

9 days and 8 nights stay in Busuanga Island in the Philippines 2020/2021



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Palawan Diving Reviews

A real gem, located in the southwest of Manila, it is the perfect place for a diving holiday in the Philippines. Nature lovers will fall in love with these idyllic landscapes: lush jungles, breathtaking rock formations, mystical mangroves and heavenly lagoons. This region is full of endemic species that you will discover during breathtaking hikes. Of course, the seabed around is also very beautiful and worth the trip as such. The Palawan region is recommended for divers. You will be able to contemplate impressive coral reefs, enter wrecks dating from the Second World War, fly over beautiful drop-offs and swim with an abundance of tropical fauna. Besides, if you have the opportunity, we advise you to dive on Tubbataha Reef, one of the most beautiful diving sites in the world.

When to go diving in Palawan?

Don't worry, the temperatures are mild all year round. There are two very distinct seasons, a wet season from July to November and a so-called dry season from December to June. We advise you, ideally, to favor the dry season to benefit from optimal conditions on land as underwater. Anyway, know that you can dive there all year, and, moreover, the low season is often synonymous with more tranquility. The Tubbataha Natural Park is only open from mid-March to mid-June. Remember, however, that the Philippines is subject to typhoons (May to December).

Diving conditions

You will benefit from very good diving conditions all year round.

Visibility : Medium to Good

Current : Low to medium

Difficulty : Easy **The water temperature** hardly varies during the year from 29 to 30 degrees.

What to see in diving and snorkeling in the Philippines?

Palawan is fortunate to be a region where there are numerous turtles that come to lay their eggs. In scuba diving you will often have the opportunity to observe them. About 600 fish species including 14 different types of sharks have been recorded in the region. In addition, if you go to Tubbataha, you can expect to come across dolphins, whales, manta rays and hammerhead sharks. It is truly a privileged destination for all divers who love the oceans.

Program

Coron bay: The wreck bay in the island of Busuanga in the Philippines

Coron Bay is one of the largest concentrations of shipwrecks in the world. It is a part of the Japanese Pacific logistics fleet which was sunk by American aviation during the 2nd World War during the conquest of the Philippines.

The thirty buildings that made it up were mainly freighters and tankers measuring between 120 and 180 m long. They now lie between 20 and 50 m deep around the island of Busuanga.

These huge wrecks are in good condition, although some parts such as propellers and navigation equipment have been removed on the shallows. They are easily accessible inside thanks to the immense volumes of cargo holds and tankers of tankers. For the more seasoned, there are passages in intestines and manholes cut in the holds which allow to test its degree of claustrophobia and the effectiveness of its kicking.

The water is warm (a 3 mm integral is sufficient) and clear.

The visibility is not extraordinary because of the presence of particles in suspension which also explain the abundant life which they shelter.

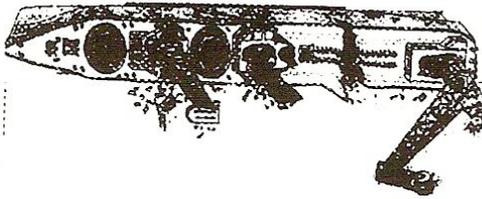
There is sometimes a little current during the descent but generally at the bottom it is calm.

Okikawa maru

It is often mistakenly called Tae or Taiei maru. It's my favorite wreck, we did 4 dives there. It is an oil tanker of 160 m posed on 26 m. Easy, you can cross it right through, admire its beautiful boilers, its bench of platax, its turtle and spend hours on the bridge (15 m) looking for heaps of nudibranchs. It is the kingdom of the purple line nembrotha.

