



Boasting pristine white beaches, majestic emerald cliffs and rich cultural heritage, the Philippines is a tropical haven to entice every sun seeker, culture lover and adventure junkie. Our Philippines Island Explorer 17 day will have you snorkelling turquoise waters, visiting local villages, diving into waterfalls, discovering untouched islands on a multi-day boat expedition, exploring underground rivers, and much more! Oh, and did we mention that you'll be doing this with an awesome group leader and instant crew of new friends? Get ready for the trip of a lifetime exploring this island paradise.

## MANILA → MANILA

<b>Transport:</b>	Planes, Ferries, Tricycles & Minibuses
<b>Meals:</b>	16B, 8L, 2D
<b>Group Size:</b>	4 - 22
<b>Age Range:</b>	18 - 39

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Canyoneering through the stunning Kawasan Falls
- Experience an underwater wonderland at the famous Sardine Run in Moalboal
- Explore uninhabited islands and incredible snorkelling spots on a 3 day boat expedition
- Tour the best of the iconic El Nido in a traditional Jeepney
- Snorkel and swim in crystal clear waters whilst spotting starfish and colourful marine life
- Take a cruise along Palawan's enchanting underground river

## INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Airport Pickup To Our Accom 24/7
- ✓ 16 Nights Accommodation
- ✓ All Transport & 3 Internal Flights
- ✓ 25 Meals
- ✓ Awesome Group Leader
- ✓ Waterfalls
- ✓ Beach Sunsets
- ✓ Sardine Run
- ✓ Kawasan Falls Canyoneering
- ✓ Simala Shrine
- ✓ Hot Springs
- ✓ Coron Viewpoint
- ✓ 3 Day Boat Expedition
- ✓ Snorkelling
- ✓ Deserted Paradise Islands
- ✓ Cultural Activities
- ✓ Jeepney Tour of El Nido
- ✓ Nacpan Beach
- ✓ Island Boat Trip
- ✓ Starfish Island
- ✓ Palawan Underground River
- ✓ Help with Onward Travel

### NOT INCLUDED:

International flights, travel insurance, visas & some meals



# ITINERARY & IMPORTANT INFO

## DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN MANILA

• **MANILA** Kamusta and welcome to Manila! On arrival in the bustling capital, we'll meet you at the airport to take you to the hotel. You'll have plenty of time to recover from the flight before meeting up with your new travel crew!

## DAY 2 - TRAVEL TO MOALBOAL

• **MOALBOAL** Today we travel to Cebu via a short flight and ferry. We'll then get to drive up the coast, stopping at one of Cebu's most impressive waterfalls and getting those Philippines Insta snaps!

## DAY 3 - KAWASAN FALLS

• **MOALBOAL** Today you're in for a treat - an adrenaline-pumping canyoneering experience at Kawasan Waterfalls! This activity will have the brave of us not just looking, but LEAPING into the unbelievably blue pools of the falls below.

## DAY 4 - SARDINE RUN

• **MOALBOAL** This morning we'll venture out to witness Moalboal's famous Sardine Run, a natural phenomenon worthy of a David Attenborough documentary. You'll get the chance to snorkel amongst millions of sardines in crystal waters, truly an experience like no other. We'll also keep our fingers crossed for sea turtles! The afternoon is yours to relax explore more of Moalboal.

## DAY 5 - VISIT SIMALA CHURCH & TRAVEL TO CORON

• **CORON** On the way to our second flight of the trip from Cebu City we'll stop at Simala Church to gain insight into the Spanish colonisation of the Philippines.

## DAY 6 - SNORKELLING

• **CORON** It's time to whip out the snorkel goggles and underwater camera as we go snorkelling in the Sulu Sea. Visiting some of Coron's most iconic snorkel spots, we'll be sure to spot some beautiful creatures! Tonight we get ready to experience the vibrant nightlife in Coron.

## DAY 7 - CORON & HOT SPRINGS

• **CORON** After a chilled morning, you'll lace up your sneakers as we venture on a short hike up Mount Tapyas for incredible views of the bay. We'll then head to Maquinit Hot Springs for sunset as we soak in the naturally warm saltwater pools.

## DAY 8 - BOAT EXPEDITION

Today we set off on an unforgettable 3 day expedition from Coron to El Nido. This trip will take us far from the usual tourist hotspots, sailing away on a traditional Banca boat to discover deserted islands, interact with local tribes and stargaze on the beach. With only a mattress, mosquito net and bucket shower, our traditional Filipino huts and facilities are simple. But given the postcard shots everywhere you turn, the trade-off is worth it!

## DAY 9 - BOAT EXPEDITION

Continuing our sail we'll swing by more uninhabited beaches and swim amongst fish in some of the world's clearest waters. Without Wi-Fi we are completely off-the-grid, able to fully immerse ourselves in beauty of our surroundings and focus swim, snorkel, sunbathe routine!

