Accommodation

One good thing about customizing your own tour, besides the ability to evade the crowds and group tours, is that you can choose from a variety of accommodation. From air-conditioned hotels, to beach huts, to camping on a deserted island – the world is your oyster.



Bolina island, one of the several ones you can rent for yourselves and camp out on alone.

This page focuses on places to stay between El Nido and Coron, but if you would like info on a broader area, you can check out our <u>travel itinerary suggestions for the Palawan area</u>, where you will also find a link to more info on other parts of the country.

El Nido

This is not part of our tour, so you'd have to arrange accommodation yourself, but here are a few places we liked if you want something fancy.

Lots to see in this town and a good place to party, with a robust live music scene, before you head out to chill on our tour.

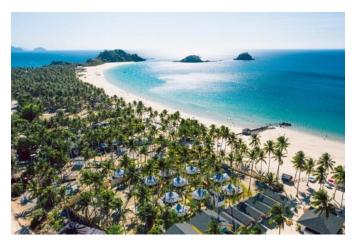
Las Cabanas Beach Resort.

4.4/5 out of 458 reviews on Google maps. This resort is located about 3km south of El Nido, so out of the storm, but an easy cab ride if you want to enjoy the live music scene of El Nido. Located near the main zip line, which takes you to a nearby island from where you can walk back to the mainland in shallow waters on beach sand, to a wonderful restaurant. An almost magical experience in itself.



Another option is **Caalan Beach**, a nice short walk along the shore away from the main El Nido beach. There are several nice looking places there but we have not established a good contact with any of them.

And if you can spare an extra day, **Nacpan Beach** further up the coast has received many positive reviews.



Sibaltan

A quaint, small village and well worth staying over one night if you have the time. And so relaxed and nice it makes a good intro to our chill tours (accommodation here not included).

Ursula Beach Club

A rating of 4.5/5 of 34 reviews and our favourite place in Sibaltan, because they are so darn nice and go out of their way to make everything perfect for you. Accommodation is hut-like rooms.



Tapik Beach Park Guest House

Another great place and right next door to Ursula, rating of 4.2 out of 147 reviews. [huts]



Qi Palawan

If however you'd like something fancier and get in a bit of kiteboarding, a bit north of Sibaltan but we can pick you up from here as well. 4.6 out of 87 reviews. [resort]



Or Flower Island Resort

4.7 out of 35 reviews on Google maps and from where we have picked up a few of our customers in the past. [resort]



Night 1 (direction from El Nido to Coron)

Whether or not you decide to stay overnight in Sibaltan, we can take you by private van there from (or to) El Nido. A stay at the following is included in our tours.

Calibangbangan Island

It is a little over halfway towards your second stop of Linapacan. [huts] Unfortunatlely, it seems to have been entirely rented for the whole year by another tour operator so it is not currently available.



Tacling Island

If you prefer the camping experience on a deserted island this would be the choice for you. If you like, the boat crew can make a bonfire on the beach and party with you for a while if you want more fun. [camping]



Pical

Another option, closer to Sibaltan, is the island of Iloc. This small lodge is run by "the captain of all captains", as he likes to call himself, and a big drinker with a robust and jovial heart. [hut-like rooms]



Cayo Coco Resort [resort]

Or, for something fancier, this place is just a bit north of Pical. But with a price range between 6,000-15,000p, you'd have to book this yourself (or you can do that through us).



Night 2 (Linapacan area)

Linapacan Tourist Camp [huts]

With room for up to 62 guests, several of our customers have said it is somewhat of a young person's party camp. Otherwise 7 reviews ranked it 4.1/5. The place has a volleyball court, allows bonfires, and has a generator so you can keep the fan running all night. Reservations are prepaid and binding so if you change your mind on arrival



you will need to pay extra to stay somewhere else. Otherwise, not far away and on the same island we have the more secluded camping beaches of **Balenben** and **Palatpat**, the first one offering a fan while at both the electricity ends at 11pm. But if you prefer more comfort...

