

Itinerary to the Philippines

11th April

Depart Manchester Airport Terminal 2 11.40am for flight SQ0051 to Singapore with Singapore Airlines. (13 hours)

12th April

Arrive Singapore Changi Apt 07.40am. Depart on flight SQ910 at 9.30am from Terminal 2 for Manilla Manila Ninoy Aquino Intl Apt. Arrive 13.05. (3 hours 35) Taxi to Tropicana Suites, 1630 L M Guerrero Street, Malate 1004. Phone +63 2 525 5555. B&B 2 rooms. Pre-booked a van to pick us up from airport to hotel. Cost of rooms plus transfer Php 1,400, total PHP 7,200.00.00 net). Go to arrival area where banks are and stand in front of Banco de Oro (BDO). (tel 6325255555 or 639176269415)

If we're feeling up to it, get a taxi to take us to Intramuros the walled city including Fort Santiago, San Agustin Church, Casa Manila and Quiapo district old town, late afternoon in Rizal Park and walk along Roxas Boulevard to Manila Baywalk for sunset. Visit Chinatown for food.

13th April

Breakfast and head over to domestic airport terminal 4 for Air Swift flight T6-142 to El Nido 14.15. Arrive El Nido 15.35. £366 paid by credit card including 20kg baggage each. Get tricycle to Caalan Beach Resort. Booked and paid for two bungalows for 5 nights £674 B&B. After your plane lands at El Nido Airport, the airport will call for a tricycle for you. Once your tricycle is on the way, just ask them to take you to downtown El Nido!

Please have your driver drop you off at our reception desk, located at Peak Corner Gym in downtown El Nido. Peak Corner Gym is across the street from Periking Resort, and is very close to a popular pizza restaurant called Altrove. If you mention any of those names to your driver, they will know exactly where to go.

The tricycle ride takes about 15-20 minutes, and should cost 300 pesos. There's a sign in front of the Peak Corner Gym that has the name of our resort on it. If you run into any issues, feel free to call or text me anytime at 63 977 844 4032 - or 0977 844 4032 if you have a local phone.

Explore beach and walk into El Nido.



14th April

Early breakfast and join hotel's boat **Tour C: Hidden Beaches & Shrines** Tour C: Secret Beach, Hidden Beach, Matinloc Shrine, Tapiutan Island, and Helicopter Island. The rate is 1,400 PHP/person (paid for) + 200 PHP/person for an Eco-Tourism Development Fee (ETDF).



15th April

Relax by the pool and maybe venture into El Nido again or head to La Cabanas Beach for sunset and cocktails (there's a zipline there too).

16th April

It's Sophie's 21st birthday! Early breakfast and join hotel's boat tour to visit islands for snorkelling. Includes lunch. tour A to visit islands for snorkelling. Tour A visits Big Lagoon, Secret Lagoon, Shimizu Island, 7 Commando Beach, and one other stop. The rate is 1,200 PHP/person (paid for) + 200 PHP/person for an Eco-Tourism Development Fee (ETDF) * + 200 PHP/person to visit the premium Big Lagoon stop. This is the most popular tour, as the majestic limestone cliffs and deep turquoise waters of Big Lagoon are truly otherworldly. The best way to explore these lagoons is via kayak which are available for rent at each entrance for 300 pesos. Each stop on this tour is different and special in its own way. There is great snorkeling at Simizu where you eat lunch, Secret Lagoon is reached through a small hole but is also surrounded by a lovely beach with beautiful rock formations, and 7 Commando Beach is a great laid back place to swim and enjoy the beach at the end of the day. Out for birthday dinner.



17th April

After breakfast take tricycles up to north to explore area and spend some time on Nacpan Beach.



18th April

After breakfast we leave in private taxi/van to travel to Sabang, approximately 4-5 hours travel. Check in Atremaru Jungle Retreat, Purok Madahon, Bgy Buenavista, 5300 for 3 nights B&B £298 in a 2 bedroomed suite. Eat at the lodge. Paid. Purok Madahon +63 9158464895



19th April

Breakfast. Good Friday so let's stay local, go exploring or do one of the lodge's tours, beach, jungle or river tours or hire motorbikes to explore. Go and walk to the beach through the jungle in the afternoon. Eat at the lodge.



