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Anilao, Apo Reef & Wrecks of Coron

Atlantis Azores is delighted to announce a new and exciting itinerary. Our guests will embark on a dive trip of a lifetime exploring sunken World War 2 wrecks in Coron Bay and diving on the 34 mile long 'Mini Tubbataha' Apo reef system.

The charter will start with 2 dives in Anilao, this macro paradise is home to over 300 species of nudibranch. Secret Bay is one of the best dive locations for macro diving in the whole of the Philippines. We can also see schools of Jacks, sweetlips and fusiliers around the famous twin rocks dive site.

Next will be the UNESCO World Heritage site of Apo Reef. A full days diving will take place here exploring some of the finest coral reefs in Asia. Expect to see White tip sharks, spotted eagle rays, Hawksbill turtles, Bump head parrot fish and sea snakes.

The Azores will steam down to Coron Bay and the next 3 days will be spent diving on the historical Japanese fleet which was sunk by

the American Navy during the Second World War. Task Force 38 lead by Admiral William F. Halsey destroyed 24 ships which were anchored in Coron Bay on the 24th September 1944.

During our time in Coron we will explore world famous wrecks like the sea plane tender Akitsushima and the Irako. After being down on the bottom for over 70 years, the coral growth and marine life on the wrecks is truly outstanding.

Once our wreck adventure is complete the boat will travel back to Apo Reef for some more breath taking dives. We will be on the lookout for many Pelagic species such as grey reef sharks, Manta rays and huge schools of Barracuda. With over 500 species of coral and 300 species of fish Apo reef will make your wildest diving dreams come true.

- Anilao
- Apo Reef
- Coron

Seasons & Weather

Seven night charters run between

January - February

Sea temperature 22c - 27c / 71.6F - 80.6F;

Air temperature 25c - 29c / 77F - 84.2F;

Average visibility 15m/50ft to 25m/80ft+

Port of embarkation - Atlantis Puerto Galera

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DIVE DAY 1: ANILAO

Anilao is one of the most famous places in the Philippines for macro subjects. We will explore the wonders of secret bay where over 300 species of nudibranch have been discovered. Other amazing dive sites include Twin rocks where you can be surrounded by schools of Jacks and other colorful reef fish.

DIVE DAY 2: APO REEF

The UNESCO heritage site of Apo reef will be our destination for the second day. Shark ridge is a great place to see white tip and black tip reef sharks. Manta rays are sometimes spotted here as well as hawksbill turtles and bumphead parrot fish. Binangaan drop off is another fantastic location with huge schools of snappers and tuna. Look out for Spotted eagle rays in the blue as well as other pelagic species.

DAY 3: CORON - WRECKS OF OKIKAWA MARU & OLYMPIA MARU

Coron is our destination as we begin to explore the Japanese ship wrecks from World War 2. The largest of the ship wrecks is the Okikawa Maru, this ship is a 160 meters long and was sunk by a direct hit on the bow area. Another massive wreck is the 120 meter Olympia Maru. Check out the cargo holds here and enjoy the schools of Batfish and fusiliers that engulf divers.

DAY 4: CORON - WRECKS OF JAPANESE FREIGHTER & EAST TANGAT GUNBOAT

Our second day of wreck exploration will begin on the Japanese freighter, another 140 meter long vessel that is ideal for exploration. The two main boilers are a big attraction. Hard coral growth is extensive, look out for scorpion fish on the decks. East Tangat gunboat is also a great attraction; this submarine hunter is very shallow and ideal for divers of any experience.

DAY 5: CORON - WRECKS OF AKITSUSIMA & IRAKO

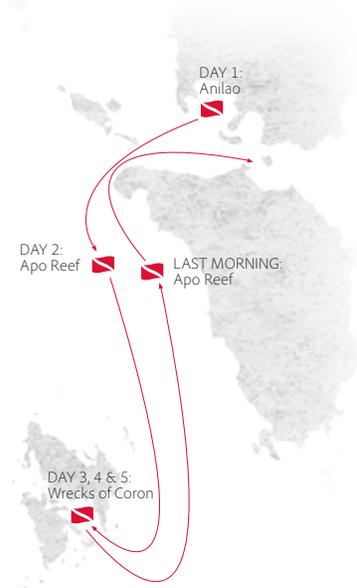
The wreck of the sea plane tender Akitsusima is the highlight of the wreck diving in Coron. This ship took a direct hit on the stern and sunk immediately. At the stern of the ship you can still see the gears of the crane that used to drop the sea

planes into the water. The Irako is another awe-inspiring wreck, explore the galley area where pots and pans are still visible. This 147 meter long vessel was a refrigeration ship for the Japanese Imperial navy before she was sunk in September 1944.



LAST MORNING: APO REEF - HUNTERS ROCK

We will return to Apo Reef for our final dives of the trip. Hunters Rock is well known for its population of sea snakes, you can see literally hundreds. Grey reef sharks are seen cruising off the wall. Large schools of Barracuda can be found as well as over 300 species of reef fish make this a great place to end a magical trip on the Atlantis Azores.



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