# 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. Or simply tell us your preferences and we'll prepare a **package proposal** for you.



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

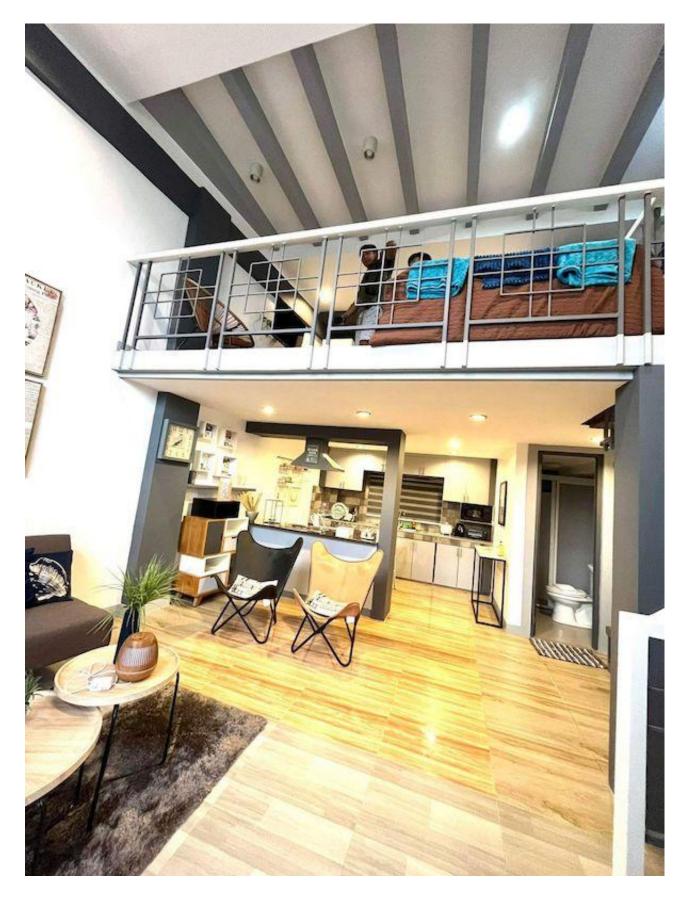
We can arrange all the accommodation along the tour, included in the price, although some require reservations or the fancier ones an additional surcharge. In and around El Nido or Coron some of the resorts you can **direct book** with us.

## El Nido (only recommendations, not included in our tour)

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.

For those wishing to blend their expedition through paradise with the cosy feeling of home, **we can book you space** at this <u>Hotel 1 in El Nido</u>. They have other rooms as well and several loft spaces with kitchen.



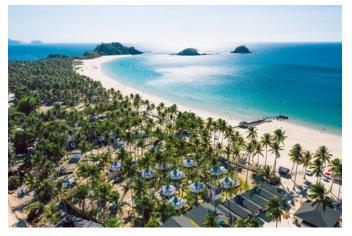
#### Las Cabanas Beach Resort.

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, <u>Nacpan Beach</u> further up the coast has received many positive reviews.



### <u>Sibaltan</u>

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 - start (or end) of tour and included, direction from

## El Nido to Coron, some you need to pay extra)

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]

#### **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]





#### Huts hotel

Another option, closer to Sibaltan, a small lodge 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]



#### Resort 1 - direct booking

Or, for something fancier, this place is just a bit north of the above Huts hotel. Price range is between 6,000-15,000p, above our usual budget but an option for the fancier inclined.



## Night 2 (Linapacan area)

#### Linapacan Tourist Camp [beach 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...

#### RGN Masinlo Beach [beach huts]



Like Balenben and Palatpat, this is a good place if you'd like to get away from potential partiers. It has beach volleyball, bonfires, videoke, but a generator running only until 11pm (solar lights after that). One advantage is for 10,000p you can rent the entire place **exclusively** for yourself.

#### BRC Hotel [hotel]

Located in the small town of <u>San Miguel</u> on the island of Linapacan, halfway between El Nido and Coron, this and <u>Dustan Lodging Inn</u> are the only two places between Resort1 and <u>Coron area resorts</u> to offer <u>air-conditioning</u>. 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.

<u>Note</u>: BRC aircon is apparently old, loud and inefficient, while Dustan is surrounded by loud crowing roosters 24/7. If you prefer greater comfort you can upgrade to a faster boat to zip through this remote beautiful area and stay at one of the Coron area resorts instead.

