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DIVE RESORTS & LIVEBOARDS

If you are wondering what's the difference in diving between Puerto Galera and Dumaguete, dive both! If you only have time for one you may consider the following differences:

- Dive sites- both locations offer house reefs, and day trips.
 - Puerto Galera diving is mostly colorful reefs with very diverse topography, such as walls, ledges, big coral heads and even a proper wreck (Alma Jane). There are a couple of sites for muck diving, and quite a few sites that are only suitable for advanced divers (Canyons, Kilima Drift).
 - Dumaguete dive sites offer a combination of sloping reef and sandy areas; muck diving fanatics are in heaven here as our coastal diving is like muck diving but with 40' + visibility, a black sand bottom instead of silt, no trash yet with all the same critters found in the muck. There are also several artificial reef sites in Dumaguete (House Reef, Cars, Sahara, Ginamaan), and all sites are diveable for beginners.
- Day trips out of Puerto Galera include Verde Island, while from Dumaguete you can dive Apo Island, Siquijor and snorkel with the whale sharks in Oslob
- Current- Puerto Galera typically has more current than Dumaguete.
- Aquatic Life
 - Puerto Galera - you're more likely to spot pelagics here because of stronger currents, plus, there are more nudibranchs (over 180 species) than Dumaguete. Compared to Anilao, Puerto Galera offers greater fish and coral variety.
 - Dumaguete- offers a higher diversity of coastal diving critters, and the fish are less shy because of the Marine protected Areas. Diving in Apo Island (a day trip from Dumaguete) offers the colorful corals, many turtles and a chance of seeing pelagics such as sharks and rays. Siquijor is a beautiful wall diving, with a shallow plateau offering excellent macro opportunities and the occasional pelagic.
- Substrate- Puerto Galera offers white sand beaches while dumaguete has dark, volcanic sand.