



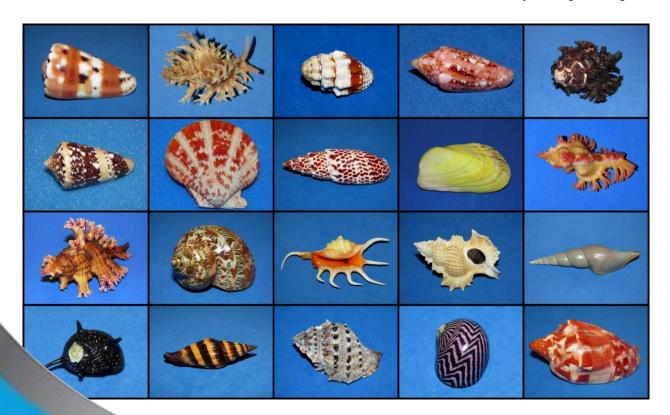
an event for shell collectors and marine lovers
DATE: APRIL 14-28 2020
VENUE: MARELLE'S SEASHELL MUSEUM, TUBOD, SAN JUAN SIQUIJOR



### Welcome Seashellers!

Marelle's Museum and the friendly island people of Siquijor would like to welcome all of our shell collector and shell dealer friends to the 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 Philippines Shell Convention. The 2019 convention was a fantastic success so we are looking forward to hosting all of our friends from around the world.

Who is ready to immerse themselves in plenty of new friendships, shell stories, palm trees, beautiful coral reefs, great food, land snails, cultural experiences, whale sharks, turtles, smiling faces, karaoke and your favorite shells? The first 64 shell collectors/dealers to put their deposit down are going to have a wonderful vacation and convention so don't let this pass you by.





# Where our guests will be coming from. As of June 15





### **GENERAL ITINERARY**



ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT April 14 | Mactan/Cebu International Airport

Members of the organizing team will be on-standby at the airport all day on April 14 to guide arriving guests.



WELCOME TO CEBU

April 14 | Goldberry Suites
and Hotel

After the meet-up at the airport, all guests will be brought directly to the hotel.



WELCOME LUNCH
April 15 | Lantaw Floating
Restaurant, Cordova, Mactan

A special lunch is set for all the guests in one of Cebu's best restaurants.



#### **GENERAL ITINERARY**

## TOUR CONCHOLOGY April 15

Guido, Philippe and Sheila are wonderful hosts at their beautiful world class office. This is a special treat.



#### ACCOMMODATION April 15 | Bayfront Hotel



## TRAVEL TO SIQUIJOR April 16 | via Ocean Jet

All guests will travel from Cebu to Siquijor for the 2020 Seashell Convention proper.





### MAP OF CEBU & MACTAN AREA





### THE SIQUIJOR ISLAND

The Spaniards called it Isla del Fuego, the "Island of Fire", referring to the eerie glow the island gave off from the great swarms of fireflies.

The serenity of the entire island makes it a perfect get-away. It is a haven for hikers, bikers and nature lovers. The highest peak at the center of the island, Mount Bandi-la-an at 628 meters, is crowned with a manmade rain forest boasting of unexplored caves and a butterfly sanctuary where one of the biggest butterflies in Asia is found.

The town of San Juan is home of the renowned Capilay Spring Park, a natural fresh water spring complemented with a swimming pool. White sandy beaches cover all 102 kilometers of shoreline surrounding the island. It is and ideal place for swimming, snorkeling, diving and other water sports.









