

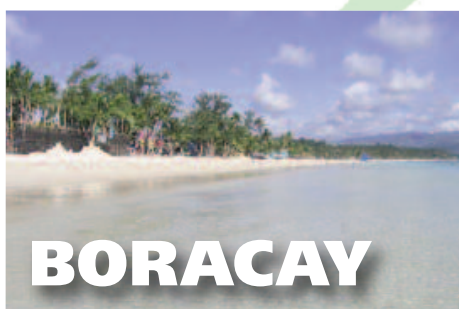


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OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1 - Arrive Manila. Transfer to accommodation in Manila

Our holidays start and finish in Manila - the Philippines' vibrant, bustling, capital. Many of the cities that make up Metro-Manila consist of a sophisticated collection of tall, modern buildings, and shopping malls. Manila has plenty of attractions, modern shopping centres, lively nightlife, restaurants and cafés. Its people are polite, and very welcoming to visitors.

Day 2 - Check out of accommodation. Transfer to Airport. Flight to Legaspi.

Arrive Legaspi, transfer to Donsol. Bicol is one of the Bicol Region's top tourist destinations, famous for the Philippines' most active, and almost perfectly formed, Mayon volcano.

Day 3 - Whale Shark Interaction plus Evening Firefly Watching River Tour

The largest annual congregation of Whale Sharks is in Donsol from December to 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.

The Fireflies on the Donsol river should not be missed, and it is easy to get mesmerised by their dancing!

Day 4 - 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.

We also explore the Hoyop-Hoyopan cave, with its impressive stalagmites and stalactites, and Japanese tunnels. Lignon 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!



Manila

Manila is the Philippines' vibrant, bustling, capital city. Our holidays generally start and finish here. The people of Manila are known for their warmth and hospitality.

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



Legaspi

Legaspi City, Albay, is one of the Bicol Region's top tourist destination. It is where the Mayon Volcano, one of the Philippines' most famous volcanoes is located.

Mayon Volcano is the Philippines' most active volcano and is considered to be the world's most perfectly formed volcano for its symmetrical cone.

Day 5 - Transfer to Airport. Flight back to Manila. Connecting flight to Puerto Princesa. 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.

Day 6 - Honda Bay Island Hopping, joining small group, inclusive of lunch

Day 7 - Underground River Tour, joining small group, inclusive of lunch

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.

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

Day 8 - Transfer to EL Nido. Arrive El Nido, check into your Resort

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.

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

Day 9 - Island Hopping Tour, joining small group, inclusive of lunch

Day 10 - Free Time at Leisure

Today, relax, or maybe, (by request), take a trek into the jungle, with experienced guide, to see both hot springs and cool pools, (where you can take a refreshing dip), before enjoying a barbecue lunch, prepared by your guide.

Day 11 Check out Resort. Return to Puerto Princesa. Transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

Day 12 - Flight to Manila, and onward connecting flight to Panay Island.

Transfer to the port at Caticlan for the short boat ride across to Boracay. Arriving on Boracay, we transfer you to your Resort.

Tripadvisor recently voted Boracay as the No.1 beach & sun destination in the whole of Asia. The famous White Beach has powdery sand and stretches for two and a half miles, with an endless list of sports and activities on offer.



Donsol Whale Sharks

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Sabang, 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.

Day 13 - Free Time at leisure on Boracay

Day 14 - Free Time at leisure. Option for Paraw sailing trip to visit Motag Living Museum, Panay. (This is an additional excursion, by request).

Day 15 - Check out Resort. Transfer to Airport for Flight to Cebu.

Transfer to Hotel for overnight stay.

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.

Day 16 - Cebu City Half Day City Tour. After the tour, transfer to Cebu Port for the Fast Ferry to Tagbilaran, Bohol.

Arriving at Tagbilaran, 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.

Day 17 - Countryside Tour of Bohol inclusive of lunch

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.

Day 18 - Whale and Dolphin Spotting and Balicasag Island Tour inclusive of lunch. An early start to go Whale and Dolphin Spotting with an expert crew. Pamilacan Island lies between the deep sea of Bohol and Mindanao, and is noted for its huge whales and manta rays. Whale and dolphin-watching has become a popular ecotourism activity in the area where



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sightings have been almost certain. Dolphin species abundant in the area include bottlenose, spinner, and spotted, while 13 species of cetaceans are found including the melon-headed and baby sperm whales. This tour was designed mainly to help the fishermen of Pamilacan Island whose main source of income used to be in hunting these creatures.

We next enjoy a Balicasag Island Tour, including lunch. The tour includes a visit to an uninhabited yet beautiful white sandy islet where you can swim.

For the more curious who love to explore the underwater marine life, one may opt to go snorkeling or diving.

Day 19 - Check out Resort. Flight back to Manila. Overnight stay

Day 20 - Free Time at Leisure

Explore any one of Manila's numerous shopping malls, or book one of our excursions, depending on your interest, such as a City tour of old Intramuros and Fort Santiago; a sea crossing to Corregidor Island; a Pagsanjan Laguna day tour, or visit to Tagaytay, where you'll find Lake Taal, and the Taal Volcano (one of the world's smallest). Extra Tours by Request.

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

INCLUSIONS:

20 Nights Accommodation:

Manila - City or Waterside Hotel with Breakfast

Legaspi - City Hotel with Breakfast

Donsol - Beach Front Resort with Breakfast

Boracay - Beach Front Resort with Breakfast

Cebu - City or Waterside Hotel with Breakfast

Bohol - Beach Front Resort with Breakfast

Puerto Princesa - City or Waterside Hotel with Breakfast

El Nido - Beach Front Resort with Breakfast

All Internal Domestic Flights inclusive of 20 Kg Luggage Allowance per person + 7 Kg Hand Luggage

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

Land & Ferry Transfers As Stated

Tours as Detailed in the Itinerary inclusive of all Fees and Guides

Local Tax and Service Charge



Boracay

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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.



Cebu

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.

Enjoy a countryside tour, boat trips, watersports, or just relax in the sun.



EXCLUSIONS:

International Flights

Personal Expenses

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

All Airport/Port Departure Fees

Any expenses caused by reasons beyond our control such as flight/ferry delays, rescheduling or cancellations, any accidents, medical evacuations, riots, strikes, etc.

Tips and Gratuities



Bohol

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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.