#### 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. About one third the way to Malcapuya is also <u>Dipalian Island campsite</u> with 20 huts.



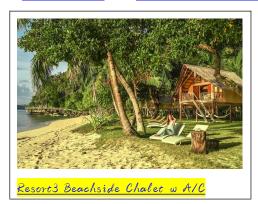
#### Resort 2 [resort] 4.5 out of 242 reviews

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 **direct booking** with them for you (not included in our tour price).



Resort 2 above is located in the Malcapuya group of islands,

about one quarter of the distance along our route, hence a good spot for one overnight stay. There are two other places in the immediate vicinity, Banana Island Resort and Coco Beach Resort [both huts], but they give precedence to a



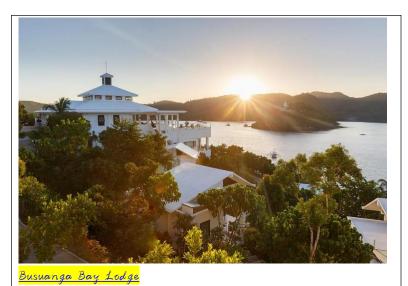
the charged airbnb price.

major group operator and it is too risky to book well in advance, since they do not know their schedule then, which can also change last minute. For this reason we prefer to book at these places closer to your tour date and why we have reached



Coco Beach Resort

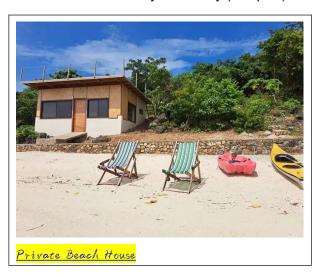
out to the fancier resorts in the Coron area (some examples below). There you will find many more choices, some nearby, some requiring 4,000p extra to cover the extra distance from our usual route, and some of which we can book for you directly ourselves at less than





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We can book for you directly (samples):





For a full list of places to stay at in the Coron area, check out this page.

## End (or start) of tour in Coron (only our

recommendations, not included in the tour)

Discovery Island Resort and Dive Center [resort we can book for you directly ]

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. Ideal if ending your tour in Coron and you would like to keep the island hopping feel while enjoying the Coron nightlife if in the mood.



They have their own pier, where we can drop you off, and they offer a free shuttle service to and from the mainland - a five minute transfer.

Resort 3 [resort - we can book for you directly ]

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. Or also on islands but closer to Coron are <u>Baia Serena Resort</u> and <u>Paolyn</u> <u>Houseboats</u>. Easy for us to drop you off or pick you up at these places.



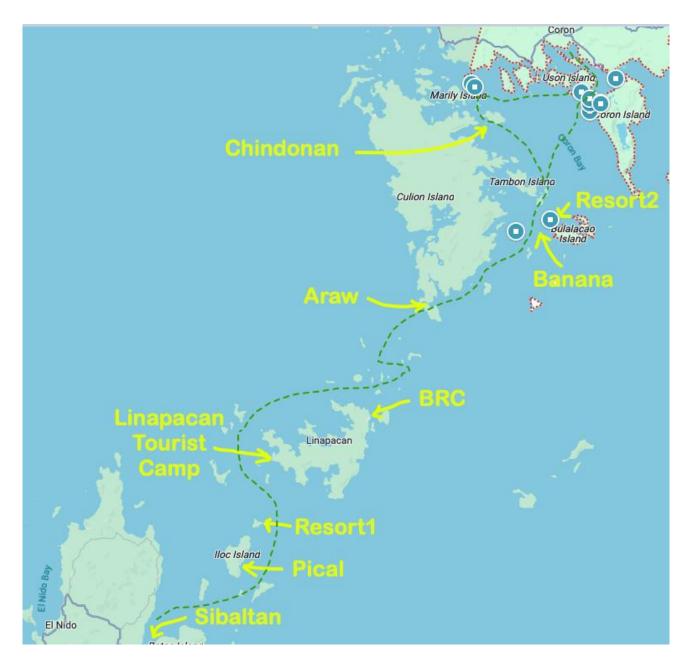
Busuanga Bay Lodge [resort - direct booking ]

5/5 out of 6 reviews. Farther still is this lodge, a fancy resort nestled in with other resorts in a quiet bay.

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Check out our reviews





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.

The green dashed line is the approximate route of our tours, 82 islands along the way. The deviation to the Chindonan Island area near Coron usually requires at least five days and the <u>Premium Package</u>.