



## THE ANANYANA DIVE CENTER



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## WELCOME TO THE ANANYANA DIVE CENTER

**Diving station** Individuality also characterizes THE ANANYANA DIVE CENTER. This first-class diving station is part of the resort, which guarantees flexibility, ideal service and maximum quality.

The guides and crew are experienced professionals who have been working together for many years. They can take you offshore to dive several times a day, and also offer diving courses, equipment rental, underwater excursions and night dives. The dive boats feature a cabin and a simple toilet, as well as state-of-the-art equipment including radio, mobile phone, DAN oxygen and medical first aid. Sixty twelve-litre aluminium bottles, twelve sets of scuba equipment and a Bauer compressor are available at the diving station.

And after diving, you can enjoy exquisite cocktails and snacks at the Divers' Lounge, which is integrated into the open-air diving station, decorated in traditional Asian style, and served by the Beach Bar.

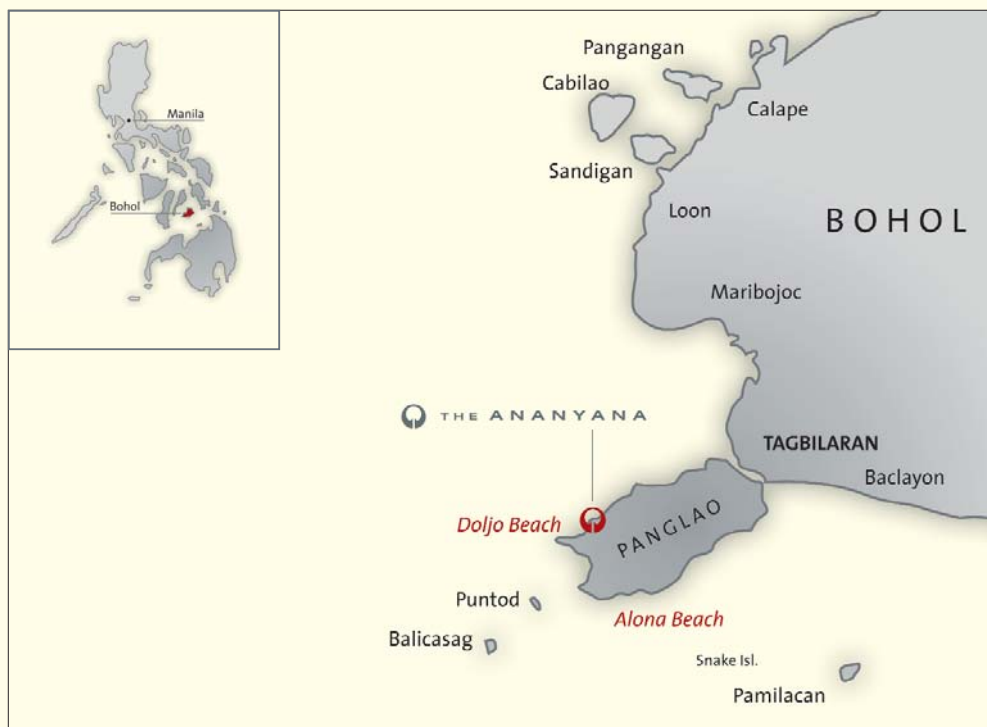
**Diving** We take "no-limits" diving literally at THE ANANYANA BEACH RESORT. The dive crew takes care of everything, so that you can concentrate on the pleasure of diving. Professional divers carefully prepare all details, assess your diving expertise, and provide you with equipment to match your personal requirements. Rest assured that the local specialists know the best diving locations, and will take you to secret underwater marvels! After the dive, let the crew take all the equipment back to the station to clean and dry it.

Day excursions take you to Cabilao and Pamilacan. And while parents discover the fascinating underwater world, child-care professionals mind the children at THE ANANYANA BEACH RESORT.



