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## Palawan Extensions

Palawan Province is an idyllic paradise of raw natural beauty with a reputation for having some of the most beautiful beaches in the world; it is home to numerous pristine beaches with an abundance of unspoiled coral reefs, mountain sites and stunning rock formations. The untouched environment has been protected by environmental groups to maintain its natural and exquisite beauty, making it one of the Philippines' main attractions.

Much of Palawan is hilly and mountainous with wide spreads of jungle and rainforests with natural caves. The coastline and offshore islands have an abundance of deserted beaches and hidden coves with clear coastal waters teeming with aquatic life and coral formations.

### El Nido Camping & Kayaking



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**Duration: 6 Days, 5 Nights**

These kayaking safaris are set in one of the most beautiful parts of Asia, where sheer karst rock formations drop down into clear, deep blue waters. Stunning white beaches and coves compete with mangroves, jungle and spectacular reefs and corals for attention.

The best way to discover these unexplored islands is in small group kayaking tours where guests spend their days kayaking, snorkelling, photographing and learning more about the environment. This is a fantastic opportunity to visit the area and experience the outstanding biodiversity including rare and unusual marine life, flora and fauna and of course the local geology.

## Itinerary

### Prices on request

El Nido is located at the northern end of Palawan Island, and is approximately 5 hours by road from Puerto Princesa. The following itinerary is based on flying into El Nido from Manila, but can be tailored to meet your preferences.

**Day 1:** Upon arrival at El Nido Airport your guide will meet you with transportation to the town of El Nido. You will then transfer to the campsite on Miniloc Island via banca. Late lunch is followed by an orientation paddle to Shimuzu Island, where you will have the opportunity to snorkel around the island's shallow reef flat.

Overnight camping on Miniloc Island.

**Day 2:** Miniloc Island offers so much to see that the entire day will be spent exploring the hidden lagoons and fantastic reefs around the island. The morning will be spent in Big and Small Lagoons where you will be able to kayak and snorkel inside the picture-perfect bays. In the afternoon paddle across to Tres Marias Islands and then continue to South Miniloc for an afternoon of snorkelling.

Return to camp for sunset.

**Day 3:** The day begins with a morning banca cruise to the western-most islands in Bacuit Bay, the Guntao Islands. There you will snorkel in Guntao Channel, a large shallow sand bed strewn with huge coral bommies. Each bommie houses hundreds of species of coral and equal numbers of fish. From Guntao the tour will head into the Tapiutan Strait for lunch, making a stop at an area called 'The Shrine' on Matinloc Island along the way. Shrouded in mystery, the shrine was built in the 1980's and has since been abandoned but is still well worth exploring for the atmosphere and fabulous views it offers.

After lunch, visit Secret Beach, which is a tiny cove surrounded on all sides by massive limestone formations and only accessible via a hole in the rocks. The final stop of the day is South Miniloc where you can 'drift snorkel' along shallow reef flats and vertical drop-offs before returning to a newly pitched campsite at Seven Commandos Beach. There is unlimited kayaking potential in front of Seven Commandos beach for those who have energy to spare.

**Day 4:** In the morning, transfer to Aberrawan River via banca for a mangrove kayak tour. After the kayaking, the banca will transport you from the mouth of the river to Pinisil Cave for snorkelling and more paddling. Lunch will be served on a beach near Cudegnon Cave, with a visit to the cave before kayaking to Vigan Island. The boat will meet you there and transport you to Pangulasian for afternoon snorkelling.

Return to camp at Seven Commandos for sunset. There is the opportunity for night snorkelling or moonlight paddling at Seven Commandos.

**Day 5:** Begin the day with a morning snorkel at one of the best snorkelling sites in El Nido, Seven Commandos. After breakfast, head via banca to Cadlao Island. Beginning at the beaches on the northwest side, paddle south to Cadlao Lagoon which is also a fantastic snorkelling site.

After lunch head by banca to El Nido Miniloc Island Resort for overnight stay.

**Day 6:** Breakfast at the resort then transfer to El Nido airport for flight back to Manila.

## Package Includes:

- Roundtrip flights, Manila to El Nido
- Transfers to/from El Nido airport
- 4 Nights luxury accommodation on campsite
- 1 Night overnight accommodation at El Nido Miniloc Island Resort
- All state-of-the-art equipment (including kayaks, tents, WCs, shower units, etc)
- Full-board meals throughout itinerary, prepared by the professional chef cook
- Refreshments throughout each day
- Daily change of linen and towels
- Services of support boat and crew
- Services of professional guide / marine biologist

## Day excursions from El Nido

For guests who would prefer to stay in one of El Nido's resorts and explore the surrounding islands from there, the following Island Hopping Tours are available:

- Pick up by van from your hotel within the Lio Estate area of El Nido.
- An outrigger boat will take you to different islands
- Lunch will be served in one of the islands before returning back to town

<b>EL NIDO ISLAND HOPPING TOUR A - SIC / Private</b>	Island visits include Cadlao Lagoon / Big Lagoon, Secret Lagoon, Shimizu Island, Entalula Island, Seven Commando.
<b>EL NIDO ISLAND HOPPING TOUR B - SIC / Private</b>	Island visits include Pinagbuyutan Island, Snake Island, Popolcan Island, Cathedral Cave, Cudognon Cave.
<b>EL NIDO ISLAND HOPPING TOUR C - SIC / Private</b>	Island visits include Secret Beach, Tapuitan Island, Hidden Beach, Helicopter Island, Matinloc Shrine.
<b>EL NIDO ISLAND HOPPING TOUR D - SIC / Private</b>	Island visits include Small Lagoon, Nat-nat Beach, Pasandigan Beach, Paradise Beach, Cadlao Lagoon.

If you would like us to book hotel accommodation and day tours for you, please contact our reservations team who will be happy to check availability and provide a quote.