



Best of the Philippines

10 days, Manila to El Nido

Trip code APME

What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Mount Purro Nature Reserve, Mount Purro
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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing May 24th, 2024 and onwards

Itinerary



NOTE: Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

Manila

Arrive at any time.



Accommodation

Hotel Kimberly Manila (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

Day 2

Manila

Spend today touring through the best parts of Manila. Start with a walking tour of the heart of Manila, the walled city of Intramuros. Walk under Fort Santiago, admire the architecture of Manila Cathedral, visit Casa Manila, and more. In the afternoon, we'll hop in a classic Filipino Jeepney and ride through through Binondo, Manila's Chinatown, known as Manila's culinary hub. Come hungry and sample the delicious and unique Filipino and Chinese fusion street food along the way.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Hotel Kimberly Manila (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Manila Street Food Tour

Manila

Climb into a classic Filipino Jeepney and join your CEO as you eat your way through Manila's Chinatown, known as the foodie capital of the Manila. Go on a walking tour of Chinatown, sampling the different street foods that blend Chinese and Filipino influence.

Manila City Tour

Manila

Take a guided tour to explore the historic centre of Manila known as Intramuros (“Within the Walls”). Founded by the Spanish in the late 16th century, the city was enclosed by thick stone walls which still stand today. At the height of its power, Intramuros was feared by Spain’s enemies as the only true European powerhouse in the whole of Asia, but after holding strong against Chinese pirates, Dutch forces, British, American and Japanese occupations, the large majority of the city was destroyed during the month-long brutal Battle of Manila fought between the Japanese and the Allies in the closing days of WWII, a battle which also claimed the lives of 100,000 Filipino civilians. A walk through this area, despite the devastation (or maybe because of it) truly gives you a sense of the history of this area.

Day 3

Manila

Today we'll leave the bustling city behind and head to the jungle of Mount Purro Nature Reserve to spend a day with the Dumagat Indigenous community, learning more about Indigenous food and culture. An adventure filled day, you'll do some light hiking, join in an Indigenous cooking demonstration, build the fire for cooking and make sinigang, a traditional pork dish cooked in bamboo. Then dig into the meal while hearing the stories of the locals. In the afternoon, return back to Manila.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Hotel Kimberly Manila (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Manila - Mount Purro

2h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

ACTIVITY

Join the Mount Purro Nature Reserve and learn about the reforestation efforts of the community. This reforestation organization was formed to protect the greater Manila area from future natural disasters like flash flooding. Immerse yourself with the local community, learn about their initiatives, go for a hike, and join a local cooking demonstration.

Private Vehicle

Mount Purro - Manila

2h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 4

Manila/Puerto Princesa

Depart the big city this morning and fly to Puerto Princesa. After arriving, spend the afternoon at leisure. Opt to take a tour of the seaside town with visits to Baker's Hill and Plaza Cuartel. This evening, we are venturing out into the mangroves to see the night sky illuminate full of fireflies on the Iwahig Firefly Watching Tour.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Holiday Suite, Puerto Princesa (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Plane

Manila - Puerto Princesa

1h30m

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Free Time

Puerto Princesa

Spend the afternoon free in Puerto Princesa.

Iwahig Firefly Evening Tour

Puerto Princesa

Take part in a magical evening experience where you will witness the captivating glow of thousands of fireflies. You'll be surrounded by lush mangrove trees, illuminated by these tiny dancing lights.

Day 5

Puerto Princesa/Port Barton

This morning, visit the famous underground river at the UNESCO World Heritage site, Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park. Hop into a boat and cruise through the cave. In the afternoon, drive to Port Barton.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Holiday Suite, Port Barton (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park Visit

Sabang

Take a boat ride through the famous subterranean river. The underground ecosystem is over 8km (5 mi) long with amazing rock formations, cave systems, wildlife and old growth forest. The Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park was voted one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature in 2011.

Private Vehicle

Puerto Princesa - Port Barton

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 6

Port Barton

This morning, we'll load into a boat and spend the day out on the water on an Island Hopping adventure. Relax under the sun, snorkel and look out for sea turtles, and enjoy lunch on board. In the evening, enjoy a free evening in Port Barton.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Holiday Suite, Port Barton (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Port Barton Island Hopping

Port Barton

Experience the unspoiled natural beauty of Port Barton with this exciting island-hopping activity. With all your equipment included, jump into the water and snorkel in hopes of swimming alongside sea turtles. Between swims, enjoy lunch on the beach on an island.

Free Time

Port Barton

Enjoy a free evening in Port Barton.

