

# THE PHILIPPINES



El Nido Palawan

*Thousands of islands scattered around the azure waters of the Philippine Sea and the South China Sea, eternally warmed by the tropical sun, make up the Philippines. Add to this happy-go-lucky people, incredible natural wonders and a lifestyle of festivals and music and you have an intriguing recipe for enjoyment and relaxation.*

## WHY VISIT THE PHILIPPINES?

It's a beautiful mass of contradictions and breathtaking islands which are a beach lover's delight. It's also a snorkelling and scuba paradise home to over 1,200 marine species.

Boracay has frequently been voted amongst the world's finest beaches and you'll have no reason to dispute this once you glimpse the dazzling white sands and turquoise waters. It's one of the most developed in terms of tourism with a surplus of hotels, bars, restaurants and adventure sports.

Cebu is the country's oldest city whose best assets are its verdant tropical scenery, markets, small villages and sparkling white coral sandy beaches, bordered by crystal clear waters.

East of Cebu is Bohol, which along with its beaches has a multitude of ecotourism highlights, including the Chocolate Hills, dubbed one of the "Seven Wonders of Nature". Southwest of Bohol is Panglao Island, celebrated for its stunning coral reefs, dive spots and numerous islets. Alona Beach is Bohol's top beach destination, a tropical bliss surrounded in palm trees that veer towards the inviting waters. Bohol is where you'll also find the Tarsier Sanctuary where you can see these curious bug-eyed creatures, which are one of the world's smallest primates.

Palawan province's 1,780 islands nestle within a UNESCO protected marine ecosystem and are some of the most beautiful places on earth. Coron, El Nido and Cauayan welcome you with pristine beaches, incredible diving destinations and glorious landscapes. Explore the coral gardens and you may even see green turtles or gentle sea cows (dugongs).

Away from the beaches, bold and brassy Manila is a city of contrasts while in the region of Northern Luzon there are remote villages and the indigenous tribes of Baguio as well as the 2,000 year old rice terraces of spectacular Banaue in Ifugao province.



Chocolate hills in Bohol island



**It's the perfect destination for...**

Beach lovers of all ages. While perhaps not as culturally rich as neighbouring south east Asian countries, the enticing beaches in the Philippines are second to none.

**Classic Philippines**

A classic 'fly and flop' holiday in the Philippines of between 10 and 14 nights is hard to beat. Opt for Boracay and you'll discover seemingly endless stretches of white beaches and warm tropical waters, excellent nightlife, shopping, luxury resorts and picture-perfect sunsets. Cebu is similarly blessed with fine beaches and fantastic diving opportunities, while within Cebu City there are also historic sights to explore. Lesser known Bohol, has some of the country's best beaches along with natural splendours. Palawan, another island group offers some of the best wreck diving in the world as well as pristine beaches, remote jungles and rugged scenery.

**Explore more...**

Our Glimpses of The Philippines tour (page 144) includes a stay in the capital Manila with time to explore the key sights or shop, then continues to Banaue's world-renowned rice terraces. A visit to the mountain city of Baguio follows for an insight into the region's diverse indigenous tribes before the tour concludes with a week at the beach.

**The Philippines and beyond**

Fly via Manila, or other Asian cities, either before or after your time relaxing on a captivating beach. Excellent flight links between Cebu and Singapore or Hong Kong, also make a perfect enhancement to a Philippines holiday.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**The prices**

Our holidays include flights with scheduled airlines, accommodation, meals as detailed, onward domestic flights or boat journeys (where necessary) and private transfers (unless otherwise indicated). Room upgrades and meal supplements are per person per night. All prices shown are based on the best value travel dates in low season.

**Flight time**

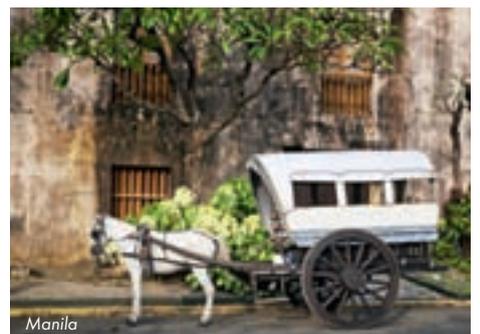
Flights to Manila take around 14¾ hours non-stop from the UK. Cebu is 1¼ hours from Manila by air, Boracay is an hour by air from Manila or 45 minutes from Cebu; Bohol is a 1¼ hour flight from Manila; and Palawan about 1 hour 20 minutes from Manila.

