoyed along the way.

Highlights include the following:

- The Puerto Princesa area has several natural and man-made attractions, such as the The Palawan Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Center, the Baywalk or the Iwahig Penal Colony.
- Honda Bay is a group of beautiful islands north of Puerto Princesa. It is famous for its scenic beauty, snorkelling, scuba diving, beaches, mangrove forests and its biodiversity. The latter can be seen on Starfish Island, Luli Island and on mangrove tours.
- The Cuyo Archipelago is composed of about 45 small islands, with the town of Cuyo serving as the main administrative and commercial center for the entire group. It is known for its historic architecture, including a 17th-century fort and a number of Spanish colonial-era buildings
- These islands are known for their stunning natural beauty, with pristine beaches, crystal-clear waters, and abundant marine life. Notable islands in the Cuyo Archipelago include Caponayan Island and Pamalican Island.
- Algeciras Island is a small island located in the northern part of the chain. It is relatively undeveloped and is known for its quiet beaches and beautiful coral reefs, which offer excellent snorkelling and diving opportunities.
- Agutaya Island is the southernmost island in the chain and is known for its beautiful coral reefs and diverse marine life. Visitors can enjoy snorkelling and diving in the crystal-clear waters surrounding the island, as well as exploring the island's beaches and natural attractions.
- Culion Island is located to the south of the main island chain, and is known for its rich history as a former leper colony. Visitors can explore the island's historic landmarks and learn about the island's past.



Voyage 21 - Taking the scenic route to Cebu



Route: San Jose to Cebu

Date: 08/09/2024 to 21/09/2024 (2 weeks)

Distance: 260 NM

About the Trip

This journey loops around the islands of Panay, Negros and Cebu. It is a part of the Philippines that is not frequently visited but still (or maybe because of it) interesting and very scenic with a wide variety attractions. The coast line, the small off-shore islands, the natural habitat and the local culture make this an exceptional journey. One of the highlights towards the end of the journey will be the Bohol

Reefs, a world famous dive and snorkelling site. Other highlights include the following:

- Tobias Fornier is a municipality located on the western coast of Panay Island in the Philippines, specifically in the province of Antique. It is named after the revolutionary hero Tobias Fornier, who played a key role in the fight for Philippine independence from Spanish colonial rule.

The south coast of Negros Island in the Philippines offers visitors a range of attractions and activities. Here are some of the highlights:

- Sipalay City is a coastal city, known as the "Jewel of the Sugar Island". It is home to beautiful beaches and a thriving marine ecosystem.
- Danjugan Island: This island is located off the coast of Cauayan, Negros Occidental and is home to diverse marine life, including sea turtles and rays.
- Apo Island is known for its world-class diving sites, with diverse marine life and coral reefs.
- Balanan Lake: This lake is located in Siaton and offers visitors a picturesque view of the surrounding hills and lush vegetation.

The coast of Cebu near Santander, Oslob, Alcoy, Dalaguete, and Argao offers visitors a variety of attractions and activities. Here are some of the highlights:

- Oslob: whale shark watching and the Tumalag Falls.
- Bolobolo Rock Formation - This unique rock formation features a series of tall, thin spires.
- Boljoon Church: This historic church is one of the oldest in Cebu, dating back to the 18th century.
- The town of Argao is known for its well-preserved Spanish colonial architecture.
- The reefs along the west coast of Bohol are one of the prime diving and snorkelling sites.



Voyage 22 - Tresher Sharks, Corals and Giants



Route: Cebu to Iloilo
Date: 29/09/2024 to 12/10/2024 (2 weeks)
Distance: 200 NM

About the Trip

We sail along the eastern coast of Cebu to the island's north cape, stop at Malapascua Island to see thresher sharks and then head west towards the Gigante Island. We will spend some time there and at adjacent islands to explore lagoons, secluded beaches and hikes before following the east coast of Panay Island past lush jungles and cliffs through the Guimaras Strait to Iloilo.

Highlights include the following:

- Malapascua Island is known for its world-class diving spots, which offer a diverse range of marine life and underwater landscapes.
- Monad Shoal - This is the most famous diving spot in Malapascua Island, famous for its thresher sharks sightings. Divers usually start their dive early in the morning, around 5 am, to see these amazing creatures.
- Gigante Island, also known as Islas de Gigantes, is a group of islands located off the coast of Carles, Iloilo. They are known for their pristine beaches, crystal-clear waters, and stunning rock formations.
- Binuluangan Island - This small, uninhabited island is known for its pristine white sand beach and crystal-clear waters. The beach is surrounded by lush greenery.
- Manlot Island - This small island features a secluded beach with clear turquoise waters, perfect for swimming and snorkelling. Visitors can also explore the island's rocky cliffs and take in the panoramic views of the surrounding islands.
- Calagnan Island - This small island is located near the town of Guiuan and is known for its long stretch of white sand beach and crystal-clear waters. It also has mangrove forests and marine sanctuaries that are open to the public.
- Sicogon Island is a beautiful and relatively undiscovered island located in the northern part of Iloilo province in the Western Visayas region of the Philippines.
- The East Coast of Panay Island between Carles and Iloilo City is a scenic stretch of coastline that offers a range of attractions for visitors. It offers beautiful beaches, buildings of historic significance and plenty of local culture, especially within Iloilo.



