



## Itinerary

### 16 Day Ultimate Philippines Explorer

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE: This is the default version of the tour itinerary. Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this version. If you have booked extras, Please contact [info@myholiday2.com.au](mailto:info@myholiday2.com.au) for a personalised version of your itinerary\***

#### DAY 1: Depart Australia ~ Arrive Cebu, Philippines [Tuesdays]

This morning you will depart Australia from either Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane for your flight to the Philippines! Transiting through Manila, you will arrive in Cebu in the evening. Upon arrival at the airport you will be met by a tour representative and transferred to your hotel for the night

MEALS: None

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 star Hotel, Cebu

#### DAY 2: Cebu City Tour

Today you will explore and discover the roots of the country. This full day private guided sightseeing tour can include several highlights like the Mactan Shrine, Carbon Market, Fort San Pedro, Magellan's Cross, Basilica Minore del Santo Niño and The Taoist Temple which are all historic destinations of significance. But we are more than happy to customize this day-tour for you, depending on your interests (and amount of traffic) as this is your individualized private tour. A visit to the "Lechon Capital" of the Philippines will not be complete without trying the famous Lechon Cebu, a whole roasted suckling pig with crispy skin. At dinner, you may want to try this mouthwatering dish in one of the best Lechon places in the city. The "puso" or sometimes called "hanging rice" is said to be the best partner to this dish.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 star hotel, Cebu

#### DAY 3: Cebu ~ Bohol

You will travel via fastcraft ferry and upon arrival in Tagbilaran will be transferred to your resort in Loboc, Bohol. Your resort boasts of having a peaceful and calming ambience. Your afternoon is free. Your accommodation is surrounded by a five hectare nature track, ideal for trekking and bird watching. Or you can engage in optional activities, including kayaking and stand up paddleboarding, explore the nearby Panglao Island - a long stretch of powdery white sand, pristine waters awaits you to enjoy.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 star hotel, Bohol

#### DAY 4: Bohol Sightseeing Tour ~ Chocolate Hills

Today we will take you on a tour of the region's most beloved and famous sights. This sightseeing tour of Bohol has developed over the years into a feature-packed day. Highlights include a view of the world famous Chocolate Hills, a boat ride on the Loboc River with lunch and cultural musical entertainment with the locals, a visit to the Butterfly Conservation Center, the Corella Tarsier Sanctuary, and much more. This tour is privately customised for you and organised by MyHoliday2. Pace, time and choices of sights can be flexible and tailored to your liking, only dependant on time and weather.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 star hotel, Bohol

### DAY 5: Bohol Free Day

Today is free for leisure. Your optional tour is an excursion to Pamilacan Island Dolphin Watching & Snorkelling.

**OPTIONAL TOUR:** This requires an early start to the day as you will be brought from your resort to and around the island by "bangka", the native style pump-boat, in search of wild dolphins. With a little bit of luck you might find them feeding and frolicking in their natural home and playground, the waters of Pamilacan. You will then go on a snorkeling tour of the marine sanctuary close by, accompanied by a local guide. A simple lunch will be prepared for you and after, you can enjoy a massage by the beach or explore the village. Life on this island is simple and will give you an authentic look into the lives of island fisher-folk.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 star hotel, Bohol

OPTIONAL: Pamilacan Island Dolphin Watching and Snorkeling \$300 per person

### DAY 6: Bohol ~ Siquijor Island

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the port for your ferry to Dumaguete. This is the first part of your journey to the "mystical" island of Siquijor. When you land in Dumaguete, a representative from the resort will meet and take you to the seaport for your ferry ride to the island. Your home on the island for the next few nights is a relaxed beach-front accommodation set in lush tropical gardens, and the perfect home-base for exploring the region. The resort also boasts a marine protected area just in front of the resort, perfect for snorkelling.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 star hotel, Siquijor

### DAY 7: Siquijor Free Day

Today you have the option to go on a private land tour of Siquijor.

