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📍 Tubbataha Reef, Palawan
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The Philippines is one of the world's best diving destinations. With good visibility and water temperature, it's the ideal underwater playground for novices and experienced divers alike.



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FAST FACTS

Capital	Manila
Language	Filipino is the national language but English is widely spoken. There are also 176 other local dialects.
Currency	Philippine Peso (PHP)
Business Hours	Government offices: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, weekdays Malls: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, daily Banks: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, weekdays ATM: 24 hours, daily
Credit Cards	MasterCard, Visa, Diners Club, American Express, JCB

Communication	The country has international and national direct dial phones, facsimile services and worldwide express delivery. Mobile phone coverage, internet or e-mail facilities, and wireless connectivity are also available.
Climate	Average temperature of 78° F / 26° C to 90° F/ 32° C
Time Zone	GMT +8:00
What to wear	Bring light and breathable clothes. When visiting the mountain regions, use warm and insulated clothing.
Religion	Predominantly Roman Catholic. With Christians, Protestants, Muslims and Buddhists.
Government	Democratic Presidential System

Tiping	Tips are normally 10% of the bill, but optional when there's service charge.
Electricity	220 volts, AC 60 cycles. Some hotels will carry 110 volt outlets.
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DAVIN, NEGROS ORIENTAL
Davin in Negros Oriental comprises numerous dive areas gifted with amazing underwater kingdoms. Diving in sites like Sahara or San Miguel Tires will get you up close with nudibranchs, zebra lionfishes, frogfishes, and many more. For most divers, Davin is a muck diving paradise, but it's also a treasure trove of rare and wonderful sea critters.



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MOALBOAL, CEBU
Moalboal is a diving paradise on the west coast of Cebu Island. It offers numerous diving spots including Pescador Island, where coralline walls support a variety of marine life such as sea fans and ferns, anemonefish, sponges, barracudas, and sharks including thresher and whitetip. Turtle Bay is another underwater hotspot that offers a respite for sea turtles while Panagsama Reef's steep underwater slopes feature gigantic sea whips and a massive school of sardines.



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MALAPASCUA, CEBU
Manta rays, blue-ringed octopuses, shipwrecks, rare marine species, and multi-colored corals only in the Philippines but also the world. Its top dive spot is Monad Shoal or Shark Point where thresher sharks can be spotted throughout the year. The small island, located north of Cebu, can be reached via public boat.

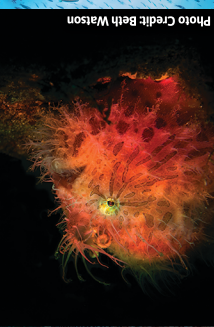


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APD ISLAND, NEGROS ORIENTAL
Apo Island in Negros Oriental may be a tiny volcanic island, but it is considered to be one of the finest dive destinations in the Philippines for its protected marine sanctuary. Beyond gardens, divers will find delight swimming with giant sea turtles and over 650 species of fish.



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SOGOD BAY, SOUTHERN LEYTE
Located in Southern Leyte, Sogod Bay is composed of 22 dive spots replete with rich marine life from multicolored corals to pygmy seahorses and the occasional whale shark. Its most famous dive site is Napantao, where unspoiled coral gardens and caves dot the seabed. It welcomes all levels of divers for its marine diversity and varied underwater topography.



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ANILAO, BATANGAS
Anilao is known as the birthplace of scuba diving in the Philippines. A paradise for underwater photographers, especially macro photography, its marine landscape makes up for its mostly rocky shores. Boasting of more than 50 dive sites, Anilao is one of the best places to get up close with hundreds of species of corals, pelagic fishes, and tiny nudibranchs.

PUERTO GALERA, MINDORO
Aside from its amazing sunset views and long stretch of white sand beach, Puerto Galera is also an ideal place for diving and snorkeling. A plethora of aquatic creatures such as white and black tip sharks, pelagic fishes, moray eels, and octopuses can be found living in the coral gardens of its dive areas.

CORON BAY, PALAWAN
It's not just one of the world's best islands; Palawan offers an unmatched underwater experience for all types of divers from novices to professionals. Coron Bay, found in the northern area, is a hotspot for preserved shipwrecks. Below the clear waters, divers can explore WWII Japanese vessels or army ships that house turtles, eels and other colorful marine species.