



# Philippines Holidays

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### OUTLINE ITINERARY

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El Nido is one of the top tourist destinations in Palawan, often referred to as the Philippines' "Last Frontier". Here you'll find a stunning landscape of limestone cliffs, blue lagoons, and amazing wildlife.

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Cebu has a number of beach resorts, with fabulous hotels, bars and restaurants, plus world class diving spots. Bohol has beautiful tropical beaches, the amazing Chocolate Hills, Loboc River, and of course, the Philippines Tarsier - the world's smallest primate.

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Day 1 - Arrival Manila. Transfer to Hotel.

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Most of our holidays start and finish in Manila - the Philippines' vibrant, bustling, capital city. Makati, just one of many cities that make up Metro-Manila is a sophisticated collection of tall, modern buildings, and shopping malls. Manila has plenty of attractions, modern shopping centres, lively nightlife, restaurants and cafés.

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Day 2 - Manila City Tour.

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A guided tour of historical places in Manila, includes Old Town of Intramuros, Fort Santiago, Plaza San Luis and Casa Manila.

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Day 3 - Travel North of Manila to Banaue.

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Arrive Banaue. Check in to hotel.

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### Manila

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Why not experience the rich history of Manila with a tour, including old Intramuros and Fort Santiago.

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### Sagada

Sagada is a town nestled among the pine forests and although it also boasts of picturesque mountain scenery and rice terraces, it is best known for the hanging coffins on the limestone cliffs.

Hanging coffins are also found in the caves of Sumaging and Lumiang, both of which are less than an hour away.

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Day 4 - Whole day Banga-an Tour - Inclusive of jeepney transfer and guide, inclusive of lunch. Banga-an is a small village located in the center of rice terracing area in Ifugao. It takes about one hour from Banaue by jeepney. Banga-an Village is the home to rice terraces that were declared world heritage sites by UNESCO.

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Day 5 - Sagada Tour inclusive of lunch, with a Side trip to Bontoc and Banaue View Point. Points of Interest: Echo Valley, Sumaging Cave, Lumiang Burial Cave, Lake Danom

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Day 6 - Check out Hotel. Travel back to Manila. Overnight Stay at Hotel.

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Day 7 - Arrive Puerto Princesa - Transfer to hotel/resort

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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.

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There are a number of local attractions including the Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Centre, which looks after the two species of Philippines' crocodiles.

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Day 8 - Underground River Tour inclusive of lunch. 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.

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



### **Banaue**

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### **Puerto Princesa**

*The capital of Palawan, Puerto Princesa lies alongside beautiful Honda Bay.*

*Enjoy a boat trip to explore the various islands that are situated in the bay.*

*Nearby Sabang features one of Palawan's most beautiful beaches, situated close to the entrance to St Paul's Underground River.*

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Day 9 - Free Time at leisure in Puerto Princesa

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Day 10 - Check out Resort. Transfer by Shuttle van to El Nido.

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Transfer to your resort or hotel.

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Take a boat to explore the many nearby islands which include Miniloc, Vigan, & Snake Island.

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Day 11 - Free Time at leisure in El Nido

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Day 12 - Free Time at leisure in El Nido

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Day 13 - Check out Resort. Return to Puerto Princesa.

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Transfer to hotel overnight

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Day 14 - Flight to Manila Join connecting Flight to Cebu.

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Arrival Cebu. Transfer to Hotel.

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Cebu is an island in central Philippines which has Cebu City as its capital. Mactan Island has a number of beach side resorts, with fabulous hotels, bars and restaurants, plus world class diving spots nearby.

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Enjoy a countryside tour, boat trips, watersports, or just take it easy and relax in the sun.

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Day 15 - Cebu City Tour.

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Highlights: Visit to significant historical and cultural landmarks in Cebu City such as Magellan's Cross, Fort San Pedro, Basilica Minore del Sto, Niño and Taoist Temple in the Beverly Hills Subdivision and souvenir shops.

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Day 16 - Day Tour of Olango Island

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Day 17 - Check out Hotel. Transfer to Cebu Port. Fast Ferry to Bohol.

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Arrival Tagbilaran Port. Transfer to Panglao Island Resort.

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### **Underground River**

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### **El Nido**

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*Take a boat to explore the beauty of nearby islands including Miniloc, Vigan, & Snake Island.*

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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. Relax on the beautiful beaches of Panglao Island.