## DAY 10 - EL NIDO

• **EL NIDO** Our boat expedition comes to an end today when we arrive in El Nido on the island of Palawan. After a few busy days of sailing, today we'll have plenty of free time to chill out on the beach, work on our tans and explore. Tonight we'll get to experience El Nido's nightlife!

## DAY 11 - CANOPY WALK & MESSAGES

• **EL NIDO** This morning we'll head off to see the town from above on a canopy walk through the jungle. We'll then treat ourselves with an included Filipino massage. Tonight you can choose how you want to spend your evening!

## DAY 12 - JEEPNEY TOUR OF EL NIDO & NACPAN BEACH

• **EL NIDO** Today we'll jump in a Jeepney for a tour of El Nido! We'll visit a local organic farm and enjoy lunch on the beach with a traditional Filipino dance performed by the local community. We'll then head to Nacpan beach, one of the most picturesque spots on Palawan, as well as checking out a few local spots to get a taste of Filipino island life.

## DAY 13 - PORT BARTON

• **PORT BARTON** Leaving El Nido, we'll travel further south to the sleepy beach town and gateway to more amazing tropical wonders, Port Barton. You will have some free time this afternoon to relax on the beach and enjoy a sunset drink before tonight's dinner.

## DAY 14 - ISLAND HOPPING & SNORKELLING

• **PORT BARTON** Today we get our final, magical fix of crystal clear waters, stunning tropical islands and snorkelling. This amazing island boat trip won't disappoint, with palm fringed beaches, coral reefs teeming with marine life and mindblowing sand banks covered with starfish, a picture perfect day to remember!

## DAY 15 - UNDERGROUND RIVER

• **PUERTO PRINCESA** As we leave Port Barton and head towards Puerto Princesa, we have a real highlight along the way - Palawan's famous Underground River. On an enchanting boat cruise through the cave system, you will see stunning underground stalactite and stalagmite formations, naturally sculpted over millions of years.

## DAY 16 - FLY TO MANILA

• **MANILA** Today you'll have time to either explore Puerto Princesa or chill by the pool before heading back to Manila, ready for an easy departure from your trip of a lifetime the following day. A short flight back to the capital is included before we check in to our hotel for one final night together.

## DAY 17 - DEPART EL NIDO OR EXTEND YOUR STAY

• **MANILA** Time to bid farewell as our 17 day adventure comes to an end. You can either check out and make your way back home, stay on longer, or continue your travels in the Philippines. If you need any assistance planning onward travel, we're here to help!

## ARRIVAL INFORMATION

It's best to arrive on the actual start date, as that's when most people get in. While there are no activities on the first day, the group usually meets up for dinner around 7pm. If you do arrive early, we'll still pick you up from the airport if you're staying at our accommodation. You can book and pay for extra nights accommodation in the [Manage My Booking](#) area.

It's also recommended to have onward travel booked out of the Philippines before travelling there, as you may get asked for proof of this before boarding your flight to the Philippines.

## AFTER YOUR TRIP

Philippines Island Explorer 17 day tour finishes back in Manila. You can choose to stay on longer or continue your travels around the Philippines. If you are leaving Manila, you can fly at anytime on day 17 of the tour as no activities are planned for this day. The airport is only a 30 minute drive from the hotel, and taxis can be organized with your group leader.

Your group leader can help with any other onward travel options within the Philippines.

## VISAS

Most nationalities including the UK, Europe, Australia, NZ, Canada, USA, Scandinavia and most South American countries will generally receive a 30-day visa exemption on arrival for free. Brazilian passport holders can receive a 59-day visa exemption on arrival for free. We recommend checking visa requirements before you travel.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for the Philippines is compulsory to join the trip. Your group leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins. You can organise a quote and policy for yourself [here](#).



# ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

## MANILA - LUB D HOTEL

2 NIGHTS (nights 1 & 16)

Funky hotel in the heart of Manila.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con, Laundry & Restaurant



MANILA

## MOALBOAL - PESCADORES SEAVIEW SUITES

3 NIGHTS

A beach front resort in a perfect location.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con, Laundry & Beach Front Pool



MOALBOAL

## CORON - VIENNA HOTEL

3 NIGHTS

A modern hotel in a central location.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con, Laundry & Pool



CORON

## BOAT EXPEDITION - TRADITIONAL HUTS

2 NIGHTS

Basic and traditional Filipino huts on a remote hidden island.

Twin Huts

Shared Bathrooms

A unique experience sleeping under the stars!



