

Atmosphere Resort

Philippines Trip

Dates:

Saturday 29th August 2026 to Sunday 6th September 2026

Atmosphere Resort is on the central Philippine Island of Negros Oriental, and is reputed to be the best diving resort in the Philippines.

We leave On Saturday 29th August 2026 at about 6.30am to fly to Manila, then on to Dumaguete, arriving around 9pm that same day. It is only about a half hour drive from the airport to the resort, so we'll get there at a half reasonable time!



Atmosphere Resort is stunning. I have only heard good reports about this place, the standard of accommodation and the diving! This is the place by which all other Philippine resorts are measured. I haven't been there before, and they're giving us a good discount, so this is the chance.

Luxury Spa and Dive Resort Philippines Atmosphere Resorts & Spa

All of the above water photos here are courtesy of Atmosphere Resort and Allways Dive Expeditions. The underwater photos are from the neighbouring islands of Cebu and Bohol, which I've now been to several times.



For the Divers:

Apo Island is nearby with its blue water, walls, beautiful corals and abundant fish life. Straight off the beach are amazing muck dives, with harlequin ghost pipefish, blue-ringed octopus, hairy frogfish, pygmy seahorse, Ambon scorpionfish, mandarin fish, orangutan crab, mimic octopus, blue ribbon eel, ornate ghost pipefish, halimeda crab, flamboyant cuttlefish, nudibranchs, wonderpus, velvet ghost pipefish, thorny seahorse, stargazer, leaf fish, harlequin shrimp, squat lobster, sargassum anglerfish, jawfish, mantis shrimp, giant frogfish, candy crab, tiger shrimp and many more. Lots of things to see! It is reputed as a place with lots of frogfish!



For the Non-divers:

For the non-divers you can snorkel straight off the beach, or join us divers on our day trips to Apo Island. There are waterfalls to visit, a trip to the marketplace, or to shop in Dumaguete. For the more adventurous there are canyoning trips, or mountain biking, or hiking, and more. I'm told that one of the snorkelling spots just near the resort is known for turtles, and Abbigail from Allways who has just come back from here was saying she swam with around thirty turtles in the one go. Both green and hawksbill turtles can be seen here.



Whale Sharks are the Bonus!

I haven't included this in the price of the trip, but if the conditions are right we will take a boat across to Oslob to swim with the whale sharks there. I have done this twice, once from a boat with magnificent conditions, and once from the shore in poor conditions. If we can confirm that the viz is good, and the seas ok, we'll do it. From the boat is much better than doing it from the shore, and the sharks here are not shy!

For the uninitiated, about twenty years ago Oslob was the place to go to if you wanted to take a photo of a whale shark being dragged up the beach to be cut up to feed the local villages. The fishermen got together to create a co-op, and now they feed the sharks in the mornings with about a half cup of prawns, and charge people to come and swim with them. No fishing of these beautiful creatures! In bad viz it's not worth it, but as you can tell from the photos, if the viz is good it is an amazing experience, at one stage here I

was able to count 9 whale sharks within viz. We will need a minimum of eight people to get this trip going once we are there, I don't think this will be a problem. The optional Oslob whale shark snorkel trip costs \$190 aud per person.





Costs:

By booking this early we are getting '24 rates, plus a 20% discount on accommodation at the resort, so this trip won't ever be this price again.

DIVER \$4,706.00

NON-DIVER \$4,061.00

Both prices are based on Twin share.

Single supplement deluxe suite supplement extra \$1540

Upgrade premium suite or garden apartment extra \$300 aud per person twin share, some have their own swimming pool!

Deposits of \$750 per person are needed to secure your spot. They can be made via the attached booking form, or by this link:

<https://allwaysdive.com.au/booking-form/?ref=ADE3058>

Included in the cost:	Not included in the cost:
Airfares ex-Melbourne	Meals and drinks (except breakfast) There is a meal package available here, but I've been advised that it is cheaper to order what you want as you go. Meals here are supposed to be big!
Transfers	
Deluxe suite twin share	

<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Complimentary filtered drinking water throughout the resort</p> <p>Complimentary snorkelling at Atmosphere house reef (including snorkelling equipment)</p> <p>Visit Malatapay Market on Wednesdays between dives</p> <p>Cocktail happy hour special - buy one get one free (valid only between 5pm-6pm daily)</p> <p>Divers: 16 dives per diver 10 boat dives - including up to 2 Apo Island trips 6 house shore dives Free nitrox for nitrox certified divers Tank/weight/air fills Marine park fees</p> <p>Non-Diver Inclusions: Lily Spa Package - 3 massages of your choice up to 90 minutes per massage 1 Atmosphere Sarong Up to 2 snorkel trips to Apo Island (accompanying diving group)</p>	<p>Room upgrades</p> <p>Oslob whale shark trip</p>
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Please note! Deposits are now due!!

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Please note: Prices are valid at the time of first publication, but can change due to fluctuations in the Australian Dollar and airline prices.

All deposits are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

I hope you can make it!

Cheers

Ken