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Discover the thrilling challenges of land, air and sea. Go after your own kind of adventure.

This is the fascinating world of Subic Bay where you can indulge in your favorite sports, which bring you to the blue waters or skies of the bay, or to rugged terrains or green open spaces.

Subic Bay is also a favorite venue of organizers of international and local sporting events – from marathons, sailing and beach volleyballs to airsoft and dragon boat competitions, from exciting car races to serious chess tournaments.

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TRIATHLONS & OTHER MARATHONS. According to TriMag Asia, the region's premier triathlon magazine, Subic Bay "with its interesting course and friendly atmosphere is increasingly getting a reputation for top notch races". And that's not all. A favorite pick among sports organizers and individual enthusiasts, Subic Bay caters to marathons for all ages and sizes, ranging from duathlons to other forms of competitive running, or simply jogging to keep yourself healthy and fit, or take your dog for a run.



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SAILING & OTHER WATER SPORTS. Making waves in the Asian sailing circuit is Subic Bay with its challenging mix of wind and water. Known as a premier sailing destination, Subic Bay's brilliant sunshine, flat blue waters and wind conditions demand the close attention of tacticians and skippers – whether local or foreign-based.

Other popular water sports in Subic Bay are kayaking, dragon boat races, propulsion jetting, parasailing, and water and jet skiing.



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MORE SPORTS ACTIVITIES. With an awesome mix of land, sea and air, Subic Bay also offers excellent natural and man-made sites for car racing, cycling, dirt biking, off-road motocross and other motor sports, as well as golf, hiking, beach volleyball, or football soft ball, fishing, basketball, tennis, badminton, darts, billiards, bowling, boxing, airsoft games, target shooting, horseback riding, etc.



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ADVENTURES IN THE WILD

Jungle & Forest Trails



Camp Sites



Rivers & Waterfalls



Trekking



Tiger Safaris & Canopy Rides



Jungle Survival Training



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DIVING. Subic Bay is one of the finest dive spots in the Philippines where rich aquatic life co-exists side by side with remnants of the past, where you can go into the deep in the morning and lunch in style by noon. Whether diving for colorful fish and corals, or crusty and rusty vintage shipwrecks, the deep blue waters of Subic Bay are a “must” for both leisure and serious divers.



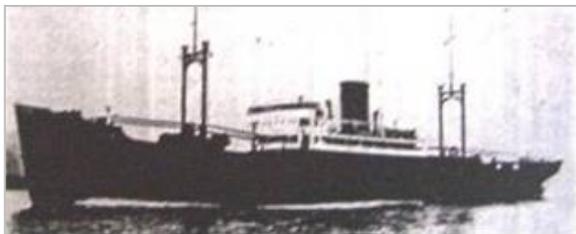
SHIPWRECK DIVING IN SUBIC BAY



The Oryoku Maru (The “Hell Ship”)

A luxury Japanese cruise ship converted for military use, she was being used to transport Japanese families and prisoners of war to Japan when she sank on December 15, 1944.

Located near the Alava pier, the ship has been reduced to mostly rubble by demolition teams and nature. A wide variety of fish life has grown creating a nice artificial reef. Although a nice site, divers do not often visit it often.



The Seian Maru

Located between Alava pier and the end of the airport runway, just outside of the shipping lanes and 150 meters from the USS New York, this vessel was sunk by aircraft on November 19, 1944, after running aground outside of Subic Bay. The top surface of the ship was further damaged by demolition teams in 1967.

Descent line to this shipwreck is attached near the rudder.



The USS New York

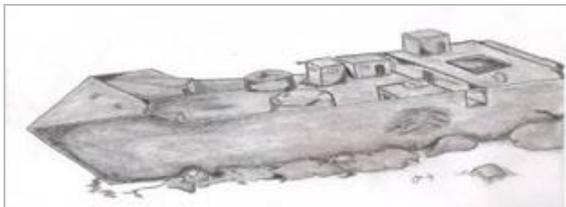
USS New York (CA-2, aka USS Rochester) was scuttled on December 14 1941, to prevent her capture by Japanese naval forces.

