

# A Philippines Adventure

**12 Feb 2027**

**13 Day Small Group Hosted Tour**  
*From your Front Door & Back Again*







# A PHILIPPINES ADVENTURE

Embark on a 13-day active adventure through the Philippines, an unforgettable journey across emerald seas, dramatic landscapes, lush jungles, and vibrant island culture. From the energy of Manila to the tranquil shores of Palawan, this adventure invites us to dive deeper, explore further, and discover the magic of four of the country's most captivating Islands.

Our journey begins with two nights in bustling **Manila**, where old-world charm meets modern city life. We wander through the historic walls of Intramuros, stand on the centuries-old stones of Fort Santiago, and admire the towering beauty of San Agustin Church and Manila Cathedral. We explore Rizal Park and the Cultural Centre, then feel the pulse of contemporary Manila at the immense SM Mall of Asia. A warm welcome dinner sets the tone for the days ahead before we fly south to Bohol.

Landing in **Tagbilaran**, we step into a world of natural wonders and rural charm. We spend a full day exploring **Bohol's countryside**, visiting the historic Baclayon Church, coming face-to-face with the world's smallest primates at the Tarsier Sanctuary, marvelling at the iconic Chocolate Hills, and enjoying a serene Loboc River cruise surrounded by tropical scenery and village life. From here, we board a ferry to Cebu to experience the island's fascinating blend of heritage and coastal beauty.

In **Cebu**, we uncover centuries of history as we visit Fort San Pedro, Magellan's Cross, the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño, and the hilltop Taoist Temple. With two nights here, we dive further into adventure. One highlight is our excursion to the enchanting **Kawasan Falls**, where turquoise pools, towering jungle trees, and refreshing mountain streams create the perfect backdrop for trekking, swimming, or simply relaxing. A picnic lunch of local flavours completes this day of nature and discovery.

Our adventure then takes us west to **Palawan**, often hailed as one of the world's most beautiful islands. We fly to **Puerto Princesa** and journey into the heart of the **Subterranean River National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We drift by boat through its impressive limestone cave systems, surrounded by crystal-clear waters, dramatic cliffs, and untouched forest. Continuing north to **El Nido**, the scenery becomes even more spectacular. We spend a full day **island hopping** by motorboat through the enchanting landscapes of Bacuit Bay. We explore hidden lagoons, dramatic limestone formations, and islands such as Big Lagoon, Shimizu, Secret Lagoon, and Seven Commandos Beach. We can swim in warm, translucent waters, snorkel vibrant coral gardens, or relax on soft white sands, embracing island life at its finest.

From cultural treasures and historic landmarks to wild jungles, turquoise waterfalls, and world-class coastlines, this 13-day journey captures the spirit of the Philippines in all its colour and adventure. This tour is an exciting blend of nature, activity, culture, and unforgettable island beauty.





## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

### *Manila – Where history meets modern life*

- **Historical Experience** - Explore **Rizal Park**, a historic urban oasis, and **Intramuros**, a centuries-old walled city with iconic forts and churches.
- **Dynamic Culture** - Discover the best of Filipino arts at **Cultural Centre**, then shop, dine, and enjoy world-class entertainment at **SM Mall of Asia**.

### *Bohol – Natural beauty, biodiversity, and culture*

- **Heritage & Nature** - Visit the historic **Baclayon Church** and wander through the cool, green **Man-Made Forest** of mahogany trees.
- **Unique Wildlife** - Meet the world's smallest primates at the **Tarsier Sanctuary**.
- **Iconic Landscapes** - Marvel at the **Chocolate Hills**, Bohol's most iconic natural wonder, and cruise along the scenic **Loboc River** for lush jungle scenery and cultural experience.

### *Cebu – Historical landmarks & refreshing tropical haven*

- **Historic Sites** - Explore **Fort San Pedro**, the country's oldest and smallest fort, and the region's spiritual landmarks.
- **Tropical Adventure** - Stunning multi-tiered **Kawasan falls**, known for their striking turquoise waters, one of the region's most visited attractions.

### *Puerto Princesa – Home of the famed underground river*

- **Subterranean River National Park** – Glide through the world-famous underground river, **one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature**.

### *El Nido – Tropical island paradise*

- **Untouched Beauty** – Discover white-sand beaches, turquoise lagoons, coral reefs, and dramatic limestone cliffs.
- **Island-Hopping Adventures** - Snorkel, kayak, or simply soak in the breathtaking landscapes.

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### **FRI 12 Home - Manila**

The adventure begins! We take off from New Zealand and head to Manila, the energetic and colourful capital of the Philippines, marking the start of our journey across four of the country's most breathtaking islands. In-flight meals are included.

We will be greeted after the flight by our local English-speaking guide upon arrival and transferred to our hotel, where we can refresh and relax ahead of tomorrow's adventures.

