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Philippines at a Glance

- Located in South East Asia, south of Taiwan and Hong Kong, east of Malaysia and Vietnam, and north of Indonesia and Australia.
- An archipelago of 7,641 tropical islands
- Population of 113.9 million (as of 2021)
- The climate in the Philippines is similar to Thailand. The temperature varies from 26 degrees (November - February) to 31 degrees (April and May). There are two months of the year when there is significant rainfall in Manila and Boracay: July and August. However, as it is separated by bodies of water, the Philippines can be considered a year-round destination.
- The currency is the Philippine Peso (PHP) Exchange rate = 60.32 pesos to Euro 1.00
- English is the official business language in the Philippines, and is widely spoken among locals. Restaurant menus and signages are also printed in English, which makes it very easy for tourists to get around, and communicate and connect with the people.



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Philippines at a Glance

- The country consists of three main geographical divisions: Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao – each with its own characteristics, sights, sounds, and flavors that add to the diverse composition of the country.
  - Luzon – the biggest island where the capital city of Manila and the Banaue Rice Terraces, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, are located
  - Visayas – where some the of the finest beaches and dive spots of the world can be found in the islands of Boracay, Bohol, Dumaguete, Cebu, and many more
  - Mindanao – The southern tip of the archipelago with Mt. Apo as the highest mountain in the Philippines
- Additionally, each island group has a key gateway for international flights, specifically in Manila for Luzon, Cebu for Visayas, and Davao for Mindanao







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Unique culture in Asia

Filipinos are descendants of Indo-Malay explorers with elements of Chinese, Arab, Spanish and American lineages mixed in. This fusion of ethnicity has given rise to no less than 120 distinct cultural and linguistic groups.

The country is a contrasting blend of cultures coming from the East and West, mostly due to the colonization of the country by the Spaniards and Americans. The Spaniards, who ruled the Philippines for more than three centuries, had been a big influence to the country's culture in general, having adapted the language, traditions, and festivals that Filipinos still practice up to this day.

November to February offer the coolest climate in the entire year, and good time to experience the longest Christmas season in the world; March to May are summer months and the perfect time for sun worshippers and wave riders. This is also the season for scuba diving, trekking, and mountain climbing. June to October are the wet, off-peak months and the ideal times to get the best bargains.



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Entry Regulations

Nationals from several countries are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa, for stays of up to thirty (30) days. You may view this link to see the list of countries: Click here

Passengers must have passports that are valid for at least six (6) months beyond the period of stay in the Philippines. They must also possess return tickets to their country of origin, or outward-bound tickets to their next country of destination.

The Philippines has lifted all its COVID-related regulations for entry into the country.


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MANILA

Manila is the getaway to the 7,641 islands of the Philippines and widely known as Metro Manila. It is the center of entertainment, culture, government, business and finance. Manila is a delightful mix of the old and the new, from modern shopping malls, imposing high-rise buildings, pulsating nightlife to ancient Spanish churches. The country's most famous public transportation is the jeepney, which represents the ingenuity of the Filipinos. They have converted surplus U.S. Military jeeps left behind by the Americans after WWII into practical and decorative passenger vehicles.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the old colonial town of Intramuros
- Baroque Church
- UNESCO World Heritage Site

CUSTOMIZE THE TOUR

- End the tour at a Filipino restaurant
- Rooftop lunch overlooking Intramuros

NOTES

- Museums are closed on Mondays
- The tour entails use of public transportation

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SHOPPING

Metro Manila has a wide variety of shopping centers in the capital. From the latest fashion trends to thrift shopping, the City offers a wide spectrum of fashion choices. Some notable recreational shops can be found at Ayala Center in Makati City, SM Mall of Asia at Pasay City, and at Bonifacio High Street in Taguig. For bargain steals, head on over to Divisoria at Manila City or Greenhills Shopping Center in San Juan City.

