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INTRODUCING THE SIREN FLEET

On board our yachts

Each of our eight spacious cabins have a range of features to make your time on board exceptionally comfortable, including soft cotton bed linen, thick bath towels, bathrobes, hot and cold water, hairdryer, in-room safe and entertainment system. Nothing is beyond us; if you have special dietary requirements, would like a softer pillow, require extra towels or bed linen, all you need to do is ask, and our team will be ready to assist you. After all, it is your vacation, and we want you to enjoy it!

Our vessels provide plenty of space for you to relax and unwind as well as an on board massage therapist who works her magic for tired muscles after a day's diving. Culinary delights are created daily by our chefs, ensuring you will not go hungry. Enjoy a mix of Asian and Western cuisine all freshly prepared and served buffet style in the comfortable outdoor dining area.

Customer Care

Our crew are selected for their experience and professionalism. On board you will find the highest quality instructors and guides. Each yacht has a large crew of 12, ensuring you will receive attentive service throughout your liveaboard cruise. Safety on board is paramount. Each yacht is finished to the highest standard and features the latest in safety technology.

All of our yachts are equipped with a full complement of medical supplies for treating minor injuries or ailments and for assisting trained medical professionals in remote locations. AED units are also aboard each yacht along with a full supply of medical grade oxygen and DAN oxygen provider kits for suspected cases of DCS. Extensive training in emergency management procedures is undertaken by all crew members and our dive teams are also qualified emergency responders.

DIVE DESTINATIONS

Indonesia Palau Philippines



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Diving with the Siren Fleet brings you a relaxed flexibility, which is key to our philosophy. We strive to make diving as easy as possible for you to ensure you have the best all-round experience. Each of our yachts operate in their destination year-round and move with the seasons to bring divers to sites at the optimum time of year in terms of weather and marine life. We are also able to visit a broader spectrum of dive sites which otherwise may not be feasible without the luxury of liveaboard travel. A typical safari with the Siren Fleet is scheduled over 10 nights, however we also offer a range of trips of varying length, from 6 nights up to a maximum of 14 nights.

Your diving day follows a typical schedule of 4 dives, including a sunset or night dive, followed by a main meal or snack. Each dive is thoroughly briefed by your dive team prior to boarding the dive tenders. Join one of our dive pros or dive unguided with your buddy; the choice is yours! Guided dive groups are small with a maximum ratio of 6:1 guests per guide to give you individual attention and allow you to dive at your own pace and experience.

A grand variety of marine life can be found across Asia and the Pacific. Siren Fleet itineraries encompass a wide array of dive areas and sites, including volcanic sand and muck dives, coral and fan covered reef walls, shallow coral gardens with white sand, current-fuelled sandy channels frequented by sharks and rays, historic wrecks and atmospheric caverns.

Dive times are not limited to 45 or even 60 minutes. Depending on the day's schedule, sea conditions and guest air consumption, you may opt to extend your dive time so you can be sure to achieve the maximum enjoyment from each and every dive whilst vacationing aboard our yachts.

Indonesia: We divide our year between Raja Ampat and Komodo. Both offer opportunities for manta ray sightings, as well as stunning corals, large fish schools and plenty of critters, such as the famous pygmy seahorse.

Palau: An ideal destination for big fish lovers. Sightings include whitetip and grey reef sharks along with manta rays, large schools of snapper and bumphead parrotfish, Napoleon wrasse and turtles.

Philippines: Our year is split between Tubbataha and the Visayas, the former being a typical big fish destination whilst the latter is dominated by macro critter life, whale sharks and thresher sharks.



S/Y INDO SIREN



Yacht Specifications

The 40m Phinisi, launched in 2011, hosts up to 16 guests. She has a beam of 9.7m and 2.1m headroom providing ample space in the cabins and communal areas.

Her main 500HP engine generates a cruising speed of 8-9 knots with an auxiliary engine installed for use in the unlikely event of main engine failure. The entire vessel has 24-hour power supplied through three generators.

Our on board water makers use a 3-stage 'reverse osmosis' filtration system producing clean, safe, drinkable water throughout the trip, with a storage facility of up to 16 tonnes.

Coltri-sub compressors are used to fill our dive cylinders and Nitrox fills are supplied via a membrane at no extra charge. Dive activities are supported by two RHIB tenders, which take divers to the sites in small groups and remain on standby to provide support and pick-ups.

