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### **GUIDE**

This tour is suggesting a self-guided itinerary and does not include a dedicated in-house tour escort. Local guides will be provided for day tours in destinations only when explicitly mentioned in the Tour Program.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

This wonderful tour is concentrated in Palawan, the biggest province in the Philippines which is composed 1000+ islands and islets. Palawan will give you a chance to have a memorable trip in communion with nature, around some of the most famous ecotourism sites of the planet.

You will start the exploration of Palawan in **Puerto Princesa**, where you will discover the famous **Underground River** (one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature and an UNESCO Heritage Site). This river flows from the sea inside a cave for more than 8 kilometers, half of which can be explored with small boats in a primordial atmosphere. In Puerto Princesa, you will also have the evocative and romantic experience of firefly-watching by night afloat a raft on a river surrounded by lush mangroves. You'll witness what the locals call the "natural Christmas trees".

Next, going up north, you will head to **Port Barton**. Still considered an "**off the beaten track**" **destination**, it is the ideal place away from noise of the crowds and where beach life is simple. This small village in the San Vicente municipality has been for many years mostly a base for local fishermen. The environment here is still far from being spoiled by mass tourism. Port Barton will give you an experience in a different perspective, strolling along super white sand bars, chilling on a hammock on postcards-like tropical islands and doing exceptional snorkeling on vast coral beds. Thus, an exciting day tour by boat is a must: it will allow you to discover the charming islets of the local sea and do snorkeling into unspoiled waters. Here you could also have many chances to encounter sea turtles, since they are very spread in this uncontaminated area rich of marine sanctuaries.

Moving further up north, your next and last destination is the number 1 bucket list entry and now gaining international fame: **El Nido**. Many consider it as one of the most beautiful travel destinations of the world, especially if you love sea and nature. It's exclusively with the wonderful day tours around the bay that you can actually see the very beautiful sceneries that made El Nido so famous. The "dome" shaped formation of the plenty islands completely covered by green vegetation, forms the typical iconic local landscape that, along with blue and emerald transparent waters, made it a world-famous destination. The so-called El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area is the largest marine sanctuary in the entire Philippines, where we can count around 50 white-sand beaches and more than 800 fish species.

### WHAT KIND OF TOUR

This tour is designed to be a romantic eco-honeymoon for couples who are into unique adventures. The serenity of being with your loved one communed with nature is truly worth a memory of a lifetime. It can also be a great experience for anyone wanting to have a trip in contact with the most enchanting maritime nature of the Philippines.

### **TRANSFERS**

By Air: An hour flight will take you from Manila to Puerto Princesa and vice versa.

By Land: The Puerto Princesa to Port Barton to El Nido and back to Puerto Princesa transfers will be in a seat-in-coach service in a van with driver: with gasoline, toll fees, parking fees, driver services ,meals and accommodations (if necessary) already included.

Your Puerto Princesa inland tours will be arranged with seat-in-coach basis in vehicles w/ driver services. You will board on boats shared with other travellers with a dedicated crew for day tours on the sea.

Airport to hotel (and vice versa) transfer services will be provided.

#### **Notes**

Tours with direct flights El Nido-Manila (Air Swift) are also available. If needed, they can be booked through Tropical Experience Travel Services. Please mention this upon inquiring.

We can also arrange private vehicle transfers and exclusive boat and car/van for your day tours. Let us know if you prefer this option.

### **MEALS**

Lunch meals will be served during your day tours and a dinner in your firefly evening activity, picnic style. Other meals are not included and good restaurants options to choose from are available in each destination. Included meals are only the ones explicitly mentioned as "included" in the program. Included meals are standard set proposed as set and/or buffet style: additional orders are not included. Your hotels will provide you with breakfasts for your convenience.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

We shall provide accommodations that are clean, comfortable and simple - with local touch and Western standards. In the provinces, you'll mainly stay in medium, locally-managed hotels and resorts that reflect the character of the area. These will be in double rooms with private facilities. We use a variety of accommodation on most trips, chosen for their value for money, service, location and atmosphere.

### TRAVEL PROGRAM

# Day 1 – To Puerto Princesa, the Capital of Palawan, with Firefly Watching Evening Activity

- From Manila Airport, take flight to Puerto Princesa (autonomous).
- Arrival in Puerto Princesa, transfer to hotel with included shuttle service.
- Lunch in transit or upon arrival, not included.
- By late afternoon, departure for your firefly watching activity. You'll get into a boat and will go around the mangroves by the bay to gaze at the glittery night show. A delicious dinner is included.

## Day 2– The Puerto Princesa Underground River: An Adventure in the Heart of Nature

- This day is dedicated to the visit of the majestic Underground River, UNESCO
  Heritage Site and one of the 7 New Wonders of Nature. You'll explore the Park
  and will enter the river with a paddle boat, exploring the first 1.2km of its length.
  Lunch is included during the day tour.
- Extra optional activities might be proposed during the day (not included).
- Back to Puerto Princesa City in the late afternoon. Free evening and night.
   Dinner not included.

# Day 3 – From Puerto Princesa to Port Barton, Discovering Hidden Spots of Palawan

- Transfer from your hotel in Puerto Princesa to Port Barton with a van with driver (shared with other travellers). You will pass by mountain ranges with their admirable wild nature as you go towards the hidden coasts of Port Barton. This transfer takes approximately 3 hours.
- Arrival at the van station of Port Barton. Autonomous (not included) short transfer to your hotel/guesthouse (by a short walk or renting one of the local tricycles).
- Free time to enjoy some of the peacefulness of Port Barton and its main beach, strolling and discovering the village.
- Free time in the beach. Lunch and dinner not included.

