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The Philippines

December 11-17, 2022

Join Seacology and the California Academy of Sciences
for an unforgettable expedition to one of the world's
most incredible underwater destinations.



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Welcome to the Philippines



Made up of more than 7,000 islands, the Philippines sits at the nexus of Southeast Asia and the Pacific. The country's unique geography and history has made the sprawling archipelago home to a wide and fascinating diversity of cultures and environments.

In our first trip co-hosted with the California Academy of Sciences, Seacology invites you to join us in the Verde Island Passage, one of the world's greatest centers of marine biodiversity. Accompanied by some of the world's leading experts in the fields of marine and island conservation, our dive-and-snorkel centered expedition will explore the vibrant underwater world of the Passage's thriving coral reefs.

Our destination is conveniently located just a couple of hours south of the capital city of Manila, but far enough to enjoy the unspoiled natural beauty of the island of Luzon's southern coast.

Our accommodations



Set against a hillside at the tip of the Calumpán Peninsula, the **Buceo Anilao Beach and Dive Resort** offers panoramic views of the Verde Island Passage and neighboring Marikaban Island.

Enjoy local and international cuisine expertly prepared at the on-site restaurant, relax with a soothing massage or yoga session, or take in the sunset from the oceanfront bar. The Buceo Anilao, which was recognized as a 2021 Travelers' Choice property by Tripadvisor, is a family-friendly destination and offers babysitting services and guided snorkeling adventures for older children.

The resort's full-service dive center can provide experienced and new divers alike everything needed to explore the area's exceptional dive sites. The center offers several classes for those who want to improve or refresh their skills.



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Diving and snorkeling



The Verde Island Passage is home to one of the greatest concentrations of marine biodiversity on earth. With more than 50 dive sites accessible from our resort, our guests can explore the area's sprawling reefs and come face to face with their inhabitants, from endangered sea turtles, to huge groupers and to curious cephalopods.

Dubbed "the nudibranch capital of the world" for its boggling number of brightly colored sea slugs, the passage offers an unrivaled opportunity to immerse oneself in the kaleidoscope of colors found in the heart of the Coral Triangle.



Seacology in the Philippines

For more than 20 years, Seacology has worked with communities across the Philippines to protect the country's fragile environment. Through our unique win-win approach to conservation, our dozens of projects in the Philippines have preserved more than 40,000 acres of rainforest, mangroves, coral reefs, and other critically important ecosystems. At the same time they have met the needs of local communities through the building of schools, sustainable energy systems, and other services.

Seacology project visit

Our guests will have the opportunity to visit our recently finished project in the municipality of Tingloy. There, Seacology funded a new interpretive center on the shores of the Verde Island Passage in support of a new 50-acre marine protected area.

In recent years, Tingloy's popularity as a tourist destination has exploded. This represents both a threat to the sensitive habitat beneath the waves and a great opportunity to develop sustainable tourism and awareness. We will meet with our local partners and learn how they are keeping the ecological treasures surrounding them alive and healthy for the benefit of future generations.



Itinerary and locations

- Prior to Dec. 11** Arrive in Manila (recommended)
- Dec. 11** Ground transfer to Mabini
- Dec. 11-17** Stay at Buceo Anilao Beach & Dive Resort;
Seacology project site visit to Tingloy
Municipality; daily presentations from
Seacology and California Academy of
Sciences staff
- Dec. 17** Depart Mabini, transfer back to airport



Book your spot

Only five rooms at the resort are available for Seacology guests. We recommend reserving your spot early, as this trip is expected to sell out quickly.

Prices per attendee*:

Single occupancy: \$1,800

Double occupancy: \$1,500

**To make your reservations contact Duane Silverstein
at duane@seacology.org.**

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 is required.

** Price includes lodging at Buceo Anilao, three meals per day, round-trip ground transfers from Manila, site visit to a Seacology project, talks by Seacology and California Academy of Sciences experts.*

Does not include international airfare, diving or boat-based guided snorkeling tours, canned and bottled drinks and beverages, tips, stays at the Marriott Manila Hotel before and after the December 11-17 stay at Buceo Anilao.

Trip insurance is highly recommended.



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Seacology protects ecosystems and helps communities on islands around the world by providing funds to villages for a needed civic project — such as a new school or health clinic — in exchange for the conservation of a nearby forest or coral reef.

Since 1991, Seacology has launched more than 350 projects on islands in 64 countries, protecting 1.4 million acres of marine and forest habitat.

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