The wreck lies on its side in 27 meters of water. Almost a half of the wreck has sunk into the sand, leaving the starboard side in 18 meters of water with little or no current at all.

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Two (2) LSTs, ("Landing Ship, Tank")

Situated between Grande Island and the southern tip of the runway just outside of Ilanin Bay, this landing ship lies 32 meters deep, sitting upright with her door open.

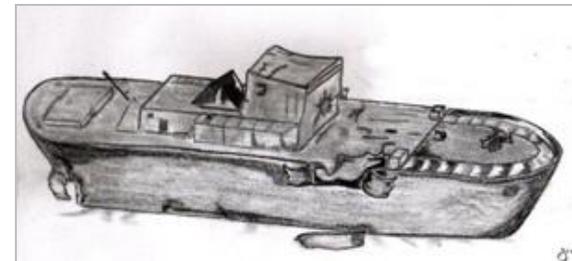
The average dive for this shipwreck is 28-35 meters, and the visibility is normally 15-30 meters, slightly deeper than other wrecks and often with slight current. Still, it's a safe dive with a lot to see.



The USS Lanikai

The USS Lanikai was purchased by the US Navy just days before the attack on Pearl Harbor. Hastily fitted with a Spanish American war gun and a WWI Lewis machine-gun, her then secret orders were to go follow the Japanese Navy off the coast of Thailand.

The attack on Pearl Harbor, however, aborted her mission. She sank in 1945 during a typhoon (a Pacific hurricane) while waiting for repairs.

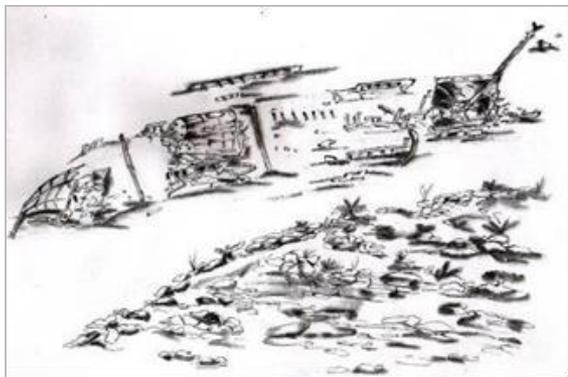


Patrol Boat

Generally called the Japanese patrol boat, the name and type of this ship has not been fully identified. About 105 feet long and 18 feet wide, it is a trawler style vessel, possibly a 150-ton tugboat or a submarine chaser.

The vessel is situated in Triboa Bay at a depth of 18 - 25 meters (60-75 feet). Sitting upright the wreck is a great dive with average visibility from 7-13 meters (20-40 feet) and plenty of marine life. The compartments provide hiding places for many schools for young fish. A buoy attached at the bow.

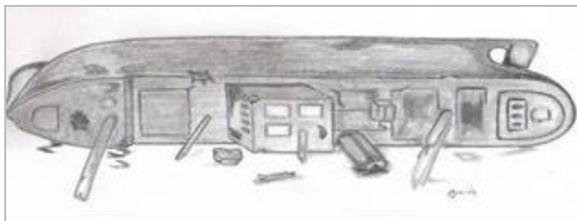
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The San Quintin

Located off the islands of Grande and Chiquita at the eastern entrance of Subic Bay in 6-18 meters of water, the San Quintin is an excellent dive site for everyone. Surface conditions can be a little rough at times but the diving is relatively calm with an occasional mild current.