**OPTIONAL TOUR:** On this full day excursion, you will be driven around the island to experience its many wonderful highlights, including the Old Balete Tree, a 4 century year old Banyan Tree. Besides providing water to the nearby village, locals believe that this tree is inhabited by spirits. Next is St. Isidore Church and Convent, built in 1884 in Lazi, it is the biggest and among the oldest convents in Asia and recognized as a National Historical Landmark. Cambugahay Waterfalls, a three level waterfall with refreshing water

perfect for swimming is another highlight. Be sure to wear your swimsuit as a dip in these falls is a must! You will also stop by the Shell Museum - an exhibit of many sea shells found in Siquijor, as well as St. Francis of Assisi Church and Bell Tower and the beautiful San Juan de Capilay Lake. One of the most interesting highlights is the visit to the Bolo-bolo Healer. A healing ritual involves using a clear glass of water, black stone and pipe. Using the pipe, the healer blows into the glass of water, moving it across the affected area of the patient's body. A highly enjoyable day and wonderful introduction to the magical island of Siquijor!

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 star hotel, Siquijor

OPTIONAL: : Coastal Scenic Island Tour \$200 per person

### DAY 8: Siquijor Free Day

There are no scheduled excursions for today but many options are available to you via the resort - snorkel the house reef or indulge in a massage or spa treatment. You can also organise a "Discover Scuba Dive" experience through the in-house dive center. You have the option to go for an Apo Island adventure.

**OPTIONAL TOUR:** This charming isle is a beautiful gemstone of the Visayas. Volcanic in origin and covering a mere 74 hectares, the waters surrounding it are a model of biodiversity as home to more than 650 species of fish and over 400 species of coral. Here you will spend time snorkelling the clear waters of the marine sanctuary to explore the undersea world and meet some of its inhabitants. The protected sea turtles are usually waiting in the shallows, and the variety of soft and hard corals is something to behold. After swimming the aquamarine waters, you will enjoy a buffet lunch on the picturesque beach and can explore some of the island on foot before the boat ride back to Coco Grove.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 star hotel, Siquijor

OPTIONAL: : Apo Island Tour

### DAY 9: Siquijor ~ Cebu

Time to say goodbye to Siquijor and its treasures as today you return to the Queen City of the South - Cebu. You will be transferred from the resort to Larena Pier, then take a ferry trip to Cebu where you will stay for one night before your flight home tomorrow.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 star hotel, Cebu

### DAY 10: Cebu ~ Puerto Princesa

This morning you will have breakfast before checking out and transferring to the airport for a short flight to the beautiful island of Palawan. Upon arrival you will be met and we will proceed for an underground river tour. The afternoon you will check into your hotel and the remainder of the day is at your own leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: Hue Hotel, Puerto Princesa

### **DAY 11: Puerto Princesa ~ El Nido**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before checking out and transferred overland to El Nido. We will have a packaged lunch along the way. Upon arrival we will check into the hotel and have the rest of the day at leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: Sea Cocoon, El Nido

### **DAY 12: El Nido Island Hopping Day Trip A**

Today we will take a full day island hopping trip. Known as 'Tour A' it is one of the best and most popular island hopping tours in El Nido. During the day, you will discover beautiful lagoons, beaches and snorkeling spots where you can swim and admire the corals, the colourful fauna and its hundred of fishes species. The duration of the tour is about 7 hours in total. We will bring you back to El Nido around 4pm o'clock. During the island hopping Tour A, you will stop in Big Lagoon, Secret Lagoon, Shimizu Island and Seven Commando Beach. At noon, we will stop on an island for lunch. There, our crew will prepare a delicious grill for you. You can choose between grilled fish, grilled chicken and grilled pork. With that, you will have rice and fruits for dessert. You can bring your own beverages (soft drink or alcohol) if you wish. In any case, we will supply you with plenty of drinking water.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: Sea Cocoon, El Nido

### **DAY 13: El Nido Free Day**

Today you will enjoy a full free day to relax on the stunning beaches or take another optional island hopping tour. The choice is entirely up to you.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Sea Cocoon, El Nido

### **DAY 14: El Nido ~ Manila**

This morning after breakfast and check out we will return to the airport for short flight back to Manila. You will enjoy one last night in this wonderful city along with dinner and Poblacion Tour.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: City Garden Grand, Manila

### **DAY 15: Manila ~ Departure [Tuesdays]**

Enjoy a free day in Manila before it is time to transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

MEALS: Breakfast, In-Flight

OVERNIGHT: In-Flight

### **DAY 16: Arrive Australia**

This morning you will arrive home to Australia. We hope you had a wonderful time in the Philippines and travel with MyHoliday2 again soon