BRC Hotel [hotel]

Located in the small town of <u>San Miguel</u> on the island of Linapacan, halfway between El Nido and Coron, it is the only place between Sibaltan and Araw beach to offer air-conditioning. Being still off the beaten path, locals are generally more friendly than in the bigger cities like El Nido or Coron, but don't expect a lot in terms of night life. Since some of our boatmen live in Linapacan, you may be able



to pause your tour at no extra charge, as there is a fair amount to see in this area, going on less expensive local tours on smaller boats, or just by walking and/or swimming.

Cagdanao Island [huts]

However, if you prefer more off the beaten path, there is this island, where you can also tent on your own secluded beach.

There is also **Balenben** and **Palatpat** beaches [both huts].



Bolina Island

Picture at the top of this file, but it looks less glamorous when on the ground. Completely undeveloped and a possible location for a secluded and exclusive stay in a tent. Also a good location for <u>kiteboarding or kitesurfing</u> if there is enough wind. [camping]

Night 3

Araw beach [camping, some larger huts too]

A cute little beach with no signal but a little store which is open occasionally, and a little shop where they can let you charge your phone and partake in the typical, cheesey Filipino karaoke experience. Further down the beach it is secluded if you want the exclusive and private experience in a tent. Only tenting possible here. Across the passage to the opposite island is a small town operating on wind energy provided as charity by a German company.



Two Seasons Coron Island Resort & Spa [resort] 4.5 out of 242 reviews

Although they require you stay with them at least **two nights**, it can be a perfect way to either start or end our expedition tour, as they offer their own boat tours around the popular sites near Coron. We can arrange booking with them for you (not included in our tour price). *We can arrange your stay here.



Banana Island Resort [huts]

Not good reviews on <u>Facebook</u>, but we've used them a few times and haven't had problems. You can book a hut with them through us, but they charge more than the usual accommodation available on our tours, so we'd have to charge an extra \$15/pax to stay there. But if you're looking for a little more comfort, they have electricity and fans all

night.







Coco Beach Resort [huts]

In the same area as
Two Seasons and
Banana Island. A quaint
little island, but they are
under contract with another
tour operator, to whom they
give priority scheduling.





End of tour in Coron

We do not provide accommodation here, but can recommend a few places we like, if you are looking for something fancy. We can even drop you off (or pick you up) right there. From any resort it is very easy to catch a van to the airport, where vans are constantly waiting to take you to Coron.

Discovery Island Resort and Dive Center [resort]

4.1/76 reviews. This quaint hotel is located on a small island just offshore from Coron city proper, so you can get a blast of city party life while aboding in a quiet shelter. They have their own pier, where we can drop you off, and they offer a free shuttle service to and from the mainland.



Sangat Island Dive Resort [resort]

4.6/127 reviews. Farther away from Coron, so no more city partying, but a lovely and tranquil resort as a pleasant conclusion to your tour of paradise before diving back into the busy world. *We can arrange your stay here.



Busuanga Bay Lodge [resort]

5/5 out of 6 reviews. Farther still is this lodge, a fancy resort nestled in with other resorts in a quiet bay. *We can arrange your stay here.

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Perhaps this map could help you put things into perspective (or <u>this one</u> of all the sites). Bottom left is the touristy town of El Nido. A private van can take you to or from Sibaltan on the other side of the peninsula and where the expedition tours start or end. Coron Town is in the top right of the map.

Pical is about halfway to the big island of Linapacan, considered about the halfway point of the expedition. There are many islands and sites to visit around Pical. Could be a nice stop if you like to experience locals and rural life.

Linapacan Tourist Camp is on the west side of Linapacan. Somewhat of a party place for younger tourists, but there are quiet camping beaches in the area if you prefer leisurely peace.

BRC is on the other side of Linapacan. 52 islands in the Linapacan area alone. It is located in the area's largest town, San Miguel, with a population of around 2,000. Few tourists visit this town and locals are very friendly, so another opportunity to experience rural life, although there isn't any beach.

Araw Beach is a quiet beach sandwiched between two large islands, so the water is very still. No phone signal and camping only.

Banana Island and **Two Seasons** are close to one another and in the area of Bulog Dos and Malcapuya Island. Fewer islands to see between Araw Beach and this area, as well as this area and Coron Town, so these legs of the journey are faster and longer.