

TROPICAL ESCAPE

9 DAYS

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TOUR DETAILS

First and foremost, with this tour you will learn the history and culture of the capital city of the Philippines through Manila City Tour and enjoy the vibrant Old Manila in this friendly city. On this Tour Package Boracay, El Nido, and Puerto Princesa Tropical Escape, you will see the most beautiful beaches and islands of the Philippines. Boracay and Palawan are the most popular vacation destinations in the Philippines, known for the stunning beaches, breathtaking views, and pristine islands. A short trip will take you to Puerto Princesa, where you can visit some of the most amazing natural wonders of Palawan Island, such as the Underground River and the beautiful islands of Honda Bay. The Underground River is the most popular attraction in Palawan, it's a UNESCO World Heritage Site and it has been chosen as one of the New7Wonders of Nature.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Feel the hospitality that Filipinos are famous for with their warm welcome and thoughtfulness as you arrive.
- Discover the soul of Manila, a true Asian megacity. Manila's not only one of Asia's most underrated cities, but one of its coolest.
- Walk in the historic centre and oldest district of Manila and discover the Intramuros.
- With azure waters and powdery beaches, Boracay is an island paradise with a party atmosphere, where you can spend your time snorkeling, strolling along the White Beach or go island hopping.
- El Nido is Palawan's Top-Rated Tourist Attraction, thanks to its pristine islands with secluded beaches and its jaw-dropping emerald lagoons encircled by impressive limestone cliffs.
- Venture by boat, through a massive cave on the longest Underground River in the world. This is one of the most exciting experiences in the Philippines' most beautiful island.
- Get the thrill as you ascend to the summit of Ugong Rock for the splendid views of karst mountains and paddy fields. From the top, take an exhilarating plunge down through a zipline for that extreme adventure.



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DISCOVER PHILIPPINES' HIDDEN PARADISE!

Day 1 Arrive Manila, Philippines (D)

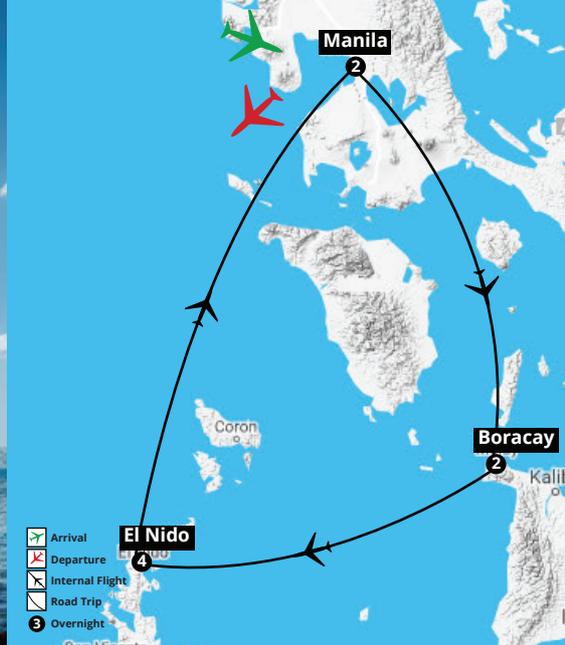
Welcome to Manila! The capital city of the Philippines! Upon arrival, meet and assist by your Tour Director and board your private coach on the way to your hotel. After check-in and resting, prepare for Welcome dinner. You will be served a must-try local Filipino dish with lots of seafood while enjoying the view by the bay perhaps with cocktails or some cold beers.

Day 2 Get a hold of Old Manila (B/L/D)

The capital isn't considered the capital for no reason – it is incredibly rich in history, dating all the way back in the 1500s, and the country has preserved key locations to remind the Filipinos (and the world) about the past. One of which is Intramuros. Intramuros – Spanish for “within the walls” – is a historic area that houses Fort Santiago (a National Historic Landmark), San Agustin Church (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), and the Manila Cathedral, among bulwarks and other defense structures. Today, the walled city is protected by the government and remains to be protected and conserved. In this tour you will see the most important sights both visually and historically; Fort Santiago, Manila Cathedral, Palacio del Gobernador, and San Agustin Church. Fort Santiago is rich in history as it is where the country's national hero, Jose P. Rizal was imprisoned before being executed in 1896. During lunch time you will get to experience Jollibee – the Philippines' (better) version of McDonald's. It is a fast-food chain with a branch in almost every corner. You will never truly have been to the Philippines without trying one. After seeing and knowing about Jose Rizal at Fort Santiago in Intramuros, it is a must to visit Rizal Park – a historical park where the national hero was executed, which brought about the revolution against Spain in 1896. After touring the city, transfer to a local restaurant for a dinner of traditional Filipino dishes while watching a graceful display of authentic classical dancing. The presentation showcases the soul of the Filipino – from the symbolic ceremonial dances of the northern mountain tribes to the romantic Spanish-influenced reels, and the expressive tribal dances of the Muslim south. At the end of a long day, drive back to the hotel overnight.