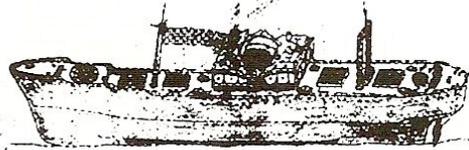
CORON WRECKS

Akitsuushima



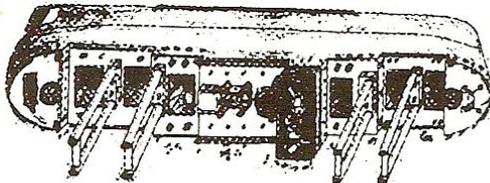
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Irako



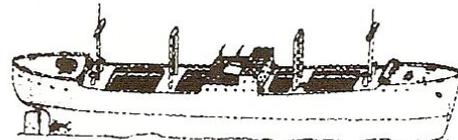
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Kogyo Maru



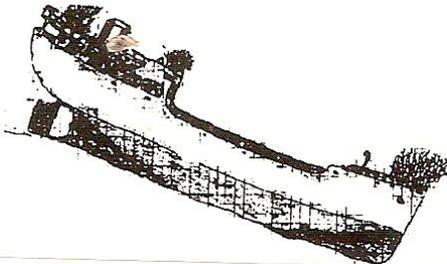
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Kyokuzan Maru

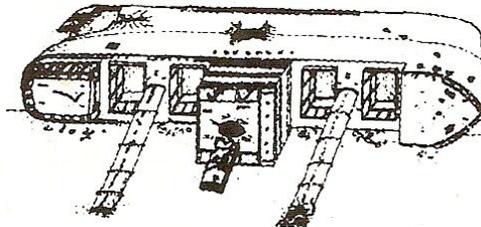


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Nanshin Maru

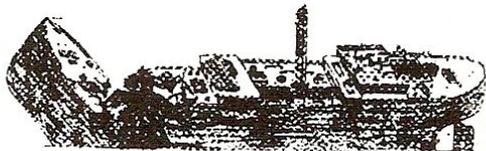


Olympia Maru



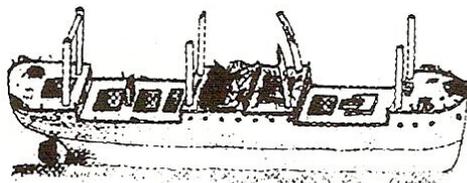
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The Irako

Very beautiful wrck intact and deep (43 m) of a refrigerated cargo ship of 147 m. The best visibility of all Coron wrecks. The engine room is impressive, there are the engine cylinders. A single regret, it would take something other than 12 l to cross it right through, because otherwise it's speed ...



Olympia maru

It is an armed cargo ship of 120 m located by 26 m deep and lying on the starboard side. The wreck is very easy to explore due to its large holds and its shallow depth, which makes it the benchmark wreck for beginners. It looks a lot like the Kogyo in shallower and less big.

The Akitsushima



It is not a cargo ship, but a seaplane tender (115 m) lying on the port side at 38 m depth. It was the only building of the fleet of war. To see, the crane which was used to launch the seaplane, its anti-aircraft batteries, its engine room. We searched but we didn't find the Kawanishi seaplane ..

Kogyo maru

This 160m auxiliary supply boat was sunk 34m deep. It is lying on starboard and its exploration is easy thanks to its large holds which contained bags of cement. As special features, there is a small bulldozer on deck and an impressive air compressor inside .



visits**MEET THE DUGONG**

The Dugong is a species of marine mammal of the order of the Sirens (like the manatee). This mammal, characterized by an elongated tooth at the front of the face, measures 3 to 4 meters and can weigh 900 kg. The animal lives alone or in small groups. The Dugongs are herbivores and graze the vegetation found on the shallow waters and usually very close to the coast where they live. An adult needs around 40 kilograms of food each day.

The Dugong is officially fully protected, and placed in Appendix 1 of CITES. Frequently injured by motor boat propellers and sometimes hunted for its meat. Its coastal habitats are shrinking, in particular due to tourism, pollution and urbanization of the coasts.

From the eastern Mediterranean (but without an installed population), the Red Sea to the Indian and Pacific oceans (New Caledonia) to Fiji.

The most numerous populations of Dugongs are located in the NE region of Australia and then in the Arabian Gulf. The global populations of Dugong are in rapid decline, statistical balance sheet:

- around 70,000 in the North of Australia
- 6000 in the Persian Gulf,
- a hundred in Mozambique,
- fifty in Kenya,
- some individuals in the Red Sea,
- a few dozen in Malaysia (these figures are uncertain).

