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PHILIPPINES QUEER TRIP (30+)

Dates:

7th December - 20th December 2026 (14 days)

Price

£1,645 (Secure your spot with just a **£49 deposit** - Payment plans available)

Operator

The trip will be run by @gap360official, the UK's leading independent specialist travel company for 18-30s.



Trip Highlights

- Enjoy a night under the stars on a secluded island, sleeping in tents on the beach
- Take a treetop hike on El Nido's lush, jungle trails, along rope bridges through the canopy to a jaw-dropping viewpoint at the top of limestone cliffs
- Discover the fairy-tale caves and grottoes of the Puerto Princesa Underground River
- Enjoy a Filipino cultural day, learning how to weave palm leaves, climb coconut trees, and whip up delicious 'Adobo' dishes!
- Bliss out on a two-day island-hopping adventure around Coron, stopping at dreamy beaches, swimming in sparkling freshwater lakes, and snorkelling over shipwrecks
- Travel with members of the LGBTQ+ Backpackers community

PHOTOS FROM OUR LAST QUEER PHILIPPINES GROUP TRIP



What is Included in the price

- 13 nights' accommodation
- 13 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 4 dinners
- English-speaking local tour guide
- Airport transfers
- All on-trip transport
- Internal flight to Palawan
- Entrance to Puerto Princesa Underground River
- Port Barton visit
- Local school visit
- Overnight boat cruise around Port Barton islands
- Beach tents and linen
- El Nido jungle hike
- Filipino cultural day
- El Nido island hopping
- El Nido viewpoint canopy trail
- Filipino massage
- Coron hot springs
- 2 day Coron snorkelling adventure
- 24 hour emergency support



WHATS NOT INCLUDED: INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS, TRAVEL INSURANCE, VISAS (IF NEEDED), SOME MEALS, SNACKS AND DRINKS, OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES, RETURN AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Coming Solo?

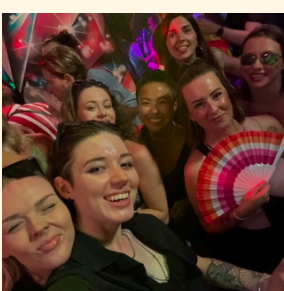
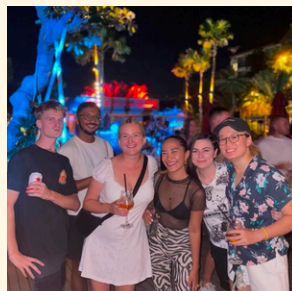
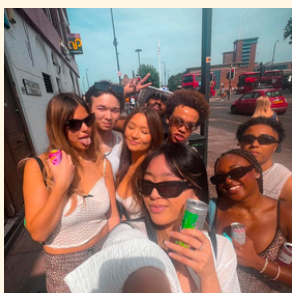
Awesome! All Gap 360 trips are designed for travellers to meet and make new travel friends. A dedicated group leader will accompany you throughout the entire trip, ensuring everyone is mixing and having a fun time. Plus, Gap 360 will create a WhatsApp group a month before the trip so you can break the ice before you even arrive! On both our trips to Thailand and the Philippines, several travellers ended up getting matching tattoos - which really shows just how close you can expect to become by the end of the trip!



Tattoo time! (a starfish with 22 dots to represent each traveller on the Philippines trip)!

Who is the trip open to?

LGBTQ+ Backpackers aged 30+. Our insta gives a good glimpse into the kind of lovely people you can expect to be travelling with! (@lgbtq_backpackers)



Reviews

As all our trips are operated by trusted partners, we don't collect direct reviews ourselves. However, the reviews below were left on Gap 360's operator (onlife) Trustpilot profile specifically about our LGBTQ+ Philippines Trip!



W8468CWsamanthad

★★★★★ Reviewed 2 May 2025

Perfect trip

An amazing experience with such a wonderful group. I joined the LGBTQ+ backpackers group and had Sheena as our tour guide. Sheena was just a joy to be around. She made us all feel safe and welcome in the beautiful Philippines. Sheena has amazing knowledge regarding the areas we travelled to and made every minute very special. I recommend this trip so much and want to send all my thanks to Sheena for such a special and memorable trip.

