

A vibrant underwater scene featuring a large, branching coral reef in the foreground. Numerous small, colorful fish, including many bright orange ones, are swimming around the coral. In the background, a scuba diver is visible, swimming horizontally. The water is a clear, deep blue.

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It's more fun in the
Philippines



Southern beauty

The island province of Cebu is one of the most popular destinations in the Philippines. Here, one can find his dream holiday – sun-soaked days in idyllic tropical isles not far from rich historical and cultural encounters and the glittering nightlife of a thriving city.

Known as the Queen City of the South, Cebu comes second only to Manila in urban buzz. It is the country's oldest city and the seat of Christianity in the Philippines. It was here that Ferdinand Magellan first set foot in Philippine soil back in 1521. The first Spanish fort was also built in Cebu.

Basilica Minor del Santo Niño

Built in 1565, the Basilica houses the oldest and most precious Christian relic in the country – the foot-high image of the Santo Niño (Infant Jesus).

Casa Gorordo Museum

A tour inside this old residence is a brief journey into the Filipino lifestyle circa 1860 to 1920.

Colon Street

The oldest street in the Philippines is the heart of downtown Cebu. Historical markers, shopping malls, restaurants, and business establishments converge in a lively mix. It is also the hub of Cebu nightlife.

Fort San Pedro

The smallest, oldest tri-bastion fort in the country. It served as the nucleus of the Spanish settlement in the Philippines.

Kawasan Falls

Three falls in lush woods offer a unique panorama. It's a pleasant spot for a refreshing swim and is also popular among rock climbers challenged by scrambling up the highest waterfall.

Mactan Island

A diving mecca with sites ideal for beginners and experts alike, Mactan Island has over a dozen beach resorts.

Magellan's Cross

Ferdinand Magellan's cross marks the spot where the first Christian Filipinos, Rajah Humabon and Queen Juana and about 400 followers, were baptised.

In contrast to the bustling metropolis, the rest of Cebu's 167 islets and islands are lined with serene white sandy beaches where one can stare blithely out to sea for hours.

Cebu is famous worldwide for its fantastic diving grounds. And whether your seaside fantasies stretch to luxurious resorts, hideaway lodges or remote beaches you don't have to share with anybody, you'll find a perfect highlight to your tropical getaway.

Olango Wildlife Sanctuary

About 1000 hectares of mangroves and sand flats offer the most amazing bird-watching grounds.

Taoist Temple

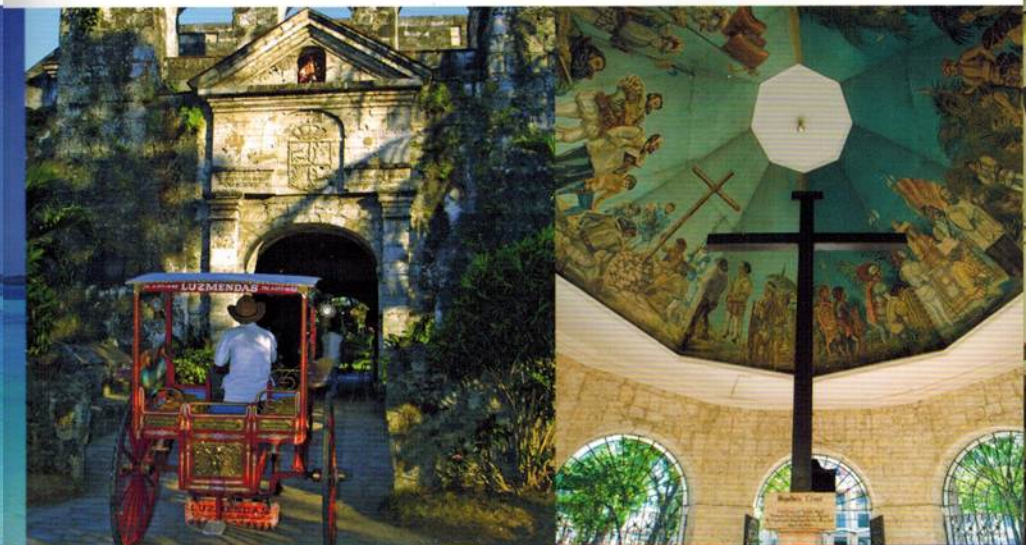
Climb its 81 steps—representing the 81 chapters of Taoism scriptures – to light joss sticks and have your fortune told.

Tops

At 2,000 feet above sea level in the cool hills of Busay, Tops is the best spot to take in breathtaking views of Metro Cebu and the islands of Mactan and Olango.

holiday notes

- for a string of stunning beaches, take your pick from the isles of Mactan, Bantayan and Malapascua
- the best diving sites are in Mactan, Malapascua, Moalboal, Pescador and Badian; there are several amazing wreck sites
- enjoy a bit of shopping in the malls or check out the markets in Carbon, Gulla or Taboan for more exotic finds
- Cebu has world-class furniture, check out the shops in Mandaue
- for novel souvenirs, there are guitars, ukeleles and mandolins handmade in Mactan
- don't leave Cebu without trying a fresh mango juice or shake



how to get there

Cebu has an international airport with regular connections to China, Japan, Korea, Singapore, and Qatar. It is just an hour's flight from Manila and is also accessible via direct flights from other major Philippine cities.

where to stay

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