

# We Paddle's Palawan Philippines Adventure



Paddle, snorkel, swim in 'world's  
best' tropical paradise.

From April 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2015, We Paddle is proud to offer a fully guided paddling adventure amongst the numerous islands of the exquisite Bacuit Archipelago of Palawan Island in the Philippines – recently chosen as the cover destination of Travel & Leisure magazine's "World's Best Awards".

The crystalline waters of Bacuit Bay are a fantasyscape of jagged limestone islands, mesmerizing from any vantage point – whether from the water, underwater, the air or lying on a beach. The islands hide so many white-sand beaches, lagoons and coves; you'll love exploring them!



## Paddle & snorkel by day....

## Stay in island luxury by night....

**By day**, we will paddle amongst the glorious islands of the Bacuit Archipelago in new, stable fiberglass single or double sea kayaks. All paddling standards are catered for from complete beginner to the advanced.

Our local resident Guide Gordo (a Canadian by birth who now calls Palawan home) who possesses a wealth of local knowledge on all things Palawan, will take us to explore spectacular lagoons, islands, beaches etc. where we will have many fabulous opportunities to swim, snorkel and enjoy snacks and picnics along the way.

Non-paddlers will enjoy the adventure from the comfort of our accompanying Bangka boat (local fishing type boat used to carry additional paddling gear, food, drinks and refreshments) as well as the hospitality of our friendly local staff.

There may also be the opportunity to visit a local and typical Filipino village, only accessible by boat, where locals still hunt, fish, and forage like they have for 100's of years.

**By night**, we will stay in luxury 5-star island accommodation at the acclaimed and luxurious eco-friendly El Nido Resorts of Miniloc Island (4 nights) and Lagen Island (3 nights).

Tucked in a beautiful cove with a backdrop of sheer limestone cliffs and reminiscent of a coastal village, Miniloc Island Resort's charm is enhanced by it's crystal clear waters teeming with vibrant marine life.

Nestled between a lush forest and a calm, shallow lagoon offering magnificent views of Bacuit bay and the El Nido sunset, Lagen Island Resort is the perfect location for a relaxing getaway.

Sumptuous, sustainable local cuisine is featured along with a variety of international meals to enhance our decadent adventure.

We Paddle host Tim Altman will also offer a yoga & meditation session each morning to ensure your day gets off to a perfect start!



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## Day by Day itinerary



### **Day 1: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Arrive at Miniloc Island today in the afternoon / evening via a private resort flight from Manila to El Nido and a boat transfer from El Nido Airport to the resort. Relax and enjoy the sunset over a cocktail at Happy Hour as you settle in and prepare for our Palawan adventure.

**Meals: Dinner**

**Overnight: Miniloc Island Resort**

### **Day 2: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

An introduction to the week ahead, a safety briefing along with some helpful technique instruction beckons before we hit the water and begin exploring the picturesque and aptly named Big, Small and Hidden lagoons this morning. Spectacular scenery, wonderfully hidden natural swimming holes and caves are awaiting our exploration before lunch on Shimizu Island. Snorkelling and swimming at Tres Marinas and Entalula Island will cap off a perfect first day.

**Paddling: 3-4 hours at leisurely pace**

**Meals: Breakfast; Lunch & Dinner**

**Overnight: Miniloc Island Resort**



### **Day 3: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Well fueled by a sumptuous breakfast, we head off to Matinloc Island, which snakes some 8km along the western edge of the Bacuit Archipelago. Along with neighbouring Tapiutan Island, it forms the narrow Tapiutan Strait, the walls of which offer some of the best snorkeling in the entire archipelago.

**Paddling: 3.5 hours at leisurely pace**

**Meals: Breakfast; Lunch & Dinner**

**Overnight: Miniloc Island Resort**

### **Day 4: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Today we all join our Bangka boat for the shuttle to either El Nido or Cadlao Island where some fabulous hiking options await. From waterfalls to a forest hike or an inland lagoon, none are too long or strenuous, and we are sure to be rewarded with spectacular scenery, secluded beaches and great swimming and snorkeling opportunities!

**Paddling: Rest Day**

**Meals: Breakfast; Lunch & Dinner**

**Overnight: Miniloc Island Resort**

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### Day 5: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015

This morning a leisurely paddle (or cruise in the Bangka boat) sees us heading to the northwest shore of Lagen Island and onto Pinasil Island where we can explore inside the magnificent Cathedral Cave and Cudognon caves. After lunch we can visit the remote village of Vegan - a small typical Filipino village, where locals still hunt, fish, and forage like they have for 100's of years.

