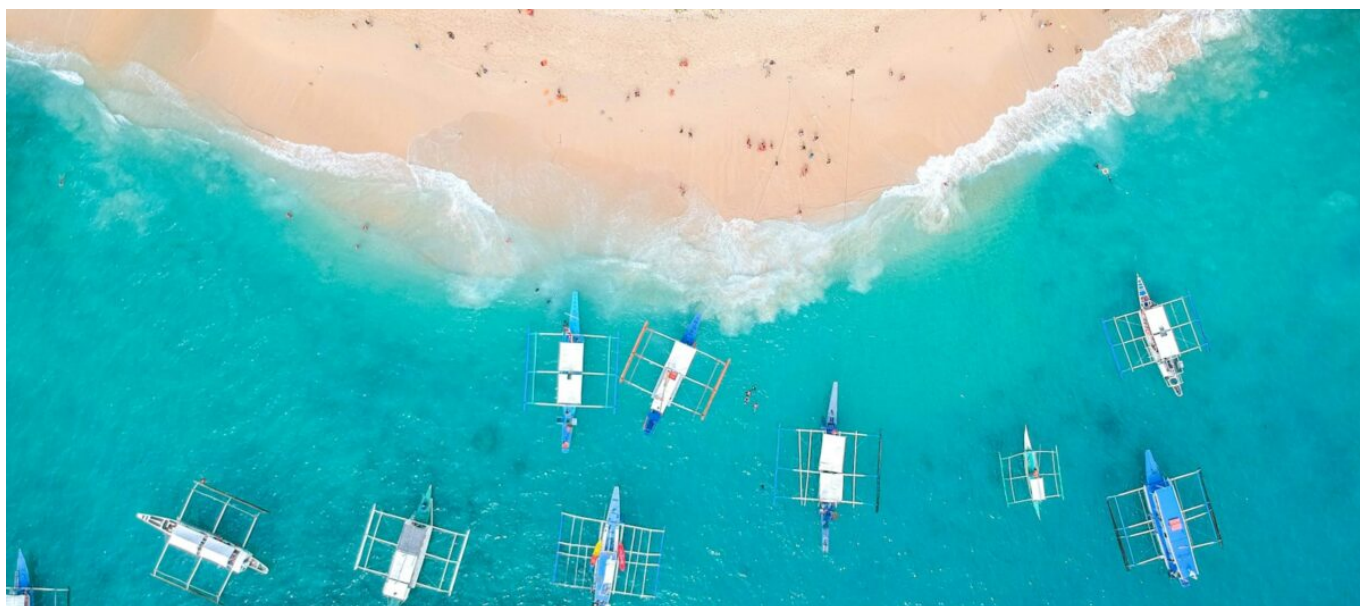


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A **dream vacation in the Philippines** is a postcard version of adventure. An archipelago of over 7,000 islands, heavenly beaches, translucent waters and breathtaking scenery.

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What we love here is the mix of raw nature, mixed culture and total authenticity. Each island has its own personality, hidden treasures and surprises. There's so much to see, so much to experience, that it's best to choose your itinerary carefully.

We're sharing **our favorite places** and **some unforgettable experiences** to help you imagine your next trip.

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Top 8 most beautiful places to visit in the Philippines

Do you dream of picture-postcard landscapes, heavenly beaches and extraordinary adventures? For a **dream vacation in the Philippines**, here's our selection of must-see places to discover, between wild nature, turquoise lagoons and unforgettable encounters.

1. Palawan and the lagoons of El Nido

Often ranked among the world's most beautiful islands, **Palawan** is a must-see.

In El Nido, to the north, you can explore the incredible lagoons of the **Bacuit archipelago**, with its karst cliffs, translucent waters and deserted beaches. For a more peaceful atmosphere, head for **Port Barton**, less crowded but just as enchanting.

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2. Coron, a diver's paradise

An island north of Palawan, **Coron** boasts inland lakes, secret lagoons and, above all, submerged Japanese wrecks, ideal for diving. It's a wilder destination, less touristy than El Nido, but just as spectacular.

→ Tip: by booking in advance, you can take advantage of exclusive offers on charming accommodation for your [dream vacation in the Philippines](#), thanks to Voyage Privé, which regularly offers top-of-the-range stays at reduced prices.

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3. Siargao, the nature island

Renowned for its **Cloud 9** wave , **Siargao** is not just for surfers. Here, you'll discover unspoilt nature, endless palm groves, lagoons like Sugba Lagoon, and a laid-back atmosphere that's part of its charm.

4. Bohol and its Chocolate Hills

Bohol is famous for its **Chocolate Hills**, a unique landscape of over 1,200 perfectly symmetrical hills that turn brown in the dry season, hence their name.

To admire them, you can go to the **Chocolate Hills Complex** in Carmen, a lookout easily accessible by scooter.

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5. Cebu and its magical waterfalls

Cebu is a very complete island. Admire the famous **Kawasan Falls**, swim with **schools of sardines in Moalboal** and meet **thresher sharks in Malapascua**. A perfect blend of nature and adventure.

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6. Apo Island and its turtles

This **small volcanic island**, located next to Negros Island, is a veritable marine sanctuary. Snorkeling here will give you every opportunity to swim alongside turtles in a setting that has remained authentic and unspoiled.

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7. Banaue and its rice terraces

Head for the northern mountains to discover the **famous Banaue rice terraces**, sculpted over 2,000 years ago by the Ifugaos people. Away from the beaches, you'll enjoy a powerful cultural experience in the heart of UNESCO-listed landscapes.

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8. Camiguin, the volcano island

A small island off the coast of Mindanao, **Camiguin** is often overlooked on classic tours, and that's precisely what makes it so charming. Here you'll discover lush nature, hot springs, refreshing waterfalls and tranquil beaches.

The island is dominated by several volcanoes, including Mount Hibok-Hibok, which can be climbed by the more athletic. Don't miss **White Island**, a pristine sandbar accessible by boat, with a breathtaking view of the mountains. Calm, authentic and a change of scenery, Camiguin is perfect for getting off the beaten track.

How to plan your trip to the Philippines: our practical tips

When is the best time to leave?

The dry season, from November to May, is the best. From December to April, the climate is ideal. Avoid the typhoon season between July and October.

Formalities, health, transport: what you need to know

No visa required for stays of less than 30 days. Passport valid for 6 months, return ticket and sometimes proof of accommodation. Bring mosquito protection, a good medical kit and sun care products.

On site, you'll alternate between domestic flights, ferries, local buses and tricycles. It's best to book your domestic flights in advance.

What to pack in your suitcase

Light clothing, bathing suit, raincoat, walking shoes, waterproof bag and headlamp will be your best allies. Don't forget to pack a travel guide, such as the [Lonely Planet Philippines Guide](#).

Conclusion

From turquoise lagoons to sculpted rice paddies, from exceptional seabeds to unexpected encounters, the **Philippines offers a variety of unforgettable experiences**. Each island has something unique to share, and each day spent there will bring you a little closer to what a true **dream vacation** can be.

All that's left for you to do is choose your itinerary... or why not explore another destination in Asia, a continent we loved exploring during our [Backpacking World Tour](#).

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