

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

TUBBATAHA



Embarkation and Disembarkation Point

Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, Philippines

How to get there

The Philippines has numerous international entry points with

1. Manila International Airport,
 2. Cebu International Airport and
 3. Puerto Princesa (Palawan) International Airport
- being the major ones.

You can fly directly to Puerto Princesa or if you fly through Manila or Cebu International Airports you can get connecting flights with the following airlines:

1. Cebu Pacific (CEB)
2. Philippine Airlines (PAL)
3. Philippines Air Asia

Important Passport Information

A valid passport at least six (6) months before expiry is required to enter the Philippines. Depending on your nationality a visa might be required for you to gain entry. You need to check with your respective countries if this is the case.

The Tubbataha Management Office (TMO) also requires passport information to process your diving permit. This needs to be collected along with the complete Guest Information Sheet (GIS) at least a month before embarkation.

Embarkation

The embarkation normally starts around 2:30pm.

For the ones arriving on early flights, we don't bring them to the boat. Instead, we bring them to a cafe until 9:30 (for the ones who arrive before this time) and to a mall (after 9:30) and pick them up at 14:00 in the same place we dropped them at the mall.

On that day, our staff will be waiting outside the Puerto Princesa International Airport to take you and your luggage directly to the boat. Just look for the M/Y Resolute sign. If you arrive earlier in the day we will of course welcome you but you might see our team running around to get the boat ready for the trip.

Itinerary, daily schedule and Disembarkation

Day 1: Embarkation and depart Puerto Princesa

Day 2: Arrive at Tubbataha; diving day

Day 3: Diving day

Day 4: Diving day

Day 5: Diving day

Day 6: Half day diving and depart Tubbataha

Day 7: Arrive at Puerto Princesa and disembarkation

A typical diving day will normally be like this:

- 6:00am : light breakfast
- 6:50am : first briefing
- 7:00am : first dive
- 8:30am : heavy breakfast
- 10:30am : second briefing and dive
- 12:00nn : lunch
- 2:15pm : third briefing and dive
- 3:15pm : snack
- 4:30pm : fourth briefing and dive
- 7:00pm : dinner

The disembarkation follows at 9:30am, And for the ones leaving earlier, we drop them at the airport.

You burn a lot of calories while diving so you better bring your appetite along with you.

At the end of the tour the last meal we will serve is breakfast. Disembarkation follows after that at 8:30am. We will bring you and your luggage directly to the airport or to a hotel nearby.

Weather and Temperatures

March to June is normally the summer season in the Philippines. Normally is the operative word. Unfortunately, there is nothing normal with our weather nowadays. We expect sunny and hot days with above water temperatures around 35°C or more and in water temperature of around 28-29°C. We suggest that you look at the weather forecast before setting off. Tubbataha is not searchable but Puerto Princesa, Palawan is. Just bear in mind that it is about 160km away.

What We Provide

M/Y Resolute will provide full board and lodging during the tour. We have eight rooms with eight bathrooms. We provide fresh bath and deck towels that we change every so often. We also provide environmentally safe shampoo and liquid soap in each bathroom.

We have two (2) well experienced chefs on board that prepares a 5-6 course buffet every meal. The menu is diverse with both Filipino and international delights. There are always different meats, seafood, salad/vegetables, fresh fruits and desserts. They can handle numerous types of dietary restrictions or requirements as well.

All the filtered water you can drink, coffee, tea and some juices.

For diving, 12 ltr tanks with DIN/yolk valves, regular air, reel and balloon, weights and weight belts and the services of a certified dive master are included for free.

What you can rent or buy from us

1. Nitrox special rate:
USD25.00/person/day (4 tanks). unused non-refundable
2. GEAR RENTAL RATES:
BCD - USD10.00/day
REG - USD15.00/day
DIVE COMPUTER - USD12.00/day
WETSUIT: USD7.00/day (shorty/Long)
FINS & BOOTIES - USD5.00/day
3. 15L TANK rate - USD25.00/day/person

Safety Concerns

Safety is our top most priority. Our boat will not proceed if the captain perceives that there is a major threat to the guests, crew and boat. This may be because of bad weather or other factors.

Our dive guides and crew are trained emergency personnel. They know how to handle simple accidents and health concerns. For more serious conditions, the TMO and rangers help out with care and evacuation to Puerto Princesa. There are hospitals and a recompression chamber there.

We have basic first aid kit onboard including medical oxygen and an AED. We do not require it but getting a clearance from your doctor is highly recommended since the dives can be stressful at times.

Special Occassions

Special occasions are always a cause for celebrations. Please inform us in advance of any birthdays, anniversaries, honeymoon or even milestone dives (100, 200, etc). Kindly indicate it in the GIS, email info@dive-resolute.com or any of our crew.

Gratuities

Crew gratuities or service fees are not included in the price. We believe that this should be voluntary based on your satisfaction with the service of the crew. On the last day, the crew will leave an envelop in your room. There will be a box in the main deck where you can put the envelop – anonymous or declared is your decision. It will be collected afterwards and equally divided between the crew and the dive team. We suggest 10% of the tour price.

What you need to do, bring or be aware of

1. Fill up the GIS at least one (1) month before departure – we can not let you on board without a completed GIS **(required)**
2. C-Card or proof of diving certification **(required)**
3. Valid passport **(required)**
4. Diving insurance **(strongly recommended)**
5. Travel insurance **(strongly recommended)**
6. Cash – if you want to go to shore and for incidentals in the boat (we do not accept credit cards)
7. Medicine for motion sickness, etc.
8. Toiletries like toothbrush and the likes
9. BCD, regulator, booties, fins, mask, wetsuit and a dive computer (required for every diver), torch
10. Decompression dives are not allowed
11. Camera and batteries
12. There is intermittent mobile service
13. Downloaded movies and reading materials
14. Personal snacks and candies (no corkage)
15. Attire is very informal – whatever you are comfortable with
16. Sandals or shoes if you want to go to shore
17. Sun glasses
18. We have no laundry service on board
19. AC power is available -- 220v with universal outlets
20. USB ports for power are available
21. Space is limited on board – we recommend you pack your clothes and gear in soft luggage like backpacks and duffel bags
22. There is no religious service onboard