

Philippines 04: Puerto Princesa Subterranean River



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puerto_Princesa_Subterranean_River_National_Park

Exercise 1 | Vocabulary and Expressions (Vocabulary and Expressions)

Directions: Listen and repeat.

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Vocabulary and Expressions	Example
subterranean (subterranean)	The Puerto Princesa Subterranean River was said to be the longest underground river.
island hopping (island hopping – traveling from one island to another in an area of small islands)	The tourism office developed a standard boat rental rates for island hopping .
World Heritage Site (World Heritage Site – a building, city, forest, etc. listed as a place of special cultural or physical significance by the UNESCO)	Do you know that we have 9 World Heritage Sites is the Philippines?
karst (karst – a landscape formed of soluble rocks such as limestone)	Many underground rivers are part of a karst landscape.
National Park (national park)	The City Government of Puerto Princesa has managed the National Park since 1992.
landscape (landscape)	The artist painted a landscape of the mountain range.
I'm sold! (I am convinced)	She showed me some of the photos she took in Thailand. I'm sold! I am going there this winter.

Exercise 2 | Dialogue (Dialogue)

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

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Scene: Marie is having a tour down the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River.

Kaye : Well Marie, now I'll present to you something special. This is the Puerto Princesa **Subterranean** River and I'll show you a part of it.

Marie : Thank you! And I have to say that this is astonishing. I haven't seen anything more beautiful than this in a really long time.

Kaye : And there is 8.2 kilometers of this beauty. The river is said to be the longest navigable underground river in the world. And it's also the famous **island hopping** spot.

Marie : Wow, 8.2 kilometers! Seeing only this much makes me want to see every part of it.

Kaye : And I have to say it is worth it. The river was declared as **World Heritage Site**, so it is protected by UNESCO.

Marie : I'm glad they are protecting and preserving its beauty and class for future generations as well.

Kaye : That's right. And this river is not it. This whole **national park** is located in the Saint Paul Mountain Range on the northern coast of the island, so next to the beautiful river, we have a beautiful mountain as well

Marie : I see, you seem to have everything you need. What about these weirdly shaped stones surrounding the cave? What are those?

Kaye : The Park has a **karst** mountain **landscape**. It is more than 24 km (15 mi) long and contains an 8.2 km (5.1 mi) long underground section.

Marie : This is really amazing! I wish I had time to see all of it.

Exercise 3 | Filling in the Blanks (Filling in the Blanks)

Directions: Fill in the blanks below. Have a role play with your teacher.

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Scene: Maya suggested Ricky to visit the Subterranean River.

Maya : Hey Rick! Do you want to visit Palawan with me?

Ricky : Why Palawan? What's so special about it?

Maya : The Puerto Princesa _____ River, of course.

Ricky : And that's what? Can you give me more details?

Maya : It's one of the famous _____ spots in the Philippines. And it is also one of the _____.

Ricky : That does sound interesting. But still, why is it so special? What can we find there? What does it look like?

Maya : It's an underground river! It's inside a cave! How often do you see that? And the mountain next to it has a large _____, which is also quite interesting and unusual. It's all part of one of, _____ in the Philippines, and it's even included in the 7 New Wonders of the world. Can you imagine how popular that river is?

Ricky : Wow. That is pretty incredible when you put it that way! **I'm sold**, take me there!

Maya : Oh, trust me, you won't regret it!

landscape	World Heritage Sites	karst
national parks	island hopping	Subterranean

Exercise 4 | Free Conversation (Free Conversation)

Directions: Take turns with your teacher in answering the questions

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1. Do you like spending time in nature? Why? Why not?
2. What is the name of the most famous river in your country? Why is it famous?
3. Are there any unusual landscapes in your country?
4. Do you think rivers should be protected? Why? Why not?
5. How important it is to protect the nature of one country?