

A once in a life time, amazing opportunity for close up encounters with these gentle giants

Fishermen in the province of Oslob started feeding Whale sharks with shrimp they catch at night in late 2011. Since then the sharks have become regular visitors to the area and sightings are almost guaranteed on a daily basis. The Municipality of Oslob and the Whale shark Watching Committee have implemented strict rules and guidance on Whale shark feeding and interactions. Although there are still some problems and ignorance of the rules by some operators in the area, we believe the experience is sufficiently managed to allow for safe Whale shark interactions both for the Whale sharks and our guests. Although there are concerns and conflicting arguments for the feeding of Whale sharks, Atlantis supports the protection and conservation of these creatures, and does not think our guests should miss out on this once in a lifetime experience. Atlantis only supports SNORKELING with the Whale sharks and complies with guidelines set by local and international Whale shark Interaction policies. In addition should, on any given day, we observe the Whale sharks are stressed or the ratio of people to Whale sharks is inappropriate we will cancel the interaction on that day.

Typical schedule* for the day

5:00 AM Breakfast available at the resort
6:00 AM Depart from the resort using Jeepney
7:30 AM Barge Ferry Dumaguete to Oslob, Cebu
8:30 AM Beach Set Up for Snorkel
9:30 AM Snorkel with the Whale Sharks for 30 minutes
11:00 AM Lunch Break at the Beach (BBQ)
1:30 PM Barge Ferry Oslob, Cebu to Dumaguete
3:00 PM Arrival back at Atlantis Dumaguete
Option for 4:00 PM dive and/or night dive once back

*Note that the actual daily schedule may change subject to ferry times and/or other logistical concerns

You will be given a detailed briefing before your trip but please be aware that you will be asked to leave the water if you touch the Whale sharks and that flash photography is strictly prohibited, as is the wearing of sunscreen or the use of gloves

Cost: PHP 5,650 (US\$113) per person including transport, lunch, snacks and drinks and park fees. Excludes rental equipment.

Min number of people: 6