FOOD AND GASTRONOMY

The Filipino style of cooking has evolved over many centuries with a blend of various cultures influenced by history of past colonizers. Take our gastronomic experiences tours such as the Anthony Bourdain's Food Trail which includes Bale Dutung that was featured in his show "No Reservations" in 2008. Continue the food encounters through the Culinary Cooking Experience tour with a hands-on cooking short course from The Red Apron Academy.

HERITAGE AND HISTORY

Travel back in time and explore Old Manila. Start the tour with a visit to Rizal Park in honor of the country's national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal and then proceed o the Walled City of Intramuros to visit the remnants of Spain's conquistadores. Go sightseeing around the area and appreciate the architecture. Customize your tour further by having a rooftop lunch overlooking Old Manila.

EVENTS, CULTURE, AND ARTS

Enjoy an extraordinary experience that is uniquely Filipino by riding an air-conditioned jeepney whilst taking in the sights of Manila to get the real local experience. Explore further by going on foot and go to Binondo for a food trip and shopping expedition in one of the oldest Chinatowns in the world outside mainland China. You may combine this with the Old Manila tour for the full Manila experience.

SIGHTSEEING

Accessible by a ride from Manila on board a 150-seat fast ferry, Corregidor island is known as "The Rock" for being the naval defense of Manila during World War II. A guided tour on board a 'tranvia' or bus will take you through landmarks and features that made said island a formidable defense bastion. Cap off the day by having dinner at one of the best restaurants in Manila.



BORACAY

Boracay Island is best known all around the world for its white powdery sandy beaches and turquoise water. This little piece of paradise offers many activities such as hiking, island hopping, parasailing, cliff diving, surfboarding, skiing, banana boat riding and diving. Boracay Island has more than a dozen beaches and many coves. The most popular main beach, or “White Beach” is dotted with a growing number of resorts, hotels and dining options. It is almost four kilometers long and has been named several times as one of the best beaches in the world.

HIGHLIGHTS

- White beaches
- Snorkeling in the pristine waters of Boracay

CUSTOMIZE THE TOUR

- Extend the tour with sunset cruise
- Try underwater helmet diving
- Combine with Bohol and El Nido for our Three Island Escape tour

NOTES

- Not operating in rough seas/bad weather

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SUN AND BEACH

Albeit a small island with a length of about 7 kilometers, Boracay's beauty is unparalleled with its powdery white beaches and it being one of the main tourist attractions of the Philippines. Enjoy this tropical paradise through our Boracay Island Hopping tour where you will get to explore Crocodile Island for snorkeling and fish feeding. Another great sightseeing area is Island Cove– a small cave with a bird's eye view of the whole Boracay Island.



FOOD AND GASTRONOMY

More than a being a beach and an adventure destination, Boracay is a haven for foodies with a number of restaurants serving a wide variety of cuisines. From Spanish, Asian, and up to Italian, Boracay has a vast selection to satisfy your cravings. After trying different eats, try out Boracay's famous Mango Shake at one of the oldest snack bars in the island. A trip to Boracay wouldn't be complete without experiencing its night life so be sure to check out their beachfront bars.



NATURE AND ADVENTURE

Best done between the months of November to May, go further the usual island hopping trips and try our Beyond Boracay tour, visit the jungle leading to Hacienda Maria. Go trekking inside Sapsapon Cave and see different shapes and sizes of stalactites and stalagmites. Afterwards, try taking a dip in the fresh waters of the nearby waterfall or into a 'hot pot jacuzzi'. Travel back to the island proper by boat.



ARTS AND CULTURE

Visit the small town of Motag, Malay, Aklan that's roughly 30-minutes away from Boracay Island. See an interactive showcase of traditional farming methods, craft weaving, culinary delights, and Malayanon folk songs in the Motag Living Museum. Immerse yourself to the Malayanon culture and travel back in time when life was unpretentious.