**Paddling: 3 to 5 hours at leisurely pace**

**Meals: Breakfast; Lunch**

**Overnight: Lagen Island Resort**

### Day 6: Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> April 2015

We explore the north end of Lagen island this morning as well as nearby Malapacao island and Pinabuyutan island providing spectacular, yet contrasting scenery of very steep cliffs and beautiful sandy beaches. After our lunch stop, there is an optional 45 min. paddle or Bangka shuttle to the mouth of the Mangrove river, where a lovely, peaceful paddle up the river awaits or a leisurely cruise by Bangka for those who wish to relax.

**Paddling: 3 to 5 hours at leisurely pace**

**Meals: Breakfast; Lunch**

**Overnight: Lagen Island Resort**



### Day 7: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Our last full day of exploring sees us paddle to Cadlao island to explore the beaches of the south shore and Cadlao lagoon, We can enjoy a beachside picnic lunch in the lagoon, before a paddle over to Helicopter Island beach for some great snorkeling. The option is then yours to paddle back or enjoy a leisurely Bangka shuttle back to Lagen Island where we enjoy our final night together.

**Meals: Breakfast & Lunch**

**Paddling: 2-3 hours at leisurely pace**

**Overnight: Lagen Island Resort**

### Day 8: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015

We depart paradise known as Lagen Island Resort and bid farewell to Palawan this morning after breakfast. Our boat shuttle will take us back to El Nido before our onward flight home via Manila.

**Meals: Breakfast**

**NB: A yoga and meditation session will be held each morning at both Miniloc and Lagen Island Resorts by We Paddle host Tim Altman for anyone who would like to attend.**



## Price per person - AUD \$3,995 (Twin / Double Share)

If you would like to book for a family or group of more than 2, please contact us for a quote

### Pricing Includes:

- Return flights from Manila –El Nido
- Transfers to Miniloc Island Resort
- Transfers to Lagen Island Resort
- 7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 4 Dinners
- Local Paddling guide for days 2-7
- Use of new, fiberglass sea kayaks, paddles and life jackets
- Bangkan Boat (local Filipino boat) staffed with local support crew, additional equipment and refreshments
- Lunches, snacks and non-alcoholic drinks on days 2-7 inclusive

- Morning yoga and meditation sessions run by We Paddle host, Tim Altman
- Services of professional We Paddle guides and staff – Tim Altman & Kim Vaughan

### Not Included:

- 3 Dinners on Lagen Island Resort
- International flights /airport taxes to/from Manila
- Travel Insurance
- Items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, dry cleaning, Internet etc.
- Gratuities for guides and staff



# Know before you go.....



## FLIGHTS:

When organizing flights into Manila on April 3rd 2015 as well as your onward flight home on April 11th 2015, please allow 3 hours transit time when transferring from International to Domestic for your flights to / from El Nido.

Daily flight schedules are as follows:

**Manila – El Nido ETD / ETA :** 07H30 / 08H45 : 11H30 / 12H45: 15H00 / 16H15

**El Nido – Manila ETD / ETA:** 09H30 / 10H45: 13H00 / 14H15 : 17H00 / 18H45



## BAGGAGE:

Whilst standard baggage allowance in Economy Class is 23kg on most carriers, please be advised that flights to / from El Nido permit only 1 bag of 10kg, so remember to pack lightly!

## WEATHER:

The average daily temperature in Palawan for April is 27 degrees Celsius with a maximum of around 31 degrees Celsius. The climate is dry with rain on average of 4 days over the month.



## MONEY:

The currency of the Philippines is the Peso. The smartest way to bring cash to the Philippines is in the form of a credit / debit card or USD cash. There are no ATM's in El Nido so please bring sufficient cash for circumstances where credit cards may not apply.

## CHILDREN:

Our adventure and accommodation are suitable for children 6-8 years and older. Please let us know at the time of booking if you require assistance or further information.



## SPECIAL NOTES

Health Regulations differ for each country. We recommend you phone your local doctor or Travellers Medical Vaccination Centre for up-to-date information and advice.

**Travel Insurance** It is also important that you are fully aware of the terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy and we ask that you read your policy wording carefully and contact your insurer should you have any questions.



## BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS:

**Deposit & Payment** – a \$2000 deposit is required at time of booking to secure return flights between Manila - El Nido as well as accommodation as per the itinerary. Balance of payment is due 90 days prior to departure. **International Flights** – Any International flights booked through We Paddle are subject to availability and should airfare class be unavailable at the time of booking, the next available class will be offered and may be subject to a surcharge on fare. **Cancellations** – **Airfares:** Refunds on the flights are subject to relevant Airlines cancellation terms and conditions. **Accommodation:** Deposit paid is fully refundable from time of booking until 30 days prior to departure. **Validity** – Prices quoted in this brochure are valid from 01 Nov. 2014 – 31 Dec. 2015

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