Guest Facilities

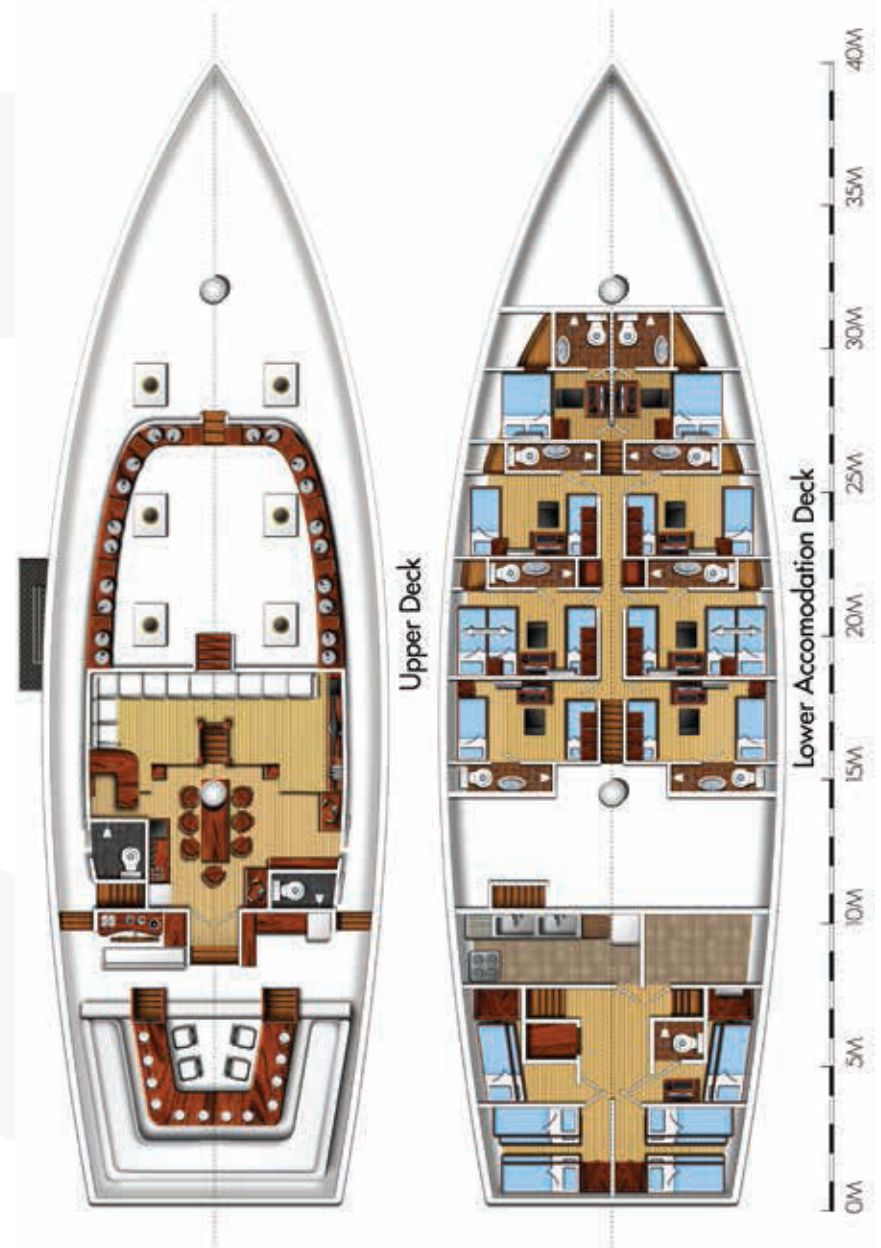
Double and Twin Bed Cabins* with:-

- ✓ Air-c onditioning and fan
- ✓ Tiled en-suite with hot water shower
- ✓ Personal entertainment system
- ✓ Towels and bathrobes
- ✓ Hairdryer
- ✓ In-cupboard safe
- ✓ Hanging space and clothes storage

Communal Dive and Relaxation Areas

- Indoor a/c lounge with comfortable sofas, plasma screen, cocktail bar and personal storage drawers
- Camera set-up and electronics charging
- Shaded outdoor dining area
- Spacious dive deck with individual set-up stations and shaded resting area
- Upper level sun deck with eight cushioned lounge chairs

*Mid-ship cabins are for two guests only and can be converted from twin to double depending upon guest preference.



