

ROOM AMENITIES

Azores accommodates 16 guests. There are seven deluxe staterooms below deck; six have a double bed with a single berth above it, one has a double bed only. The Owner's suite/stateroom is located on the upper deck with a double bed and a single berth above it. The suite is more spacious and features two large picture windows, desk and extensive storage space. All staterooms have climate-controlled air conditioning, hairdryer, shower gel and ensuite facilities. Bath towels are provided in rooms and dive towels are available on the dive deck.

INTERNET ACCESS AND PHONE CALLS

On most Azores itineraries, we are close enough to land that we will have cellular and data (email) coverage.

Note: The Tubbataha itinerary is different in that we are in the middle of the Sulu Sea and beyond cellular coverage. For this itinerary, we offer guests the ability to send and receive emails using satellite communication.

Satellite Communication System on Azores: Guests may send and receive emails on two afternoons during the charter (to be advised by the Captain) at a cost of ₱150 (approx US\$3) per email (<50kb) and an additional ₱50 (approx US\$1) for every 100kb thereafter. It is strongly advised not to send attachments, files or pictures. Limited free Internet is available while Azores is in port via cell phone coverage. The satellite phone is available for guest use by arrangement with the Captain (guests are not allowed on the bridge without the Captain present. The cost is ₱250 (approx US\$5) per minute or part thereof for use of the satellite phone.

BOUTIQUE

Selected T-shirts, caps and other souvenir items are available from the Boutique.

ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoy a wide selection of movies on our wide screen TV. Evening marine life and other presentations are also available along with a small library and selection of board games & cards.

ELECTRIC AND CHARGING

Power on board is 110V. Transformers and a charging station are available. Sockets are flat two pins (American style). We also have a battery charging station for 220V.

DRESS CODE

No form of wet clothing or dive equipment is allowed inside the living areas of the boat. Otherwise the dress code is relaxed and informal.

FOOD & BEVERAGES

You can inform us of any special dietary requirements you have when you check-in online.

We offer a wide range of non-alcoholic beverages throughout the day and social servings of beer, wine and local rum after diving and at dinner.

Diving is prohibited after drinking alcohol. You can contact us for a full list and/or you are welcome to bring your own drinks or wine to consume on the boat. Please note that this is NOT allowed at the resorts.

DRONES

Guests may not use Drones at Tubbataha without acquiring a permit in advance. Hefty fines are imposed by the Tubbataha Management Office for non-compliance. Please contact us for more information.

SAFETY

Safety: The Azores has the following safety equipment onboard -

- Automatic Fire Extinguishers & Fire Fighting Equipment
- Halon Fire Suppression System
- 406 EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons) on the mother ship and on the zodiacs
- Nautilus Lifeline Marine Rescue GPS – complimentary guest use
 - loss/damage by guest will incur a ₱10,000 (approx US\$200) charge per unit affected
- Life Rafts
- Life Jackets with light and whistle for all passengers & crew
- Note: The crew conducts regular drills and rescue training

MEDICAL

The boat has comprehensive medical plans for diving and non-diving emergencies and has first aid kits, oxygen and defibrillators available. Emergency plans vary from itinerary to itinerary but you should consider that you might be many hours away from medical care or a recompression facility. Guests are required to have both medical and diving health insurance.

None of our itineraries are in areas that are considered a risk for Malaria but inoculations for Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Polio and Tetanus are recommended. As always, your physician should be consulted on these and other questions you may have about traveling to the tropics. We strongly recommend drinking plenty of water and other non-alcoholic fluids during your stay.