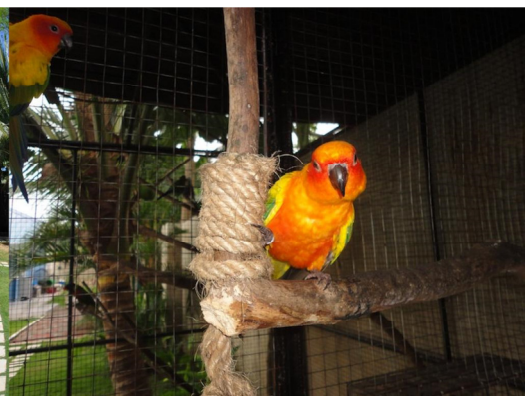
20th April

Breakfast. Either book the lodge's tour to the Puerto Princess Underground River, The longest navigable underground river in the world and a UNESCO world heritage site. Do the 1 hour monkey trail walk to the cave entrance and then it's a boat through the cave. Go early in the morning to avoid the trips from Puerto Princess. Back in the afternoon to relax by the pool or go to the beach. Eat at the lodge.



21st April

After breakfast leave early for the 1.45 mins taxi/van to Puerto Princess airport. It's Easter Sunday today. Fly at 10.50 to Cebu with Cebu Pacific flight 5J228 from new terminal building(ref 08BK8L)paid. Arrive Cebu airport terminal 1 at 12.10. Travel to Moalboal from the airport which takes about 3 hours. Check into Parrot Resort for 3 nights £373 B&B. Already paid Php 28,195.78. Basidiot, Moalboal 6032 +63 6324013660

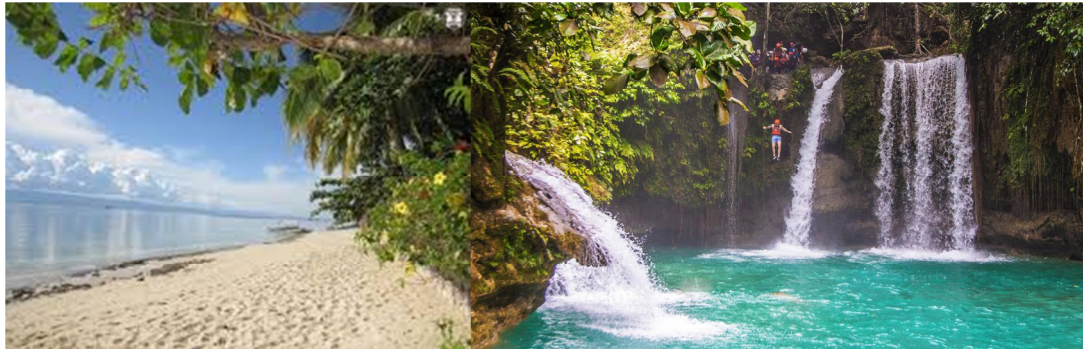


22nd April

After breakfast and after a full day's travelling yesterday, spend the day relaxing by the pool and playing with the parrots! Check out Chilli Bar and Lantaw Asian Restaurant.

23rd April

Day out exploring the area, there's the Kawasana Falls about 30 minutes away and the stunning White Beach 15 minutes away.



24th April

After breakfast take an early taxi/van to Oslob to swim with the whale sharks which takes place from early morning until midday. It could take 1-2 hours to get to Oslob.



Afterwards catch a yellow Ceres liner bus in the middle of downtown Oslob that says "Dumaguette." Or on highway heading south (ask the locals), takes 45 mins. The bus goes over on the ferry to Dumaguette. We need to catch the 2.30pm ferry crossing to Tagbilaran on Bohol. It takes two hours on the ferry. Taxi to Alona Beach when we reach Tagbilaran and check into Nora's Place for 5 nights. Cash payable there Php 40,868. Php 500-600 for taxi say between Olivia Homes and Bluewater Resort.



25th April

Day resting by the pool and exploring Alona Beach area.

26th April

Day out exploring the island of Bohol. Go to the Cambuyo rice terraces, the rice museum which is just 4km from the Chocolate Hills, which are hundreds of symmetrical green mountainous hills that take on a milk chocolate colour. If there's time you could also visit the Loboc Ecotourism Adventure Park for zip lining and aerial cars over area. On the way back visit the Tarsier Sanctuary.



27th April

Morning out at Panglao Island for dolphin and whale spotting. Back in the afternoon for lunch and resting by the pool. Maybe this evening we could do a night kayaking tour to see the fireflies? With Kayakasia Philippines.

28th April

Morning visit to Dimiao market and if we can find the waterfalls although says it is difficult to find

and slippery so might not be good for me! Either way head to Bamboo Hanging Bridges and for a Loboc Riverside Lunch Cruise. Back in the afternoon for rest by the pool.



29th April

Taxi to Tagbilaran airport for 13.05 Air Asia flight Z2 355 flight back to Manilla. £170.43 paid on card.
Arrive Manilla 14.30.

Transfer over to Manila Ninoy Aquino Intl Apt Terminal 3 by 16.30 to check in for SQ0921 flight at 18.30 to Singapore. (3 hours 50) Arrive Singapore at 22.20.

30th April

Depart Singapore Terminal 3 at 02.25 for flight SQ0052 to Manchester. (13 hours 45) Arrive home at 09.10.