INDONESIA

Raja Ampat and Komodo

Diving Raja Ampat offers a mix of drift dives, dark sand slopes, dramatic walls dotted with huge gorgonian fans, reefs covered with colourful soft corals as well as cleaning stations for manta rays. During each trip we cruise between *Misool, Batanta, the Fiabacet Chain, the Dampier Strait, Gam, Mansuar and Arborek Islands.*

Expect to see large schools of bumphead parrotfish, snapper, barracuda and trevally. Groups of oriental sweetlips shelter under corals and batfish hang in the currents. Flasher wrasse and anthias add that extra touch of colour. Manta rays are common at several sites in the north, mobula rays too! Whitetip, wobbegong, blacktip and epaulette sharks are also regularly spotted.

For critter lovers there are several pygmy seahorse varieties, numerous species of nudibranch, pipefish, crocodile fish, blue ringed octopus, cuttlefish and toadfish.

You also have the option to snorkel in the mangroves or kayak around the limestone karsts and perhaps spot the birds of paradise.

Sailing: November - May

Departs from: Sorong Harbour

International Airport: Jakarta (CGK)

Water Temp: 27-29°C / 80-84°F



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Diving Komodo offers some of the most diverse sites in Indonesia; muck diving, black volcanic sand, coral gardens, reef pinnacles and manta ray cleaning stations. Departing from *Bima Bay*, we bring you to *Sangeang Island, Gili Banta, Gili Lawa Laut, Current City, Padar Island, Rinca, Nusa Kode and South Komodo.*

Diverse dive sites bring forth a wide range of marine species; schools of trevally prey on fusiliers, whitetip reef sharks cruise in the currents, surgeon fish, bumphead parrotfish, sweetlips and wrasse scour the reefs for food and cleaning. Manta rays gather at cleaning stations or hang in the channels to feed. Mobula and eagle rays are also common visitors to these reefs. Numerous turtles are seen too!

The critter sightings are endless with the most common being frogfish, ghost pipe fish, seahorses, spiny devil fish, flatworms, nudibranchs, squat lobsters, mandarin fish, xeno crabs, decorator crabs and cuttlefish.

Each trip we make a short tour in the National Park to get up close with the Komodo Dragons.

Sailing: June - October

Departs from: Bima Bay

International Airport: Bali (DPS)

Water Temp: 21-28°C / 70-83°F



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S/Y PALAU SIREN



Yacht Specifications

Launched in 2012, S/Y Palau Siren is a 40m Phinisi yacht for 16 guests, manned by a crew of 12, including English-speaking dive guides.

She can travel at a speed of up to 9 knots on her main engine, with an auxiliary engine installed in the unlikely event of main engine failure. Three generators supply 24-hour power to the vessel.

On board water makers use a 3-stage 'reverse osmosis' filtration system providing clean, safe, drinkable water, with a storage facility of 16 tonnes. Hot water is supplied to cabins through our centrally-heated system.

The yacht is accompanied by two hard-bottomed fiberglass boats which have ample space for kit set-up. They take divers the short distance to the sites in comfort and ease and remain on stand-by to provide assistance and collect you upon surfacing. Groups can be split between sites depending on preference.

Nitrox fills are supplied via a membrane system at no extra charge.