Day 3 Manila to Boracay flight (B/L/D)

After breakfast, check-out then board your coach as we head to the airport for our Manila to Boracay flight. Upon arrival in Caticlan-Boracay airport, you will be transferred to the pier to board the boat to Boracay Island (about 20 minute-boat ride). Arrive on the island and transfer to your hotel where special lunch and cold cocktails awaits. Spend the rest of the day at leisure, sun-bathing in the long sandy pristine beach. In the afternoon, we will visit Puka beach, another highlight of this lovely island. Afterwards, enjoy leisurely walk up the grotto and appreciate the colorful sunset. Sumptuous dinner will be prepared. In the evening try some bar hopping on your own.



Day 4 Boracay Island Hopping (B/L/D)

After breakfast, explore the clear waters and colorful sea creatures of Boracay on an island-hopping tour with a private boat. With this tour, you will have the opportunity to cruise off the shore of Boracay in a local Bangka boat. Spend your time swimming and snorkeling in the Coral Garden. If tide and weather conditions permit you can also visit Crocodile Island. Return to the White Beach and enjoy mouth-watering lunch. Back to the hotel for rest. Around 2:00 in the afternoon prepare for some adventure. First, we will try to ride ATV going up to the highest point of the island. Next, we will board a private boat and experience helmet diving and fish feeding. Two fun water group activities will also be included such as banana boat and paraw sailing over the sunset. Afterwards, back to the resort for shower and rest. Evening dinner then overnight.

Day 5 Boracay – Fly to El Nido (B/L/D)

After breakfast, checkout and you will be transferred from your hotel to Caticlan Airport to catch Air Swift flight to El Nido. Upon arrival in El Nido, you will be picked up at the Lio airport and have lunch in a famous island restaurant before being transported to your hotel. Check-in and rest. Whole afternoon is your free time to simply enjoy leisurely walks by the beach or appreciate nature by trekking around. Special activities can also be arranged during this time. In the evening, a special dinner is prepared. Overnight in El Nido.

Day 6 El Nido Tour A (B/L/D)

Meet the guide at the hotel and transfer to the boat departure point. Discover El Nido's most beautiful natural landmarks on this popular full-day boat trip. Visit multiple islands and beaches including the stunning Miniloc Island's Big Lagoon, Secret Lagoon, Shimizu Island and 7 Commandos Beach. Picnic lunch in Shimizu Island. Snorkel among tropical fish, soak up the sun on the beach, or explore the lagoon by kayak. Head back to El Nido town around mid-afternoon and transfer to your hotel. After a full-day activity, back to the hotel for shower and rest. Lovely dinner will be served.

Day 7 El Nido Tour C (B/L/D)

Enjoy another full-day boat trip to Bacuit Bay. Sail to some of the most scenic islands with secluded beaches of Bacuit Bay such as Secret Beach, Hidden Beach, Matinloc Shrine, Tapiutan Island, and Helicopter Island. Once on the islands, spend your time snorkeling among colorful tropical fish and relaxing on clean sandy beaches. Picnic lunch on Tapiutan Island. Head back to El Nido town around mid-afternoon and transfer to your hotel. After a full-day activity, back to the hotel for shower and rest. Lovely dinner will be served.

Day 8 El Nido to Puerto Princesa – Underground River Tour (B/L/D)

Breakfast then early departure heading to Puerto Princesa. Upon arrival, travel north to Sabang for about 2hrs. Upon arrival proceed to the registration area at the wharf and wait for your assigned boat. When it's your turn, take a short boat ride to the entrance beach of the Underground River National Park. Then hop on a park-operated canoe equipped with a searchlight, and wind your way down the Underground River. During the 1.5-kilometer cruise you will see stunning formations of stalactites and stalagmites. Return to the wharf for a late lunch at a local restaurant. Head back to Puerto Princesa with a stop along the way at the Ugong Rock Zip Line. As the day ends, proceed to the hotel for check-in. Dinner will be served in a special lovely setting.

Day 9 Puerto Princesa Sightseeing – Departure (B)

Breakfast at the hotel and prepare for check-out. Discover the sights, history, and culture of Puerto Princesa on a 3-hour city sightseeing. Drive along Rizal Avenue passing the City Hall and the Baywalk until historic Immaculate Conception Cathedral. Adjacent to the church there is the Eulalia Park and the Plaza Cuartel, a restored ruin of a Japanese military base built during World War II. See local fauna up close at the Palawan Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Center (formerly known as Crocodile Farm) or Palawan Butterfly Garden. Head to Mitra's Ranch and Baker's Hill where you can enjoy the beautiful garden landscape and taste local delicacies. Transfer to the airport to catch your flight back to Manila.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Manila to Boracay and Puerto Princesa to Manila flight tickets
- Flight from Boracay to El Nido operated by Air Swift
- Hotel accommodation for the nights listed in the itinerary
- All internal transport as per the itinerary
- Activities as per the itinerary
- English Speaking Guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as indicated in the program
- El Nido Conservation and user fees
- Palawan Underground River Tour