### THE SIQUIJOR ISLAND







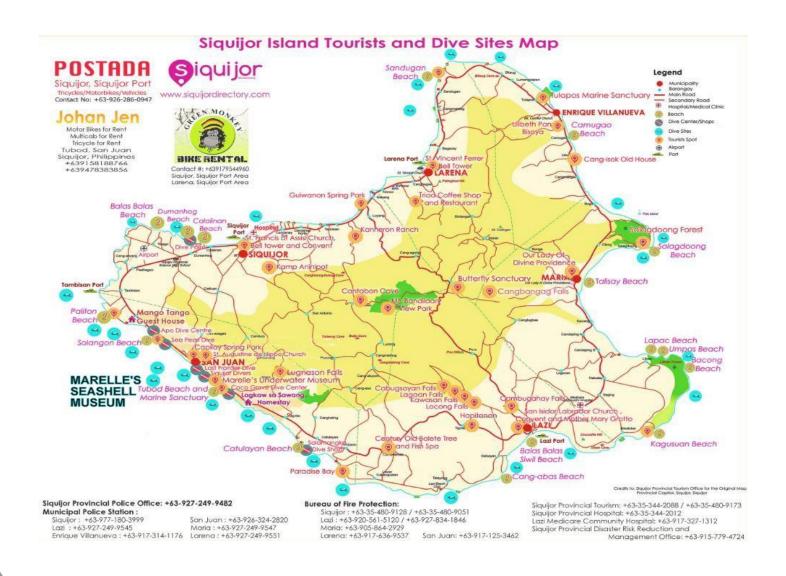
Its splendid array of coral formations, reefs, and other marine life is a must see for scuba divers. The western part of the island gives premier seats to view the most beautiful sunsets in the region. Waterfalls in Lazi and Larena also give cooling respite from the island's tropical heat.

As of 2015, Siquijor had a population of 96,000 inhabitants of which 95% are literate, one of the highest in the Philippines.

The predominate language is Cebuano but most speak English fluently as their second language. The island is made up of 6 municipalities, Larena, Siquijor, Lazi, Maria, Enrique Villanueva and San Juan. The islands total land mass is 337 Square Kms. The circumferential road around the island is 75 kms. The island receives approx. 165 Centimeters of rainfall per year. April is the driest and hottest month with temperatures ranging as high is 33C. There is an upside to this, the ocean is usually flat calm.



### MAP OF SIQUIJOR





### **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

April 14, 2020 (Tuesday)
Accommodation at
Goldberry Suites

April 15, 2020 (Wednesday)
Conchology, Inc. Tour

April 17, 2020 (Friday)
Relax & Unpack
April 17, 2020 (Friday)
Ocean Day Trip

April 23 2020 (Thursday)
Shell Show Competition

April 26 2020 (Sunday)
Relax and Pack

April 28, 2020 (Tuesday)
Check-in at Goldberry Hotel, Cebu
April 28, 2020 (Tuesday)
Guido Poppe at Raddisson Blu, Cebu

April 14, 2020 (Tuesday)
Arrival in the Philippines

April 15, 2020 (Wednesday)
Accommodation at Bayfront Hote

April 16, 2020 (Thursday)
Accommodation at Coco Grove
April 16, 2020 (Thursday)
Arrival at Siquijor

April 18-22, 2020 (Saturday to Wednesday) Field Trips

April 24-25, 2020 (Friday to Saturday)
Shell Bourse

April 27, 2020 (Monday)
Departure from Siquijor to Cebu
Check-in at Bayfront Hotel, Cebu

April 29, 2020 (Wednesday)
Departure from the Philippines



### **GUESTS' TRIP INCLUSIONS**

- 1. Airport pick-up on April 14, 2020 at Mactan International Airport to Goldberry Hotel.
- 2. Hotel Accomodation at Goldberry Suites on April 14, 2020.
- 3. Dinner at Maribago Grill on April 14, 2020.
- 4. Half day Mactan Island Tour on April 15, 2020.
- 5. Lunch at Lantaw Floating Restaurant on April 15, 2020.
- 6. Tour of Conchology Inc. on April 15, 2020.
- 7. Dinner at Viking Buffet on April 15, 2020
- 8. Hotel Accommodation at Bayfront Hotel on April 15, 2020.
- 9. All Cebu ground transportation on April 14,15,16, 2020.
- 10. Ocean jet ferry to/from Siquijor on April 16 & 27, 2020 including business class, porter, terminal and baggage fees.
- 11. Bus transfer, pick up at Siquijor ferry pier going to museum/resorts.
- 12. Registration bag/passport style name badge plus surprises.
- 13. Eleven (11) nights accommodation at Coco Grove Beach Resort, Residencia Diosa, Eddies Cottages, Marelle's Manor.
- 14. All meals (43) 14 breakfast, 14 lunch, 15 dinner to include (welcome party, lechon cultural fiesta, Coco Grove Beach BBQ, seafood night, Coco Grove Cultural Show, Mark's birthday party, farewell party, Radisson Blu)
- 15. Unlimited bottled water
- 16. International shell delears' bourse/ 13 dealers.
- 17. Ten (10) guest speakers with special guest speaker Lynn Funkhouser, an internationally known underwater photographer.
- 18. Ocean cruise around the island for first 26 guests to sign up on April 17, 2020.
- 19. Field/ocean trips for 6 days that include island sightseeing, snorkeling, and land snailing.
- 20. All banka/boat transportation, Apo Island Sanctuary/ Turtles, Oslob Cebu/ whale sharks for first 26 to sign up, tangle netting/ reef shelling/ entrance fees.
- 21. Experienced hospitality guides for Siguijor & Cebu events.
- 22. Evening entertainment/ band/ singers/ dancers.