Guest Facilities

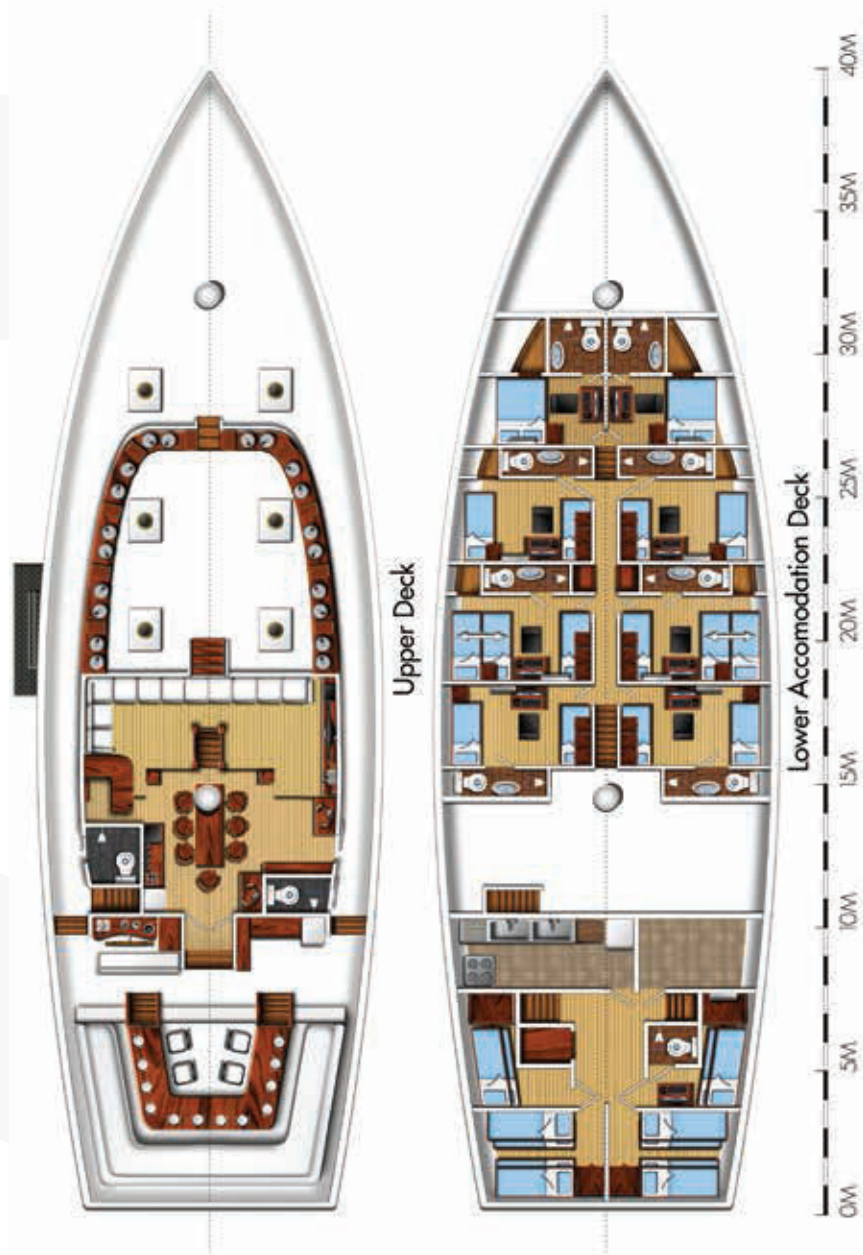
Double and Twin Bed Cabins* with:-

- ✓ Air-con ditioning and fan
- ✓ Tiled en-suite with hot water shower
- ✓ Personal entertainment system
- ✓ Towels and bathrobes
- ✓ Hairdryer
- ✓ In-cupboard safe
- ✓ Hanging space and clothes storage

Communal Dive and Relaxation Areas

- Indoor a/c lounge with comfortable sofas, plasma screen, cocktail bar and personal storage drawers
- Camera set-up and electronics charging
- Shaded outdoor dining area
- Spacious dive deck with individual set-up stations and shaded resting area
- Upper-level sun deck with eight cushioned lounge chairs
- Satellite WIFI available (at an extra cost)

*Mid-ship cabins are for two guests only and can be converted from twin to double depending upon guest preference.



PALAU

Palau Islands

Diving Palau is best known for the many pelagic fish species seen. A typical reef dive can include sightings of schools of whitetip and grey reef sharks, jacks, barracuda and snapper. We see inquisitive Napoleon wrasses, and manta rays often visit the cleaning stations, or to feed on the plankton, putting on impressive looping displays.

Many different species of shark can be spotted, from leopard and nurse shark to the less common bull, tiger and whale shark.

Whilst known for its pelagics, Palau has healthy corals and plenty of smaller creatures including mandarin fish, pipefish, dartfish, leaf fish, cuttlefish and octopus.

A snorkelling excursion to *Jelly Fish Lake* is included in your trip and you may also take an optional land tour at *Peleliu Island*.

