

Diving at Atlantis Dumaguete

OVERVIEW

Dumaguete dive sites offer a combination of sloping reef and sandy areas; muck diving fanatics are in heaven here as our coastal diving is like muck diving but with 40' + visibility, a black sand bottom instead of silt, no trash yet with all the same critters found in the muck. There are also several artificial reef sites in Dumaguete (House Reef, Cars, Sahara, Ginamaan), and all sites are diveable for beginners.

Dumaguete- offers a higher diversity of coastal diving critters, and the fish are less shy because of the Marine protected Areas. Diving in Apo Island (a day trip from Dumaguete) offers the colourful corals, many turtles and a chance of seeing pelagics such as sharks and rays. Siquijor is a beautiful wall diving, with a shallow plateau offering excellent macro opportunities and the occasional pelagic.



SEA TEMPERATURES

F (C) approximate averages	Dec - March	Late March – May	June - August	Sept - Nov
Air	74-86 (24-30)	86-95 (30-35)	86-92 (28-33)	81-90 (27-32)
Water	74-79 F (24-26)	82-86 (28-30)	80-84 (27-29)	77-82 (25-28)
Wetsuit recommended	3-5mm full	3mm shorty	3mm shorty	3-5mm full

MARINE PARK FEES

210php per day dive 315php per night dive

TRIPS



Apo Island

One of the Philippines internationally acclaimed dive sites. Located 5km off the coast of Negros, the entire reef is a marine sanctuary. With dive sites ranging from 10-50 meters with sloping bottoms and sheer drop offs there is something for everyone. The corals are unrivaled with large table corals, Staghorn corals, Brain corals and a vast array of soft corals. Clownfish city is an area covered in anemones, large schools of jacks, Tuna and Barracuda can be seen, numerous turtles inhabit the area and in recent years Thresher and hammerhead sharks have been spotted.



Siquijor Island

Located off the coast of Negros, Siquijor is another great day trip. With 2 marine sanctuaries, fantastic wall diving, a sunken island and superb muck dives.



Whale Shark Snorkeling

A once in a lifetime opportunity for a close up encounter with these gentle giants.

Fishermen in the province of Oslob started feeding Whale Sharks with shrimp they catch at night in late 2011. Since then the sharks have become regular visitors to the area and sightings are almost guaranteed on a daily basis. The Municipality of Oslob and the Whaleshark Watching Committee have implemented strict rules and guidance on Whale Shark feeding and

interactions. Although there are still some problems and ignorance of the rules by some operators in the area, we believe the experience is sufficiently managed to allow for safe whale shark interactions both for the whale sharks and our guests. Although there are concerns and conflicting arguments for the feeding of whale sharks, Atlantis supports the protection and conservation of these creatures and does not think our guests should miss out on this once in a lifetime experience. Atlantis only supports SNORKELLING with the whale sharks and complies with guidelines set by local and international Whaleshark Interaction policies. In addition, should, on any given day, we observe the whale sharks are stressed or the ratio of people to whale sharks is inappropriate we will cancel the interaction on that day.

Typical schedule* for the day

05:00am Breakfast available at the resort

06:00am Depart from the resort using Jeepney

07:30am Barge Ferry Dumaguete to Oslob, Cebu

08:30am Beach Set Up for Snorkel

09:30am Snorkel with the whalesharks for 30 minutes

11:00am Lunch Break at the Beach (BBQ)

13:30pm Barge Ferry Oslob, Cebu to Dumaguete

15:00pm Arrival back at Atlantis Dumaguete

Option for 4pm dive and night dive once back

*Note that the actual daily schedule may change subject to ferry times and/or other logistical concerns.

You will be given a detailed briefing before your trip but please be aware that you will be asked to leave the water if you touch the whale sharks and that flash photography is strictly prohibited as is the wearing of sunscreen or the use of gloves.