PALAWAN

Palawan is an idyllic, almost undeveloped paradise of raw natural beauty and the largest province in the country. Gaining ground to have the most beautiful set of beaches, Palawan is home to virgin and pristine beaches. It is a big treasure trove of unexplored coral reefs, diving and mountain sites and rock formations. The untouched environment has been protected by environmental groups to maintain its natural and exquisite beauty, making it one of the Philippines' main attractions.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Underground river – a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Visit the Ihawig Penal Colony or the 'Prison without Walls"
- Kayak in the lagoons of El Nido
- Outstanding limestone formations of El Nido

CUSTOMIZE THE TOUR

- Visit and snorkel in Honda Bay
- Kayak in the Mangrove Forest
- Romantic beach dinner on private island in El Nido
- Jungle trek and mangroves visit Sabang
- Romantic beach dinner on private island in El Nido
- Enjoy the quiet seclusion of Flower Island Resort
- Combine with Bohol and Boracay for our Three Island Escape tour

NOTES

- Travel time from Sabang to Puerto Princesa City is approximately is 1.5 to 2 hours
- Transportation to the entrance of the cave and inside the cave is by boat; guests can get wet during the tour
- El Nido, Palawan was voted number 1 island in the world
- Flower Island offers average accommodation

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SUN AND BEACH

Being the largest province in the country, Palawan has a number of islands that are popular for summer getaways. Helmed by Condé Nast in 2016 as number one in the list of the “Most Beautiful Beaches in the World,” and CNN Go calling it as the “Best Beach and Island Destination in the Philippines,” visit El Nido and prepare to be amazed. Go further and visit Coron, and marvel at the limestone formations and swim at one of its famous snorkeling sites, the Siete Pecados.



NATURE AND ADVENTURE

Explore a UNESCO World Heritage site through our Underground River tour to visit the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park. Admire the dome-shaped cathedral-like caverns of the river that stretches up to 8 kilometers underneath the limestone cliffs. Extend your stay in the province and get to experience a panoramic view of Puerto Princesa through our Extreme ATV Trail Ride Adventure tour where you’ll also get to drive through several terrains and kayak or paddle boat in the Buaya River.



DIVE

Palawan houses not only one but two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The Tubbataha Reefs Marine Park is one of the most famous dive destinations in the world which lies in the center of the Sulu Sea, and encompasses 332 square kilometers of coral reefs and lagoons. Apart from Tubbataha, explore other dive sites in Coron which is famous for its wreck diving.



CULTURE

The main island in Palawan province in 425 kilometers long running from northeast to southwest. Explore Puerto Princesa through our tour for the city where you can visit the city’s commercial area, and make stops on the market, Iwahig Penal Colony or the ‘Prison without Walls,’ and see pineapple fiber weavers in action. Another cultural tour that’s one for the books is the Batak Tribe Cultural Tour where you will have the opportunity to meet, interact and dance with the indigenous people of Palawan called Batak.



BOHOL

Bohol is located in the Central Visayas region the island features aside from white sandy beaches some Spanish colonial churches and historical landmarks. Tourist go here to see the indigenous tarsier, the second smallest primate in the world. Another tourist attraction in Bohol is the majestic Loboc River, one of the four main rivers that runs through the province and the Chocolate Hills. Most of Bohol was submerged in a shallow sea two million years ago. As the water receded over time, coral formations rose out the water, becoming the now famous Chocolate Hills. The smooth and uniform hills are a result of years and years of rainwater and erosion. Another tourist destination is Panglao Island, separated by a narrow channel, where some of the best diving spots can be found. White sandy coves are ideal for relaxing and swimming together with other islets surrounding the main land that also have untouched and pristine beaches. Pamilacan Island is ideal for divers and beachcombers, with its waters serving as migrating routes for whales and dolphins.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Chocolate Hills
- Smallest primate in the world
- Swim in pristine waters of Anda Beach in Panglao, Bohol

CUSTOMIZE THE TOUR

- Cycle the Chocolate Hills
- Zip Line over Loboc River or Try Stand Up Paddle boarding in Loboc River
- Extend the tour in Cebu
- Combine with Boracay and El Nido for our Three Island Escape tour