Palau Siren operates both 7-night and 10-night trips bringing you to a range of sites from steep reef walls, caverns, sandy channels and wrecks. Departing from Koror we stop at four anchorage points; *Ulong Island, German Channel, Peleliu and Malakal Harbour*, from where our tenders shuttle you to the dive sites.

Unique Expeditions, Sam's Tours Palau and Siren Fleet have teamed up to offer you a series of speciality trips throughout the year. Dependent on the moon phase, it is possible to see huge aggregations of snapper and bumphead parrotfish as they spawn. Led by Paul Collins and Richard Barnden these trips are designed to bring you to the exact spot at the precise time for spawning activity; a truly marvellous spectacle to behold.

Sailing: Year-round

Departs from: Sam's Tours Palau, Koror

International Airport: Koror (ROR)

Water Temp: 26-29°C / 79-84°F



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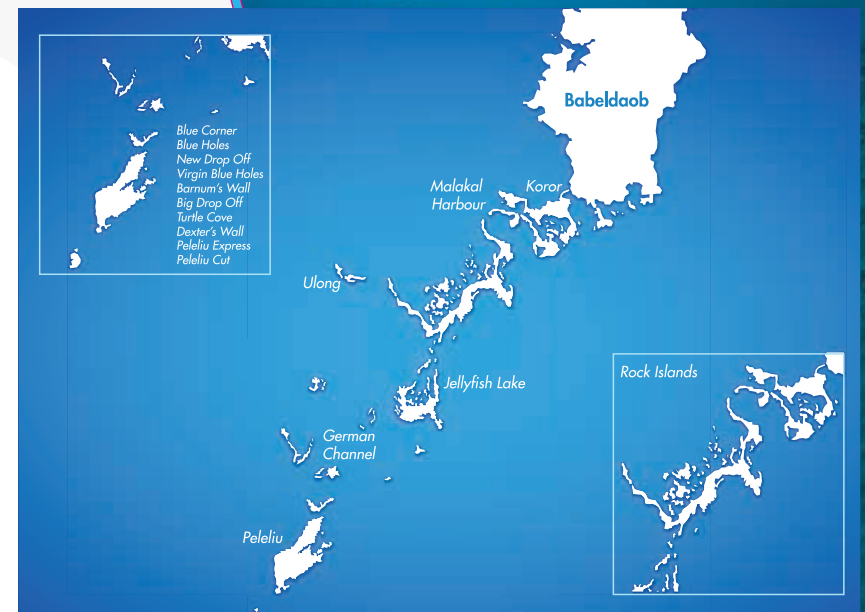


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S/Y PHILIPPINE SIREN



Yacht Specifications

Siren Fleet have been operating a liveaboard in the Philippines since 2009, however in 2013 we launched the new S/Y Philippine Siren. Like her predecessor, she is a 40m Pinisi yacht with a capacity for 16 guests. Her cabin layout follows that of her sister boats providing greater flexibility for our guests and for group bookings. Her main engine provides a travelling speed of up to 9 knots with an auxiliary engine installed in case of emergency. Three generators supply 24-hour power to the entire vessel.

On board water makers use a 3-stage 'reverse osmosis' filtration system which gives clean, safe, drinkable water and there is a storage facility of 16 tonnes. Centrally-heated hot water is delivered, on demand, to guest cabins and deck heads.

Nitrox is provided through our membrane system and all diving activities are supported by two RHIBs that remain on stand-by to support and assist you.