**Best time to go**

The Philippines has many different micro-climates, but generally two main seasons: dry season from November to May and wet season from June to October.

**Flight upgrades**

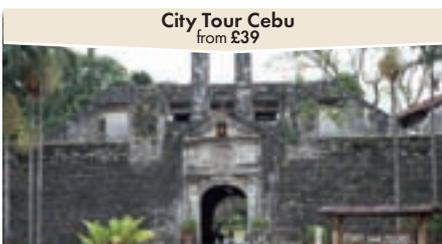
Why not travel in style and upgrade to a higher class cabin, where you will benefit from greater comfort and space. Philippines upgrade prices are: Premium economy from £399; business class from £999 or first class from £2775 one way.



Manila

**ENHANCE YOUR STAY**

Excursions perfectly enhance your holiday and offer excellent value. Prices are per person



**City Tour Cebu**  
from £39

A private half day tour which begins with a visit to the majestic Taoist Temple, before passing Cebu's Provincial Capital and Carbon Market. Stop by the Basilica Minore de San Agustin, Fort San Pedro and Casa Gorordo or the Yap San Diego Ancestral House.



**Oslob Whale Shark Watching**  
from £135

On this full day tour from Cebu travel to the town of Oslob to meet the gentle giants of the sea. Locally known as "tuki" or "butanding", the whale shark is the largest fish in the world. Don't miss the opportunity to watch, snorkel or dive with these fascinating creatures.

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## THE PHILIPPINES TOUR



Fort Santiago, Cebu

13 night part-escorted tour from  
**£2299**pp



Manila 1 night ~ Banaue 2 nights ~ Sagada 1 night  
Baguio 1 night ~ Manila 1 night ~ Boracay 7 nights

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

**Departures:** Every Sunday..

**Accommodation:** 3★ accommodation in all destinations except Boracay which is 4★

**Meals:** Breakfast. Lunch and dinner also included on days 3-6.

**Tour price:** The price shown is based on the best value travel dates in low season and include international flights, domestic flights where stated, transfers between airports and hotels, non air-conditioned jeepney tour on day 4, sightseeing as outlined and services of an English speaking guide.

**Glimpses of The Philippines tour is also available as a private tour with daily departures and either tour is possible with a beach stay at Cebu, Bohol or Palawan instead of Boracay. Please ask for details and prices.**

## GLIMPSES OF THE PHILIPPINES

PART-ESCORTED COACH TOUR

vibrant city atmosphere • intriguing culture to discover • picture-perfect beaches

**Day 1:** Fly to Manila.

**Day 2 Manila:** Arrive in the capital of The Philippines. After settling into your hotel, enjoy time at leisure to explore. Known as the "Pearl of the Orient" Manila's outer shell, made up of busy traffic, bustling streets and looming skyscrapers, can be peeled open to reveal a vibrant city enriched by its colonial past. Visit Intramuros, Manila's oldest district, where you can walk amidst the Romanesque arches of Manila Cathedral or explore the popular Fort Santiago. Whilst Manila doesn't quite rival places like Bangkok when it comes to shopping, Bonifacio High Street boasts open-air high-end shopping, restaurants, boutique bars and a homely cafe culture.

**Day 3 Manila/Banaue:** Early morning departure from Manila travelling via a flower market to La Loma. Continue north past the central plains of Luzon and see water buffalo immersed in mud pools along the fields. Travel through Nueva Ecija and Nueva Vizcaya, before zigzagging across the Caraballo Range into Ifugao land, arriving late in the afternoon.

**Day 4 Banaue:** Travel by a local jeepney to explore the breathtaking scenery and fascinating culture of Banaue. Your first glimpse of the UNESCO World Heritage listed rice terraces, which are believed to be over 2,000 years old, is at Barangay Viewpoint. A short hike takes you down Bangaan Rice Terraces to mingle with the villagers.

**Day 5 Banaue/Sagada:** Drive inland towards Bay-yo, a Bontoc village, to visit the Bontoc Museum for an insight into the lifestyle of the Igorots and the fiercest headhunters of all the tribes. Travel to the picturesque town of Sagada, best known for its unique burial practices whereby hanging coffins are nailed to the sides of cliff faces high above the ground. Stop at the ancient burial caves continuing to Sagada.