Voyage 23 - Crossing from Panay to Coron



Route: Iloilo to Coron

Date: 13/10/2024 to 26/10/2024 (2 weeks)

Distance: 220 NM

About the Trip

This voyage follows Panay's south coast to the southern-most point of the island. From there we cross the Sulu Sea with stops at the Cuyo Archipelago, both the coast and the archipelago are lesser visited part of the Philippines and difficult to access without a boat. We'll end in Coron where we enjoy the stunning scenery, the limestone cliffs and the turquoise sea surrounding them.

Highlights include the following:

- Guimaras Island - Located off the coast of Iloilo City, this island is known for its sweet mangoes and scenic landscapes. Visitors can explore the island's beautiful beaches, hiking trails, and traditional fishing villages.
- Miagao Church - A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this Church is a Baroque-style church located in the town of Miagao. Built in the late 18th century, the church is known for its intricate carvings and impressive architecture.
- Iloilo City – There are numerous historic buildings and museums worth a visit

Coron Island, located in the northern part of Palawan, is a popular tourist destination in the Philippines due to its stunning natural beauty and rich marine life. Here are some of the top attractions to visit while in Coron Island:

- Kayangan Lake - a beautiful turquoise lagoon surrounded by towering limestone cliffs.
- Twin Lagoon - two lagoons separated by a narrow opening in the rocks. The water is crystal clear and the surrounding cliffs are breath-taking.
- Malcapuya Island - a beautiful white sand beach surrounded by crystal clear waters.
- Siete Pecados Marine Park - a protected marine park with a variety of colourful coral reefs and marine life. It is a popular spot for snorkelling and diving.
- Coron Bay - a beautiful bay surrounded by lush green mountains. It is a great place for island hopping and exploring the nearby islands.
- WWII Wrecks - Coron Island is known for its many World War II wrecks that can be explored by scuba divers.
- Maquinit Hot Springs - a natural hot spring located on the main island of Busuanga, near Coron.



Voyage 24 - Sailing past the world-famous Apo Reef



Route: Coron to Puerto Galera

Date: 27/10/2024 to 09/11/2024 (2 weeks)

Distance: 200 NM

About the Trip

This voyage provides a nice mix of sailing, diving, hiking and exploring. We first sail north from Coron to the Apo Reef and then cross over to the west coast of Mindoro. The Apo Reef is regarded as one of the best dive locations on the planet and we will have time to dive and to snorkel. After Apo Reef we'll follow Mindoro's west coast towards the north and ultimately to Puerto Galera with opportunities for many land excursions.

Highlights include the following:

- Coron Bay - a beautiful bay surrounded by lush green mountains. It is a great place for island hopping and exploring the nearby islands.
- WWII Wrecks - Coron Island is known for its many World War II wrecks that can be explored by scuba divers. The wrecks are home to a variety of marine life and offer a unique diving experience.
- Maquinit Hot Springs - a natural hot spring located on the main island of Busuanga, near Coron.
- Kayangan Lake - a beautiful turquoise lagoon surrounded by towering limestone cliffs.
- Apo Reef is considered to be one of the best diving and snorkelling sites in the Philippines due to its rich marine biodiversity. The reef is home to over 600 species of fish, including a variety of colourful coral fish, as well as sea turtles, sharks, and rays. Apo is made up of two coral reefs, Apo Island and Apo Menor, that are home to a wide variety of coral species. The reefs are in excellent condition and offer stunning views of colourful coral formations. Apo Reef is a great place for snorkelling and the shallow waters near the reef are perfect for beginners.
- Mount Cavite Wildlife Sanctuary is a protected area on Mindoro Island. It is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna, including numerous species of birds, mammals, and reptiles. The sanctuary is a great place for hiking and trekking. Trails are well-maintained, and there are several routes to choose from depending on your level of experience and fitness.
- Puerto Galera is a major dive centre and has numerous internationally renowned dive sites.
- White Beach in Puerto Galera is a beautiful stretch of white sand beach that is perfect for swimming, sunbathing, and water sports.



Sailing with us is a lifetime experience!

We accommodate only two to six guests on board and our skipper will do all for you to have a pleasant trip. You will be fully integrated in all routines on board and you will take an active role in the day-to-day tasks. Your involvement, however, will be adapted to your abilities and interests. In the end, we will be working as one crew to sail the chosen route and for this it is important that you participate rather than being a passive passenger. Sailing with us is also an ideal way to practice your sailing and navigation skills, learn about passage planning, and collection of mileage or proof of experience should you already know how to sail.

The boat and safety on board:

SY Nora Simrad is an Alubat Cigale des Mere 14, a 48-foot fast and safe sailing vessel with a sturdy aluminium hull. Being an expedition vessel, she has average cruising comfort and is not a luxury yacht. The boat has two guest cabins, each with a single and a double bed, and a crew cabin. The boat has two bathrooms, a shower on the aft deck and an open pantry-saloon interior.