- 23. Minor light shell cleaning/cleaning station for your use.
- 24. Raffles/ auctions/ door prizes.
- 25. Shell show competition -2 entries per full time guest, 1 entry for part time guest, 1,2 places in 18 categories.
- 26. Laundry as needed.
- 27. Traditional massage. One per guest at Marellle's Museum.
- 28. Unlimited snorkeling/shelling on local beaches.
- 29. Wifi at Coco Grove Resort And Museum.
- 30. Domestic shell permits.
- 31. Dinner at buffet 101 April 27, 2020.
- 32. Hotel accommodation at Bayfront Hotel, april 27, 2020
- 33. All van transportation in Cebu on April 27-28, 2020.
- 34. All baggage transfers from Bayfront Hotel to Goldberry Suites.
- 35. International commodity clearance permit for international travel.
- 36. Half day Cebu City tour, lunch at "Top of Cebu" on April 28, 2020.
- 37. Closing ceremonies/dinner with Conchology Inc. and the Poppe staff at Radisson Blu Hotel.
- 38. Hotel accommodation at Goldberry Suites on April 28, 2020.
- 39. Airport, van drop off, April 28-29, 2020.

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

- 1. Alcohol
- 2. Beer, Shakes, Soda
- 3. Special assistance guides
- 4. Scuba diving

\*For extra costs to be incurred, you can run a tab, payable on Sunday night, April 26, 2020.

**NOTE**: PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE FOR THE ENTIRE CONVENTION TO INCLUDE CEBU ON APRIL 14,15,28 AND SIQUIJOR APRIL 16-27 (15 DAYS). REFER TO THE LIST OF PACKAGE INCLUSIONS.

DEPOSIT 50% ON AUGUST 15, 2019. THE BALANCE WILL BE DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2020, 60 DAYS PRIOR TO CONVENTION.ALL REGISTRATION APPLICATION FORMS ARE DUE AT TIME OF BOOKING. IN THE CASE OF CANCELLATION UP TO 60 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL, THE DEPOSIT OF THE INVOICE AMOUNT OF 50% IS CONSIDERED A CANCELLATION FEE.THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION



#### **ROOM RATES**

IF YOU ARE A PART TIME GUEST YOU MUST TAKE A ROOM AT DIOSA RESORT OR RESERVE AN EXECUTIVE ROOM AT COCO GROVE. CONTACT ME FOR INFORMATION.

ONLY SINGLE OR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IN CEBU AT THE GOLDBERRY SUITES OR THE BAYFRONT HOTEL.