**Day 6 Sagada/Baguio:** Travel along the scenic Halsema mountain highway with its captivating views of the terraces and tiny villages in the valleys below. Proceed past La Trinidad to Baguio, more than 5,000 feet up in the Cordillera Mountains. Enjoy a city tour seeing some of its many parks and gardens, Baguio Cathedral and the Public Market.

**Day 7 Baguio/Manila:** Return to Manila via the Kennon Road, built by the Americans in 1903. Stop at the town of Bacolor before arriving in Manila early evening.

**Day 8 Manila/Boracay:** If time allows before your flight, perhaps explore Binondo district, the oldest Chinatown in the world. Transfer to the airport for the flight to Caticlan and then travel by road and sea to the idyllic island of Boracay.

**Days 9-14 Boracay:** At leisure. The alluring array of beaches include dreamy White Beach, frequently voted as one of the best beaches in the world, Punta Bunga and Banyugan Beach, Tambisaan Beach and Bulabog Beach. Boracay is not only beautiful above water, but below the waves too! Batangas or Palawan beaches are the best places for snorkelling, and for divers, there are some incredible coral reefs in the deeper parts of the Boracay ocean. After dark there are restaurants for all occasions along with a collection of boutique bars, relaxed beer shacks and buzzing nightclubs.

**Day 15 Boracay/Manila:** All too soon it's time to bid farewell to the picturesque beaches of Boracay with a transfer to Caticlan airport and flight to Manila, where your tour concludes.



Banaue rice terraces



Artist's impression

7 nts with flights from **£1549** pp  
extra night from **£73** pp

## HENANN PALM BEACH RESORT

4★PLUS Boracay

This newly opened beachfront resort boasts a fantastic location within close proximity to shops, restaurants and bars on the island. Soak up the modern beach club vibe as you relax either beside the pool or head to the soft white sands and gaze out over the sea. Inviting guest rooms feature a contemporary decor, are well-appointed and include a balcony or veranda where you can also unwind whilst enjoying the views.

**Features:** 250 rooms • restaurant • 2 bars • 3 swimming pools (Deluxe Wing, Premier Wing and roof deck) • free WiFi

**Accommodation:** In deluxe rooms with bath/shower, mini bar, safe and balcony with views of the pool.

**Room upgrades:** Premier rooms from £4, which are nearer the beach • grand beach view rooms from £9 • premier pool access rooms from £17.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Transfers:** Approximately 45 minutes combined land and sea transfer from Caticlan airport or 2½ hours combined land and sea transfer from Kalibo airport.

**Note:** Hotel closed until Nov 18.

### Premier Plus

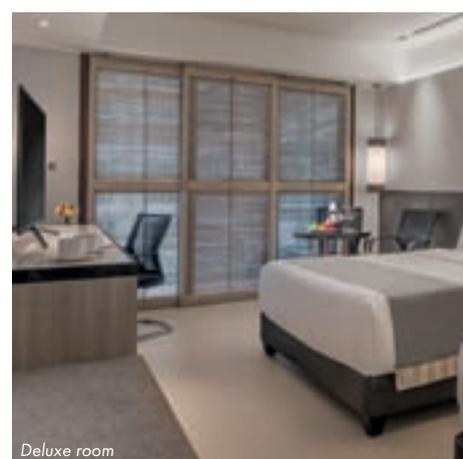
#### FREE nights

**7 for 6:** 01 Nov-24 Dec 18, 03 Jan-03 Feb & 10 Feb-31 Mar 19, compulsory breakfast payable.

**FREE upgrade to premier room:** Nov 18-Mar 19. Subject to availability.



Artist's impression



Deluxe room



7 nts with flights from **£1799** pp  
extra night from **£126** pp

## SHANGRI-LA'S BORACAY RESORT & SPA

5★LUXURY Boracay

This secluded resort is located amid abundant gardens on a hillside overlooking the ocean at the northern tip of Boracay. The resort's accommodation is thoughtfully designed with Shangri-La's hallmark elegance and, whether you choose to relax and simply soak up the peace and solitude or make the most of the numerous activities, you'll discover this is an escape into paradise

**Features:** 219 rooms and villas • 4 restaurants • 2 bars • 2 swimming pools • health club • CHI, The Spa • tennis • watersports • dive centre • eco centre • Adventure Zone indoor playground • entertainment centre • private jetty port with arrival and departure lounge at Caticlan • jogging and hiking nature trail • free WiFi

**Accommodation:** In deluxe rooms with bath and separate shower, mini bar, safe, DVD, iPod dock and veranda.

**Room upgrades:** Deluxe sea view rooms from £15 • sea view suites with an outdoor whirlpool from £93 • two-storey tree house villas from £149, with a jacuzzi on the balcony • loft garden villas from £179, with a private pool.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Transfers:** 15 minutes combined land and sea transfer from Caticlan airport or 2 hours combined land and sea transfer from Kalibo airport.

