

## **POST-SYMPOSIUM EXCURSIONS**

Situated in the central part of the Philippines that sits at the apex of the Coral Triangle, Cebu showcases a vibrant cultural mix of the East and the West, the historical and the modern eras, and a marine biodiversity unsurpassed in many ways. This symposium offers three post-symposium trips depending on the participant's interest.

We encourage an overnight stay for a complete Cebu experience. Come and experience Cebu like never before! For enquiries, please email at <u>cebu2017excursions@scesap.org</u>

## **Option 1** Aloguinsan River Tour (10hours)



This tour will allow you to experience a unique eco-cultural river cruise, learn more about mangroves and birds, and a chance to witness locals doing handicraft such as "puso" weaving.

You will also be enchanted by the stories of local guide during the cruise. Stories like mythical beings coexisting in the river like the local folklore of Maria Tang-an, a river fairy that lets townsfolk borrow things during fiestas and weddings. This and other stories will make the cruise more interesting.

Bojo River spans about 1.4 kilometers from the starting point up to the river mouth. The river cruise would take more or less an hour in a banca. The design of the banca or small boat is stable because of its katig or supporting arches on both sides. Life vests will also be provided.

Rate: Php 6,000.00

Included: Entrance fee, boat and lunch

## **Option 2** Moalboal



Start an early drive to the South of Cebu. Upon arrival at Bas Dako, your guide will take you to Pescador Island and if too lucky you will have a chance spot dolphins along the way. Have a chance to swim with sardines, and not just hundreds but millions of sardines in a visual spectacle which has put Moalboal into the must-go-to places when in Cebu. On your way back to Cebu City, take a short stop at Carcar Public Market for a quick shopping of local products.

Rate: Php 6,000.00

Included: Entrance fee, boat and lunch

## **Option 3** Malapascua Island (Monad Shoal)



Entitled as the "Most Ecological Site in the Philippines", Malapascua is covered with white sand beaches and coral gardens. This tour will also allow you to dive and have a glimpse of the thresher sharks along with manta and devil rays.

Pelagic thresher sharks (*Alopias pelagicus*) can be regularly sighted in Monad shoal at recreational diving depths (around 30 m) especially during the early hours of the morning where they are being cleaned by reef fishes in several cleaning stations. Monad shoal MPA covers an area of 184 hectares and was established in 2002 and by mid-2015, along with Gato Island, was declared the first shark and ray sanctuary in the Philippines (WWF International, 2011).

Rate: Php 9,500.00 (subject to additional charges when preferred to dive) Included: Overnight accommodation, breakfast, round-trip land and boat transfer

Note:

- Rates are subject to changes depending on the number of participants joining.
- Every person participating in these tours shall be regarded in every respect as carrying his/her own risk with regard to loss or injury to person or property.
- Local organizers nor the SCESAP hq shall not be liable for any loss or injury incurred during a post-symposium tour.
- A tour might be cancelled depending on weather conditions.
- Insurance is not included in the fees; each participant is strongly recommended to arrange one personally before participating.