

A scenic view of a bay with turquoise water and limestone cliffs in the Philippines. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, and the cliffs are dark grey with patches of green vegetation. The sky is blue with some white clouds. The text "SMILE TRAIN PHILIPPINES EXTENSION" is overlaid in a white box with a blue background.

**SMILE TRAIN
PHILIPPINES EXTENSION**

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The Philippines encompass over 7,000 pristine islands scattered across the Western Pacific. Many of these islands are known for their dramatic limestone rock formations, dense jungles, stunning aquamarine lagoons, and abundant coves. The warm Pacific waters are perfect for kayaking, paddle boarding, swimming, or snorkeling, and the thriving reefs give visitors a glimpse into the unfamiliar world beneath the waves.

Spectacular eco-lodges and welcoming communities make the Philippines an exciting and accessible destination which merit further exploration! From Manila, it's just a quick flight to the Province of Palawan where islands abound! Stay in an iconic overwater bungalow where the crystal clear ocean is just steps from your bed, or perhaps you'd prefer a relaxing beachfront villa with your toes in the sand. Whatever you prefer, the Philippines deserve touring beyond Manila!

All of our trips are custom designed to suit your preferences, and we try to build the best possible itinerary with your interests in mind.

Below is a sample itinerary for a 3 night extension, but we suggest tacking on a few extra nights at a nearby island for the ultimate Philippines experience.

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SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1 Manila - El Nido

After breakfast, your driver will collect you from Seda Hotel BGC and transfer you to the airport where you'll connect with your flight to El Nido Palawan (approximately 55 minutes).

Upon arrival, your driver will pick you up and transfer you to your hotel for lunch.

Spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing, exploring, and enjoying the resort's amenities.

DAY 2: El Nido - Island Hopping - Exploring Caves, Coves and Islands

Embark on a full-day excursion to explore the many hidden coves!

Island hop throughout the day visiting various sites, snorkeling in bays, and swimming in the crystal clear waters! Have a delicious lunch at a private beach club before returning to the water for kayaking or windsurfing.

Later, head back to your resort to relax or choose from activities such as stand-up paddleboarding, snorkeling, kayaking, or a relaxing spa treatment.

DAY 3 El Nido - Small and Big Coves

Today you will explore a number of lagoons renown for the immense beauty and spectacular marine life. After thoroughly exploring the Abdeens and Secret Lagoons, stop for a picnic lunch at Entalulula private beach. From this private beach, you can snorkel, kayak, or rock climb some limestone walls (options are available for beginners and advanced climbers.)

Afterward, head back to your resort to partake in more activities or to simple relax.

In the evening, take a sunset cruise to admire the natural beauty and incredible views.



DAY 4 **Depart El Nido back to Manila OR Onward to Coron Island**

After lunch at your hotel, transfer to a flight to Manila, where you'll connect with your flight home.

For snorkeling and diving enthusiasts, we recommend spending 2-3 nights in Coron:

After lunch, travel to nearby Coron Island where you'll find fascinating marine ecosystems.

From Coron you can explore five islands of Busuanga, some with massive karst cliffs, white sand beaches, and blue-green water. Snorkel around Dibutonay Island exploring the corals and tropical fish before visiting a few neighboring islands such as Pamalican or North Cay Island.

We can plan a custom-designed experience, based on your dates and interests.