### Premier Plus

#### FREE nights

**6 for 5:** 01 Nov-25 Dec 18, 05 Jan-03 Feb & 11 Feb-25 Dec 19, compulsory breakfast payable.

**FREE UK airport lounge:** For all bookings made at this property - see page 7 for details.



Deluxe room



7 nts with flights from **£1079** pp  
extra night from **£58** pp



## MARIBAGO BLUEWATER BEACH RESORT

4★ Cebu

Whether you're looking to do nothing at all or enjoy a resort with plenty of activities, this great value rustic-style hotel won't disappoint. The lovely lagoon-style pools or the white sands of the nearby private island, reached by swimming, paddle-boating or wading through the shallow water at low tide, simply invite relaxation.

**Features:** 182 rooms • 2 restaurants • 2 bars • cafe  
• 3 swimming pools • watersports • marine wildlife lagoons  
• private island • beach volleyball • children's playground and playroom • Dolpo Children's Club (4-12 years) • spa

**Accommodation:** In deluxe rooms with bath/shower, mini bar and balcony.

**Room upgrades:** Amuma spa suites from £8

• premier deluxe rooms, which offer a separate bath and shower from £26.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Private transfers:** 25 minutes from Cebu airport.

### Premier Plus

**FREE nights**

**7 for 6:** On selected dates Aug-Oct 18.

**FREE upgrade to Amuma spa suite:** On selected dates during Oct 18 if you book at least 90 days before arrival.

**FREE foot or back massage, 15% food & beverage discount & 15% spa discount:** On selected dates between Aug-Oct 18 if you stay at least 7 nights.



Deluxe room



7 nts with flights from **£1439** pp  
extra night from **£116** pp



## SHANGRI-LA'S MACTAN RESORT & SPA

5★ Cebu

This wonderful retreat sits within lush gardens and is bordered by a pristine beach. Whether you seek family fun, rejuvenation or pure relaxation you'll discover an enticing array of leisure activities for all ages, a superb spa and excellent restaurants. Rooms and suites are available in the refurbished Main Wing, which has an 'ocean to shore' theme, or the Ocean Wing, designed for the sophisticated traveller offering privacy and exclusivity.

**Features:** 530 rooms • 4 restaurants • 4 bars • 2 swimming pools • children's pool • health club • watersports • mini golf • tennis • spa • Adventure Zone indoor playground (4 years and over) • Toddler Zone play area (3 years and below) • E-Zone entertainment hub • marine sanctuary • free WiFi

**Accommodation:** In Main Wing deluxe rooms with bath/shower, mini bar, safe and balcony.

**Room upgrades:** Main Wing deluxe sea view rooms from £14

• luxury premier Ocean Wing rooms from £23

• Ocean Wing ocean club rooms from £54 including access to Ocean Club Lounge for breakfast, all day tea/coffee/soft drinks and evening cocktails plus unlimited non-motorised watersports.

**Meals:** Breakfast. Half board from £30.

**Private transfers:** 20 minutes from Cebu airport.

### Premier Plus

**FREE nights in deluxe & premier rooms**

**4 for 3:** Aug 18-Dec 19.

**FREE room upgrade:** 01-30 Sep 18, 10 Jun-10 Aug & 17 Aug-30 Sep 19 if you book at least 60 days before arrival. Upgrade is to next room category (excluding club rooms).



Main Wing deluxe room



7 nts with flights from **£1299**pp  
extra night from **£58**pp



Deluxe rooms

## BOHOL BEACH CLUB

4★ Panglao Island, Bohol

Residing alongside a large private beach with powdery white sand and pristine waters, the Bohol Beach Club offers great value. The resort is well laid out so that guests enjoy the feel of freedom, privacy and solitude. The restaurant features a variety of Filipino and international cuisine and there's a variety of fun water activities both above and below the waves. In addition, comfortable rooms or suites all offer easy access to the beach, pool and resort.