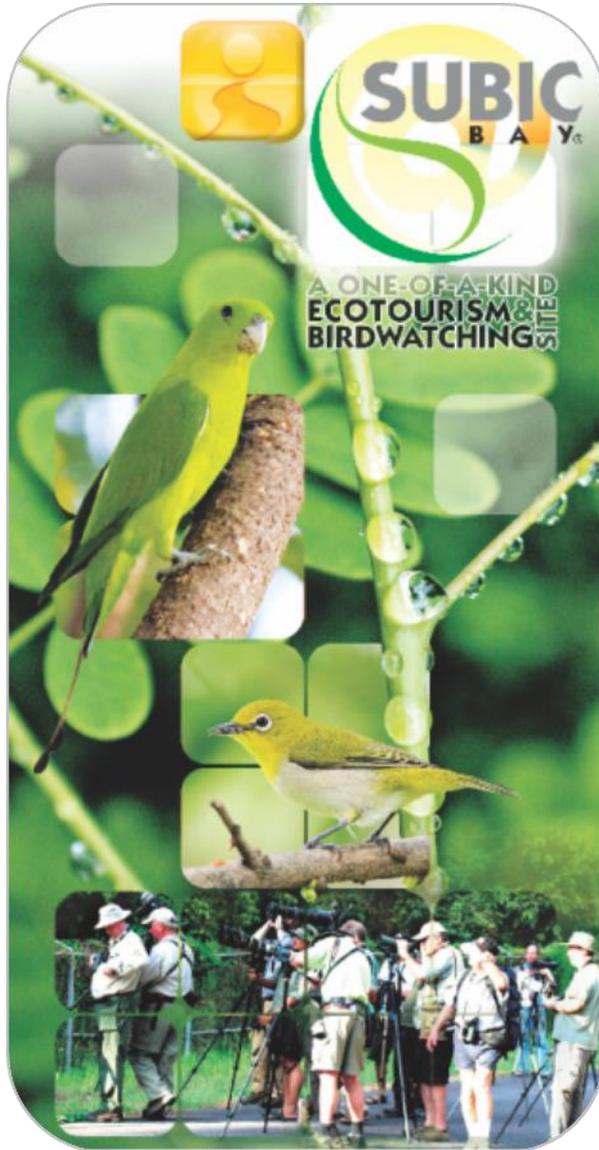
The wreck has been underwater for over 100 years and nature has not left that much. The majority of the San Quintin has collapsed upon itself.



El Capitan / The USS Majaba

An excellent dive for all levels of divers, this wreck is situated near the inner channel marker of Ilanin Bay. This small freighter lies on her port side with its stern in 5 meters while its bow rests in 20 meters. From a dive of 16 meters, one can swim smoothly through the accommodation area and expect to encounter the average tropical fish species of the shallows in this area. Visibility is 5-20 meters depending on tide.





BIRD-WATCHING. There is no better proof of the greenness of Subic Bay than its avian spectacle of species and colors. In fact, bird-watching is a highly recommended activity at Subic Bay - whether by the roadside or in a quiet secluded place.

Here's what birders say about bird-watching at Subic Bay:

- *"...the avifauna sighted and recorded (in Subic) reach as high as 182 bird species, 35% of which or 65 species are Philippine endemics, or only found in the Philippines. With the Philippines having about 600 bird species where 200 are endemics, Subic can claim to host 30% of the entire Philippine avifauna, including 33% of entire Philippine endemics"* (Alain B. del Pascua, vice president, Wild Bird Club of the Philippines).
- *"Luzon's best lowland forest bird-watching site"* (birding2.com)
- *"In Subic, you have a brilliant environment and it is secured. The trees, the habitats, the birds here...Yes, this is a gold mine you have here, the birds"* (Tim Appleton, leader of a 13-man delegation of UK-based bird tour operators and journalists who visited Subic Bay)

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Subic Bay bird-watching facts & figures

- Declared in 2009 by the Department of Tourism of the Philippines as one of the country's 13 bird-watching sites
- Eleven (11) ideal bird-watching sites, including Hill 394, Nabasan Area, Triboa and Bee-eater Colony / Also ideal for roadside birding
- A remarkable number (48 recorded) of bird species, accounting for 15% of all bird species in the Philippines – including Brahminy Kite, Crested Serpent Eagle, Red Junglefowl, Green Imperial Dove, Colasisi, Collared Kingfisher, Tarctic Hornbill, White-bellied Woodpecker, Blue-naped Parrot, Crested Myna, Glossy Swiftlet, Philippine Scops-Owl, etc.
- Located within a triangle of bird-watching sites very near Manila – Candaba Swamps in Pampanga, Balanga in Bataan, and Subic Bay Freeport





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