### **SAT 13 City Tour of Manila**

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Once we have fueled up with breakfast, we embark on a guided exploration of Manila, a city where history and modern life come together.

The adventure starts at **Rizal Park**, named after the Philippines' national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. Within this 58hectare Spanish-era park, originally called Bagumbayan, we begin to immerse ourselves in the nation's rich history.

Following on, we enter **Intramuros**, the "Walled City" that once defined Manila during the Spanish colonial era, wandering through its storied streets. We step inside **Fort Santiago**, a historic fortress where countless lives were lost during the Spanish Colonial period and World War II, and feel the weight of history as we explore its walls and gardens. We continue through cobbled streets to **San Agustin Church**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the oldest stone church in the Philippines, built in the late 16th century. Next, we visit the **Manila Cathedral**, known as the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. This grand Roman Catholic church has stood at the heart of Intramuros as a symbol of resilience, culture, and faith.

Our journey then takes us to the **Cultural Centre**, a hub of performing arts and exhibitions, before a stop at the **SM Mall of Asia**, a vibrant space where shopping, dining, and entertainment come together under one roof.

After the exploration, we return to our hotel for a quick refresh and gather at the main restaurant for a **welcome dinner**, celebrating the start of our Philippine adventure.





### SUN 14 Manila - Bohol

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After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our flight to **Tagbilaran**, the vibrant capital and main gateway to **Bohol**, a stunning island rich with marine life and beautiful white sand beaches.

On arrival, we will be transferred to our hotel, the first of 4 resorts that we will experience during this unforgettable adventure.

This evening, we soak in the island's tranquil atmosphere and get ready to dive into Bohol's natural and cultural treasures.

### MON 15 Bohol Countryside Tour

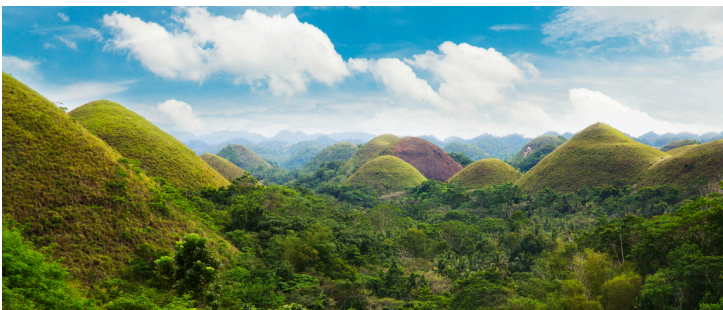
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Our day unfolds as we embark on a full-day adventure through the scenic Bohol countryside.

Our journey begins at the centuries-old **Baclayon Church**, a testament to the island's rich history and Spanish colonial heritage. We then wander through a lush **man-made forest**, where towering mahogany trees create a cool, shaded canopy above us. Next, we visit the **Tarsier Sanctuary**, and witness these tiny, wide-eyed creatures in their natural habitat.

No trip to Bohol is complete without seeing the **Chocolate Hills**, an extraordinary landscape of hundreds of perfectly shaped limestone mounds that turn golden-brown during the dry season, truly a sight to behold. We then head to **Loboc town** for a relaxing **river cruise**, gliding along the gentle waters of the Loboc River, passing riverside villages, mangroves, and nipa palms. A delicious lunch is served aboard the cruise, allowing us to soak in the beauty of the surroundings.

After a day of exploration, we return to our resort hotel to unwind and refresh. In the evening, we gather for dinner, sharing stories of the day's adventures as the sun sets over this enchanting island.



### TUE 16 Bohol - Cebu

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Today we move to a new island to explore. Departing from Bohol, we board a **ferry to Cebu**, enjoying the sparkling sea and coastal scenery along the way.

On arrival, our local guide welcomes us, and we dive straight into Cebu's vibrant flavors with **lunch at a local restaurant**, sampling authentic regional dishes.

The afternoon brings a thrilling exploration of Cebu's rich history and culture. We visit **Fort San Pedro**, the oldest and smallest Spanish fort in the Philippines, and **Magellan's Cross**, a striking symbol of the island's Christian heritage. At the **Basilica Minore del Santo Niño**, we marvel at the country's oldest religious relic, while the **Taoist Temple** in the upscale Beverly Hills Subdivision, with its tranquil setting and engaging rituals, offers a unique blend of culture and scenic views.

After a day of discovery, we transfer to our tropical beach hotel to relax and refresh. We stay two nights in Cebu, ready to embrace the adventures that lie ahead in this captivating island paradise.



### WED 17 Cebu (Kawasan Falls Excursion)

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Today, we set out early for an excursion to the stunning **Kawasan Falls**, a beloved escape for both locals and travelers from around the world. We follow a short mountain trail lined with lush tropical trees to reach the falls. The sound of cascading water, the gentle flow of the river, and the serene natural surroundings create a perfect setting to relax and reconnect with nature. Here, we can take a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear pools, swim under the waterfalls, or simply enjoy this peaceful haven. A **picnic lunch of traditional native dishes** is served amid this tropical paradise.