**Features:** 88 rooms • 2 restaurants • bar • swimming pool  
• fitness room • watersports • PADI dive centre

**Accommodation:** In deluxe rooms with bath/shower, mini bar, safe and terrace.

**Room upgrades:** Larger beach view suites from £63 which offer a bath and separate shower and provide unique views of the beach and Bohol Sea.

**Meals:** Room only.

**Private transfers:** 40 minutes from Tagbilaran airport.

**Note:** Due to flight connections it is necessary to overnight in Manila before and after your stay on Bohol. Therefore, the 7 night price shown includes two nights at the Jen Manila.

### Premier Plus

**Early booking FREE nights**  
10 for 9: Jun-Oct 19.

**One FREE dinner:** Aug 18-Oct 19 if you stay at least 7 nights.



Beach view suite



7 nts with flights from **£1349**pp  
extra night from **£66**pp



## HENANN ALONA BEACH RESORT

4★ PLUS Panglao Island, Bohol

This beautifully designed resort is the biggest in Panglao Island, Bohol and is surrounded by lush scenery whilst fronted by the powdery white sand crystal clear waters of Alona Beach. There's a relaxing vibe throughout the resort, three wonderful pools, each with its own bar, while Kai Spa will suit those in search of pampering and relaxation. Beautifully designed rooms are airy with neutral tones and each have a balcony

**Features:** 412 rooms & villas • 3 restaurants • 3 bars  
• 3 swimming pools • fitness centre • Kai Spa • free WiFi

**Accommodation:** In deluxe rooms with shower, fridge, safe and balcony.

**Room upgrades:** Larger premier rooms from £9, which offer a bath/shower • premier rooms with direct pool access from £27, which offer sun loungers on the veranda.

**Meals:** Room only.

**Private transfers:** 40 minutes from Tagbilaran airport.

**Note:** Due to flight connections it is necessary to overnight in Manila before and after your stay on Bohol. Therefore, the 7 night price shown includes two nights at the Jen Manila.

### Premier Plus

**FREE room upgrade:** On selected dates Aug 18-Oct 19. Upgrade is from deluxe to premier room, subject to availability.

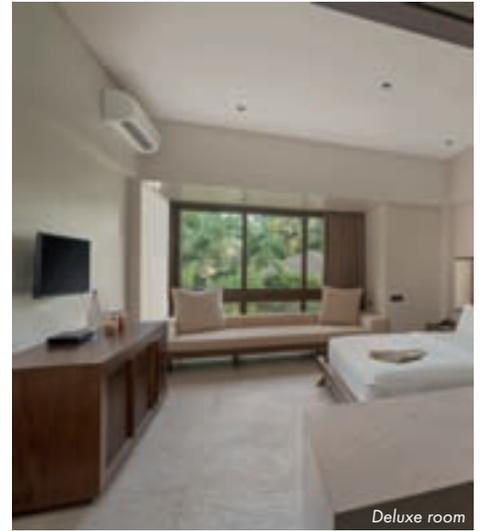


Premier room

## BOHOL & PALAWAN



7 nts with flights from **£1345**pp  
extra night from **£64**pp



Deluxe room

### AMORITA RESORT

5★ LUXURY Panglao Island, Bohol

Sitting atop a limestone cliff on the southern edge of Panglao Island, this elevated retreat offers a luxury escape amidst Bohol's natural treasures of shimmering blue waters, pristine white sand and lush tracts of greenery. Stroll or bike around the beautiful gardens, soak up the stunning views whilst taking a dip in the pool or perhaps snorkel at the marine sanctuary just off the beach cove. Spacious accommodation provides a welcome haven where you can retreat and relax, with a choice of rooms or, for complete indulgence, villas with a plunge pool.

**Features:** 98 rooms • restaurant • 3 bars • 2 infinity swimming pools • marine sanctuary • spa • gym • bicycles • PADI dive centre • non-motorised watersports • children's playground • children's activities • free WiFi

**Accommodation:** In ground floor deluxe rooms with shower, mini bar, safe and garden views. Some rooms have a patio.

**Room upgrades:** Junior suites from £8 • one bedroom suites from £28 with a living room, bath and shower • garden villas from £97.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Private transfers:** 40 minutes from Tagbilaran Airport

**Note:** The resort is not recommended for the less mobile as the beach is accessed via steps down the cliff. Due to flight connections it is necessary to overnight in Manila before and after your stay on Bohol. Therefore, the 7 night price shown includes two nights at the Jen Manila.

