

DOT CELEBRATES PALAWAN'S BEST ISLAND OF THE WORLD CITATION

The Department of Tourism (DOT) today celebrates the hailing of Palawan as the Best Island in the World by the renowned travel publication, Travel + Leisure.

“Palawan reclaimed its rightful place in the World’s Best Awards. The citation as the Best Island in the World is all the more important because this is voted upon by the readers of the prominent Travel & Leisure magazine,” said Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat, who recently checked the readiness of the island to spur tourism recovery in the region.

The island dubbed “Philippines’ last frontier” first earned recognition as the magazine’s Best Island in the World in 2013 before being honored back-to-back last 2016 to 2017.

This year’s World’s Best Awards survey closed on March 2, just before widespread stay-at-home orders were implemented as a result of COVID-19. Hence, results reflect the experiences of Travel + Leisure readers before the pandemic.

Travel + Leisure writer Sara Clemence said, referring to four-time World’s Best Island Palawan, “though it’s difficult to reach from many parts of the world, once travelers get there they can dive in World War II wrecks, explore old-growth rain forests, and paddle one of the world’s longest subterranean rivers at Puerto Princesa”.

"The landscape and scenery are just gorgeous. It offers the most beautiful beaches, resorts, and scenery anywhere," the travel magazine quoted a fan describing Palawan.

Palawan garnered a very high score of 94.83, way above the second-ranked island which got 90.55.

Home to the world-renowned Puerto Princesa Underground River, and pristine beaches that boast of powdery white sands, Palawan, and its beaches and resorts have gained global recognition, bagging citations from prestigious publications such as CNN Travel, Condé Nast Traveler (CNT), TripAdvisor, and travel awards programs including the World Travel Awards and World Luxury Hotel Awards, among others.

Another popular destination in the Philippines, Boracay, made it to No. 14 in T+L’s World Best Island list and fifth in Asia this year.

More recently, the Hidden Beach in El Nido, Palawan was named among The 30 Best Beaches in the World by CNT.

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www.travelandleisure.com/worlds-best/islands