NOTES

- The tour is subject to cancellation if extreme weather occurs
- Upgrade to business class on the ferry Bohol to Cebu.
- Flight out from Tagbilaran instead of Cebu

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DIVE

One of the most well-known dive destinations in the Philippines, Bohol boasts of a number of dive sites such as Balicasag, and Pamilacan Island. Go on a tour on both islands and set sail from Panglao Island going south. Get to see schools of groupers, snappers, and migrating dolphins and whales in Pamilacan Island. Customize your tour further and enjoy the sunset in the island with a bottle of champagne. Extend your stay in the province and travel to Balicasag Island to dive in its wondrous marine sanctuary which is great for a wall dive where you'll encounter a school of jacks or hawksbill sea turtles.



SUN AND BEACH

Another white sandy beach that the Philippines is proud of, Panglao Island has become a main tourist destination in the recent years. Apart from the main island, Panglao also has several islets surrounding it with untouched and pristine beaches. Snorkel along the Alona Beach and easily catch the colorful marine life underwater. Enjoy a massage by the beach at night or get dinner and have the fresh catch of the day along the beach.



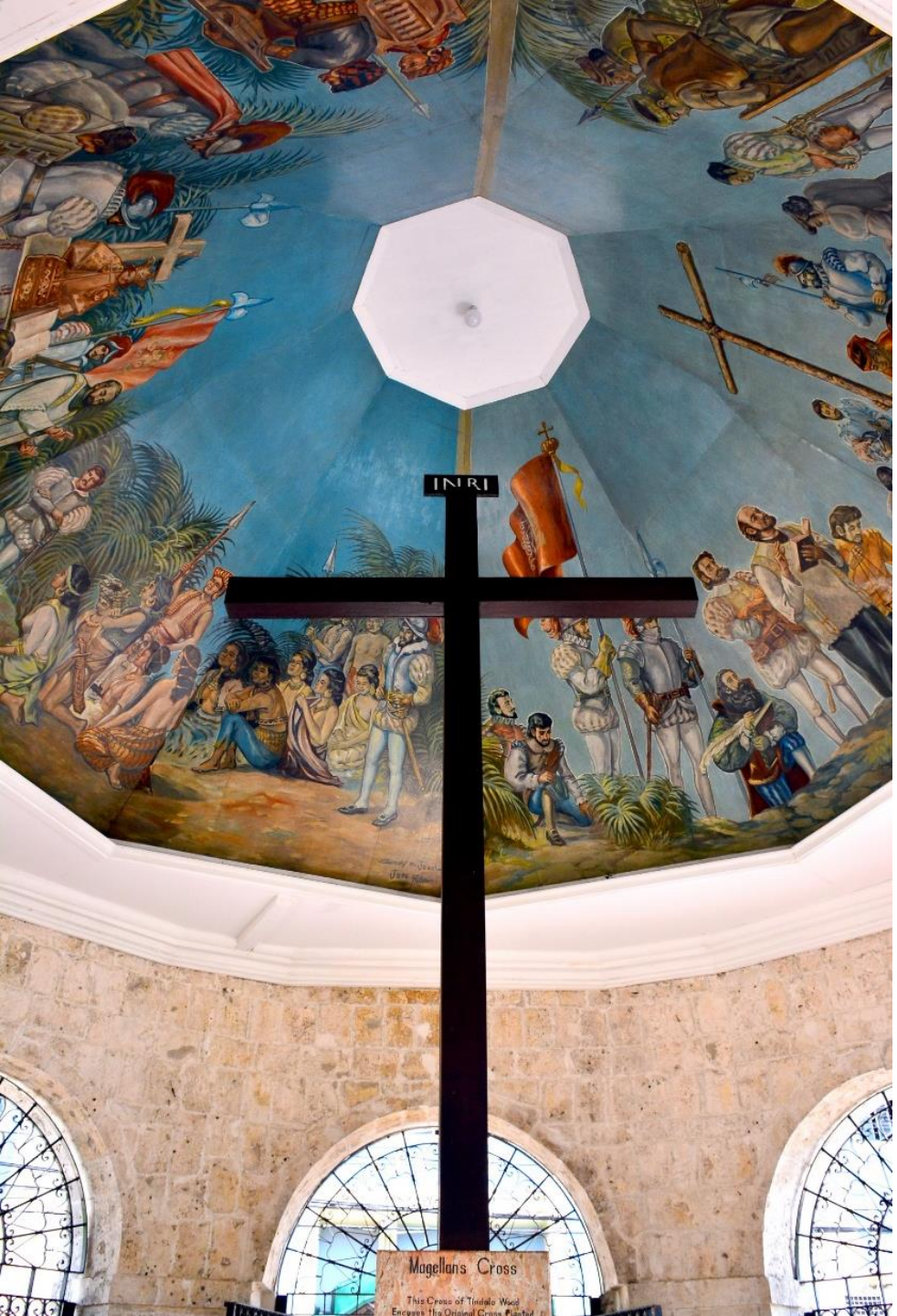
NATURE AND ADVENTURE

Bohol doesn't only boast of its famous beaches! With its lush green forest surroundings, have lunch while cruising through Loboc River. Also, go on a Ride and Paddle Boholano Style-tour which is designed for novice mountain bikers, and test your balancing skills on water in a stand-up paddle board in Loboc River. Continue your adventure and go with our Feel the Rush Zip, Bike and Surf tour, especially made for those seeking the adrenaline rush. Get to pedal your way mid-air and have a breath-taking 360-degree view of the Chocolate Hills. Customize this tour further and go camping and wake up each morning with the Chocolate Hills as your backdrop.



CULTURE