Day 7

Port Barton/El Nido

Travel this morning from Port Barton to El Nido. Once in El Nido, visit the Sibaltan Heritage House. After meeting the community, jump in with a hands-on in a cooking demonstration and tasting with the local women. Then witness the local traditions of the community, learning their local songs and cultural dances, and observe the Cuyonon artisan weaving.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Isla Amara Hotel, Lio Beach (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Port Barton - El Nido

3h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

ACTIVITY

Travelers visiting Sibaltan can engage in hands-on cultural experiences, including traditional weaving workshops led by the Sibaltan Women Weavers Association (SWWA). They can craft travel-friendly items, such as placemats, small baskets, or bags, using pandan or buri leaves dyed in vibrant colors. This workshop offers a meaningful connection to the rich cultural heritage of the Philippines while supporting local artisans. Visitors can also enjoy traditional dance performances and cooking demonstrations, showcasing the vibrant cultural and culinary traditions of Sibaltan, all while promoting sustainable living practices.

Day 8

El Nido

Spend the whole day out on the sea today in a private boat island hopping adventure. Cruise, snorkel and swim your way through picturesque beaches, perfect blue water and around krast formations. Make pit stops at gorgeous beaches, like Secret Beach and Hidden Beach, and keep your eyes out for sea turtles, eels and rays in the water.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Isla Amara Hotel, Lio Beach (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Island Hopping Tour

El Nido

7h-8h

Jump on a boat and cruise through some of the most beautiful water in the world. Stop at world class beaches like Secret Beach and Hidden Beach while swimming and snorkeling in the beautiful sea along the way. Gaze at the impressive limestone karsts and view of the sparkling water. Enjoy lunch on board while listening to stories and the history of El Nido.

Day 9

El Nido

On your last full day in El Nido and the Philippines, spend the day however you'd like. Opt to relax on a beach, take a day trip to Kuyawyaw Falls or hike Mt Taraw.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Isla Amara Hotel, Lio Beach (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Free Time

El Nido

Enjoy a free day in beautiful Port Barton.



Optional Activities - Day 9

Taraw Peak Hike

El Nido

Maybe the most beautiful view view in El Nido, Taraw hike is well worth it. This epic but intense hike is 30 minutes and not for the faint of heart.

Kuyawyaw Falls

El Nido

Visit the three falls in Kuyawyaw and swim in the fresh pools. On the second falls, opt to jump off the 4m cliff jump.

Depart at any time.



Meals included

Breakfast

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What is the group leader like?

All G Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our Chief Experience Officers (CEO). The aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting- we think it's the best of both worlds.

How large will the group be?

Max 16, avg 14

What meals are included in this trip?

9 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 1 dinner

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Walking, jeepney, private vehicle, plane, boat.

Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotel (9nts).

Do any exceptions apply to Rooming or “My Own Room” on my tour?

Nights 5 & 6

What are the joining instructions?

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

If you would like to book an airport Arrival transfer for your tour, please contact our Sales Team or your Travel Agent in advance of travel.

If you have pre-booked an airport transfer please meet the airport representative at the meeting point stated below. Look for G Adventures sign with your name.

NAIA Terminal 1: A10

NAIA Terminal 2: Bay 8-9

NAIA Terminal 3: Bay 9

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

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Airport Pick-up Points:

NAIA Terminal 1: A10

NAIA Terminal 2: Bay 8-9

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If you have any transfer complications on arrival in Manila, please call on the numbers below:

+639178458109 (Mark)

+639171778109 (Eli)

+639194365184 (Jenny)

G Adventures Bangkok office: +66 92 338 9222

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Regional Office

From outside Thailand +66 (0) 92 338 9222

From within Thailand (0) 92 338 9222

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

What instructions should I follow at the finishing point?

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What should be on my packing list?

Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

Health & Safety:

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

Warm Weather:

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

What the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

Please note that visas are the responsibility of the individual traveller. The visa requirements for your trip vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as much as possible, but rules do change. It is important that you check for yourself with the Embassy. Please, keep in mind that all countries require passports valid for at least 6 months from the moment of departure from the country.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

Philippines:

As of April 1st 2026, all non-Filipino nationals entering Philippines by air, land or sea must complete the Philippines e-Travel Registration Form online before arrival. Please note, the Custom Declaration area of the form must be completed in detail. Register within 3 days of arrival.

For more information and to complete the Registration Form, we kindly request the you visit the [Philippine Travel Information System](#) page.

Information is accurate as of April 1st, 2026.

Should I be tipping on my trip?

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group.

Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$1.5-\$3.5 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture. Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline \$20-25 USD per person, per week can be used.

What activities are optional on this trip?

El Nido

- Taraw Peak Hike
- Kuyawyaw Falls

How old must I be to join this trip?

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

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Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.