COCO GROVE RESORT/CEBU-STANDARD ROOMS-\$ 2,570 USD PER PERSON SINGLE OCCUPANCY

COCO GROVE RESORT/CEBU-STANDARD ROOMS-\$1,955 USD PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

COCO GROVE RESORT/CEBU-DELUXE ROOM-\$ 2,900 USD PER PERSON SINGLE OCCUPANCY

COCO GROVE RESORT/CEBU-DELUXE ROOMS-\$ 2,120 USD PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

COCO GROVE RESORT/CEBU-DELUXE ROOMS-\$1,975 USD PER PERSON TRIPLE OCCUPANCY

COCO GROVE RESORT/CEBU-DELUXE ROOMS-\$1,900 USD PER PERSON QUADRUPLE OCCUPANCY DIOSA RESIDENCIA/CEBU- BEACH ROOMS /AC-\$ 2,130 USD PER PERSON SINGLE OCCUPANCY

DIOSA RESIDENCIA/CEBU-BEACH ROOMS /AC-\$1,735 USD PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

DIOSA RESIDENCIA/CEBU-BIG COTTAGE/ FAN-\$2,020 USD PER PERSON SINGLE OCCUPANCY

DIOSA RESIDENCIA/CEBU-BIG COTTAGE/FAN-\$1,680 USD PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

DIOSA RESIDENCIA/CEBU-SMALL COTTAGE/FAN-\$1,800 USD PER PERSON SINGLE OCCUPANCY

DIOSA RESIDENCIA/CEBU-SMALL COTTAGE/FAN-\$1,570 USD PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

DIOSA RESIDENCIA/DORMITORY/ FAN-\$ 12 USD PER PERSON PER NIGHT SINGLE OCCUPANCY (ASK FOR OTHER COSTS)

EDDIE'S COTTAGES/CEBU-NO A/C-\$1,745 USD PER PERSON SINGLE OCCUPANCY

EDDIE'S COTTAGES/CEBU-A/C -\$1,910 USD PER PERSON SINGLE OCCUPANCY

**NOTE:** FOR RESERVATION, PLEASE FILL UP THE RESERVATION FORM.



## **REGISTRATION FORM**

	REGISTRATION INFORMATION
NAME	
ADDRESS	
CITY	
STATE	
COUNTRY	
ZIP CODE	
PHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL	
EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON	
EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER	
EXTRA NIGHT(S) AT BAYFRONT/GOLDBERRY	
PART TIME GUESTS DAYS OF PARTICIPATION	
PRESENTATION SPEAKER: YES/NO	
CONCHOLOGY INC TOUR: YES/NO	
SPECIAL GUIDES NEEDED: YES/NO	
ALLERGIES TO FOOD: YES/NO	
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP DONATION: YES/NO	
LAND SNAILING HOW MANY DAYS	
REEF SHELLING, BOAT HOW MANY DAYS	
ISLAND TOUR : YES/NO	
APO ISLAND SANCTUARY TURTLES: YES/NO	
OSLOB, CEBU WHALE SHARKS: YES/NO	
MARINE LIFE BINGO: YES/NO	
SHELL SHOW LIST CATEGORIES 2 ENTRIES	
SHELL CRAFT CLASS: YES/NO	
KARAOKE NIGHT: YES/NO	
T-SHIRT SIZE- CHILD, XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL	
SCUBA DIVING/ TOTAL DIVES/ DAY/ NIGHT	
NOT INCLUDED SCUBA DIVING @ \$38 PER DIVE, DAY/NIGHT SCUBA DIVE TURTLES/WHALE SHARKS \$ 45 SPECIAL NEEDS GUIDES @ \$ 10 DAY ALCOHOL DRINKS, SHAKES, JUICE, SODA, BEER TRIP INSURANCE	EMAIL TO: seashelldude@gmail.com EMAIL: marellesuwwmuseum@gmail.com FACEBOOK: 2020 PHILIPPINES CONVENTION GUESTS FACEBOOK: MARK REEKIE, ELGIE LIGUTOM REEKIE MUSEUM PHONE NUMBER: 63 915-546 3715 PHONE NUMBER USA (TILL SPET.15) 541-977-8842 DEPOSITS: PAYPAL, WESTERN UNION, PALWAWAN EXPRESS, CHECK(USA), CONTACT FOR TRANSFER INFORMATION