Boholanos are known to be thrifty, law-abiding, hospitable, and modest people. Immerse yourself and truly experience culture through its people and engage with what they do daily. Through our A Day in the Life of Boholanos tour, the locals will demonstrate their livelihoods and hobbies, such as weaving house with roof made with indigenous materials. You can also try taking a walk on the ride paddies and visit a rock farm through this tour.



CEBU

Cebu City, also known as “Queen City of the South”, is the oldest city in the Philippines. Historically, this is where the initial battle between the Filipinos and Spaniards took place. The city was established immediately by the Spanish explorer Miguel Lopez de Legazpi’s in 1565. Rich in culture and natural resources, the island of Cebu boasts of some of the Philippines’ oldest and treasured traditions, festivals, and famed tourist spots of pristine beaches that have been a constant favorite of tourists from all over the world. Cebu presents the widest variety of sun and sea activities on dazzling island hopping tours – limitless water sports, golf, tennis and beautiful sightseeing within fascinating biodiversity on land and underwater. Cebu hosts every third Sunday of January one of the most celebrated festivals called Sinulog. The festival is seen to honor and connect both of the Cebuanos’ pagan past and Christian present. The name comes from the Cebuano adverb sulog, which means “like water current movement” and describes the forward-backward movement of the dance to the beat of the drum.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Magellan’s Cross
- Olango Seascape – a wildlife sanctuary tour
- Skydiving over Bantayan Island

CUSTOMIZE THE TOUR

- Use public transportation to get the ‘real’ local experience
- Extend some nights in Moalboal for diving
- Extend the tour in Bohol

NOTES

- Subject to cancellation when extreme weather occurs

CEBU | SEE AND DO







DIVE
Diving enthusiasts continue to rave about Cebu's dive sites, rivaling other Philippine dive sites in its neighboring provinces. Best known for its Sardine Run, go south to Moalboal and experience this phenomenon where the school of sardines will surround you. Off the coast of Moalboal, go diving further in Pescador Island and experience its rich marine ecosystem. Looking for a more adventurous dive? Head north to Malapascua Island and dive for Thresher Shark sightings.