Video :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRrz-zP8Qk>



VISIT CORON ISLAND IN BANGKA (Private boat)

Kayangan Lake

In the **Philippines** , there is a hidden little treasure that few people know and where, therefore, few people go there to spend pleasant holidays. This hidden treasure of picturesque beauty and crazy charm is **Coron** Island , which is actually a group of islands 300 km south of **Manila** . Among all the islands, the most imposing are **Busuanga** , **Culion** and of course, Coron. The latter allow holidaymakers to go diving, spend time on sandy beaches warm and hot as desired and go catamaran sailing. Please note that since this is a place that we can still call secret.



On Coron Island, the main one, you will be dazzled by **Kayangan** and **Barracuda** lakes . Their water is semi-salty and so transparent that at all times you will see the bottom. Deep in Lake Barracuda, the water reaches forty degrees.



Video : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPk5sz8s_1E

Also on Coron Island, a magnificent lagoon, the **Twin Lagoons** , will make you squint, which means that you will not be able to refuse a small dip. During the latter , however, do be careful not to touch the rocks as they are sharp.



Manila

Live the ultimate journey.

As for the Philippines, do like the Filipinos. What better way to start traveling - the Pinoy way - than by riding the jeep ?

Step back in time by visiting the most revered monuments in the history of the Philippines. Try authentic Filipino food that has both foreigners and locals thirsty for more. Discover the rich and colorful heritage that makes the Pearl of the Orient shine while savoring the experience of being on board the most means of transport in the country.

Let Jeepney Tours guide you as you prepare to explore every nook and cranny of the city's streets and fall in love with crystal clear waters and majestic sunsets that make Philippines the most fun - and most beautiful.



Skeleton wreckage site swimming

Here is an unusual **stop** because this new stage of our personalized *Island Hopping* is located a few tens of meters from the coast, exactly below the **wreck of a Chinese boat stranded here 40 years ago** . Now is the time to explore a piece of this gigantic wreck in snorkeling mode more than ever. The site is populated by many tropical fish. We really feel like we are in a **giant aquarium** .



BATH IN THE HOT WATER SOURCES OF MAQUINIT

They are located **10 minutes by scooter from the center of Coron** .

I strongly advise you **to go there at the end of the day** , ideally around 6.30pm for two reasons : the first will be an incredible moment of comfort after your moping day on a scooter,



the second is that by going there earlier, you won't even be able to dip a toe in it, the water is so hot. Around 19:00, the temperature varies between 38 and 41 degrees.

It is better to wait until the sun is hiding to take advantage of these hot springs.

Hotel Coron, or similar



Room Info:

- Air conditioned room
- sea or mountain view
- hot and cold water shower
- Television
- wifi service
- Arrival time: 2:00 p.m.
- Departure time: 11:00 am

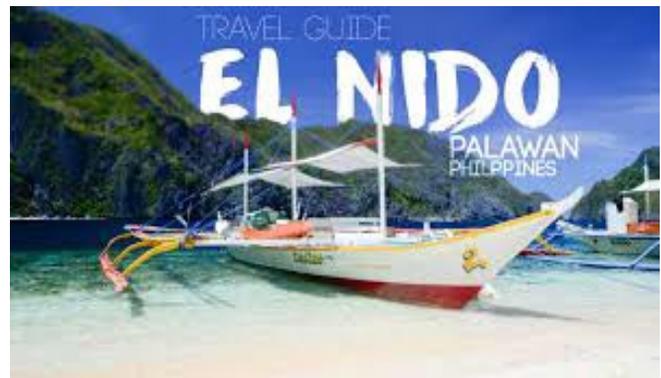


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DAY 01: Departure to the Philippines



- Airport reception
- Transfer by plane to Coron airport ,
- transfer by taxi to the hotel in Coron
- Evening free



DAY 02: Diving on the wrecks of Coron Bay



- Breakfast
- Diving 1 récif
- P length 2 barracuda lake
- Free evening
- Dinner and overnight in coron.

