

PHILIPPINES QUEER TRIP

Dates:

15th April - 28th April 2027 (14 days)

Price

£1,699 (approx \$2,287/€1,950)

Secure your spot with just a **£49 deposit (approx \$65/€57)** - Payment plans available

Operator

The trip will be run by @adventure360official, 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



What is Included in the price

- 13 nights' accommodation
- 13 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 4 dinners
- English-speaking tour guide
- Airport transfers
- All on-trip transport
- Internal flight to Palawan
- Entrance to O-Bar
- Entrance to Puerto Princesa Underground River
- Port Barton visit
- Overnight boat cruise around Port Barton islands
- Beach tents and linen
- Hot drink at Cheers Brew café
- El Nido jungle hike
- 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, VISAS, TRAVEL INSURANCE, SOME MEALS DRINKS AND SNACKS, OPTIONAL FREE TIME ACTIVITIES, RETURN AIRPORT TRANSFER

Coming Solo?

Perfect - most people on our trips do! Our trips are **designed to help travellers meet and make new friends**, so whether you're joining alone, with a partner, or alongside friends, you'll quickly feel part of the group.

A **dedicated group leader will be with you throughout the trip**, making sure everyone is mixing, socialising, and having an amazing time together. Adventure360 also **creates a WhatsApp group around a month before departure**, so you can start chatting and breaking the ice before you even arrive.

Several travellers across multiple trips have even ended up **getting matching tattoos together**, and there have been **countless reunions happening all over the world** since - which really says a lot about how close the group becomes by the end of the trip!

Tattoos



Thailand 2025



Philippines 2025



Thailand 2026

Reunions



Amsterdam pride



Brighton pride



Switzerland

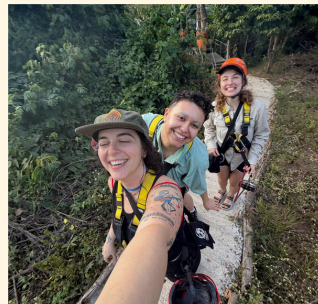


Copenhagen

Who is the trip open to?

This trip is open to **LGBTQ+ backpackers aged 18-35 from any country!** Our trips **usually attract queer women, trans, and non-binary people**, but they're open to - and we encourage - **everyone across the LGBTQ+ community to join!**

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



Reviews

As our trips are operated by trusted travel partners, we don't collect reviews directly ourselves. However, **the reviews below were left on Adventure360's Reviews.io profile** specifically for our LGBTQ+ Backpackers Trips.

Adventure360, the operator for this trip, is rated 4.8/5 on Reviews.io, and we'd definitely encourage you to check out their reviews!

Daisy ★★★★★

Solo travel is always an exciting yet intimidating prospect and sometimes, as someone who is a part of the LGBTQ community, it can feel more intimidating than exciting. That's why I was so excited to be able to go on a fully queer trip and I have never been so glad that I did. What a fantastic, vibrant and beautiful group of people I got to spend time with, all while discovering a new country. We really got to see the wide variety that Thailand has to offer: from beautiful beaches, expansive jungle and bustling cities. Throughout the trip, the organised experiences gave us the chance to become extremely close as a group and there really was something for everyone. There was also the chance for additional activities such as rock climbing. It is impossible to leave a review for this trip and not mention the incredible Mr Patrick. It's safe to say that we would have been lost without him and that he made this trip the best it could possibly be for all of us. Mr Patrick led us all through the experience with jokes, hugs and anti-sea sickness medications and we never were unsure about our next move. I cannot recommend him more highly as a guide and fully express what a wonderful person he is. Everyone in their life needs a Mr Patrick ❤️ thank you for making such an inclusive and safe trip possible for all of us.

Jen ★★★★★

Wow - what an incredible experience! I haven't got a single bad word to say about this tour and our wonderful, caring and fun guide Patrick! From day one he helped bring our group together ready to see his country not with strangers, but with new friends. This activity packed tour was so well organised: I always felt safe, knew what our plan was and could easily ask for suggestions for our free time. Patrick put so much work into making our time together memorable and worry free, it really wouldn't have been anywhere near as good without him and I am so grateful for him! I couldn't recommend doing a Gap360 tour as part of the LGBTQ+ backpackers group enough! It was so special and I now have a group of queer people from all around the world that I can call family - I will definitely be doing it again!

Anonymous ★★★★★

This trip was so fun! We did so many amazing things and I've met the best people! Our guide Mr. Patrick took so good care of us and made the trip the best it could've been:) I felt so safe as queer the whole time

MJ ★★★★★

I had an incredible time on the LGBTQ Backpackers Thailand trip. Everything was very well organized and planned, and I loved the group activities we did as well as the freedom to go off and explore a bit on my own, which I had a great time doing. I loved the hill trek and the night in the jungle village as well. I do wish we could have spent more time in Bangkok and Chiang Mai, though- it would have been nice to get to explore the city and learn about the culture. As a vegan, I was amazed at how well gap360 accommodated my dietary needs for all of the included meals. I never found myself in a situation where I felt like there wasn't anything I could eat; and often, a separate vegan meal was prepared for me without even having to ask! Our tour guide Mr Patrick was an absolute delight. He did an amazing job and made the trip so fun. He helped us so much on the trip and it wouldn't have been the same without him!