**Divespots** We'll take you to all divespots off Panglao and Bohol Islands. The reef at Doljo Point in particular belongs to THE ANANYANA BEACH RESORT. Once you've discovered the expanse of superb coral gardens in shallow water, you're sure to enjoy the main local attraction: a bizarre underwater landscape of caves, cliffs and crevices with gorgonians, soft corals and many colourful featherstars, home to fairytale animals such as dragonets, frogfishes, sea slugs, snake eels and sea snakes.

The best year-round divespots are off Balicasag und Cabilao Islands, with excellent visibility and a usually mild to moderate current. The corals are in good to excellent condition, since coral bleaching is unknown and dynamite fishing is outlawed here. The waters of the Philippines are enriched by nourishing currents from the Sea of Japan, the Pacific Ocean, the South China Sea, the Indian Ocean and the Celebes Sea. The marine life of the whole Indo-Pacific region can be found in Philippine waters.



**Doljo Point** Southwest point of Panglao Island. Average Depth: 65 ft Maximum Depth: 115 ft. Doljo point is 5 min. by Banca from Ananyana west around the southwest end of Panglao island to its southwest tip. Usually calm with strong current, but it can be rough with fierce currents. Visibility can reach 130 feet.

A drift dive takes you along the edge of a sandy slope with coral heads to 36 feet, then drops off to a wall down to 130 feet. Currents are usually strong, leading to good fish action and the chance of seeing some large pelagic species.

The wall is covered with large gorgonian sea fans, large Elephant Ear Sponges and barrel sponges (both covered with Alabaster Sea Cucumbers), basket sponges, hydroids, colorful crinoids and soft corals.

There are shoals of surgeonfish, fusiliers, jacks, batfish, triggerfish, rabbitfish, catfish, and squid. The prolific reef fish life includes angelfish, butterflyfish, triggerfish, pufferfish, chromis, anthias, damselfish, wrasse, groupers, batfish, scorpionfish, lionfish, and parrotfish. Deeper waters have stingrays, moray eels, larger groupers, Napoleon Wrasse, and the occasional Whitetip or Grey Reef Sharks.

**Puntod Wall** Outer edge of Puntod Islet . Average Depth: 33 ft. Maximum Depth: 65 ft . 10 min. by Boat from Ananyana. Puntod Islet is the western edge of the reef at the southwest end of Panglao Island. Normally dived only in calm conditions, though there can be strong currents. Snorkelers should have banca cover when the currents are running. Visibility can reach 100 feet.

This beautiful coral garden sloped from 7 ft to 65 ft with good soft, leathery and stony corals with lots of small fish, sea stars, and sea urchins, anemone with clownfish, angelfish, butterflyfish, pufferfish and wrasse.

**Balicasag Island** 4 miles southwest of Doljo Point, Balicasag Island is a microcosm of some of the best diving in the Philippines. On the south side, from the buoy outside Balicasag Dive Resort, is a Marine Sanctuary that has been successfully protected. Vertical walls over deep water in strong currents mean healthy corals and good fish life with plenty of pelagic visitors. Hammerhead Sharks and Whale Sharks have been seen here in December and January.



