



*Mt Mayon, Bicol, Philippines. (Photo courtesy Philippines Department of Tourism).*

## Best of the Philippine Islands - 21 Days

*Manila • Sagada • Banaue • Legaspi • Donsol • Bohol • Cebu • Boracay • Puerto Princesa • El Nido*

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### **ITINERARY: Day 1 - Manila**

Arrival Manila - Our representative will meet you at the airport and facilitate your hotel transfer. The remainder of the day is free at leisure for you to relax.



### **Day 2 - Manila City Tour**

Pick-up from hotel reception for the start of a Manila City Tour. This City Tour takes in historic areas such as Intramuros and Fort Santiago. After the Tour, you will be dropped off at your hotel and the remainder of the day is free at leisure. Overnight in Manila Hotel



### **Day 3 - Manila to Banaue**

Pick-up from hotel reception. Today is spent travelling North of Manila through the countryside of Luzon to Banaue, in the Rice Terraces.

Overnight in a Hotel in Banaue



### **Day 4 - Sagada Day Tour**

After breakfast you will be picked up for the start of your Sagada Tour. Sagada is a town nestled among the pine forests and although it also boasts of picturesque mountain scenery and rice terraces, it is also known for the hanging coffins on the limestone cliffs.

Hanging coffins are also found in the nearby caves of Sumaging and Lumiang.

Overnight in Hotel



### **Day 5 - Banga-An Rice Terraces Tour**

Whole day Banga-an Tour - Inclusive of jeepney transfer, guide, and lunch.

Banga-an is a small village located in the centre of the rice terracing area in Ifugao. To reach Banga-an, we travel for approximately one hour from Banaue by jeepney. The rice terraces at Banga-an were declared a world heritage site by UNESCO.

Overnight in Hotel



### **Day 6 - Banaue - Manila**

Today we travel back through the Cordillera mountains and Luzon countryside to Manila, staying overnight in the capital.



## Day 7 - Legaspi & Donsol

After breakfast, pick-up from the hotel reception and transfer to the airport for the short flight to Legaspi. Arriving in Legaspi, you will be met at the airport and transferred by road to Donsol. The remainder of the day is free at leisure for you to relax.



## Day 8 - Donsol

Early morning pick-up from your resort for Whale Shark Interaction

One of the largest congregations of Whale Sharks in the Philippines is found in the waters off Donsol, between November and May. These gentle giants are migratory animals, found in warm tropical waters as they follow their food supply. They migrate to Donsol in vast numbers to take advantage of the dense food concentration of plankton and krill.

In the evening you will board a boat on the Sogod River for Fire Fly Watching. It is easy to get mesmerised by their dancing!

After the Fire Fly Watching, return to your Hotel/Resort



## Day 9 - Legaspi & Albay Province Tour

Pick-up from hotel reception. Return to Legaspi

Enjoy a tour of Albay, first taking the road up Mt Mayon to enjoy spectacular views. See surrounding areas that have been affected by the volcano over the years, such as the Cagsawa Ruins, the Church of Nuestra Señora de la Porteria (Our Lady of the Gate), Deraga, and the Padang barangay of Legaspi City, which was buried in a landslide of ash and giant boulders as recently as 2006.

Also explore the Hoyop-Hoyopan cave, with its impressive stalagmites and stalactites, and Japanese tunnels. Ligñon Hill Nature Park offers commanding views over Legaspi and the city airport, as well as on Mt Mayon. The brave can also enjoy a zip-line ride here!

Overnight in Hotel



## Day 10 - Legaspi - Bohol

Pick-up from hotel reception. Transfer to Airport. Flight to Bohol via Manila. Transfer to Resort

Arriving at Tagbilaran, Bohol, we transfer to Panglao Island, which is connected to Bohol by a short bridge, and which boast many sandy beaches.

A wonderful island, Bohol has not only beautiful tropical beaches, but also coral reefs, and the famously distinctive Chocolate Hills.

Take a cruise on the Loboc River, enjoy scuba-diving, or go dolphin and whale-watching. See the Philippines Tarsier - the world's smallest primate.

Overnight in Hotel/Resort



## Day 11 - Bohol Country Side Tour

Pick-up from resort. We spend today exploring much of what Bohol has to offer, including its six main attractions:

The Blood Compact, a marker which commemorates the spot where Datu Sikatuna, a native chieftain, forged a blood compact with Don Miguel Lopez de Legazpi representing the king of Spain, for the purpose of fostering friendly relations between the two countries. This is considered to be the first treaty of friendship between brown and white races

The centuries-old Baclayon church and museum

The Loboc-Bilar man-made forest

The remarkable Chocolate Hills, the province's signature attraction.

A Loboc River cruise. This is a fascinating boat ride along palm-fringed banks, where locals will entertain you with traditional song and dance.

See Philippine tarsiers, considered the smallest living primate, whose existence dates back more that 45 million years.

Overnight in Hotel/Resort



## Day 12 - Bohol - Cebu

Check out Resort.

Fast ferry to Cebu. Check into Hotel



### **Day 13 - Cebu City Tour**

Pick-up from hotel. Start of Cebu City Tour  
Overnight in Cebu



### **Day 14 - Cebu - Boracay**

Check-out from hotel. Private transfer to Cebu airport. Flight to Panay Island (for Boracay). Arrive Caticlan port. Ferry transfer to the island of Boracay. Transfer to Boracay Hotel.

Tripadvisor voted Boracay as the No.1 beach & sun destination in the whole of Asia, (No.2 in the world). The famous White Beach has powdery sand and stretches for two and a half miles. There's an endless list of sports and activities on offer, island-hopping boat-trips, plus hundreds of places to eat, drink and be merry.

Overnight on Boracay



### **Day 15 - Boracay Island Hopping Tour**

Overnight on Boracay



### **Day 16 - Free Day on Boracay**

Overnight on Boracay

On Boracay, there is so much to see and do, or you can simply relax.



## Day 17 - Boracay - Palawan

Pick-up from hotel reception. Ferry transfer to Panay and Airport. Flight to Manila. Onward flight to Puerto Princesa, Palawan. Transfer to Resort

Puerto Princesa is the capital of Palawan, and is built alongside the beautiful Honda Bay. The bay offers boat trips, and there are good snorkelling opportunities for lovers of marine life.

Overnight in Puerto Princesa



## Day 18 - St Paul's Underground River Tour

Pick-up from Hotel. Underground River Tour with private vehicle.

St Paul's Underground River: Awarded World Heritage Site status in 1999, this national park runs for 5 miles through a limestone cave before opening out into a lagoon. A sandbar separates the lagoon from the sea.

The site is approximately 50 miles north of Puerto Princesa, and one first takes the road to Sabang, which has one of Palawan's most beautiful beaches. The national park can be reached by walking along the beach and then through rainforest (around 2.5 miles), or by taking a 15 minute boat ride.

This area is extremely active with wildlife, including Philippine macaques, monitor lizards and the highly endangered, flightless, tabon bird.

Onward travel to El Nido. Overnight in El Nido Resort



## Day 19 - El Nido

Half Day Island Hopping and Snorkeling including lunch

From the towering marble cliffs and enchanting lagoons to its white sandy beaches and lush jungle, El Nido is one of the top tourist destinations in Palawan, which is often referred to as the Philippines' Last Frontier.

Overnight in El Nido Resort



## Day 20 - El Nido - Manila

Pick up from hotel. Transfer to airport. Flight Back to Manila.

A last chance to enjoy Manila's numerous shopping malls, restaurants and bars.

Overnight stay at Hotel



## Day 21 - Manila

Pick-up from hotel Transfer to Airport for flight home.

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