

THE PHILIPPINES OFFERS TRAVELERS SUN, SAND, SEA

New Itineraries and Great Value from USTOA Tour Operators Draw Beach Lovers and Adventurer Seekers to this Enchanting Beach Destination



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NEW YORK – August 7, 2018 – A collection of more than 7,000 islands, the Philippines has quickly become a bucket list island destination for travelers in 2018. The Southeast Asian country boasts more than 22,000 miles of coastline with pristine beaches, cosmopolitan cities, rich history, and welcoming locals ready to share Filipino culture with visitors.

Following is a sample of itineraries from members of the [The United States Tour Operators Association \(USTOA\)](https://ustoa.com) to inspire a hassle-free vacation to the Philippines with exclusive local access and peace of mind. For more USTOA member packaged travel to the Philippines, visit <https://ustoa.com/why-we-travel/philippines>.

- **SITA World Tours'** "Manila & Boracay Sojourn" itinerary mixes the history and modern energy of Manila with one of the world's most beautiful beaches on Boracay Island. During the six-day tour, guests will enjoy a half-day tour of Old Manila before traveling to the paradise of Boracay. Whether it's a massage or yoga lesson on the beach or a boat ride through the crystal-clear waters, Boracay is the ideal place to disconnect and enjoy the untouched beaches. Available throughout 2018 from \$695 per person. www.sitatours.com
- **Intrepid Travel's** "Philippines Palawan Island Getaway" is a nine-day adventure of island hopping and snorkeling among the coral and tropical fish. Guests will interact with the Batak tribe in their village to witness their daily life with a local guide. The package includes two nights on a private beach, sleeping in beach cottages, and will enjoy local cuisine at Kainato, a local restaurant which supports the community and employs people with disabilities. Departures

available bi-weekly from December to May in 2018 and 2019 from \$1,630 per person.
www.intrepidtravel.com

- New for 2018, **Avanti Destinations'** "Philippines Escapes" itinerary is an eight-day vacation to some of the island's most alluring beaches. With year-round accessibility, the islands feature stunning tropical waters, otherworldly rock formations and coves. The trip includes four nights at the Miniloc Resort located in the remote Bacuit archipelago. In addition to snorkeling and other water activities, guests can participate in a private tour with tribal foot massage and choice of massage treatment at the Nurture Spa Village in Tagatay, and all meals at the Miniloc Resort. Prices from \$2,475 per person, double occupancy (land only).
www.avantidestinations.com
- **Goway Travel's** "Palawan El Nido" four-day itinerary to the Philippines provides the flexibility of an individual worry-free vacation with a tour operator. Travelers will spend the trip relaxing in El Nido, an almost untouched site with white sand beaches, clear waters, and stunning cliffs. Considered "The Philippines' Last Frontier," the waters are full of marine life and dive sites for adventurous travelers to experience. Available through October 2018 from \$961 per person.
www.goway.com
- Discover a diverse vacation of the Philippines' city life and spectacular beaches during **Asia Answers'** "A Perfect Week in the Philippines" itinerary. The first part of the week includes a tour of Old Manila rich in history and mixed with contemporary skyscrapers or an optional day trip to Pagsanjan Falls. End the trip at one of the world's most serene beaches with two days of leisure time in Boracay. Departures are available daily from \$1,449 per person. www.asiaanswers.com

For more information about USTOA or to find a dream vacation to the Philippines search Philippines in the "Find Your Dream Vacation" section of the [USTOA homepage](http://www.ustoa.com).

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About USTOA:

Representing nearly \$15 billion in revenue, the member companies of U.S. Tour Operators Association provide tours, packages and custom arrangements that allow 8.6 million travelers annually unparalleled access, insider knowledge, peace-of-mind, value and freedom to enjoy destinations and experiences across the entire globe. Each member company has met the travel industry's highest standards, including participation in the USTOA's Travelers Assistance Program, which protects consumer payments up to \$1 million if the company goes out of business.

As a voice for the tour operator industry for more than 40 years, USTOA also provides education and assistance for consumers and travel agents.

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