



BICOL

It's more fun in the
Philippines



The new adventure destination

The Bicol region on the island of Luzon offers a unique perspective on the Philippines: with its fascinating ruins, colourful culture and treasure trove of natural wonders, there's much to explore.

Known as Bicolandia, the area consists of six provinces: Albay, Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, Catanduanes, Masbate and Sorsogon. It's a region blessed with beautiful rivers and lakes, mountains, tiered waterfalls and hot springs – and dotted with volcanoes, such as the famous Mount Mayon.

Thrill seekers can indulge in zip lining, spelunking, trekking and helicopter sightseeing, but there are also stunning beaches and world-renowned

Mount Mayon

The majestic Mount Mayon in Albay, renowned for its perfectly shaped cone, is a must-see. This active volcano stands at 7,946 ft and is the most famous symbol of the Bicol region. Serious climbers can hike to its peak, but for others, an observatory and museum can be found one-third of the way up.

Camsur Watersports Complex

Watersports enthusiasts from beginners to pros shouldn't miss a visit to this unique park in Camarines Sur designed for wakeboarding, wake skating and waterskiing.

Cagsawa Ruins

The Pompeii of Bicol, Cagsawa in Daraga is a memorial to the region's tragic past. When Mt Mayon erupted in 1814, the town was engulfed by lava, and only a lone church bell tower remains, rising from the landscape.

Spanish Galleon Wreck

For an underwater window into the past, scuba dive at the famous Spanish galleon wreck site off Santo Domingo, Albay. Resting five fathoms beneath transparent green waters, the coral-covered wreck is an unforgettable sight.

Waterfalls and Springs

Bathe in the cool waters of Malacsay Falls in Naga, Camarines Sur, gaze at the seven-tiered cascading white foam of Busay Falls in Malilipot, Albay or soak in the thermal pools of Tiwi Hot Springs National Park, where the waters are believed to have medicinal properties.

Beaches

Check out the magnificent white-sand stretch of Puraran Beach in Catanduanes and Bagasbas Beach in Camarines Norte. Both are popular surfing destinations.

surfing and scuba diving spots. Snorkel amidst exotic coral and sea life, or take the rare opportunity to swim with whale sharks. With all this to experience, Bicol is fast becoming a hotspot for adventure-lovers.

Immerse yourself in the festive atmosphere of the region or lose yourself in the rich history of this area. Bicol's native tribal origins and Spanish colonial past can still be seen today. Discover your adventurous side and experience nature like never before in Bicol.

Mysterious Caves

Marvel at the stalactites in Calapnitan Cave, Camarines Sur or go spelunking in the popular Hoyop-Hoyopan Cave and the Calabidongan Caves (known as the "Cave of Bats"), both in Albay.

Whale Shark Spotting

Donsol, Sorsogon is one of few places in the world where you can get up close and personal with the majestic whale sharks. From February to May, visitors can enjoy whale-shark spotting tours, or even swim with these amazing creatures.

Join the Festivities

Colourful events take place year round, from the annual rodeo to a festival ushering in whale shark season. The most famous is the Peñafrancia Fiesta, a week-long celebration to honour the Virgin Mary.

Caramoan Islands

At this secluded, unspoilt paradise in Caramines Sur retreat to a tranquil resort or go camping, rock climbing, trekking and mountain biking. The islands are often compared to Miami Beach, Florida.

holiday notes

- taste the local specialty Bicol Express – consisting of vegetables and pork stewed in coconut milk, it showcases the region's chilli-based cuisine
- visit Bulusan Lake known as the Switzerland of the Orient, and the island paradise of Cagraray, the Boracay of Bicol
- take in the Baroque architecture of Daraga church in Albay, built in 1773
- see the Leaning Tower of Bombon, Camarines Sur's homage to the famous original in Pisa



how to get there

Bicol is only 55 minutes away from Manila by air. There are regular flights to Legazpi City, Naga City, Virac, Catanduanes and Masbate City. Travel by bus from Manila takes 10 hours or more.