SUN AND BEACH
Try our Island Hopping Escapade tour! Your adventure will begin onboard a motorized banca to discover the underwater jewels of Cebu's blue waters. During the tour, have the opportunity to swim and snorkel and enjoy the marine life attractions before moving to Nalusuan Island for a picnic lunch from Cordova. Before returning to the mainland, make a brief stop on another island to have a firsthand witness of the fisher folks' simple lifestyle.

NATURE AND ADVENTURE
A perfect activity for those who wants to have an adventure, Canyoneering is the perfect way to satisfy an explorer. In our Canyoneering and Kawasan Waterfalls tour, you'll start at Canlaob River downstream going towards Kawasan Falls. The falls is a must-see attraction while you are in town due to its three-layered waterfall system, and fresh and clear waters. It is important to note that regardless of how good you are at swimming, wearing of life vests and helmets are practiced in this site.

EVENTS, CULTURE, AND ARTS
Unique to the Cebu province, get to experience the Sinulog Festival– a celebration of music, dance, and spirituality that pays homage to the Holy Child, the Sto. Niño de Cebu that happens every 3rd Sunday of January. Get to experience the National Sport of the Philippines called Arnis. Dubbed as a local version of the Martial Arts, Arnis or Eskrima uses wooden sticks that builds up one's strength and self-defense techniques.

FOOD AND GASTRONOMY
Cebu is a culinary hotspot and prides itself with the Cebu Lechon (roasted pig) where many restaurants contends for being the best of the best. Thinking of bringing a souvenir back home? Try the province's dried mangoes! It has a long shelf life so rest assured that you can also save some stocks for your pantry. While in the province, also try Cebu's three-way style of cooking called SuTuKil which translates to Su for Sugba (grill), Tu for Tuwa (stew), and Kil for Kilaw (to eat raw or soak in vinegar).



DUMAGUETE AND SIQUIJOR

Dumaguete City is the capital of the province of Negros Oriental, located in the southwestern part of Visayas. Dumaguete has a population of more than 130,000 people, and has been dubbed as The City of Gentle People because of their hospitable nature. Considered to be a main tourist spot, Dumaguete is easily accessible from the main land of Cebu, and is also a boat ride away to the islet of Siquijor. It is situated near two of the country's best dive sites – Apo Island and Sumilon Island. These two islands offer one of the best reef and macro diving sites having the most magnificent coral reef formations and marine wildlife. Siquijor Island is a hilly, limestone island located 30 km east of the southern tip of Negros Island. The island is also commonly associated with mystic traditions that attracts many visitors.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover why Dumaguete was chosen by Forbes Magazine in 2014 as one of the best places to retire in the world
- Trek up to the highest peak of the island with incredible views
- Apo Island snorkeling with turtles

CUSTOMIZE THE TOUR

- Visit Apo Island and go swimming with the turtles
- Extend some nights in Siquijor or in islands nearby for a beach holiday

NOTES

- Siquijor is only accessible via ferry from Dumaguete
- Subject to cancellation when extreme weather occurs

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SUN AND BEACH

Spend the whole day exploring a hilly, limestone island with masses of glowing fireflies called “Isla del Fuego” through our Siquijor Island tour. Tour the island further and go to Palitan Beach for an insta-worthy backdrop with its long stretch of coconut palm trees. Rustic bars and restaurants can also be explored further. Visit Negros Island further and go south for two crater lakes– Lake Balingsasayao and Lake Danao which are both set apart by a common geologic fault situated in a caledra formed by four mountains.



DIVE

Some of the country’s best diving sites are located in Dumaguete and Siquijor, with Apo Island being one of the famous ones. A community-organized marine sanctuary just 7 kilometers off the town of Zamboanguita, the island has several species of corals and reefs, which serves as a great feeding ground for sea turtles. Another marine sanctuary that the province is proud of is the Tulapos Marine Sanctuary which is abundant with several marine species such as barracudas.



