



## Palawan Construction



**Availability** : Available all year.

**Project Start & End Days** : Sunday to Saturday

**Project Work Days** : Monday to Fridays (weekends are free)

**Age Requirement** : Must be 18 years or over.

**Nearest Airport** : Puerto Princesa Airport

## **Location of Projects :**

Palawan, officially the Province of Palawan, is an archipelagic province of the Philippines that is located in the region of MIMAROPA. It is the largest province in the country in terms of total area of 14,649.73 square kilometers. The capital City is Puerto Princesa. In addition, Palawan is one of the best places to visit in the country, as it is consistently ranked as one of the best islands in the world, and for a good reason. Palawan is also a special island dotted with fishing villages and surrounded by a beautiful blue sea. The scenes contrast perfectly with the emerald green jungled mountains which form its landscape. Further, it boasts white sand beaches and islands, crystal clear blue waters, spectacular variety of marine life, shipwreck sites, amazing waterfalls, majestic towering cliffs, historic places, savory local delicacies and dishes and rich and diverse culture groups.

On the other hand, our accommodation is located in Tigman Village in Aborlan District, a small and laid back area just outside of Puerto Princesa City. It is a two - hour drive from the City of Puerto Princesa which is around 72 Kilometers far. Meanwhile, the center consumed around twenty minutes in order to get to the Town's center which is the Aborlan Town. In addition, our center is located near the beach where you can relax, chill and swim on the beach during your spare time or after the program schedules. You can also watch the sunrise and sunsets on the beach alongside other participants.

## **Programs descriptions :**

- **Construction project :**

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However, despite the beauty and progressive Palawan, there are areas and places that need to be given attention to especially communal infrastructures. These communal infrastructures include schools, plazas, churches, health centers, multi-purpose halls, community centers and help in constructing Local people's houses as there are many

people living on the Island of Palawan who don't have the funds to upgrade their living conditions.

These communal infrastructures need to be worked on, upgraded, constructed and renovated in order to provide quality, safe and conducive learning spaces for children, spaces to conduct historic and community events and for locals to have a comfortable home and so on. In addition, construction is vital in creating buildings and safe spaces that connect communities, creating jobs and improving the standard of the society. And that's where you can extend help and extra hand.

In this project, you will work alongside local Palawan people and this will give them a unique insight into the lifestyle and culture of the population of this beautiful island. Moreover, you will join other participants from all over the world to jointly work on these construction efforts.

Lastly, the project takes place at the very heart of Tigman Village, Aborlan, Palawan.

So what you can expect from your efforts is to be directing and implementing your construction skills wherever they are needed most!

## **Your Role as volunteer**

On the other hand, you don't need special qualifications or even to have experience in construction efforts but do consider this job requires physical strength and endurance in hot weather conditions. In addition, your work will depend upon the needs of the school, community or recipients at that particular point in time. However, your main roles will be, but are not limited to:

- Assist in the construction and renovations of communal infrastructures such as schools, churches, local houses and so on;
- Digging and assembling construction materials;
- Laying brick and cement.
- Help & Assist in the construction and renovations of school playgrounds;
- Make school pathways and fence;
- Build and renovate Toilet facilities;
- Repair and Renovate School walls;
- Help and assist in building new Classrooms or any other school facilities;
- Help in Painting school buildings;
- Gardening and Landscaping; and
- Repair and make tables & Chairs.

Finally, during the construction activities, please be careful and mindful when using construction equipment and material, ask assistance from your local coordinators for heavy tasks and of course to enjoy and make the most of your stay and make memorable learning experiences.

## **About the accomodation :**

This center houses all participants in their programs around Palawan. It is built with many natural elements and has a tropical beach look to them! You'll be sleeping on bunk beds and we have limited laundry facilities, so expect to wash your clothes by hand, unless you'd like to use the laundry service here for a small fee.

Due to our tropical setting, WiFi service may not be what you are used to at home. It is limited and sometimes inaccessible due to weather, so having your own local SIM card and purchasing data through the GLOBE network may be your best option for staying connected consistently while you are in our local village. Please be advised that due to jellyfish in the water, it is unlikely that you will be able to swim at the beach close by the accommodation. There is an area near the river or on the other side of the village, which is about a 15 minute walk away, where you will be able to enjoy some time in the water.

## **Food Arrangements :**

Three 3 good meals are provided every day of the program scheduled at 8:00 a.m..for Breakfast, 12:00 n.n. for Lunch and 6:00 p.m.. for Dinner and on weekends only brunch and dinner. Food will be mainly of typical local and western dishes. Since we are in Asia, rice is a staple.We serve rice but not everyday.We also serve pasta, noodles, sea foods, most of the time chicken and pork, vegetables and fruits. For breakfast, we may have eggs, sausages, oatmeal, bread, pancakes, coffee and tea.However, meals will also be served based on your dietary requirements.

In addition, food arrangement varies based on your program. Typically, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will usually serve at the Accommodation Center, however, for participants having outdoor activities or placement will have packed lunch or take lunch at the local restaurants or at the Filipino Authentic Restaurants nearby. Finally, you are free to relax and explore the local area and local dishes during your spare time or on the weekends but at your own cost and expense.

## **Facilities**

There are many forms of local transportation such as jeepneys, buses and vans which depart every hour to the town of Aborlan or to the next town Narra. Meanwhile, the center consumed around twenty minutes in order to get to the Town's center of Aborlan and around thirty minutes to the next town , Narra.

There are ATM's & Western Union transfers available in the town of Narra. Here, you can also find all necessary amenities such as Banks, pharmacies, grocery stores, local

restaurants, local bars, public markets, parks and many more.

## **Mandatory Orientation Day**

On the Monday of your first week at this location, you will join our orientation day, to familiarize you with the surroundings as well as local culture. Your program will continue as usual from Tuesday onward throughout the rest of the week.

### **Schedule**

- Introduction meeting, House rules, Setting Expectations, Health and Safety Advice, handling of documents & Signing up of relevant documents.
- Filipino Do's and Don'ts, Dress Codes, Filipino Culture Lessons and Basic Filipino Language Lessons.
- Tour around the compound and local area; and arrange a sim-card if necessary.
- Lunch
- Project Meetings, Observations, Preparations with assigned Local Program Coordinators.
- Dinner
- Cultural Night