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Day 18 - Whale and Dolphin Spotting Tour inclusive of lunch.

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One of the country's richest scuba diving sites is Pamilacan Island noted also its huge whales and manta rays, between the deep sea of Bohol and Mindanao.

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Whale and dolphin-watching has become a popular ecotourism activity in the area where sightings have been almost certain.

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Dolphin species abundant in the area are bottlenose, spinner, and spotted while 13 species of cetaceans are found including the melon-headed and baby sperm whales.

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The trip includes a visit to an uninhabited yet beautiful white sandy island where you can swim. For the more curious who love to explore the underwater marine life, one may choose to snorkeling or go diving.

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Day 19 - Bohol Country Side Tour inclusive of lunch. Visit to 6 major attractions:

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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; considered as the first treaty of friendship between the brown and white races

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Centuries-old Baclayon church and museum

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Loboc - Bilar Man-made forest

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Chocolate Hills, the province's signature attraction

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Loboc River cruise, a fascinating boat ride along palm-fringed banks with lunch

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Philippine tarsiers, considered the smallest living primate, dating its existence to more that 45 million years ago

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Day 20 - Check out Resort. Transfer to Airport. Flight Back to Manila. Transfer to Hotel.

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Day 21 - Check out Hotel. Transfer to Airport for flight home.

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End of Tour.

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### **Cebu**

*Cebu is an island in central Philippines which has Cebu City as its capital.*

*A City tour, or the popular Countryside tour, will introduce you to historic sites and buildings, as well as fascinating small towns and communities.*

*Experience life in Cebu, the Queen of the Southern Philippines!*

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### **Olango Island**

*Olango Island has an international wildlife sanctuary and nature centre situated in an important wetlands area. It is a major stopping off point for migrating birds.*

*The island also features quiet lanes, and is a peaceful haven just a short boat trip away from Mactan Island and Cebu.*

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## INCLUSIONS:

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20 Nights Accommodation:

Manila - City or Waterside Hotel

Banaue - Banaue Hotel or Similar

Bohol - Beach Front Resort

Sagada - Shamrock Hotel or Similar

Cebu - City or Waterside Hotel

Puerto Princesa - City or Waterside Hotel

El Nido - Beach Front Resort

Daily Breakfast

All Internal Domestic Flights inclusive of 20 Kg Luggage Allowance per Passenger + 7 Kg Hand Luggage. Excess Luggage Payable upon airline check in

Ferry Transfers

All Airport/Port - Hotel/Resort Transfers (Except Local Trike Transfers)

Private Air-Conditioned Vehicle: Manila - Banaue - Manila inclusive of driver, petrol and toll fees

Shuttle Mini-Bus Transfers: Puerto Princesa - El Nido - Puerto Princesa

Tours as Detailed in the Itinerary inclusive of all Fees

Local Tax, Service Charge, Tour Guides and Environmental Fee

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Personal Expenses

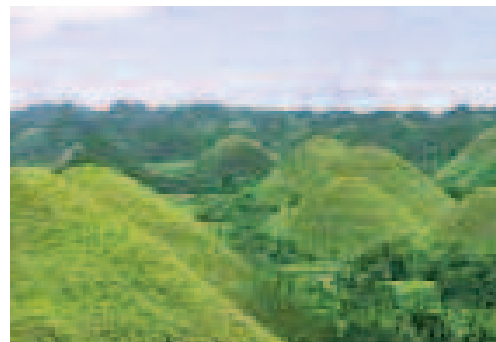
Travel Insurance - (By proceeding with a booking you are accepting our terms and conditions and agree you will have obtained adequate and valid travel insurance for your booking by the date of departure.)

Airport Departure Tax

Any Expenses caused by reasons, beyond our control such as flight/ferry delays, rescheduling or cancellations, any accidents, medical evacuations, riot, strike etc

Tips & Gratuities (Optional)

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### Panglao Island, Bohol

*Panglao Island is connected to Bohol by bridge, and is a great place to explore in itself. It has sandy beaches and a variety of accommodation, from eco-friendly to luxury resorts.*

*The Coconut Farm, Tarsier Botanika with its wildlife sanctuary & Art Collection, and Bee Farm are all worth visiting.*

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