Guest Facilities

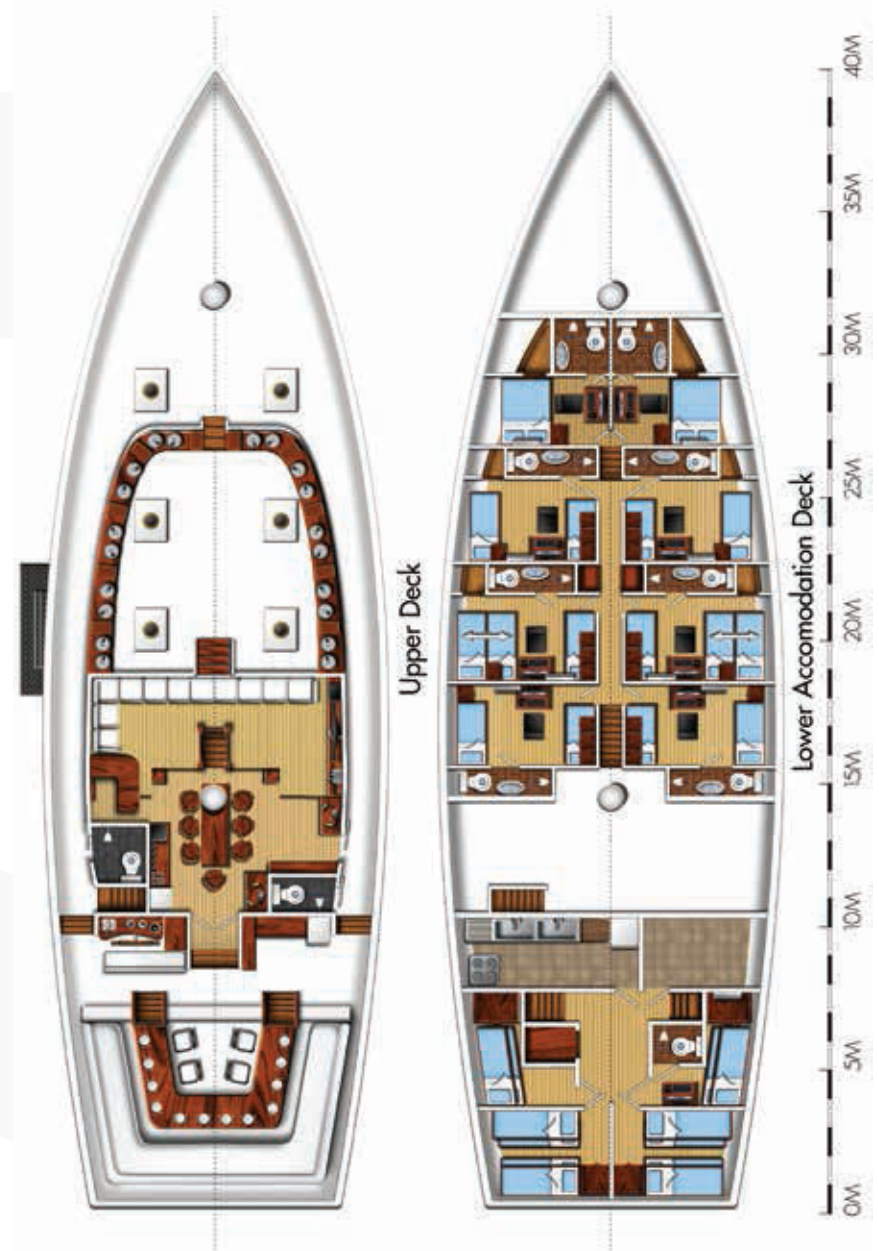
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THE PHILIPPINES

Tubbataha and the Visayas

Diving Tubbataha is exclusively reserved for liveaboards; there is no shore-based diving. This UNESCO World Heritage Site lies off the coast of *Palawan Island*, in the *Sulu Sea*. It is comprised of two islands, North and South, and the *Jessie Beazley Reef*. The dive sites consist predominantly of steep coral reef walls with sea fans, however there are also sandy sea-grass slopes and two wrecks where a plethora of marine life can be found.

Tubbataha is a big fish lovers' paradise. Whitetip, grey reef, silvertip, leopard, whale and hammerhead shark species are amongst the most commonly sighted, with the occasional guitar, tiger or bull shark putting in an appearance. Expect to see huge schools of trevally, barracuda and snapper as well as many turtles and rays.

Healthy coral life supports a vast array of colourful reef fish, crabs, shrimps, molluscs and echinoderms; there is plenty for macro-lovers to enjoy as well.

You will have the opportunity to visit the rangers' station to learn more about the park and conservation initiatives, or take one of our kayaks to explore the reef top.

Sailing: Mid-February - Mid-June

Departs from: Puerto Princesa

International Airport: Manila (MNL)

Water Temp: 26-29°C / 79-84°F



Diving in the Visayas region is possible year round as the area is well-protected from the typhoons which affect the north. A choice of 6 - 12 night trips are available, each visiting *Cabilao*, *Balicasag*, *Pescador*, *Moalboal*, *Dauin* and *Apo*. Several of our longer trips also visit *Malapascua Island*. The dive sites vary between dark sand slopes, reef walls with soft corals and fans, pristine hard coral gardens and wrecks.