Ella ★★★★★

I had a fantastic 18 days in Thailand, exploring all of this country's beauty. I specially want to shout out our guide, Patrick, for expertly shepherding 22 of us around the whole country and taking us on the most fantastic excursions!

Samantha ★★★★★

What a life changing experience. I had the absolute pleasure joining the LGBTQ+ backpackers trip and had the most heartwarming experience. This was my first time traveling solo which going with Gap360 allowed the comfort of traveling with a group alongside gaining the feel of backpacking. We saw the most beautiful locations with a mix between chilled beach time, adrenaline pumping activities and learning a lot about the culture! Highlights were definitely the elephant sanctuary and the hill village stay. I have come out of this trip with so many beautiful new friends and memories that I will cherish forever. I was very worried about going to Thailand with a peanut allergy but the tour provided safe meals and our amazing tour guide helped every step of the way with communicating and pointing me in the right direction of safe alternatives. We had the absolute delight of Mr Patrick's company on our tour. Patrick was the perfect tour guide for our LGBTQ+ tour. He has a strong knowledge of cultural history and had many suggestions for places/activities for us to do in each location during free time which were always welcomed. Mr Patrick deserves a full five stars. He is such an inspiration and joy to have met! For a diverse group who struggle to sometimes feel safe in different locations, Mr Patrick made us all feel safe every step of the way. Thank you Mr Patrick ❤️

Aisling H ★★★★★

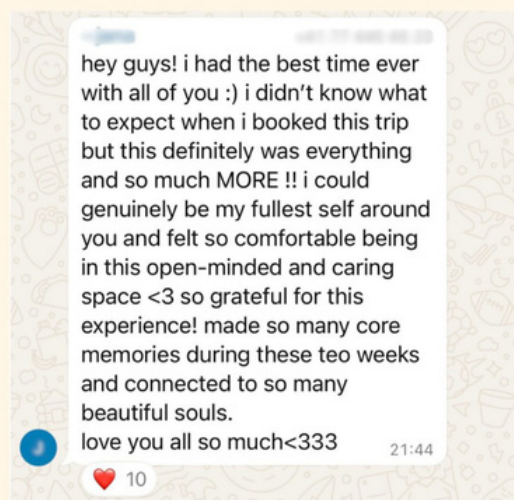
I was very nervous leading up the queer trip to Thailand but once I got there, I felt so at ease. Travelling around Thailand with a beautiful bunch of people was an unforgettable experience. I have made some lifelong friends and will always be grateful for this trip. Mr. Patrick was amazing. He knew everyone's names from the start and joined in on our fun when he was able to. His communication was excellent, we always knew what the plan was and timings etc, he was always there with the anti-sickness tablets too. Mr. Patrick was the perfect person to show a bunch of queers around Thailand. Would do it all again in a heartbeat.

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_o4



From @lifeofrachel_x



From @danncannon



From @hfarris



Itinerary

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS
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Day 1

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! This evening, meet the rest of your group and tuck into a delicious group meal before sampling Manila's vibrant nightlife at O-Bar, home to the incredible O-Divas. Expect amazing drag performances, plenty of energy, and an unforgettable night out.



Day 2 – 3

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: 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 island life and enjoy a hot drink on us at Cheers Brew, a local café owned by a WLW couple who serve great coffee!



Day 4-6

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: 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 & 8

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!



Days 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.



Days 12-14

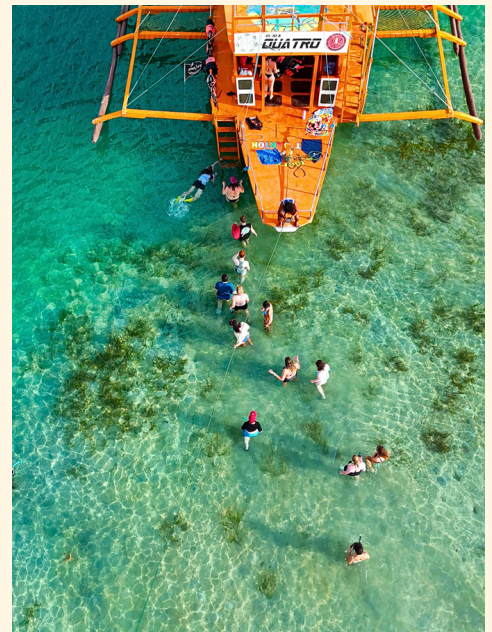
Days 12 - 13: Coron island hopping.

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 Aquino 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.

Accommodation

13 nights of accommodation are 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!

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 specialties 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!

Group Size

Min 10, Max 22



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 Adventure360, all terms and conditions are with them.

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

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