#### SHELL DEALERS BOURSE AGREEMENT

- 1) All CEBU dealers must be in good standing with BFAR Cebu. You must Pre-register for the convention by February 15, 2020 by obtaining a CAWR (Certificate of Aquatic Wildlife Registration) permit. Contact Officer Randolph Corrales for instructions. Bring a copy with you!
- 2) All dealers will register and receive their registration packet on Friday April 23, 2020 at the Marelle's Welcome Desk inside the museum. There will be a dealers meeting in the museum gift shop at 8 PM sharp, all dealers must attend. Set up of dealer displays for the International Shell Dealers Bourse in the museum will commence after the meeting. All displays must be removed by 5 pm Sunday night April 25, 2020.
- 3) All dealers must attend the convention for a MINIMUM OF 4 NIGHTS, APRIL 23,24,25,26. This is a convention, not just a Shell Bourse so your attendance is mandatory. Your signed Application is due at the time of acceptance to participate in the convention. Your 50% deposit is due on August 1, 2019. The balance will be paid in full no later than 60 days before the convention, February 15, 2019. IF YOU CANCEL WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE EVENT, YOU FOREFEIT YOUR 50% DEPOSIT.
- 4) ALL DEALERS WHO ARE PART TIME MUST STAY AT DIOSA RESIDNECIA OR BOOK A DELUXE ROOM AT COCO GROVE RESORT.
- 5)All dealers must wear a name badge with their name and country on it. These will be provided in your registration packet on April 5, 2019.
- 6) Absolutely NO SOLICITATION OR PRE-BOURSE SALES ARE ALLOWED in Coco Grove Beach Resort, Diosa Residencia Resort or on any other premises on or about the island of Siquijor. NO SALES will be allowed until 8am, April 24, 2020. If you do you will be removed from the Bourse with NO REFUND. This makes it fair for all dealers. The guests will also be notified.
- 7) NO shells will be sold that are banned and PROTECTED in the Philippines. Any shell or marine life species that falls under the Convention of International Trade of Endangered Species (C.I.T.E.S) is also strictly forbidden to be sold on Marelle's Sea Shell Museum property. If you do, you will be removed from the Bourse with NO REFUND.
- 8) All shells will be labeled with scientific name and as much data as possible along with prices in USD or PESOS.
- 9) Absolutely no shells will be sold that have been repaired, made of resins, boiled or altered in any way from the natural state of the shell unless you tell the recipient of such. If you do sell them, you must post on your table that they are altered and they must be displayed in a separated area away from the "natural" shells. You will forfeit your right to participate in the Bourse and further conventions if you do not divulge the condition of the shell to the potential buyer.NO EXCEPTIONS!
- 10) We will provide royal blue felt cloths for the tables. You are responsible for special lighting and packing materials for your customer to complete the sale. We will supply electricity if you need it. Please put your name on all of your boxes. All the boxes you brought your shells in, will be stored behind the museum during the bourse, our staff will help you store them.
- 11) We are asking all dealers to bring a minimum of 20 shells, books etc. to donate for the silent auctions, raffles, door prizes etc. Proceeds from the Auctions will go towards the Biology college student scholarship program. All donations will be mailed or delivered to the museum by January 1, 2020 so proper paperwork can be prepared. Your names and contact information will be posted in the Convention Program Book as a donator. THIS IS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR ATTENDING THE SHELL BOURSE.



#### SHELL DEALERS BOURSE AGREEMENT

- 12) You are responsible for the security of your shells during the Bourse. If you step out to take a break for any reason, ask Elgie, Mark or one of the Marelle's Museum Staff for some help. After the show closes, the museum will be locked. We do have CCTV, a perimeter fence around the property and we will have a night time security guard. The police are aware about the convention and will do periodically drive by.
- 13) Package prices will be put together for the convention attendance for all dealers staying less than full time. Contact Mark or Elgie for details. The first 14 dealers(maximum) to pay their deposit will get first pick of the table locations. This year we will let you use or shell display tables for your extra shells. We have a waiting list so don't delay.
- 14) One thing we ask of you is for your complete cooperation. You were invited to this convention! We will have guests that have traveled long distances from all over the world to participate in the Philippines second annual shell convention and International Bourse. We ask that you plan properly to ensure you have enough quality shells for the guests to view for two days.

