

GEO ITINERARY

Philippines 6/5/2026

Day 1: Manila Arrive in Manila at any time. Meet your group for a welcome meeting around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.

Arrive at any time. There are no planned activities until the Welcome Meeting in the evening. The nearest airport is **Manila Ninoy Aquino International Airport (MNL)**. Consider arriving 1-2 days early to explore the city, adjust to the time zone, and buffer against flight delays. We can request extra hotel nights for you before the program begins. **Hotel Check-in and Welcome Meeting** Hotel check-in is normally between 2-3 p.m. Check with reception for the exact time and location of the group welcome meeting, typically between 6-7 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you're running late, send a message in the group WhatsApp or call the emergency number on your trip voucher so that your tour leader can let you know where and when to meet the group. After the meeting, you might choose to get dinner at a nearby restaurant with your traveling companions and your tour leader to further get to know one another.

Joining Instructions

Pre-Booked Arrival Transfer: If you purchased a transfer with us, look for a G Adventures representative with a sign displaying your name at the designated meeting point:

Terminal 1 - Bay 5-6

Terminal 2 - Bay 8-9

Terminal 3 - Bay 9

If you are not met or cannot make contact, call the emergency number on your trip voucher or take a taxi to the hotel (save your receipt).

Taxi: (₱200-400 PHP / ~\$4-8 USD | ~20-40min depending on traffic) Taxis are available at designated stands outside each terminal. There are three types: White Regular Metered Taxis (most affordable), Yellow Metered Taxis (airport-accredited), and Coupon Taxis (fixed rates based on distance) *Note: You'll need to pay toll fees in cash if your taxi uses expressways.*

Grab/Ride-Hailing App: (~₱250-500 PHP / ~\$5-10 USD | ~20-40min) Book through Grab or JoyRide apps. Convenient for groups or travelers with luggage. Download the app before arrival or purchase a local SIM/pocket Wi-Fi at the airport.

Accommodation: Bayleaf Hotel (or similar) * *To confirm the hotel that your group will be using, please reach out to us or check your service voucher.*

Day 2: Manila Explore Manila's highlights with a morning walking tour of historic Intramuros featuring Fort Santiago, Manila Cathedral, and Casa Manila. Afternoon Jeepney ride through Binondo Chinatown to sample Filipino-Chinese fusion street food.

Spend the day exploring Manila's complex past. Start with a guided walk through Intramuros, the walled city built by the Spanish in the late 1500s. Once the center of Spanish rule in Asia, Intramuros endured centuries of conflict before being nearly leveled during the Battle of Manila in 1945—one of the bloodiest urban battles of WWII. Today, its ruins and restored buildings offer a stark reminder of the city's resilience.

In the afternoon, hop into a colorful Jeepney and head to Binondo, Manila's Chinatown for a walking food tour, tasting street snacks that blend Chinese and Filipino flavors shaped by migration and trade.

Accommodation: Bayleaf Hotel **Meals included:** Breakfast | Dinner

Day 3: Manila Visit Mount Purro Nature Reserve to experience Dumagat Indigenous culture through hiking, cooking traditional bamboo-prepared

sinigang, sharing meals and stories, before returning to Manila.

We'll leave the bustling city behind and head to the jungle of Mount Purro Nature Reserve to spend a day with the Dumagat Indigenous community, learning more about local food and culture. These individuals have been instrumental in reforestation efforts in the area. An adventure filled day, you'll do some light hiking to a waterfall, join in an Indigenous cooking demonstration, build the fire for cooking, and make sinigang, a traditional pork dish cooked in bamboo. Then dig into the meal while listening to the stories of the locals. In the afternoon, return to Manila. **Approximate travel time:** 2.5 hrs by private vehicle

Accommodation: Bayleaf Hotel (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast | Lunch

Day 4: Manila/Puerto Princesa Morning departure from Manila to Puerto Princesa. Free afternoon with optional town tour. Evening mangrove excursion to see fireflies illuminating night sky.

Fly south to Puerto Princesa, a coastal city on the island of Palawan. Spend the afternoon at your own pace — you might choose to explore local spots like Baker's Hill or Plaza Cuartel.

In the evening, head into the mangrove forest for a firefly watching tour, where thousands of glowing insects light up the trees under the night sky.

Approximate travel time: 1.5 hrs by plane **Accommodation:** Holiday Suite, Puerto Princesa (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 5: Puerto Princesa/Port Barton 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.

In the morning, visit the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature. Take a boat ride through the underground river, exploring its 8.2-kilometer cave system, towering limestone formations, and diverse wildlife, including bats, swallows, and unique flora.

