



DESCRIPTION & FACT SHEET

SAMPAGUITA RESORT

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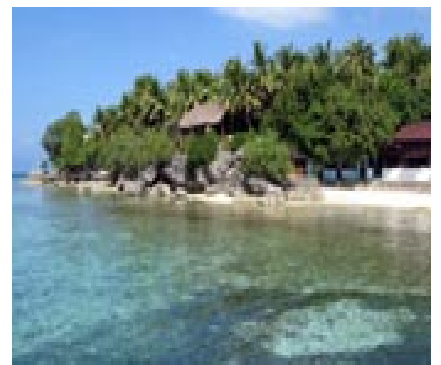
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SAMPAGUITA DIVE RESORT

Ideally located by one of the best dive spot of the Philippines, the resort and the dive shop are directly managed by one of the shareholder Mr Sergio Forti, Italian national, diving instructor, resident of the Philippines for over 10 years, supervising all operations of the resort most of the year.

COMPANY PROFILE OF SAMPAGUITA RESORT

Sampaguita Resort is a Corporation, legally established in Cebu, Philippines. Marketing, reservations and sales are handled in Rome, Italy, by Asia Holidays Team by Jeepney Travel, the contact person is the Managing Director Mr Luigi Petrosillo.

OVERVIEW OF SAMPAGUITA RESORT

Sampaguita Resort is made of simple traditionally styled bungalows, in total harmony with the surrounding environment, plus an Italian touch due to the presence of Sergio Forti, diving instructor, who, few years ago, choose to settle down definitely in the simplicity of this secluded corner of the globe.

The environment is friendly, relaxed and casual. It is practically impossible to be left on your own, without making friends with other guests, many of them already at the second or even third "return to Sampaguita".

Rooms are essential, made of wood and wowed fibre panels; the roof is in cocoon, perfectly waterproof vegetable fibre, the floor in coconut bands. Each room, of about 20 square metres, has a double bed or twin beds, wardrobe, refrigerator and mini bar with the relevant table. Furthermore it is available a gate-legged table, upholstered with anti-shock and anti-slide cover, equipped with professional lighting for care and maintenance of photo equipment, blade fan, hot and cold water services, patio with armchair and deckchair.

The number of rooms is 17, 12 of them double or twin. Five of them, the largest ones, can be made available for three persons (family arrangement). Some of the rooms have double level, all but one, have sea view and are placed in heightened bungalows, each one of two rooms. For all guests are also available a sea facing bar restaurant, TV corner, diving shop, solarium, ample garden. All the facilities are placed in a open air area under cocoon sheds. Available to all guests there is a **FREE WI-FI HIGH SPEED INTERNET CONNECTION IN THE PREMISES OF THE RESTAURANT AREA**. At time of last revision of this fact sheet, **NO CREDIT CARD FACILITIES ARE AVAILBLE AT THE RESORT**. Meals are a selection and mix of local traditional food, made essentially of fish and vegetable specialties, combined with Italian gastronomic specialties of ever loved "pasta" and other exquisite delicacies. The quality, quantity, selection and assortment of food is even unexpected in a simple place like Sampaguita and it happens often that visitors coming from other places come to the resort just to enjoy a dinner or a lunch. The accommodation formula for the guests of Sampaguita is full board. Activity, as rule, is scheduled with a first boat dive after breakfast, return to the resort before lunchtime and relax, a second early afternoon dive and, unavoidable temptation, a "night wall dive" rightly after sunset (latest at 6.00 pm) for a nocturnal all-colours event. Before and after every boat dive, within the limits of safety, maximise the number of your recorded dives and enjoy free dives shore-entry / buddy-system on the house-reef. Excursions are added "ad hoc" to the diving schedule or organized separately during the day. During the week guests will be taken to White Beach, a very long, solitary and untouched beach of fine coral white sand, where, while divers explore wide coral gardens, non divers enjoy an undisturbed relax and a swim in the blue sea. Non divers are always welcome (free of charge) to join the boats during the dive excursions. Usually boats wait for divers anchored to buoys, most of the times over coral gardens, in crystal clear waters, defended against strong streams. These ones are excellent spots for swimming and snorkelling. One more swimming and snorkelling good spot is exactly in front of the Resort. Down there, during high tide, rare marine biology forms can be easily admired. Courtesy of the diving staff for the non divers is a short introduction course to underwater activity. At the end of it the new divers can try their first dive in the small underwater heaven in front of the Resort, in totally secure waters, at a depth of a few metres and under the dive master supervision. Furthermore, for those who suddenly discovered a diving passion and consequently wish to carry on in the specific training, it is possible to complete in less than a week an open water course, at the end of which an open water license is obtainable. It is also possible to have an advanced open water course with only 4 days available.

