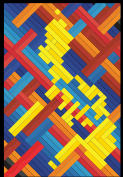


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# More fun in the Philippines.

When it comes to conventions, exhibitions, incentives, and special events, the Philippines is a destination that delivers both serious business and fun. This beautiful archipelago of 7,107 islands is a major business hub in the Asia-Pacific region with an established track record of hosting outstanding global events. And beyond a business agenda, visitors experience so much more through the rich culture, spectacular sights and vibrancy of one Asia's most unique destinations.

Blessed with a tropical climate that lures visitors all year-round, the Philippines is resplendent with natural and cultural wonders, including five World Heritage-listed sites. It is a truly special destination that will turn every notion you ever had of Asia on its head. The Philippines is at once exotic and international. English is widely spoken, with an American, Spanish or Malay accent, and the local culture is a glorious mix of native and global influences.

When making event site selections, the Philippines offers a wide array of destinations, each rich in attractions. Take your pick from cosmopolitan Manila, historic Cebu, scenic

Bohol or the beachside paradises of Boracay and Palawan, plus a host of other excellent business and incentive travel destinations spread out across the islands.

First-class facilities and amenities are more affordable here thanks to a favourable exchange rate for the Australian dollar. Services are incomparable and always come with a warm smile.

Close to home, great value and a wealth of experiences to choose from – you'll wonder how you've missed discovering the Philippines.



# Choose the Philippines

## Crossroads of the Asia-Pacific

With 11 international airports forming a gateway to the world, The Philippines is an easily accessible destination. Philippine Airlines, Qantas and Jetstar have regular direct flights to Manila from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Darwin.

## Choose your adventure

The Philippines offers eight major destinations – Manila, Cebu, Bohol, Boracay, Palawan, Davao, Baguio & Banaue and Vigan & Laoag – to enhance every type of convention, exhibition, incentives, and special event.

## Legendary Filipino hospitality

One of the most alluring things about the country is the personal warmth, openness and cheerfulness of the people. Filipinos are renowned as great hosts and possess a high service ethic – it's no wonder they excel in the hospitality and tourism industries, both at home and overseas.

## Vibrant business destination

The Philippines is a well-established centre of commerce with global appeal. It has one of the most deregulated, trade-oriented economies in Asia. Its status as a business-friendly destination is enhanced by a high-quality and creative labour force, one of the best in the region. English has been solidly entrenched as the language of business and government since the 1930s.

## Broad portfolio of industries

A wealth of unique industries and specialist knowledge attracts a broad spectrum of global associations and attendees. These include aquaculture, agriculture, film animation, health and wellbeing, rice research and fashion, as well as emerging knowledge-based industries such as software development, engineering design and communications. The Philippines is a leading destination for Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) and information technology services.

## Smorgasbord of facilities

A well-established meetings infrastructure provides innumerable options for hosting groups of all sizes, whether it's 15 top sales executives for an incentive event in a boutique resort or 15,000 attendees for an annual convention in a coliseum. Manila alone has eight major venues including the world-class Philippine International Convention Centre (PICC), Asia's first convention centre.

## Choice of accommodation

There's an attractive range of accommodation on offer, whether you seek royal treatment or affordable comfort. From good-value international chains to elegant hotels, exclusive boutique properties and luxury resorts, the Philippines has it all.



## Exciting pre- and post-event activities

Countless options for pre- and post-meeting activities are here for the taking. Natural and cultural attractions include five World Heritage-listed sites. The Philippine coastline, which is twice that of the United States, boasts some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. There are championship golf courses, luxury spas, sprawling shopping malls, adventure destinations and the nightlife which is one of the liveliest in Asia.

## The value-for-money alternative

You'll be pleasantly surprised at how much further your budget will travel in the Philippines. The favourable exchange rate for the Australian dollar in a destination close to home will make you seriously rethink high-budget and long-haul business event travel.

*We invite you to host a unique and memorable event, incentive, conference or exhibition in the Philippines.*

*Contact us now and start exploring your options. Tel +61 2 9279 3380; [info@morefuninthephilippines.com.au](mailto:info@morefuninthephilippines.com.au) or [info@philippinetourism.com.au](mailto:info@philippinetourism.com.au)*



## Your first point of contact

The Tourism Promotions Board (TPB) is a non-stock, non-profit government corporation attached to the Philippine Department of Tourism. Our Convention and Incentive Travel (CIT) Unit provides comprehensive information, technical assistance and guidance to meeting planners and incentive travel organisers. In addition, we offer our expertise through the following range of complimentary services:

- **Bid preparation**

Assisting meeting planners and association executives in the preparation of competitive and highly attractive bid proposals.

- **Incentive program planning**

Coordinating imaginative and unique incentive experiences and itineraries geared towards an organisation's goals.

- **Liaison services**

Providing clients with a valuable network of contacts both in government and private sectors. The TPB also facilitates clients' needs, such as locating certified Destination Management Companies (DMCs) and reliable suppliers of goods and services, or setting up links with appropriate government agencies.

