

North Luzon & Palawan Route (minimum four weeks)

Manila - Angeles (bus), Angeles - Baguio (bus), Baguio - Sagada (bus), Sagada - Bontoc (jeepney), Bontoc - Banaue (bus or jeepney), Banaue - Manila (bus), Manila - Busuanga (boat or flight), Busuanga - El Nido (boat or flight), El Nido - Taytay (bus or jeepney), Taytay - Roxas (bus or jeepney), Roxas - Port Barton (jeepney), Port Barton - Sabang (boat), Sabang - Puerto Princesa (bus or jeepney), Puerto Princesa - Cebu City (flight), Cebu City - Tagbilaran - Cebu City (boat), Cebu City - Caticlan (flight), Caticlan - Boracay (boat), Caticlan - Manila (bus or flight)

The first half of this route consists of a small, but still worthwhile, tour around North Luzon. First stop is Mt Pinatubo, near Angeles. Then you head for the Central Cordillera, first to Baguio, the summer capital of the Philippines. From there your route takes you to the caves at Sagada, followed by Bontoc and Banaue, famous for its rice terraces. Busuanga is the first stop in the north of Palawan, where it's hard to resist island hopping around the huge variety of islands on offer. Wreck divers are also in their element here. On the way from the picturesque location of El Nido to the Underground River at Sabang you could pop in for a look at the pleasant little coastal towns of Taytay and Port Barton. To finish off, you could simply take a direct flight to Manila from Palawan's neat and tidy capital, Puerto Princesa, or for example fly first to Cebu City, make a short detour to Bohol, and then head for Boracay for a few days on the beach.