Date of experience: April 2025



ellie m

★★★★★ Reviewed 2 May 2025

INCREDIBLE

We've all had the most incredible 2 weeks in the Philippines!! Jam packed trip seeing so many cool things, making so many friends and most importantly - our queen SHEENA!!!!!! She MADE the trip, so much fun!!! We won with our tour guide ❤️

Date of experience: April 2025



Maddy R

★★★★★ Reviewed 2 May 2025

Someone give Sheena a raise !

A wonderful jam packed trip with enough time to relax in between :) Sheena was more than incredible, she made us feel a part of each place we visited, be that at the town level or a bar level. I didn't have to think about anything other than what I wanted for dinner - 12/10 recommend

Date of experience: April 2025



Rachel L

★★★★★ Reviewed 2 May 2025

Out of this world experience!

This trip was amazing! One of the best experiences I've ever had. It was full of so many different activities and everyone got on so well. I especially loved the cultural day, it was so informative and fun! I don't think this trip would've been as successful without Sheena (our tour guide). Sheena was absolutely fantastic! She made us all excited for everything, she was enthusiastic, planned really well and kept us safe and happy over 2 weeks especially with 22 people! It was honestly so great, highly recommend!!!❤️

Date of experience: May 2025



eringm9

★★★★★ Reviewed 2 May 2025

Best trip ever

We've just finished the best holiday to the Philippines with the most amazing destinations and wonderful organisation. Had the best time ever and I cannot thank our tour guide Sheena enough for making the trip as perfect as it was, she was genuinely the best ever - 20/10. Cannot recommend enough !!!

Date of experience: April 2025



Rhianan O

★★★★★ Reviewed 2 May 2025

Amazing trip!

Our local guide, Sheena was so lovely and accommodating! She went out of her way to help each of us if we needed anything. The group trip had a nice balance of activities and time to choose free time of extra options! Sheena made me feel safe and comfortable in the Philippines!! 5/5 would recommend Sheena and one life.

Date of experience: April 2025



Swantje W

★★★★★ Reviewed 2 May 2025

Best trip ever!

Had the most amazing time on this trip! Sheena was the best guide you could ever get. The organisation was absolutely perfect and you could just lay back and enjoy the amazing landscapes and great activities without any worrying, stress or food poisoning. Would absolutely go on this trip again!

Date of experience: April 2025

Post-Trip Chat Vibes

We believe there's no better way to get a sense of how incredible the trips are than by taking a sneak peek into the post-trip group chat messages!



From @saskf



From @jana_04



From @lifeofrachel_x



From @danncannon



From @hfarris



Itinerary

The following
information was
provided by Gap
360

Day 1 & 2

Trip Overview

Join a small group of fellow travellers from the LGBTQ+ Backpackers community and explore the perfect beaches, paradise islands, and lively nightlife of the Philippines. You'll stay in a range of boutique backpacker accommodation, from stylish beachside resorts to rustic tents on the sand. Take a 2-day cruise through the bluest water you've ever seen in El Nido, party the night away in Puerto Princesa, enjoy a unique cultural experience in a small rural village, hike through the treetops in El Nido, and chill out with a traditional Filipino massage on the beach – bliss! Spend the last few days exploring the wonders of Coron and the surrounding islands too.

Day 1: Manila

Arrive in Manila airport at any time (although we recommend arriving before 4pm). One of our local team members will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your stylish accommodation in the city. Settle into your room and then head up to the roof terrace for your first glimpse of the gorgeous Manila skyline! Meet the rest of your group and tuck into a delicious group meal before sampling Manila's sizzling nightlife!

Day 2: Manila to Puerto Princesa (Palawan).

Rise and shine early for our first full day. After some breakfast, hop on a short flight to Palawan, AKA heaven on Earth! This stunning island is the textbook tropical idyll, with swaying palm trees, powdersoft sand, and perfect turquoise waters. Check into your accommodation and freshen up after your flight in the hotel pool. In the evening, there are optional activities to try or use your free time to explore some local shops. Does life get any better?



