



Frontier Scuba
Tours

Tubbataha Reef: Frequently asked questions

1. When is the best time to visit Tubbataha?

The best months are from March to June. It is best to avoid Easter as it becomes too busy. After June the seas become too rough

2. Can you arrange transfers in Manila , Manila hotels and domestic flights?

Yes, we can arrange a hotel in Manila for about \$40 a night (per room) as well as taxis to and from the airport. Domestic flights are easy to book – we just need your full name. Please note that you still need a passport to enter the domestic airport (or valid ID if from the Philippines). You will need to arrive in the Philippines the day before the tour date. You will return to Manila by 1300 of the last day of the tour.

Manila Transfers – we need your flight details and we can book round trip airport transfers to the Manila hotel

Manila Hotel – We recommend Cherry Blossoms hotel in Ermita. Nice, clean rooms and at a reasonable price. Our staff will be there to greet you and escort you to the airport on the next day.

3. What is included?

Frontier Scuba guide, accommodation on board, all meals on board, unlimited no-deco dives, divemaster, tanks, weights, boat, round trip transfers from Puerto Princessa airport to boat, meals, juice, tea and coffee.

4. What is not included?

Domestic airfare, transfers in Manila, equipment rental, soft drinks and alcoholic drinks, nitrox, night diving light, travel or diving insurance, Tubbataha Reef conservation fee (about \$60 in 2007). Extra charges may include fuel surcharges.

5. What time does the boat depart and return?

The boat departs at 1800 and returns at 0800 on the last day.

6. What should I bring?

March to June is warm so light casual wear is fine. A light rain jacket and sweater are useful in the aircon. Hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and reading materials. The sea is warm so a 3mm full suit is good – we recommend that every diver carries a surface marker balloon (sausage) as well as whistle.

7. How many dives a day can I do?

All dives are no-deco. We recommend four dives during the day plus a night dive.

8. Should I have insurance?

Yes. We highly recommend that every diver has diving insurance (recommend www.danasiapacific.org or similar) as well as standard travel insurance. Trips may be shortened or cancelled due to bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances including insufficient number of bookings to run the charter. Frontier Scuba will make the best endeavor to provide alternative trips on the same dates, but is not liable for the full trip cost refund (see booking policy fact sheet).

8. How much money should I bring?

The package includes food. You will need money for drinks, souvenirs, tips to and optional expenses such as PADI courses. It is best to change money to pesos in Manila. \$30 a day should be more than enough.

9. Is Nitrox available on board?

Nitrox is available at an extra charge. It can be used to safely extend dive times, or to make dives more conservative by diving within air limits. We'll be offering the SDI Nitrox course on board (computer nitrox diver – no tables!!) for \$99 including the manual.

10. Video and photography?

We highly recommend bringing a camera or video. Remember to bring a card reader, extra cards and tapes. A back-up battery is useful and the boat has 220 volt for charging.