

CAGAYANCILLO

Cagayancillo or Little Cagayan is an island municipality of seven small islands. In the past, it was part of Antique and had traded with Negros Occidental before the American Regime. The municipality is rich in marine resources, nice beaches & reefs. Within its territorial waters is the Tubbataha Reefs which is declared as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

TUBBATAHA REEFS National Marine Park and World Heritage Site

The Tubbataha Reefs and surrounding waters, 98,828 hectares, were declared as a National Marine Park by virtue of Proclamation No. 306 issued on August 1, 1988. On December 11, 1993, the UNESCO designated the reefs as a World Heritage Site.

The Tubbataha Reefs are located in the middle of Central Sulu Sea, approximately 92 nautical miles southeast of Puerto Princesa City. It is composed of 2 large shallow platform enclosing a sandy lagoon. The reefs are a rookery of birds and turtles. A divers assemblage with about 396 species of corals has been recorded in the area and a very high diversity of fish fauna. Tubbataha is the top Scuba Diving destination in the Philippines. The reefs are visited by local and foreign divers between March and June. Diving may continue until the end of the southwest monsoon but is limited after June.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Park is accessible by boat from Puerto Princesa City. Boat Travel is approximately 12 hours.

PERMIT

A dive tour to Tubbataha requires permit.

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Vessel Entry Fee	
100GT and below	P 3,000.00
101-200GT	P 4,500.00
201 and above	P 6,000.00
Visitor Entry Fees	P 3,000.00/ per person
50% discount for repeat	P 250.00 divemaster

MAMBONG CAVE

This cave derived its name from Omabong, the town first Mayor in 1810. It is now known as the nesting place of Balinsasayaw. The mouth of the cave is about 2 meters wide, the length is about 60 meters, excluding its branches.

When one gets inside, he will be surprise that it is very much wider than its entrance.

NIPAY CAVE

The mouth is about 6m wide and 2m long. The entire length of cave is about 40m long. One could see when get inside the cave, the human bones, coffins of our unknown forefathers who were brutally killed by the Moros in the 16th and 17th century.

TONDAGAT LAKE

Surrounded by rocks with an estimated area of two (2) hectares, it has an opening enabling school of fish to enter during high tide and goes out during low tide but some fish remains inside the lake.

Note: *For more information on this Municipality, please contact the Municipal Government of Cagayancillo.*