#### NOTES:

ALL PHILIPPINES DEALERS, THERE WILL BE NO SHELL SALES TO OUR GUESTS BEFORE THE CONVENTION IN MACTAN. AFTER THE CONVENTION YOU ARE WELCOME TO DO SO AS YOU PLEASE. NO EXCEPTIONS OR YOU WILL FOREFEIT YOUR ENTIRE CONVENTION PAYMENT!

NO DEALER WILL ACCEPT OR CONSIGN, SHELLS OR MARINE LIFE PRODUCTS FOR EITHER COMMISSION OR NON COMMISSON OF ANY KIND FROM ANY OTHER PERSON OR DEALER TO BE SOLD AT THE 2020 PHILIPPINES SEASHELL CONVENTION BOURSE OR IN SIQUIJOR PERIOD! IF YOU DO, YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONVENTION WITH NO REFUND!

Last but not least and this is the most important! We had to get special permission to host this convention. ALL LAWS OF THE PHILIPPINES MOST BE FOLLOWED AS WELL AS WHERE ANY C.I.T.E.S. OR PROTECTED PHILIPPINES SHELLS OR MARINE LIFE ARE CONCERNED. We expect total professionalism from all of you. You are an ambassador for your country! If we all follow the rules, the passion for our hobby will continue to thrive for many years to come. Thank you so much for making this a wonderful event. If you have any questions, please contact us.

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COUNTRY:		
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:	_	
TABLES NEEDED:		
EMAIL:		
FACEBOOK CONTACT:		
I WILL MAIL SHELLS FOR DONATIONS BY JANUAR	Y 1, 2020	_YES
By signing this document, you agree to the above rules	and regulations. N	o Exceptions.
Thank You!		
SIGNATURE:	. <u></u>	
DATE:		



#### HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Marelle's Seashell Museum staff and agents, do not assume liability for sickness, injury, accident, trip delays, luggage loss or death due to any fault of airline, boat, ferry, taxi, bus, independent guides or any other convention tour operator.

Marelle's Seashell Museum can not control the weather, acts of mother nature or any other acts beyond our control. This could change the convention itinerary.

All guests must follow the laws of the Philippines. No shells can be transported that are on the C.I.T.E.S (Convention of Trade of Endangered Species) list or protected, banned by the Philippine law. A permit must be obtained at Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) in Cebu City. Marelle's Seashell Museum does not assume liability for you to get your shells to their final destination.

, am in good physical condition and i represent that I am
hysically fit and I am aware that I will be subjected to extreme heat, ocean hazards, hiking,
vimming, walking and other convention related activities. I agree to assume full responsibilities
r my abilities and will conduct myself in a safe manner and assume all risks, injuries and
angers I might encounter or sustain. I have carefully read and understand that my participation
this event involves a certain amount of risk that could result in injury, death, loss or damage to
y property.

I hearby release and hold harmless, Marelle's Seashell Museum and waive any potential claims associated with the event and sign that i have been notified by marelle's seashell museum of said conditions. I fully sign and execute this document voluntarily.

Thank you for coming to the 2020 Philippines Seashell Convention. Safety is our first concern.

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EMAIL
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### **RESORTS AND HOTEL**