#### Premier Plus

**FREE nights in junior suites**

**8 for 7:** Nov 18-Oct 19

**FREE 60 minute Rajah massage for two:** Nov 18-Oct 19 if you stay at least 5 nights



7 nts with flights from **£1389**pp  
extra night from **£84**pp



### CLUB PARADISE

4★ Coron, Palawan

This exclusive island resort is dotted along a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve amid Coron's magnificent landscapes and seascapes, natural tourist attractions and exhilarating dive sites. The hotel offers plenty of lounging options and a myriad of activities such as kayaking, hiking or island hopping for a pulsating getaway, along with rustic and charming accommodations.

**Features:** 54 rooms • restaurant • 3 bars • swimming pool • spa • house snorkelling reefs • dive centre • watersports • hiking trail • games room • children's fun room

**Accommodation:** In garden view rooms with shower, mini bar, safe and terrace.

**Room upgrades:** Sunrise villas from £7 • sunset suites from £14.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Transfers:** 1 hour from Busuanga airport which is a combined 20 minute van ride followed by a 40 minute boat ride.

**Note:** Due to flight connections it is necessary to overnight in Manila before your stay on Palawan. Therefore, the 7 night price shown includes one night at the Jen Manila. Departure tax of 100 Pesos (pp) is payable locally (cash).

#### Premier Plus

**FREE nights**

**6 for 5:** On selected dates between Aug- Oct 18.

**One FREE dinner for two:** Nov 18-Oct 19 if you book at least 6 months before arrival and stay 4 nights.



Sunset suite



7 nts with flights from **£2189**pp  
extra night from **£199**pp

## EL NIDO RESORT

3★PLUS Miniloc Island, Palawan

Reminiscent of a coastal village, El Nido is tucked into a beautiful cove with an incredible backdrop of sheer limestone cliffs. Kayak around the island and discover secluded stretches of sand or swim and snorkel with a variety of marine life at the enchanting Big and Small Lagoons. The variety of thatched accommodation includes some on stilts while others sit surrounded by tropical plants or on the cliffside with panoramic views.

**Features:** 50 rooms • restaurant • bar • gym • massage hut • marine sports centre where activities include basketball, table tennis and billiards • PADI dive centre • children's activity centre

**Accommodation:** In thatched garden cottages with shower, mini bar, safe and veranda.

**Room upgrades:** Water cottages from £84, which are built on stilts beside the dramatic cliffs • beachside cottages from £49 • deluxe sea view rooms from £99.

**Meals:** Full board.

**Transfers:** 10 minutes to the pier and then 45 minutes by boat from El Nido airport.

**Note:** Due to flight connections it is necessary to overnight in Manila before your stay on Miniloc Island. Therefore, the 7 night price shown includes one night at the Jen Manila. Hotel is closed for refurbishment until 23 Dec 18.

### Premier Plus

**FREE nights**

**6 for 5:** On selected dates between Aug-Oct 18.



Deluxe sea view room



Garden cottages



7 nts with flights from **£2099**pp  
extra night from **£189**pp

## CAUAYAN RESORT

5★ El Nido, Palawan

This luxury resort embodies the pristine beauty of its captivating natural surroundings and provides a wonderful haven of comfort and tranquility. Each elegant villa is an intricately designed hideaway with spectacular views of the beach, lagoon or lush island. Why not hop in a kayak and paddle your way to the mangrove forest and limestone cliffs across the sea, walk your way to the highest peak view of the island or, rejuvenate mind, body and soul at the spa, before indulging in the first class cuisine at the resort restaurant.

**Features:** 24 villas • restaurant • bar • infinity swimming pool • fitness centre • spa • kayaks • trekking • dive centre • island hopping

**Accommodation:** In beach view villas (twin beds) with shower, mini bar, safe and terrace with lounge bed and outdoor shower.

**Room upgrades:** Lagoon villas from £28, which have a queen bed and views of the lagoon, waterfalls and mountain • water villas from £63, which are raised on stilts above the sea • beachfront villas from £99

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Transfers:** 20 minutes by boat from El Nido airport.

**Note:** Due to flight connections it is necessary to overnight in Manila before your stay on El Nido Island. Therefore, the 7 night price shown includes one night at the Jen Manila.



Beachfront villas



Water villa