Best known as a critter hotspot, you can expect to see seahorses, frogfish, seamoths, ghost pipefish, mandarin fish, flamboyant cuttlefish, cowries, candy crabs, squat lobsters, nudibranchs, gurnards, waspfish, mimic octopus, sawblade shrimp and more!

Wall sites also attract schooling sardines, trevally and barracuda, whilst hawksbill turtles can be seen in abundance.

Guests opting for the *Malapascua* extension may see pelagic thresher sharks and manta rays.

During your cruise you have the option to visit *Oslob*, where you may snorkel with whale sharks; up to eight have been seen together at once.

Sailing: Year-round

Departs from: Cebu, Moalboal or Malapascua

International Airport: Cebu (CEB)

Water Temp: 26-29°C / 79-84°F



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Underwater Photography

Features for underwater photographers can be found on each of the Siren Fleet yachts. There are dedicated camera preparation workstations both inside the lounge and on the dive deck. The indoor area consists of two or three counters, each with powerful strip lighting and ample charging points for both 220v and 110v. Large storage drawers, in which you may keep lenses and spare parts, are also provided for your convenience.

The dive deck boasts extra-large rinse tanks specifically for cameras, to avoid damage; they can accommodate large housings and dome ports. Our crews are trained in handling camera equipment delicately and will bring your camera to the dive tender for you, if you wish.

Photos can be shared on the large plasma screen in the lounge and we also have the facility for viewing or downloading your day's video footage.



Exceptional Speciality Trips

Siren Fleet offers some truly individual tours across all vessels.

Pro-escorted **Underwater Photography Trips** are hosted throughout the year in a variety of destinations. For SLR and compact camera users alike, our workshops are designed to assist you in getting the most from your camera. Our hosts will give you tips and pointers for improving techniques. Presentations are given on various topics including lighting, framing and composition, wide-angle and post-dive editing.

Whilst all of our safaris are suitable for underwater photographers, by joining one of our hosted trips you can benefit from the knowledge, support and experience of the professionals. We work closely with many of the scuba industry's leading professionals and are pleased to welcome back on board Gerald Rambert, Alex Mustard, Stephen Frink, Matt Weiss, Werner Thiele, Scott Gietler, and Mark Stickler.



Siren Fleet work closely with Paul Collins and Richard Barnden of *Sam's Tours-Unique Dive Expeditions* to offer you something exceptional in Palau. Join the Palau Siren on either our **New Moon** or **Full Moon Spawning** cruises, where you will have a chance to witness one of the most spectacular natural events on earth, the spawning aggregations of the bumphead parrotfish and the red snapper.

Unique Dive Expeditions are also working with Palau Siren on something truly new, **The Wrecks of Palau**. Many people know Truk Lagoon as the wreck capital of the world, but only six weeks after the attack on Truk, the American Navy launched 'Operation Desecrate One' on Palau, to destroy as much of the remaining Japanese fleet as possible. More than 36 Japanese vessels, as well as sundry aircraft, were sent to the watery depths of the lagoon, and now you have the chance to see them as part of this special itinerary.



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Travel & Tours

Hotels and resorts can make the perfect addition to your liveaboard safari. Our travel team has selected a range of options in each destination to suit all budgets and ensure you arrive to your cruise departure well-rested and relaxed. In several locations we have dedicated resort partners and can offer our guests exclusive rates and diving packages.

Domestic flights and **transfers** may be required before you can meet your chosen Siren Fleet yacht. Working with local operators means that we are able to offer our guests the service to organise logistics on their behalf. Domestic flights are required for all guests travelling to the following locations:- Komodo, Raja Ampat and Tubbataha. You will also require a domestic flight for our Visayas itineraries if your international flight arrives into Manila.

Tours of the local area can really serve to enhance your experience and give you a sense of the nation, its history and people. Try the Palawan Experience or visit the

Chocolate Hills in the Philippines, trek through the Toraja Highlands in Indonesia or cruise the Milky Way in Palau - the choice is endless.

Let our team help you plan the best choice to suit your needs!



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