After a day of adventure and nature, we journey back to our hotel to rest and refresh, carrying with us the sights, sounds, and serenity of one of Cebu's most magical destinations.



## THU 18 Cebu - Puerto Princesa

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Leaving Cebu behind today, we take a flight to Puerto Princesa, Palawan, known as the gateway to one of the world's most remarkable natural wonders.

On arrival, we are transferred to our beach and mountain resort in a prime location close to the New 7 Wonders of Nature, with its serene atmosphere and unique tropical paradise.

## FRI 19 Puerto Princesa (Underground River Tour) (B) (L) (D)

Following breakfast, we head to the port with our local tour guide to board our boat to the incredible **Subterranean River National Park**.

This 8.2-kilometer underground river, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, winds through dramatic limestone cliffs and lush tropical rainforest, revealing jaw-dropping cave formations and pristine waters as we glide along. Along the way, discover the fascinating insights into the park's unique biodiversity, including rare birds and endemic plants that thrive in this untouched ecosystem. The river's mysterious caves and towering stalactites create a sense of wonder at every turn, making this a truly special experience.

After exploring the underground marvel, we enjoy a sumptuous lunch, while taking in the surrounding natural beauty. We then return to our hotel, with the rest of the day free to relax, reflect on our adventure, or explore the tranquil surroundings at our own pace.



## SAT 20 Puerto Princesa - El Nido

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We continue the adventure to a breathtaking paradise, El Nido, our 4<sup>th</sup> island destination on this tour of the Philippines, with stops for lunch and photos along the way, capturing the beauty of Palawan's lush landscapes.

Upon arrival, we check in to our hotel for 3 nights and enjoy a leisurely evening to immerse ourselves in the island's beauty, whether strolling along the shore, capturing the perfect sunset, or simply letting the tranquil tropical surroundings inspire a sense of wonder before the adventures that await.

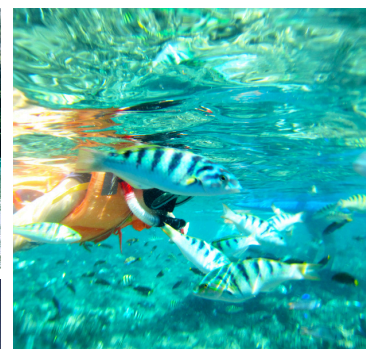
## SUN 21 El Nido (Island Hopping)

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Get ready for an unforgettable **island-hopping adventure** today! Traveling by motorboat across the stunning **Bacuit Bay**, we will witness breathtaking limestone cliffs, dramatic rock formations, and crystal-clear turquoise waters, stopping at iconic spots such as Big Lagoon, Shimizu Island, Secret Lagoon, and Seven Commandos Beach.

Along the way, there are plenty of opportunities to swim, snorkel among vibrant coral reefs, or simply relax and capture those special photos, before enjoying a delicious lunch on one of the islands.

After a day filled with adventure, we return to our hotel to unwind, savoring the memories of El Nido's breathtaking beauty.



## MON 22 El Nido at Leisure

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The day is free to unwind, enjoy the hotel's hospitality, or visit the village of El Nido, a short 7-minute shuttle drive away, for last-minute gift-shopping for yourself.

In the evening, we gather for a **farewell dinner** at the hotel, celebrating the memories and experiences of our unforgettable journey through the Philippines.

## TUE 23 El Nido - Home

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After our final breakfast in the Philippines, we bid farewell to the stunning islands of Palawan. Carrying with us cherished memories of turquoise waters, dramatic limestone cliffs, and remarkable explorations. We are transferred to the airport as we begin our journey home.

## WED 24 Arrival in New Zealand

Arriving back in New Zealand marks the conclusion of our wonderful journey together. Though our adventure ends, the stories, friendships, and memories will remain with us.



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**13 DAYS** • Fully Hosted from New Zealand with a YOURTours Host

**COUNTRY:** Philippines

**DATES:** 12 - 24 February 2027

## Tour Inclusions:

- International flights ex Auckland
- Fully Hosted from New Zealand
- Home pick-up/drop-off. T&C's apply
- Quality Accommodation
- All gratuities to local guides and coach drivers
- Services of local English-speaking guides throughout
- All Meals as per itinerary
- All excursions and activities as per itinerary
- Twin Share: From \$10,995 per person
- Single: From \$13,500 per person
- Other departure locations available on request
- Flight upgrades available upon request



**You are invited to join us on our fully hosted small group tour, with a maximum number of guests is 18.**

Based on the beautiful Kapiti Coast with our guests joining us from all corners of New Zealand, we believe you will be pleasantly surprised by just how much we include in our tour price.

You can be rest assured that your Tour Host will always be one of our friendly well-experienced YOURTours Team Members providing a relaxed and worry-free holiday from start to finish.

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