NATURE AND ADVENTURE

Experience an adventure of a lifetime through our Dumaguete Dragon Boat Challenge. You can be a dragon boat paddler no matter your age, background, or athletic ability. This is a sport that Filipinos excel in. Start early in the morning to join the training of a dragon boat team and paddle your way 300 meters out into the sea. Reward yourself afterwards with a healthy breakfast in the resort or combine it with other day tours.



ARTS AND CULTURE

An introduction to Dumaguete is a visit to the Siliman University campus. The university houses an exhibit of locally excavated artifacts, Sung and Ming porcelain, and an ethnographic collection from various minority tribes in the country; it also houses in its Marine Laboratory an assortment of underwater specimen, and an aquaculture for giant clams and groupers. Widely known as the Mystic Island of Central Visayas, visit Siquijor for some of its quaint offerings such as amulets that are said to remedy financial and mental problems, and love potions to attract one’s object of affection.



SIARGAO

The area comprises of 48 islands and islets with Siargao Island being the main one and dubbed as the ‘Surfing Capital’ of the Philippines, with a worldwide reputation for thick, hollow tubes in ‘Cloud 9’. The Island’s Pacific-facing reefs are situated on the edge of the Philippine Trench, and the extremely deep offshore waters assure the ocean swells have undiluted power when they encounter the many coral and rock reefs. Siargao has excellent surfing conditions, particularly during the southwest ‘habagat’ monsoon from August to November, when the prevailing wind is offshore. Siargao Island is more than just surfing. Get into one of the countless boats and hop from one island to the next, explore the many deserted white sandy beaches like Naked Island, Guyam and Daku Islands. Several hidden lagoons dot the shore with Sugba Lagoon and Sohoton cove being the most famous for swimming with stingless jellyfishes. The unique Magpupungko Pool which is only visible at low tide is another attraction of the island.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride a Carabao
- Island hopping on three spectacular islands

CUSTOMIZE THE TOUR

- Take a break and do a picnic while enjoying the sunset
- Have an overnight stay in beachfront huts in Daku Island

NOTES

- Bring own water jugs as these will not be provided during the tour
- No electricity provided in Daku Island

SIARGAO | SEE AND DO





SUN AND BEACH

Best known as the Surfing Capital of the Philippines, visit Siargao for the famous Cloud 9 surf site and experience ocean swells and waves that break over a reef. With waves going from 5 to 6 feet high, Siargao has excellent surfing excellent conditions particularly during the southwest monsoon or *habagat* season from August to November. More than being a surfing destination, visit several of the destination's hidden lagoons along the shores of Sugba Lagoon and Sohoton Cove where stingless jellyfishes can be seen. At a 45-minute drive from General Luna, visit Mapupungko Pool which is only visible at low tide.

NATURE AND ADVENTURE

With our Discover the Maldives of the Philippines tour, explore the teardrop-shaped island further by visiting spectacular islands just off the shores of Siargao proper. Travel to a bare island called Naked Island which is a 200-meter long sand bank with no vegetation of trees and is surrounded by crystal clear turquoise waters making it an excellent spot for snorkeling, swimming, and sun bathing. Daku Island on the other hand, is an island with several coconut palm trees; boasting of its sandy peninsula, take a stroll and mingle with its locals in its small village. Last but not the least, visit Guyam Island, a perfect romantic or relaxing getaway for its shallow, clear waters before heading back to the mainland.



NORTHERN LUZON

The largest and highest mountain range in the Philippines is the Cordillera in northern Luzon. The scenery, culture and environment in the mountains are completely different from other destinations of the Philippines. Cordillera Mountains have stunning rice terraces, cool weather and alpine vegetation. The biggest and the most famous city in the Cordillera mountains is Baguio, summer capital of the country, gifted with historical and scenic attractions that makes it a favorite spot for both foreign and local tourists. Banaue, known for incredible ancient rice terraces, considered to be the 8th natural wonder of the world by many Filipinos. The terraces are inhabited mostly by hand from tribal people called Igorots, literally translated as "people from the mountains". Sagada is small town with a great scenery and famous for hanging coffins and burial caves. Some of the quiet serenity and historical spots can only be found off the beaten path. Bontoc, the historical capital of the entire Cordillera region and home to an extensive collection of tribal artifacts in the museum of mountain culture.

