



January/February 2008 NEWSLETTER

It's been a very busy period for the staff at Go Dive Philippines since Paula & I came back from our last trip in early December. As you know, we insist on visiting every resort & every dive operation that we recommend. It's hard work but somebody has to do it! Seriously though, it does give Go Dive Philippines an edge over other tour operators, as we can genuinely claim to tailor the trip to the client, & not adopt the one-size-fits-all approach of the major operators. And our prices often come in well below theirs, particularly taking into account our all-inclusive pricing policy.

The recent dramatic rise in popularity of the Philippines as a holiday destination, probably as a result of all the effort put in by the Philippines Tourist Board through WOW Philippines in London, seems to have had the effect of making airline seats to Manila much more scarce than before. Although seats may still be available at short notice with luck, we can no longer rely on it. One airline we use is already almost fully booked in May, with the exception of premium-price seats! The lesson is to book really early, not only to get a good price, but in some cases where you may not have any alternative dates, just to get a seat at all.

Don't forget, we specialise in group trips, family trips & individuals. We are particularly keen to take those who wish to learn to dive, & we also offer all PADI courses to those already qualified. We have our own PADI Instructor on the staff Jan Acosta, our Operations Manager. For those of you who already know him & want to say hallo again, or those seeking detailed information on our tours; come & meet him on our stand at the London Dive Show 8/9 March where we will again be part of the superb WOW Philippines stand (No. 520). We aim to unveil a one-off 'Adventure Dive Trip' in June at a really advantageous price (30 dives, all-inclusive, only £1495!). Numbers will be strictly limited to 22 divers, who must be PADI Advanced or equivalent, with at least 60 current dives. Watch this space!

Check out our website: www.godivephilippines.com for more details. Our ethos is unchanged we aim to use local operators & resorts so that the money we spend on your behalf benefits local people & local communities, rather than international resort chains. In that way, we believe we can educate local people in the importance of protecting their marine environment.

Best wishes for lots of warm-water diving in 2008!

Robert

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