TRADITIONAL HUTS



## EL NIDO - SOUTH ANCHORAGE INN

3 NIGHTS

Comfortable and close to the beach.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con, Laundry & Restaurant



EL NIDO

## PORT BARTON - HOTEL OASIS

2 NIGHTS

Comfortable hotel.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con, Laundry & Pool



PORT BARTON

## PUERTO PRINCESA - HOTEL PALACIO

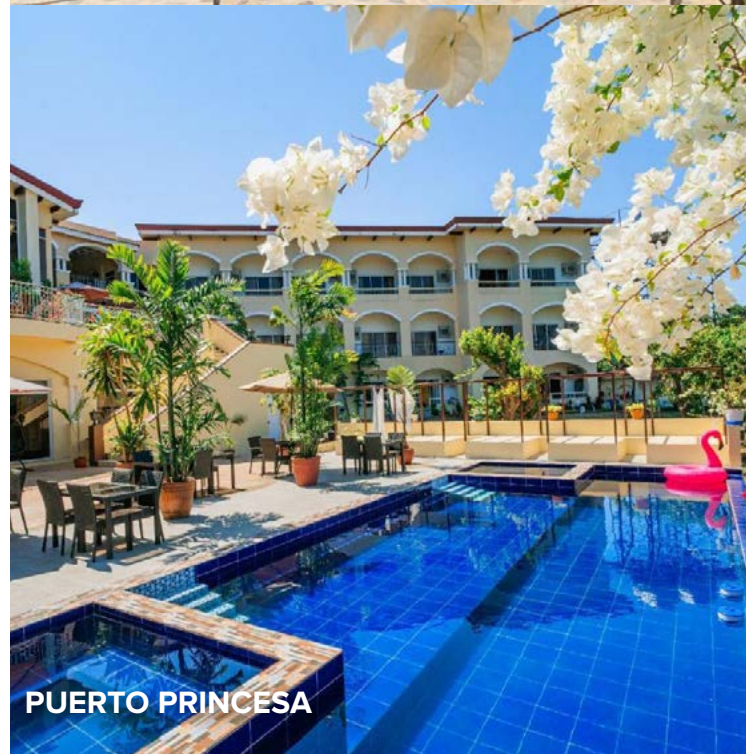
1 NIGHT

A modern hotel in a central location.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Swimming Pool



PUERTO PRINCESA

### IMPORTANT NOTE



The accommodation featured in this document is our usual properties. At certain locations we use alternative accommodation (of equal standard) when needed.

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## SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES



CULTURAL EXCHANGE & EDUCATION



ANIMAL WELFARE

Making a positive difference to the amazing destinations we travel is at the core of what we do, and we are proud to say that every INTRO tour is 100% carbon neutral.

Small Change is our socially conscious initiative aimed at travelling responsibly and changing the world for the better!

[Find out more.](#)

## FAQS



### DO MANY PEOPLE TRAVEL ALONE?

Yes. Lots of people on our trips are travelling solo. But by doing our trip you'll instantly be part of a group, so it's a great way to meet others and make friends! Most of our accommodation is twin or triple share, so we will put you in a room with someone of the same gender.



### HOW WILL I ACCESS MY MONEY WHILE I'M AWAY?

We recommend getting a travel currency card through [Wise](#). You can use the Wise card almost everywhere and withdraw cash and use it with Google or Apple Pay. If you transfer your money into the local currency, you can avoid paying foreign exchange fees when you use the card. There are ATM's available throughout the Philippines so it's easy to get access to cash.



### CAN I CHAT TO MY GROUP BEFORE I LEAVE?

You can start chatting to people in your group and other travellers before you leave. Just go to our Facebook page, click on 'Groups' and choose [Philippines](#).



### IS THERE WI-FI THROUGHOUT THE TRIP?

Some accommodations we stay at have free Wi-Fi available. The Philippines network quality is often lower than you're used to but you can generally connect and do basic stuff.



### CAN I CHANGE MY START DATE?

Enjoy ultimate peace of mind and flexibility with INTRO. Should your travel plans change or be disrupted you can change your start date or tour for free up to 30 days before your start date.

Or simply transfer your booking to 100% travel credit that will never expire and can be used against any tour with us at any time in the future.



### TERMS & CONDITIONS

For the full set of terms & conditions for our tours including your responsibilities as a traveller with us, please see the [Terms & Conditions](#) section of our website.



### WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT THE PHILIPPINES?

The great thing about the Philippines is it's usually quite hot and dry whilst we are operating, so it's great to go at any time from late September to early June. Please keep in mind that we don't operate our tours during the main wet season (July, August, early September).

#### That's about it for now!

Once you've booked you'll get access to Manage My Booking and the INTRO Travel App, which will give you all the information you'll need on the Philippines and Philippines Island Explorer, so you can just relax and enjoy the experience.

Of course if you have any more questions just contact us. We're happy to help!

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