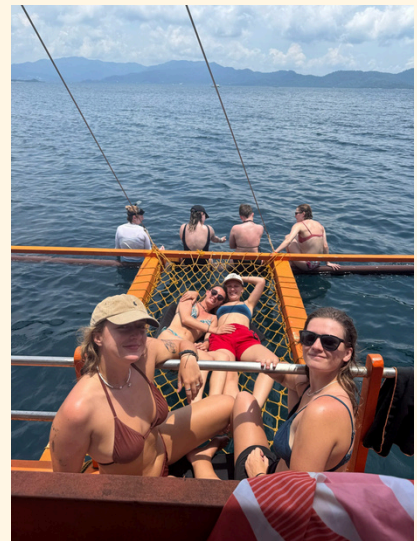
Day 3-5

Day 3: Puerto Princesa to Port Barton

We're up early today but it's totally worth it as we head to the incredible Puerto Princesa Underground River. Glide through this staggering network of underground caves in a boat, soaking up the impressive limestone stalactites and stalagmites that hang from the rock ceiling. Keep an eye out for bats and monkeys! Back on dry land, head to the remote town of Port Barton for a delicious buffet lunch. Port Barton is an unspoilt gem with perfect white sand beaches and crystal-clear waters. Settle into your beachside resort, where we'll be staying in traditional Filipino bungalows.

Day 4-5: Port Barton boat trip

Enjoy breakfast by the beach and then climb aboard our awesome boat for our 2-day cruise around Port Barton and its neighbouring islands. Soak up some sun on deck and slide into the sea to cool off. We will visit one of the local schools to connect with the children and see how your support makes a difference. You are welcome to bring along supplies or donations to fund projects like building kitchens or sports equipment. We'll be spending tonight on a beautiful secluded island. Watch a spectacular orange sunset, enjoy drinks in our own little beach bar and gather around the campfire with your new friends. You'll be sleeping in tents on the beach tonight - living the dream! Please note: If schools are closed, we'll visit the local daycare instead



Day 6 – 8

Day 6: Port Barton to El Nido

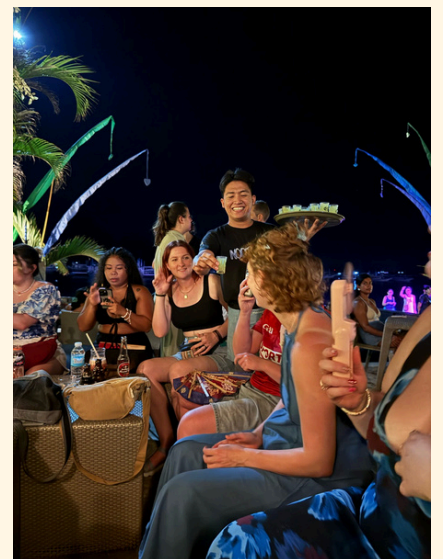
Port Barton, you've been great, but we're heading to El Nido after breakfast. The scenery on the journey is next level, so grab a windowseat if you can! We're talking towering cliffs, emerald-green jungle, and cascading waterfalls. When we arrive, drop your bags at the funkiest hostel in Palawan, and spend the evening enjoying dinner and drinks on the beach with your new travel family.

Day 7: El Nido hike & cultural day

We're immersing ourselves in Filipino culture today. We'll take a short hike through the jungle, while learning about the flora and fauna in the local area, before arriving at our exclusive beach hut for our cultural day. We'll learn how to cook authentic Filipino food, climb coconut trees, have a crack at traditional Filipino stick fighting, try coconut shaving, learn some traditional Filipino dances, play some local children's games and try our hand at coconut leaf weaving – phew! After all that activity, recharge on the sands of the stunning Las Cabanas Beach. Take a dip and check out the incredible sunset or get your adrenaline pumping with an optional zip line experience between two islands. We then head back for an optional dinner.

Day 8: El Nido island hopping

Discover paradise as we sail around on our private boat this morning, passing by hundreds of tiny islands dotted around the bay. Marvel at El Nido's stunning colours, from limestone cliffs covered in emerald jungle to the famously bright turquoise waters. As part of today's expedition, we'll go snorkelling over colourful coral reefs and enjoy some kayaking under the sunshine. Back onboard, we'll feast on delicious food and drinks. This evening, we'll arrive back in El Nido's main town area and get ready for an incredible night out!



Day 9 – 11

Day 9: El Nido Canopy Walk and Massage

Take a stroll through the small-town streets toward El Nido's lush, jungle trails. We'll wander through the tree tops along rope bridges, climb to the top of the limestone cliffs and take in the incredible panoramic views of the bay and Cadlao Island. After working up a sweat climbing the cliffs, relax with a traditional Filipino massage by the beach. Then spend the rest of the day exploring and chatting to the locals or try an optional boxing class.