In the afternoon, drive north to Port Barton, a small, peaceful town along Palawan's coast. Known for its crystal-clear waters and quiet beaches, Port Barton is perfect for relaxing or visiting nearby German Island or White Beach. You'll have the chance to unwind and enjoy the atmosphere before continuing your adventure.

Approximate travel time: 4 hrs by private vehicle
Accommodation: Holiday Suite, Port Barton (or similar)
Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 6: Port Barton Morning boat trip for island hopping with sunbathing, snorkeling for turtles, onboard lunch, and free evening in Port Barton.

In the morning, board a boat for an island-hopping adventure around the stunning coastline of Port Barton. Spend the day exploring unspoiled beaches, snorkeling in crystal-clear waters, and keeping an eye out for sea turtles. During your adventure, you'll enjoy a lunch on one of these magical islands.

In the evening, head back to Port Barton and unwind at one of the local beach bars. Enjoy the relaxed vibe, sip on a cold drink, and take in the sounds of live music from local bands. The small-town atmosphere comes alive at night, with the soothing rhythm of acoustic guitars and traditional Filipino tunes filling the air. Whether you're enjoying the beach or the lively night scene, it's the perfect way to end your day.

Accommodation: Holiday Suite, Port Barton (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast | Lunch

Day 7: Port Barton/El Nido Travel from Port Barton to El Nido. Visit Sibaltan Heritage House, participate in cooking demonstration with local women, experience community traditions through songs and dances, and observe Cuyonon weaving.

Today, we're traveling by private vehicle from Port Barton to El Nido. Upon arrival, head to the village of Sibaltan for a visit to the Sibaltan Heritage House. You'll join local women for a hands-on cooking demonstration and tasting session, as you discover the secret to traditional cuisine.

After lunch, take part in a cultural experience with the community. Learn local songs and dances, and observe Cuyonon artisan weaving using natural materials like pandan and buri leaves. This experience supports sustainable tourism and helps preserve the cultural heritage of the region.

Approximate travel time: 3 hrs by private vehicle
Accommodation: Isla Amara Hotel, Lio Beach (*or similar*)
Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 8: El Nido Private boat tour for island hopping with swimming, snorkeling, and exploring beautiful spots like Secret Beach and Hidden Beach. Keep an eye out for sea turtles, eels, and rays in pristine blue waters around karst formations.

Spend the day cruising through the breathtaking seascapes of El Nido on a private island-hopping adventure. Set out across Bacuit Bay, known for its limestone karst cliffs, bright turquoise water, and hidden lagoons. Stop at spots like Secret Beach, tucked behind a narrow rock opening, and Hidden Beach, surrounded by towering cliffs. Swim and snorkel through coral reefs teeming with life—keep an eye out for sea turtles, clownfish, and even the occasional stingray gliding beneath the surface.

In between swims, relax on the deck or on the soft white sand of a secluded beach. A freshly prepared lunch will be served on board. Then soak in the scenery and listen to stories about El Nido's geography and history from the crew. After a full day of sun, saltwater, and exploring, head back to shore in the late afternoon and settle in for another peaceful night in Lio Beach.

Accommodation: Isla Amara Hotel, Lio Beach (*or similar*)
Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 9: El Nido On your last full day in El Nido and the Philippines, relax on a beach, visit Kuyawayaw Falls, or hike Mt. Taraw.

Spend your last full day in El Nido however you'd like. Relax on the beach, explore town, or head out on one final adventure. Hike up the jagged limestone cliffs of Taraw Peak for a dramatic panoramic view over Bacuit Bay—just be ready for a steep, hands-on climb. Or take a trip to Kuyawayaw Falls, a series of jungle waterfalls with fresh pools for swimming and cliff-jumping.

Whether you're chasing waterfalls or just soaking up the sun, today's yours to slow down and take it all in before heading home.

Accommodation: Isla Amara Hotel, Lio Beach (*or similar*)
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10: El Nido Depart El Nido at any time.

There are no planned activities today, so you may depart El Nido at any time. If you wish to extend your stay, consider booking post-tour accommodation with us. Please note that check-out time from the hotel is usually mid-morning, but luggage storage services are available at the reception desk. Want more adventure? Book two or more GEEO programs in the same school year and receive a discount! GEEO will give you 10% off of the lesser value program(s) (up to 3 programs per year). If you would like to extend your time abroad but don't see another GEEO program that interests you, let us know. We can work with you to find a trip from our tour operator's much larger catalog. Their tours are open to the general public and not designed specifically for educators, but we can still offer you and your travel companions a discounted educator price on any additional tours that you book. **Meals included:** Breakfast

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