## Day 4 – Island Hopping in Port Barton, with Bountiful Nature and Wonderful Sea

- A day tour in the sea to snorkel in reefs, walk in sandbars, visit small beach islands and have a sea turtle watching in a sanctuary (visit of German Island, Twin Reefs, Fantastic Reef, Exotic Island, local sand bar and others). Shared boat with crew, lunch will be prepared and served picnic style in one of the island stops.
- Back to the mainland in the afternoon. Free evening, dinner not included.

## Day 5 – From Port Barton to El Nido, to Discover the Most Famous Landscapes

- Departing from the van terminal station of Port Barton, you'll move north towards El Nido town, with a van and driver shared with other travellers. The transfer takes around 3 hours.
- From El Nido van terminal station, autonomous transfer (not included) to your hotel/guesthouse riding a tricycle service.
- Free time to relax or do other activities by yourself. The Travel Handbook you'll
  receive before your departure will give ideas and recommendations for your free
  time in El Nido.
- The rest of the day is free to enjoy one of the main beaches or for resting. Meals and other activities for this day are not included.

## Day 6 – Sea Tour in El Nido: Travelling Around the Most Iconic Places of the Bay

- Excursion by boat discovering the beauties around the spectacular bay of El Nido, with included barbecue lunch in one of the island stops (Visit of Big Lagoon or Small Lagoon, Shimizu Island, 7 Commandos Beach, and other destinations. Shared boat and crew with other travellers.
- Back to El Nido town by late afternoon. Free night and autonomous dinner (not included).

# Day 7 – Second Sea Excursion in El Nido: the "Hidden" Bay and Discovering Secrets

- Second excursion discovering more beauties further out the bay of El Nido, with included barbecue lunch (visit of Helicopter Island, Matinloc Shrine, Secret Beach, Hidden Beach and other destinations). Shared boat with crew.
- Back to El Nido town during late afternoon. Free night and autonomous dinner (not included).

## Day 8 - Back to Manila, End

- Land transfer in shared van back to Puerto Princesa Airport in the morning.
- Take flight to Manila (autonomous), end of tour.

Note: the tour can be arranged also with direct flight El Nido-Manila served by Air Swift (different prices will apply). You could book it also with Tropical Experience Travel Services. Please inform us upon inquiring.



### **PRICES**

Prices per person:

- Group of 2 pax in 1 double room in Hotel Category 1\*: Php19,265/person
- Group of 2 pax in 1 double room in Hotel Category 2\*: Php29,325/person

This tour is self-guided, with local tour coordinators in each destination. Other options available for different number of travellers, room arrangements, child rates and other adjustments. Private day tours and transfers can also be arranged, we can also book flights for you. Please contact us for a new quotation.



### WHAT'S INCLUDED



### **Overnight Accommodations (All)**

All the overnight accommodations in the Travel Program are included.



### **Breakfasts (All)**





### Day Tours and Activities (All those mentioned in the Travel Program)

All day tours and activities mentioned in the Travel Program are included unless otherwise specified.



### <u>z</u> Transportation and Transfers (All those mentioned in the Travel Program)



All transportations and transfers mentioned in the Travel Program are organized and included, unless differently indicated in the Travel Program itself.



### **NO Lunches and Dinners** (If mentioned as "included" in the Travel Program)

Included lunches and dinners are only those indicated as "included" in the Travel Program. Otherwise, they are not included and are intended as autonomous.

All expenditures and personal activities (for instance but not only: snacks, personal purchases in bars or supermarkets, souvenirs, tips, massages and other activities / services) not mentioned in the Travel Program as included, are not included and the relative expenditures shall be charged directly to the client.

<sup>\*</sup>see Hotel List below in the paragraph "Accommodations"

### HOW TO MODIFY OR EXTEND YOUR TRIP

Can't get enough of Palawan? Perhaps you can also explore Honda Bay while you are in Puerto Princesa, or book one more of the many day tours in the sea in El Nido and/or Port Barton. A free day to relax in one of the inland beaches in those destinations would be great breather, too. You might also want to go all the way and experience more bliss in the unique beauties of Coron, also in Palawan.

There are also options of having a direct El Nido to Manila flight, instead of a land transfer El Nido to Puerto Princesa Airport to fly out to Manila. Private transfers and day tours can also be arranged. We can modify the program and quotation accordingly.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Destination	Hotel Name	Website/Link
Puerto	Lola Itang Bed & Breakfast	www.lolaitang.ph
Princesa (Category 1)	or Puerto Pension Inn or	www.facebook.com/puertopensioninn/
	Cleon Villas Pension (or equivalent)	www.cleonvillaspension.hotelia.top/
Puerto	Hibiscus Garden Inn	<u>www.puertoprincesahotel.com</u>
Princesa (Category 2)	or Floral Villarosa or	www.facebook.com/floralvillarosa/
	Palo Alto Bed and Breakfast (or equivalent)	<u>www.paloalto.ph</u>
Port Barton	Ausan Beach Front Cottages	www.ausanbeachfront.com
(Hotels for categories 1 and 2 are the same)	or Deep Moon Resort or	www.moon.deepmoonresorts.asia/
are me same,	Besaga Beachfront Cottages (or equivalent)	www.facebook.com/besagabeachfrontcottages
El Nido	Angel Nido Resort	www.angelnidoresort.com
(Category 1)	or Rosanna's Pension or	www.rosannaspension.com
	Coral Cliff (or equivalent)	www.coralcliffhotel.com
El Nido	Sea Cocoon	<u>www.seacocoon.com</u>
(Category 12)	or Lagùn or	www.lagunhotel.com
	Hotel Covo (or equivalent)	<u>www.hotelcovo.com</u>

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