SY Nora Simrad is equipped with state-of-the-art offshore safety equipment, and our skippers are experienced to meet every situation. They also satisfy the Norwegian Maritime Directorate's skipper requirements. At the start of each voyage we brief our guests of how to handle emergency situations such as man-over-board, fire, abandon ship, dismasting and running aground. We also have medical supplies and first aid equipment on board. The boat has satellite communication equipment for emergencies and an active AIS so that your friends and relatives can follow your journey.

A detailed description of SY Nora Simrad can be found on our website (<https://wicked-horizon.com>)

Food and meals:

Everyone contributes on-board, and cooking is a shared task. Before we set sail, we put together a menu plan and shop for provisions. We focus on local and healthy food. Please let us know in advance if you have food allergies. From time to time we eat on shore to experience local delicacies. Under sail we do not serve alcohol on board. In harbours and on safe anchorages a beer or glass of wine is perfectly fine.

Costs:

Our voyages in the Philippines are priced at Euro 2,670 for the two-week journeys and Euro 3,900 for the three-week sections.

Bookings can be made on our booking page (<https://www.booking-wicked-horizon.com/>) or by e-mail.

Included in this price is the following:

- Experienced skipper on board who is familiar with the boat and the waters we sail;
- Accommodation onboard in a shared double cabin (bunk or double bed) including bed sheets and blankets;
- All the food and standard drinks (water, tee coffee) on board;
- Use of our on-board equipment: dinghy, fishing gear, paddle board, etc.;
- All boat-related expenses such as diesel, gas, water, harbour fees, etc.;
- Use of personal safety equipment: Inflatable lifejacket with AIS beacon, life-lines, etc.;
- Help and support for booking your ticket and a description of visa requirements;
- A description of how to reach the port where Nora is anchored.

Not included are the following items:

- Travel to and from the start/end port;
- Accommodation before embarking or after disembarking;
- Bookings of flights, obtaining visas and travel permits;
- Meals at cafes and restaurants;
- Personal snacks for land excursions or other off-board activities;
- Alcoholic drinks;
- Entrance to national parks, galleries, museums, etc.,
- Off-board activities such as scuba diving, kayaking, etc.;
- Personal travel and accident insurance;

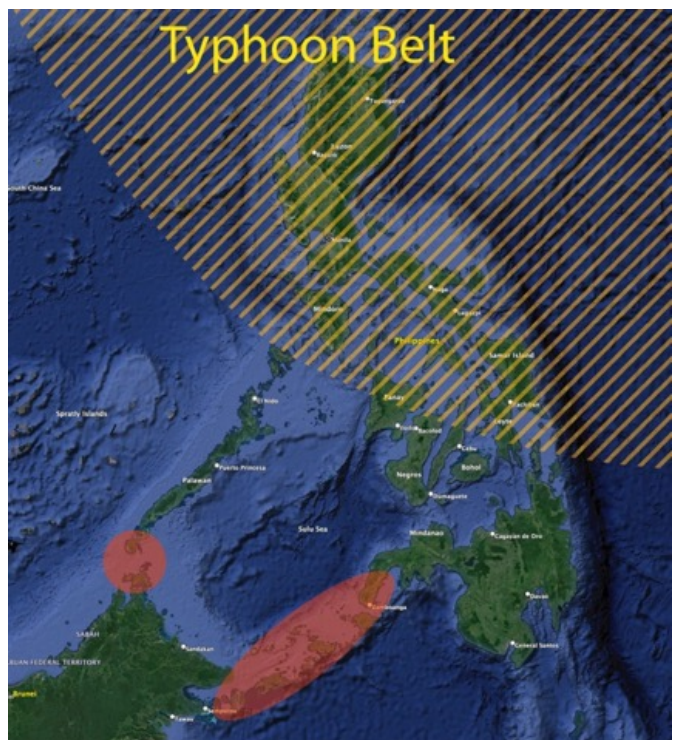
Trip Planning / Adjustments

There is some flexibility in adjusting individual voyages, especially if you are a group of friends that plan to journey together. Please contact us as early as possible.

Hazards

The Philippines are in the Pacific Typhoon belt and regularly devastated by tropical storms. We may have to change the sail plan on a short notice to avoid storms and/or to bring the boat and her crew to a safe harbour. For this it is necessary that you have a travel insurance that covers cancellations or the re-routing of flights.

Further hazards include the Abu Sayyaf terrorists that operate mostly between Borneo and the eastern parts of Mindanao, and high risks of piracy between the southern-most parts of Palawan and Borneo. These areas are indicated with red circles on the map. We will stay well clear of those areas.



We hope to seeing you on board S/Y Nora Simrad soon!

Your Wicked Horizon team,

Arne Buhs, Peter Keller, Linn Charlotte Klund, Paul Lübbe, Debbie Trueb-Chan, Oliver Trueb