- Southwest Wall**    The Southwest wall of Balicasag Island Southwest of Panglao Island    Average Depth: 50 ft. Maximum Depth: 165 ft. Balicasag is 20 minutes by banca from Ananyana to the southwest of Doljo Point. Normally calm with variable currents, but it can be rough and have fierce currents. Visibility can reach 130 feet.
- Rico's Wall**    Rico's Wall has a coral garden on a shelf from 23 ft to 36 ft, beyond is a wall that drops to 115 ft. The coral garden is rich in soft, leathery and stony corals, hydroids, nudibranchs, sea stars, crinoids, all the smaller reef fish, anemones and clownfish. Shoals of fusiliers, jacks, snappers, moorish idols, anthias, chromis, pennantfish and bannerfish frequent the reef edge and shallow waters.
- The wall itself has everything - small caves, overhangs and crevices with soldierfish, squirrelfish, lionfish and moray eels. There are huge gorgonian sea fans, Elephant Ear Sponges, barrel sponges and basket sponges and crinoids everywhere. Deeper down there are larger groupers, Napoleon Wrasse, tuna and the occasional Grey or Whitetip reef sharks. Barracuda and Rainbow Runners often appear out of the blue.
- At the eastern end, Rico's Wall joins with Rudy's Rock. These are both world-class dives.
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- Southeast Wall**    The Southwest wall of Balicasag Island , Southwest of Panglao Island. Average Depth: 50 feet Maximum Depth: 165 ft .
- Rudy's Rock**    Rudy's Rock is a continuation of Rico's Wall and much the same, except that large Green Turtles are often seen here. There is a huge shoal of Big Eye Trevally that you can get in amongst. They will circle you for several minutes before becoming bored.
- Rico's Wall and Rudy's Rock are both world-class dives.
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- Northeast Slope**    The northeast of Balicasag Island 4 miles southwest of Panglao Island . Average Depth: 65 ft Maximum Depth: 130 ft. 20 minutes from Ananyana by banca, southwest of Doljo Point. Normally calm with strong current, but can get really rough with fierce currents. Visibility can reach 130 feet.
- Black Forest**    This is a steep sandy slope from the beach to 130 ft plus, with coral heads, whip corals, soft corals and gorgonian sea fans on the sand, until you get down to below 100 ft where you'll find a forest of black corals. The deeper waters have large groupers, Napoleon Wrasse, barracuda, tuna, batfish and snappers. The shallow waters have garden eels, moray eels, titans and orangestriped triggerfish, shoals of surgeonfish, moorish idols, bannerfish and jacks, Emperor and Royal Angelfish, and pufferfish.
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- Kalipayan**    Just off Alona Beach. 25 Minutes by Banca from Ananyana. Average Depth: 33 ft, Maximum Depth: 65 ft . This site is normally calm with no current and visibility can reach 80 feet.
- Known as the "Happy Wall", this is a pleasant short wall from 10 ft to 65 ft, with soft, leathery and stony corals, some small gorgonian sea fans, lots of small reef fish, small groupers and small barracuda.



Arco Point  
The Hole in the Wall

Arco Point. 35 minutes by banca. Northeast of Alona Beach. Average Depth: 33 ft, Maximum Depth: 80 ft. This site is normally calm with little current and visibility can reach 100 feet.

On a short wall where fish are regularly hand-fed there are small groupers, wrasse, triggerfish, butterflyfish, moray eels, and sea snakes. This site is sometimes called the "Hole in the Wall" because there is a vertical funnel which you can enter at 60 ft and exit at 30 ft.

Cervera Shoal  
Spaghetti Shoal

9 1/2 miles east of Balicasag Island. 40 minutes by banca. Southeast of Alona Beach. Average Depth: 50 ft. Maximum Depth: 200 ft plus.

This site is normally calm with currents and visibility can reach 100 feet. Often called "Snake Island" because it harbors several black-and-white banded sea snakes (hence the spaghetti), this sunken island is a sea mount rising to 40 feet. It is not too good for corals but recommended as a dive into the blue, with lots of snakes and chance of seeing some large pelagic fish. Novices should stay close to their divemaster.

Pamilacan Island  
Northwest Side

14 miles east of Balicasag Island. 45 minutes by banca. Southwest of Alona Beach. Average Depth: 65 f t., Maximum Depth: 100 ft. plus. This site is normally calm with medium to strong currents and visibility can reach 130 feet.

Pamilacan translates as "nesting place of Manta Rays", these impressive creatures are occasionally seen here. A good drift dive, the reef is a sandy 45-degree slope with many coral heads, anemones with clownfish, Napoleon Wrasse, schools of fusiliers, mackerel, barracuda, jacks and dogtooth tuna. There are some good gorgonian sea fans, and flashlight fish inhabit some of the crevices.