Remarkable and very popular "activity", most appreciated by all ladies, is to enjoy, even daily, nice relaxing, regenerating massages at very reasonable cost in the newly added pavilion, proudly, but only by joke, named "Sampaguita SPA".

LOCATION AND WEATHER OF SAMPAGUITA RESORT

Our location is south of China and Taiwan, north of Malayan Borneo and Sulawesi Islands, among Southern Chinese Sea, Sulu Sea, Celebes and Philippines Sea. The place lies where Indian and Pacific Ocean mix, in the heart of Philippines archipelago (made of 7107 islands known as Smile Islands) and Visayas Islands. The Resort is located along the south-western coast of Cebu Island (called South Sea Pearl), in Tongo Point, lucky spot in the Moalboal promontory, facing Negros Island, in Badian bay, surrounded from a tropical garden, shadowed by gigantic palms, rustling in the marine breeze, lapped from crystal waters. Sampaguita Resort is geographically placed 9 degrees north of Equator, 123 degrees east of Greenwich Meridian; it is a small private heaven for those who appreciate sea, nature, good cooking, deep diving and nice company. The best period for a holiday runs, as mentioned in the guide-books, from March through September, however, given the Sampaguita unique position in Moalboal area, that makes it sheltered by atmospheric disturbances and strong winds, whatever their origin may be, the remaining months are nearly as good and sunny days are the rule; even during the July-September rainy season in Moalboal weather is stable and it is exceptional to give up even only one diving session.

GOING TO SAMPAGUITA RESORT

From Europe you can reach Cebu, Mactan international airport, flying with the best Asian, European and Middle East airlines; via Singapore by Singapore Airlines; via Hong Kong by Cathay Pacific; via Doha by Qatar Airways; via Manila by Lufthansa, British Airways, Air France, by Emirates and China Airlines. From Cebu Mactan Airport, cross Cebu City or drive the new coastal road and then proceed on the national road crossing southwards Cebu Island, skirt for about an hour the east coast and, after crossing the island ridge, you reach and skirt the west coast for another hour, via Carcar, Alcantara and Barili. Finally you are in Moalboal, where you leave the main road and take a secondary road towards Panagsama Beach. After a few hundred metres of country road, the only unpaved distance of all journey, you finally pass through the Sampaguita Resort main gate.

STAYING AT SAMPAGUITA

Sampaguita Resort is placed at Tongo Point, southern appendix of a small peninsula that stretches out towards Negros Island, at an equal distance (about 3 Km.) from Moalboal small village and the greater village of Panagsama. Several are the interesting points:

Moalboal market is held every morning, starting at 5.30 am. It is coloured and lively, because of many busy clients, stalls full of fish, vegetables, tropical fruit and working tools that cannot be found anymore in "normal" Western markets. Not far you can find the bus stop. This public transport is originating from Cebu City. It moves loaded with all kind of humanity and cargo, from refrigerators to pigs to the student going back home for holidays. On the other side of the road it lies the main Square, utilized from time to time as soccer pitch or as arena for national celebrations or local folkloristic events. On one side there is Moalboal church, where Mass is celebrated at sunrise and where on holidays practically the totality of population of nearby villages converge. Many are the chances of taking unique and coloured snapshots, most of all thanks to the spontaneous co-operation of local inhabitants, eager to pose for foreign visitors.

The Orchid Garden (short walking distance from Moalboal centre) has more than two hundred thousand plants and each of them would be worth a photo or even a macro photo. Specially interesting is the private collection of the garden owner, which has endemic local specimens and Thai and Malaysian rare subjects.

The Coliseum is a locally styled amphitheatre where weekly (on Saturdays) real cockfight is held with optional betting. However the real show is not, as one could think, in the arena where the fight is on, but in the public stands between the noisy crowd and the bookmaker, who, with his back to the arena, stands shouting with a bunch of banknotes kept in his hands.

Kawasan falls, an adventure for everybody. Going by boat or car southwards, beyond Badian, once in Matutnao, the visitor starts walking and climbing on an easy road, crossing several times some woods and the Kawasan river, stream originating from the hills. In about forty minutes, after having passed through a couple of small villages, the group will reach Kawasan Falls, a spectacular series of spring water falls, that create a small lake, which the homonymous river departs from. It is nice to take a swim in the crystal clear

but fresh waters of the lake and enjoy a natural massage under the main fall. Usually this excursion is scheduled on the last afternoon of the holiday period to give the equipment time to dry and the divers to outgas completely before taking the long flight back home.