#### Coco Grove Beach Resort











#### Coco Grove Beach Resort Map



## COCO GROVE RESORT COCO LODGE 38,39 UPSTAIRS, 40,41 DOWNSTAIRS

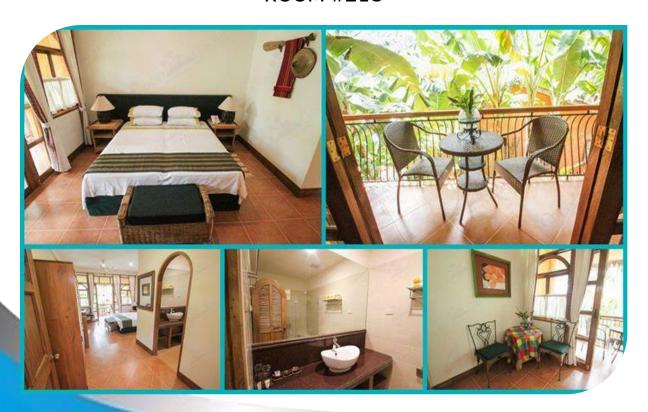




## COCO GROVE RESORT ROYAL PALM, GOLDEN PALM, FAMILY DELUXE ROOMS 12,14,15



COCO GROVE RESORT CASA COCO TOWER ROOM #213

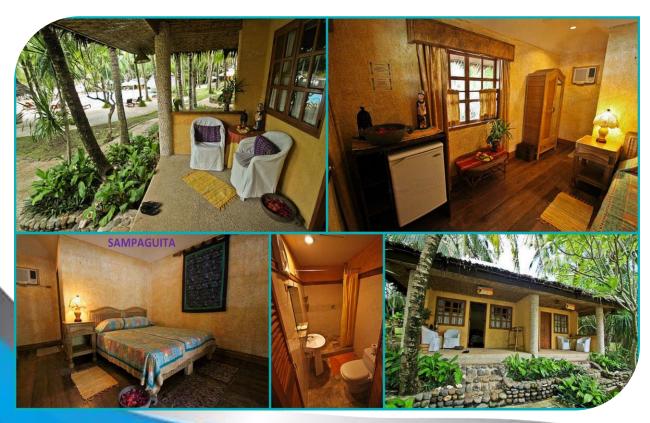




## COCO GROVE RESORT- CASA COCO TOWER ROOMS 301, 303,401 and 404



COCO GROVE RESORT- SAMPAGUITA, STANDARD ROOM, 23





#### COCO GROVE RESORT- AURORA STANDARD ROOM 10,11



COCO GROVE RESORT- PALM COURT STANDARD ROOMS # 63,64





#### **RESIDENCIA DIOSA**



About 800m from the museum, all the part time guests and Mactan dealers will stay here. Right on the beach for you shellers!



#### **EDDIE'S COTTAGES**





#### LAND SNAILING









#### **REEF SNORKELLING FOR SHELLS**









#### **ISLAND TOUR**













#### **APO ISLAND: SNORKELLING WITH TURTLES**







#### OSLOB CEBU: SWIMMING WITH WHALE SHARKS









#### SHELL SHOW COMPETITION

Full time guests receive two entries, part time guests receive one entry.





#### SHELL SHOW CATEGORIES

Best Self Collected During Convention

Best Worldwide Shell

Best Philippines Shell

Best Micro Shell

Best Landsnail

Best Fossil

Best Hybrid

Best Bivavle

Best Marine Life

Best Shell Craft

Best Painting or Drawing

Best Underwater Photography

Best Cypraea

**Best Cone** 

**Best Volute** 

Best Murex

Best Pecten

**Best Miter** 

AWARDS FOR 1ST & 2ND PLACE



#### SCUBA DIVING (OPTIONAL)









#### JOAN REEKIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Marelle's Seashell Museum will proudly host the 2020 Philippines Seashell Convention April 14-28,2020. One of our projects we are proud to participate in is the ongoing Scholarship Awards program for Marine Biology Students for various Universities from the Visayas. The Joan Reekie Memorial awards are open to any first, second and third year students.

The scholarship funds will be generated by the shell dealers donations of shells to be sold at our nightly auctions, also by guests of the convention, friends and local businesses of the region either by donating merchandise or giving a direct cash donation.

The donated monies will pay for the student's ferry boat travel to Siquijor, lodging at a local resort for the night of April 25, meals, printing and marketing. The remaining amount of funds will be split in the following percentages, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 for the five winners.

Approximately 50 students will compete for 5 scholarships awards by writing a 500-word essay about whatever topic they choose that has to do with their studies in Biology. Mr. Abner Bucol from Silliman University, will review all of the entries and he will pick the students to come to Siquijor to The Farewell Party.

The students will then do a 10minute PowerPoint presentation about their qualifying studies. When the they have finished, a panel of 6 judges headed by Ron Moylan (Australia) will decide the winners. This is a very worthy event, thank you for your participation!



#### POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKERS







# Looking forward to see you all.

- Your hosts, Mark & Elgie Reekie