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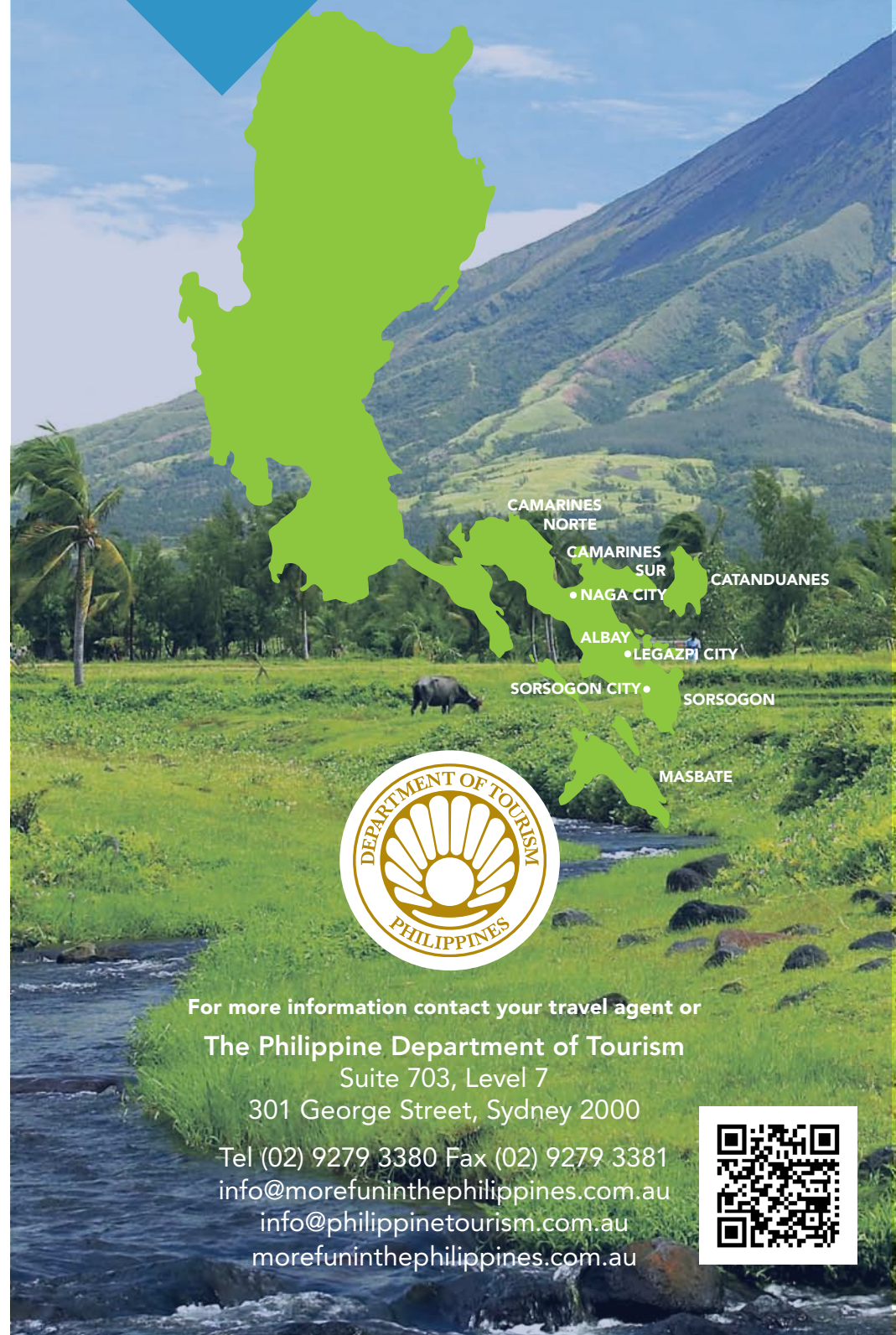
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