HIGHLIGHTS

- UNESCO World Heritage Site of Banaue
- Interacting with the villagers in Bang-aan
- Bontoc Museum
- Hanging coffins of Sagada

CUSTOMIZE THE TOUR

- Add a day in Banaue to trek the terraces
- Add a day at Sagada to trek the valleys
- Extend the trip at Clark and visit Pinatubo Volcano

NOTES

- Best Seller (Available in Seat-In-Coach)
- Best time to see the terraces in green is April – July

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ARTS AND CULTURE

Connecting with indigenous tribes provides an insight into the culture of our *Katutubos,* and is a memorable experience for travelers. Immerse yourself through our Banaue Express tour which allows you to visit the 2000-year old UNESCO World Heritage site of the Banaue Rice Terraces that represents the Ifugao's ingenuity and engineering prowess. In Bontoc, you may also visit the ethnographic museum founded by Belgian sisters featuring artifacts and photos during the Igorot headhunting days. Get to see some of North Luzon's famous caves with hanging coffins as the last catch of the day. Customize your trip further by catching the sunrise in Marlboro Country in Sagada.



HERITAGE AND HISTORY

Reach the mountain ranges of the Cordilleras through our Ifugao Odyssey tour. The 10-hour journey to Banaue leads you to the world famous rice terraces. Trek and hike to Batad to reach an experience the breathtaking view of the sheer wooded, amphitheater-like terraces, and visit its secluded village afterwards. Continue your trip by trekking to Tappiya Waterfalls and with time permitting, enjoy a refreshing dip in the natural pool fronting the waterfalls. Immerse further and mingle with the humble village folks of the destination.



FOOD AND GASTRONOMY

A haven for food enthusiasts, Northern Luzon is quite famous for its strawberries in La Trinidad, Benguet where visitors may go strawberry-picking with weather-permitting. Baguio, on the other hand, also has a traditional way of cooking called "Watwat" which boils chunks of pork in a large pot and then served to guests on any occasion. The region is also well-known for coffee lovers as a number of roasters and coffee shops are present in the province, with the high-elevation of the area and good soil serving as good grounds for coffee beans to be planted.

OFF THE BEATEN PATH DESTINATIONS



BANTAYAN ISLAND CEBU

Known for its stunning white sandy beaches, crystal-clear waters, and laid-back atmosphere. Bantayan Island is part of the municipality of Bantayan and is situated to the west of the northern tip of Cebu Island.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Picturesque beaches
- Ogtong Cave – features a natural cave pool
- St. Peter and Paul Church – historical churches of the town known for its old Spanish colonial architecture
- Local Cuisine – feast on freshly catch seafood and local delicacies



LEGAZPI

Legazpi City is the capital of Albay in Bicol Province, where one can easily see the stunning view of the Mayon Volcano along with the City's coastal plains.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ATV ride up to Mount Mayon
- Stop by at one of the most photographed ruins in the country, the bell tower of Cagsawa Church.



CAMIGUIN

Located in the coast of Southern Philippines facing the Bohol Sea, the Island whose volcanic origins and eruptions dating back in circa 1953 brought forth an abundance of natural sites from relaxing hot springs, white sand islets, refreshing cold and soda springs, majestic waterfalls, mysterious sunken cemetery and A land that's rich and fertile resulting to the sweetest Lanzones where an annual festival is held every third week of October

HIGHLIGHTS

- Dive into the Sunken Cemetery
- Visit Mantigue Island- a four-hectare island which is a haven for rare marine creatures, and with a mini forest at the center

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