Panagsama by night: you have disco, night club, American bar, cocktail lounge, everything in open air, under a giant gazebo, in the most casual and friendly way. Certainly a different experience for people who like to enjoy the night, but in any case in the local, most simple, country-side way !!!

DIVING IN SAMPAGUITA

Sampaguita Resort has a directly managed dive shop, placed about 20 metres from the restaurant and about 100 metres from the most remote bungalow.

The dive shop is fully equipped with about 20 complete high quality and full performance diving sets. Equipment clearing pool, wide space for personal equipment and for photo and video equipments, drying racks, minor repairing emergency laboratory, are available to all. Naturally the equipment can be left at the diving shop custody.

Sampaguita Resort has three boats, two of them 15 metres long, each suitable to accommodate 20 fully equipped divers and one 20 meters long, suitable to accommodate 25 fully equipped divers.

The special boats, local "Bangkas", built according to the marine Philippine tradition, with extended keel, minimum draught, typical side stabilizers which give the boat a seagull wing shape, can reach undamaged and without damaging the coral reef, the several different diving places in the area.

The nearest diving point, only three and half miles from the Resort (about 10-12 minutes navigation), is Pescador Island, one of the most famous diving spots of the Indo Pacific area; the most distant (about 30 minutes navigation) is Sunken Island, a shoal, a not surfaced island, with its top at about 24 metres underwater, in the middle of Negros channel.

PESCADOR ISLAND a small island with hu walls. The place is a real heaven for divers and photographers due to the myriad of life forms of unbelievable colours and to corals and sponges of all species and dimensions, big gorgonians and soft corals tree. It is not rare to meet turtles and big fishes (sharks, barracudas, tuna fishes) even if these species are not usually coming close to the reef.

SUNKEN ISLAND a shallows, with the top at a depth of 24 metres, offering soft corals with unique colours, big sponges, giant pterois (Lyon fishes) swimming in group in open waters inviting the photographer to use the wide angle, morays, big anemones and the inevitable clown fishes. It is also not difficult to encounter frog fishes, giant Spanish dancers, big schools of sardines. This is the only diving session advisable only to experienced divers because it is possible to experience strong currents at all depths.

ONDO POINT this one is a special interest dive suitable only for photographers who can find subjects apt for macro photography. The surrounding environment cannot be defined appealing, but even there.... nice surprises are always behind the corner

COPTON POINT - SAAVEDRA (WHITE BEACH) - TUMBLE - KASAI - BAS DIOT - TONGO POINT (SAMPAGUITA REEF) an endless wall that goes down up to more than fifty metres, practically the whole east coast of Moalboal or Copton Peninsula. This wall goes northbound from the Sampaguita Resort for about 11 Kilometres up to Copton Point. There are several diving points (more than ten) offering a wide variety of subjects: hard and soft corals, sponges, great gorgonians, tunicates, sea anemones, nudibranchs, prawns, crabs, Lyon fishes and so on. It is not rare to be able to find special subjects like leaf fishes, ghost pipe fishes and similar creatures, so difficult to meet and very much longed for by biologists and photographers. In Saavedra area, the reef, before becoming a wall, opens up, for about two kilometres in an enormous and rich coral garden situated at very low depth, where everything seem, at sight, to be doubled for dimensions and density. Only these dive spots are worth 7-10 diving days.

TONGO POINT also called Sampaguita Reef, is the ideal site for free dives not included in the normal dive shop schedule, allowed only buddy system. The Sampaguita Reef, very near the diving shop, exactly facing the restaurant, due to the presence of marine fauna which waken up at sunset, is specially suitable for night dives, immediately before dinner time (at 6.30 pm is already dark) to complete nicely a day full of emotions.

The diving package formula at Sampaguita is **UNLIMITED DIVES** : 2 guided boat dives daily, sometimes 3 and unlimited shore entry, compulsory buddy-system dives on the very interesting house reef.

IMPORTANT: A MARINE PARK CONSERVATION FEE IS IMPOSED BY LAW AND IT IS DUE TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, TO BE PAID ON-SITE IN TERMS OF PHP 100.00 (APPROX 1.50 EURO / 2 USD) PER DIVE EXCEPT FOR THE HOUSE REEF DIVES.