



Philippines Express

7 days, Puerto Princesa to El Nido

Trip code APPN

What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Sibaltan Heritage Community, El Nido
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group

- Iwahig Firefly Excursion
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- All transport to and from included activities

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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

Puerto Princesa

Meet your CEO and group in the 5:00 pm Welcome Moment. This evening, we are venturing out into the mangroves to see the night sky illuminate full of fireflies on the Iwahig Firefly Watching Tour.



Accommodation

Holiday Suites Puerto Princesa (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

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.

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.



Optional Activities - Day 1

Puerto Princesa City Tour

Puerto Princesa

Enjoy a tour of the area and learn about the history of the largest city in the Palawan province. Visit the Iwahig Penal Colony, where prisoners self-govern and maintain the prison and become farmers or fishermen with some of their families living nearby. Stop at Baker's Hill a park with a bakery, pizza stand, snack bar and gift shop.

Day 2

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 3

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 4

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 5

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 6

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 6

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.

Day 7

El Nido

Depart at any time.



Meals included

Breakfast

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How large will the group be?

Max 16, avg 14

What meals are included in this trip?

6 breakfasts, 4 lunches

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Walking, jeepney, private vehicle, plane, boat.

Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotel (6nts)

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

Nights 2 & 3

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 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.

Arrive to your start hotel no later than 5pm for your Welcome Meeting. During your Welcome Meeting, 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.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Regional Office

From outside Thailand +66 (0) 92 338 9222

From within Thailand (0) 92 338 9222

If your call is specifically concerning Puerto Princesa International Airport Transfer complications please call our local G Adventures Transfer provider directly at +639177747014.

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 information should I be aware of as the itinerary draws to a close?

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

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 are 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?

Puerto Princesa

- Puerto Princesa City Tour

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.