Cabilao Island

Cabilao Island is southwest of Pangangan Island, which is connected to the west coast of Bohol by a causeway. It is directly east across the Bohol Strait, from Argao to Cebu. Like Balicasag Island and Pescador Island, Cabilao has some of the best diving in the Philippines and is particularly noted for sightings of Hammerhead Sharks in the deeper waters off the northwest point, an exciting dive for the more experienced divers.

Northwest Point  
Hammerhead Point

Northwest point of Cabilao Island, by the lighthouse. 2-3 hours from Doljo Beach. Average Depth: 100 ft , Maximum Depth: 130 ft plus This site is normally calm, even during rain, with strong currents but can really get rough with fierce currents. Visibility can reach 130 feet.

An interesting double drop-off, first to 100 ft and then into deep water. With strong currents, this dive is noted for small shoals of Hammerhead Sharks in December and January. Grey and Whitetip Reef Sharks are common, as are barracuda. There are lots of small gorgonian sea fans, large barrel sponges covered with Alabaster Sea Cucumbers, Linckia Sea Stars and crinoids. The numerous small shoals include fusiliers, jacks, moorish idls, pennantfish, butterflyfish and sweetlips.

This dive has everything, but most divers would particularly want to go deep hoping to see Hammerhead Sharks, large groupers and large Napoleon Wrasse

Southwest Point  
Drifting North

Southwest point of Cabilao Island. Average Depth: 100 ft , Maximum Depth: 130 ft. This site is normally calm, even during rain, with strong currents but can really get rough with fierce currents. Visibility can reach 130 feet.

Drifting north with the current, you are taken along a typhoon-damaged reef-top at 13 ft, from which a wall goes down in two steps beyond 130 ft.

There are lots of small gorgonian sea fans, large barrel sponges, smaller Elephant Ear Sponges, basket sponges, good soft corals, whip corals and more fire coral than is normal in the Philippines. Many varieties of nudibranchs and colorful crinoids nestles between corals.

The reef is teeming with angelfish, butterflyfish, chromis, anthias, needlefish, fusiliers, soldierfish, squirrelfish, scorpionfish, lionfish, snappers, sweetlips, moorish idols, and trumpetfish. Larger groupers and Napoleon wrasses in deeper waters.



Southwest Point  
Drifting South and East

Southwest point of Cabilao Island. Average Depth: 65 ft , Maximum Depth: 130 ft plus . This site is normally calm, even during rain, with strong currents but can really get rough with fierce currents. Visibility can reach 130 feet.

From a typhoon-damaged reef-top at 13 ft, a good wall drops to 130 ft plus. Huge gorgonian sea fans, lots of black coral and Elephant Ear Sponges covered with Alabaster Sea Cucumbers, together with profuse fish and invertebrate life, make this a fine dive. There are many species of sea cucumbers and sea stars, anemones with clownfish and the rare tube anemones.

## OFFERS

Housereef Dives	Are always possible – please be so kind and inform the Dive-Guide in advance. We'll bring you to the Reef with our Dingi / Flatboat.
Nightdives	Are also possible.
Early Morning Dives	Please be so kind and inform your Dive-Guide in advance.
Daytrip to Cabilao	On Request 2 Dives, Lunch & Drinks Departure 8:00 am – Duration approx. 8 hrs. Additional Charge



## Distances Minutes boatride:

Doljo Point	5 Min.
Puntod	10 Min.
Balicasag	20 Min.
Momo Reef	20 Min.
Napaling	30 Min.
Kalipayan	25 Min.
Alona Beach	25 Min.
ARC	35 Min.
Pamilacan	45 Min.
Sunken Isl.	40 Min.
Cabilao	120 Min. – ( Daytrip )

For further Informations - don't hesitate to contact your Guide.