DAY 03: Diving on the wrecks of Coron Bay

- Breakfast
- Diving 1 wreck
- Diving 2 wreck
- Free evening
- Dinner and overnight in Coron.



DAY 04: visit ISLAND CORON IN BANGKA (boat Prive) or other ... (Optional)

- Breakfast
- VISIT ISLAND Coron IN BANGKA (boat Prive) or other ... (optional)
- Free evening
- Dinner and overnight in Coron.



DAY 05: meeting with the Dugongs if is possible



- Breakfast
- Meeting with the Dugong (2 dives)if is possible
- Free evening
- Dinner and overnight in Coron.

DAY 06: Diving on the wrecks of Coron Bay

- Breakfast
- Diving 1
- Diving 2
- Free evening
- Dinner and overnight in Coron.



DAY 07: Diving on the wrecks of Coron Bay

- Breakfast
- Diving 1
- Diving 2
- Free evening
- Dinner and overnight in Coron.



JOUR 08: visit of THE ISLAND OF CORON IN BANGKA (Private boat) (Option)

- Free breakfast
- Day tour of the island (Optional)
- Free evening
- Dinner and overnight in Coron.





Day 09: and transfer to Bangkok or other

- Breakfast
- Transfert in taxi to Coron airport
- Transfert to Manille
- Transfer to Bangkok
- End of our services



To book:

- 50% deposit to confirm your reservation
 - The balance 30 days before the date of travel.
 - Any deposit is lost 30 days before the date of travel.
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The price includes

- ✓ All that is stated in the program
- ✓ Private or Service
- ✓ The fly transfer Busuanga / Manila
- ✓ The fly transfer Manila / Busuanga
- ✓ The transfer taxis Airport / Coron hotel
- ✓ The transfer taxis Coron hotel / Airport
- ✓ Entrance fees to National Park Coron
- ✓ 8 night Coron hotel
- ✓ 11 dives in Coron
- ✓ 1 counter with the Dugong if is possible
- ✓ The welcome drink
- ✓ English speaking instructor
- ✓ Big fun
- ✓ And more.... more

Option

- ✓ Kayangan Lake Tour
- ✓ VISIT CORON ISLAND IN BANGKA (Private boat)
- ✓ VISIT THE ISLAND OF EL NIDO IN BANGKA (Private boat)
- ✓ Day walk in El Nido
- ✓ Ballad day in Coron

Price does not include

- ✓ Transfer to another airport
 - ✓ gratuities
 - ✓ miscellaneous costs
 - ✓ Meals out programs
 - ✓ insurance
 - ✓ The diving equipment
 - ✓ Drinks
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PRICE AND CONDITIONS

OUR PRICES INCLUDE

- Private Circuit
- All services mentioned in the program
- All visits and excursions mentioned in the program
- All transfers and transport mentioned in the program
- The transports by car or minibus (van) Conditioning
- The double room accommodation in hotels
- All meals mentioned in the program
- The assistance of local guides

PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE

- International flights
- All services not mentioned in the program
- Lunches and dinners not mentioned in the program
- Drinks
- Tips
- Insurance disease / repatriation / cancellation / luggage
- All personal expenses
- The entry visa

WARNING

Possibility of tariff surcharges in certain hotels during festive seasons:

Christmas, New Year Khmer New Year (April).

Consult us for these periods.

CONDITIONS AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

50% deposit upon booking.

Balance one month before departure.

Any payment to be made by bank transfer or check (The details will be communicated to you upon confirmation of your benefits).

CANCELLING POLICY

30 Euros per person cancellation fee more than 60 days of departure.

25% cancellation fee 60 days before departure.

50% cancellation fee 30 days before departure.

75% cancellation fee 14 days of departure.

100% cancellation fees 7 days of departure.

REMARKS

- Offer subject to availability.
- Rooms available in hotels from 14.00.
- Rooms must be vacated at noon in hotels.
- Rating based on 1 Euro equivalent to 40 baht. In case of change of over 3%, the prices will be adjusted.

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