Day 10: El Nido to Coron

You're headed to beautiful Coron Island today. We'll take the fast ferry to Coron Town, where we'll check into our beachside accommodation before heading to the island's famous hot springs for a super relaxing afternoon.

Day 11: Coron Island

Spend today getting to know Coron. With crystal-clear lagoons, fishing villages, dazzling sands, and rugged limestone scenery, it's as idyllic as they come. Relax on the beach or get stuck into one of our awesome optional activities. Join a diving excursion, hike up Mount Tapyas for a viewpoint of the sunset or pay a visit to Black Island. This evening, head to the waterfront for drinks.



Day 12 - 14

Day 12 - 13: Coron island hopping

The next two days are going to be up there with the best of your life, as we board our private boat and head out into the turquoise waters to explore some of Coron's most beautiful landscapes. Cruise through jaw-dropping karst landscapes, stop at dreamy beaches, swim in sparkling freshwater lakes, and snorkel with thousands of tropical fish. We'll snorkel over the World War II-era Lusong Gunboat Ship Wreck, shallow-water coral reefs and the twin lagoons before setting for the night on Pass Island on day 12. This hidden gem is totally unspoilt, with pure, white sand, coconut trees, and just a handful of bungalows. Take a step out of reality and stroll around the incredible isolated island. We'll camp out in traditional beach huts and enjoy sunset cocktails as the sky turns pastel coloured overhead. On day 13, we'll tuck into breakfast before another day of snorkelling adventures in paradise islands. Finish the trip with a final night out in Coron.

Day 14: Trip end

All good things must come to an end! After breakfast, say goodbye to your buddies and take the transfer to Coron Airport, ready for your flight. See you again soon!

All activities, inclusions and itineraries are subject to change.





More Info

Arrival Info

Arrive in Manila Ninoy Aquina Airport (MNL) at any time on day 1 before 4pm, where you will be met and transferred to your accommodation.

Departure Info

Your trip ends on day 14 on Coron Island. We'll transfer you to Busuanga Coron Airport (USU) where you can catch a flight to Manila (MNL). You should book your connecting flight from Manila back home for the following day, to allow for any potential delays.

Meals

13 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 4 dinners are included. You'll need to buy the rest of your meals yourself. It's a great opportunity to throw yourself into local life and sample delicious local food. The Philippines has a rich and varied cuisine, with specialities including crispy salt fish, squash and eggplant stews, and beef cooked in tomatoes and bananas. Food is mostly very cheap so eating out won't break the bank!

Minimum age & eligibility

This trip is exclusively for those aged 30+ at the time of travel. This trip is exclusively for members of the "LGBTQ+ Backpackers" community.

Group Size

Min 10, Max 22

Accommodation

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13 nights of accommodation is included on this trip. You'll stay in a handpicked selection of boutique hostels, hotels and traditional Filipino bungalows. We're talking big, comfy beds, stylish interiors, aircon, personal lights, and sockets to charge your devices.

Rooms are twin-share or dorm-style, with a maximum of 4 beds. All accommodation is mixed-gender, though some restrooms/bathrooms within the accommodation and during the trip may not be. You'll also spend an unforgettable night camping on a secluded beach in twin tents! Here are some examples of accommodation used on this trip (subject to change):

- **Manila - Z Hostel (4 bed)** - A social hostel in the heart of Makati district with rooftop bar
- **Puerto Princesa - Canvas Hotel (twin)** - A bright and colourful boutique hotel with swimming pool
- **Port Barton - Elsas Beach House (twin)** - Basic but clean and comfortable accommodation right on the beach
- **Island Camping - tents (twin)** - Experience paradise first-hand on our own secluded island - all equipment included.
- **El Nido - Spin Hostel (4 bed)** - A contemporary designer hostel with amazing communal areas and in a great location
- **Coron - Charms Hotel (twin)** - Centrally located hotel with an outdoor pool to enjoy
- **Pass Island - camping (4 bed)** - Incredible bamboo huts to experience island life like no other!



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Interested?

To secure your space you just need to pay a £49 non-refundable deposit (if you're paying via a payment plan) or £199 non-refundable deposit (if you want to pay the rest just 12 weeks before)

As this trip is operated by Gap 360, all terms and conditions are with them.

To book, please visit <https://www.lgbtqbackpackers.com/group-trips>

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