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7 days Luxury Yacht Charter Experience
MANILA TO HAMILO COAST

DAY 1

A hub for international and domestic air travel, Manila is like every capital city; lively, busy and congested! Interesting to visit when time allows, are the 16th-century intramuros, founded by the Spanish, as well as the colourful 400-year old Chinatown. For shoe lovers, the Marikina Shoe Museum showcases - amongst others - 749 pairs of shoes of former First Lady Imelda Marcos. The Makati district has many upmarket bars, restaurants and music clubs, for an entertaining night out on the town. From Manila, cruise past historic Corregidor. There are still remnants of fortifications of World War II on the island, which now serve as military memorials to American, Filipino and Japanese soldiers. Anchor in one of the coves of Hamilo Coast for a refreshing swim and a relaxing evening on board. Hamilo Coast’s location at the entry of the Verde Island Passage makes it an ideal jump-off point for your cruise.
PUERTO GALERA
DAY 2

No wonder the Spanish loved staying here; Puerto Galera has a splendid natural harbour. Anchor in the bay, visit the Yacht Club and hire a local “jeepney” taxi for a ride overland to tumbling waterfalls and magnificent mountain views. There is excellent snorkelling and scuba diving to be enjoyed here with extensive coral gardens.
APO REEF
DAY 3

Apo Reef is a UNESCO Heritage site, rated as one of the top four dive sites, and the second largest coral system in the world. There is much to discover underwater and usually in perfect scuba diving conditions.

The rich marine life includes cuttlefish, barracuda, turtles, sea snakes, manta rays. The visibility varies, but you can expect to see clearly for around 100 feet.

Spend the day exploring different parts of the huge (34 square km) reef and admire the coral gardens. The reef is, according to many snorkelers and divers, one of the best in the world.

Crystal water, colourful corals and an abundance of marine life including turtles, barracudas, napoleons, tunas, wrasses and many more are a regular sight here.

One of the three islands of Apo Reef, Apo Island, is nice for a tour to the mangrove forest and lighthouse.
DUMUNPALIT ISLAND AND PUERTO DEL SOL

DAY 4

Dumanpalit is a beautiful island with a long, white-sandy beach, green vegetation and huge limestone rock formations. The coral reefs surrounding the island are great for snorkelling with very pretty red, blue and pink colours. Anchor at Puerto del Sol and go white-sand island hopping, there are many islands to explore here all within minutes of each other.
NALAUT
DAY 5

North Cay and South Cay are perfect for those who are adventurous, like to explore and love nature. There is a small access fee to pay which goes towards preservation and care of the island and those who look after it. You might be the only ones there, it is friendly, laid-back and never busy. You can swim and snorkel, walk around the small island and have a wood fire cook-out on the beach.

West Nalaut Island has over two miles of coastline, half of which is white sandy beaches and the other half which has rocky outcrops and cliffs. Crystal clear water and a 1000-foot-wide coral reef surround this island. It is a natural breeding ground for turtles and dugongs. There are several Japanese World War II wrecks nearby, good deep sea fishing for blue marlin, tuna and lobster and, if you are lucky, whale shark, dolphin, dugong, bird, firefly and fruit bat watching opportunities.
BANANA, DITAYTAYAN AND MALCAPUYA ISLANDS

DAY 6

Banana island has perfect white-sand beaches and amazing snorkelling on offer. It can be a little busier with travellers and day tourists, but the island has a friendly atmosphere with hammocks on the shore, laid-back beach bars and locals often play soccer or volleyball on the beach.

If you want to remain in quieter places, go to Ditaytayan island which has a beautiful sandbar - it is an incredibly pristine and long stretch of white sand, surrounded by turquoise water. Malcapuya island has very clean, clear water and milk-white powder-like sand. The coral reef is quite far from the shore but there are no rocks beneath so it is an ideal destination for swimming or just lounging under the hot afternoon sun. You can bring picnic meals here, or ask the Chef to prepare a BBQ.
CORON ISLAND

DAY 7

Go for an early morning visit to the seven, mixed-water Kayangan Lakes, or some of the many coves of Coron island. Alternatively, after a leisurely breakfast on board go to Coron town. When you're ready to depart, take a transfer to Francisco Reyes Airport, formerly Busuanga Airport, for your departure flight from Coronto Manila.
Coral Triangle
Hope Spot

This Indo-Pacific region is home to the highest diversity of coral species on Earth and includes tropical waters surrounding the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and the Solomon Islands. The Coral Triangle is a natural treasure and is widely considered the “Amazon of the Seas”. It also provides habitat for the “living fossil” coelacanth and six out of the seven species of sea turtles! More than 120 million people call the Coral Triangle home and depend on its reef ecosystem for food, their livelihoods and storm protection. Threats to marine life in this region include climate change, ocean acidification, overfishing and harmful fishing practices like dynamite fishing, and runoff from coastal development and agriculture, but there is a bright future ahead: six countries have joined together with the goal of establishing a Coral Triangle Marine Protected Area System (CTMPAS).
Driven by their love for the ocean and eagerness for bettering the world, in 2011, Fred Tardieu and his wife purchased Pangatalan Island in Palawan, Philippines, and founded Sulubaaï Environmental Foundation, where they work alongside conservation partners and local community members to restore the island's unique ecosystems that have been damaged from unsustainable practices. Alongside their partners, in 2017, they established a 45-hectare marine protected area (MPA) surrounding the island— with larger MPAs on the horizon.

Protected Species: