

IN THE HEART OF THE VISAYAS, THE PRESERVED SOUL OF THE PHILIPPINES

Between the pristine shores of the Philippines, set off to explore the heart of the Visayas, an archipelago of preserved islands shaped by verdant nature and ancestral traditions. From the colonial heritage of Iloilo, shaped by its history of large sugar plantations, to the most distant villages accessible only by local transport , particularly on Higatangan. As your exploration continues, the landscapes will become increasingly wild: Kalanggaman reveals its stretches of white sand bathed in turquoise waters , while Limasawa mixes pristine nature, historic heritage and remarkable underwater landscapes that are perfect for snorkelling. Finally, your adventure will continue with contact with local communities, between distant villages, traditional handicrafts and rice paddies , revealing a more intimate facet of the archipelago.



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Day 1 - Manila

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Day 2 - At sea



During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

Day 3 - Iloilo

Nicknamed the "Heart of the Philippines", the town of Iloilo, located on the island of Panay, is the capital of the province with the same name. It is famous for its refined culture, its **UNESCO** -recognised gastronomy and its lively cultural festivals. As the former economic centre of the Philippines during the sugar industry days, it possesses **rich historic heritage** , which can be seen in its **colonial Spanish architecture**.

Day 4 - Kalanggaman Island

Picture-perfect Kalanggaman Island reveals a **setting of rare purity** , edged with **beaches of white sand** and gracious coconut trees. Its elegant sandbar, which stretches toward the horizon with the shifting tides, gives the island a unique silhouette, as if suspended between the sky and the sea. Surrounded by preserved **coral reefs** , it is home to teeming sea life and ideal for **snorkelling** in the **crystal-clear waters**. You will be able to choose between a peaceful beach perfect for swimming and other wilder beaches, their **sea beds** directly accessible from the shore. Offering both contemplation and exploration, this port of call will be a breathtaking moment of escape.

Day 5 - Limasawa

The island of Limasawa is small, **authentic, wild and well-preserved**. It has historic importance, since it is known around the world as the cradle of Christianity in the Philippines. **Luxuriant forests** line its coastline, and many sites are perfect for diving. You will ride a tricycle up to Magellan's Cross, an iconic site located on the island's heights, before coming back down in the direction of the small temple and a wishing well where you will **see typical shows and taste some local dishes**. During a **boat trip** along the wooded coast, you will be able to go **snorkelling** and admire a **great variety of coral and fish**. Offering both discovery and relaxation, this port of call promises a total change of scenery.

Day 6 - Higatangan island

On the preserved shores of Higatangan Island, time seems to stand still, between history, traditions and the softness of the tropics. Once a place of waiting and transit, this island, home to many fisherman, now reveals a peaceful atmosphere. Its spectacular **immaculate sandbar** stretches over the sea like an invitation to escape. During an immersion on foot, set off to meet local communities, and discover the delicate art of **weaving** and ancestral know-how, before enjoying a **traditional feast** showcasing authentic flavours. You will be able to observe the traditional stages of fishing boat construction, help paint one of them, and applaud a **local** **music** **group** and **majorettes**. Between moments of sharing, cultural immersions and **pure relaxation



with your feet in the water** , this rare excursion will provide an experience that is as intimate as it is unforgettable.

Day 7 - Sibuyan Island

Sibuyan is the second largest island in the Romblon archipelago and has always been isolated from the other islands in the **Philippines** , a particularity that is due to its geological history. The island remains very much untouched and wild. It boasts an **exceptional ecosystem** and is home to several endemic species, which is why it is sometimes dubbed "the Galapagos of Asia". Dominated by **Mount Guiting-Guiting** , which rises to an altitude of more than 2,000 metres or 6,750 feet, it will provide a perfect insight into the natural beauty and culture diversity of these parts. Right near Sibuyan, you could get the chance to swim at the beautiful white-sand beaches on the minuscule **Cresta de Gallo Island** , surrounded by crystal-clear waters.

Day 8 - Calapan

Calapan, the lively capital of the **Oriental Mindoro** province, will reveal itself as the privileged gateway to still-preserved landscapes. Behind the hustle and bustle of its port, which connects the island to **Batangas** , there lies a territory of soothing beauty, in which **golden rice paddies** and lush nature form an enchanting setting. Only a few minutes away, the atmosphere changes and makes way for an authentic immersion into the heart of the **Mangyan community** , the guardians of ancestral traditions and **fine craftsmanship.** With a warm welcome, cultural discoveries and moments of relaxation in an extraordinary natural setting, this port of call invites you to explore an intimate and refined facet of the Philippines, featuring living heritage and **the softness of the tropics**.

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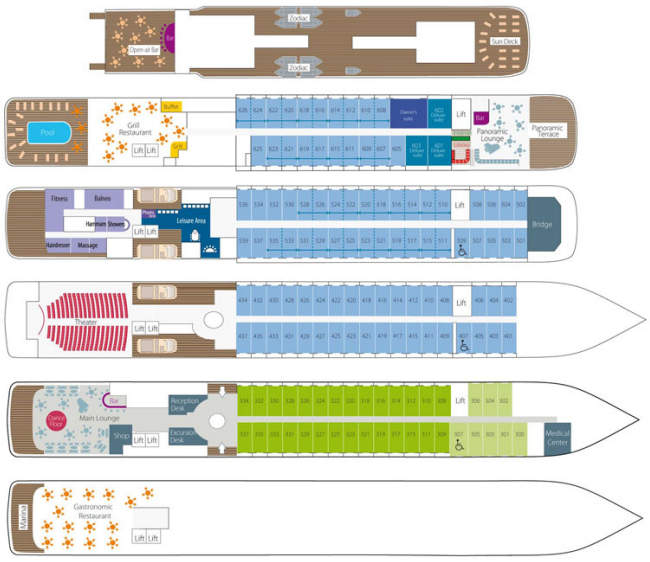
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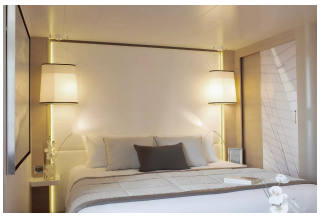
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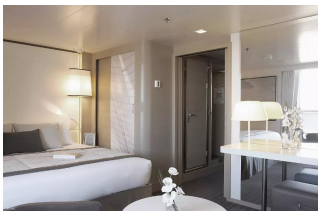
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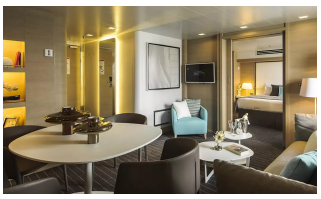
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Prestige Suite Deck 5	£11305 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£16885 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£8425 GBP pp
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Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	£5805 GBP pp
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