- **Site inspection**

Arranging site inspection trips and technical visits to help with planning and decision making.

- **Attendance promotion:**

Assisting in promoting attendance to booked events through the TPB's network of local and overseas offices.

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# Manila & Surrounds



Metro Manila is an exciting, colourful and complex metropolis made up of 16 cities and one municipality. It is the political, economic, social, cultural, and recreational hub of the Philippines.

Playing host to the world is nothing new to Manila. From 1565, Manila was instrumental in the galleon trade between the Philippines and Spain, facilitating trade relations between the Americas, Europe, Arabia, China and India.

Today, Manila is a premier business event destination in Asia thanks to its world-class facilities, a globally oriented business population, and the friendliest teams of support professionals.

The Philippine International Convention Centre (PICC) is the first of its kind in Asia, and one of the most versatile event arenas in the Asia-Pacific region. It has a multi-level plenary hall, 14 meeting rooms, a fine-dining restaurant and a media centre. Within the complex is the 4,000 square metre PICC Forum, a multi-purpose facility ideal for exhibitions and special events. There are at least eight other major convention sites in the metropolis, including the SMX Convention Centre, World Trade Centre and Megatrade Hall. These are complemented by a variety of luxury hotels situated strategically within the business districts.

Home to nearly 12 million people, Manila has history, style and charm. It boasts a wide range of sightseeing possibilities for groups and offers cosmopolitan cuisine and superb entertainment. In this city that never sleeps, there's a good night out for everyone.











### Experience more fun in Manila

- Visit Fort Santiago, San Agustin Church and Casa Manila in the ancient walled city of Intramuros.
- Join Carlos Celdran's walking tour through Intramuros for a gritty and entertaining insight into the city's history. Or relive Manila's glamour and glitz during his 'Livin La Vida Imelda' tour of the Cultural Center of the Philippines. See [celdrantours.blogspot.com](http://celdrantours.blogspot.com).
- Stroll along Roxas Boulevard and catch the famous Manila Bay sunset.
- Visit the National Museum to see Juan Luna's monumental painting Spoliarium, a national treasure.
- Get a taste of local bohemian culture at Remedios Circle in Malate.
- Catch a ride in a jeepney to experience flamboyant folk art on wheels.
- Go bar hopping in Malate, Ayala Centre, Rockwell or Fort Bonifacio.
- Shop till you drop in the mega malls of Makati, Ortigas and Quezon City.
- Take a calesa (horse-drawn carriage) tour of Binondo, Manila's Chinatown.
- Pick up handicraft bargains in the market under the Quiapo Bridge.
- Visit Marikina, the country's shoe capital, which boasts more than 600 registered shoemakers.
- Take a day trip to scenic Tagaytay or Pagsanjan Falls, or to historic Corrigidor Island or Villa Escudero.

### How to get here

The Philippine Airlines, Qantas and Jetstar have regular flights to Manila's international airport. It is 7.5 to 9 hours away from Australia's capital cities.









A vibrant underwater photograph showing a large, healthy coral reef in the foreground. Numerous colorful fish, including many bright orange ones, are swimming around the coral. In the upper left, a scuba diver is visible, swimming towards the right. The water is clear and blue, with sunlight filtering down from the surface.

# Cebu

**With its pristine beaches, crystalline waters and affordable luxury resorts, the island province of Cebu is the traveller's fantasy of a tropical paradise come true.**

A unique blend of natural beauty, historic sites and urban living, Cebu is never short on appeal. It is the country's oldest city and the seat of Christianity in the Philippines, and it was here that Ferdinand Magellan first set foot in the Philippines, in 1521. Today, it is known as 'Queen City of the South', and is second only to Manila when it comes to urban buzz.

In contrast to its bustling metropolis and glittering nightlife, the rest of Cebu's 167 islets and islands are lined with serene white sand beaches where one can stare blithely out to sea for hours. Cebu is famous worldwide for its diving grounds, rich in spectacular coral beds and sea life. But for those seeking high adventure, the Crown Regency Hotel & Towers boasts a coaster ride that takes thrill seekers more than 38 stories sky high for a breathtaking view of Cebu City.

The province is also a major business event destination in the Asia-Pacific region thanks to the world-class Cebu International Convention Center (CICC). Close to the Mactan International Airport and ideally located within the business district of Mandaue, the CICC is sprawled over nearly three hectares of land. It has a plenary hall, eight meeting rooms and five multi-purpose halls.

## Experience more fun in Cebu

- See Magellan's Cross, planted in 1521 by the famous explorer.
- Explore Fort San Pedro, the nucleus of Spanish settlement in the Philippines.
- Visit Casa Gorordo Museum and find out how the genteel Filipinos lived.
- Light joss sticks and have your fortune told at the Taoist Temple.
- Spot amazing bird life at the Olango Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Scuba dive in the coral islands of Mactan, Moalboal, Pescador and Badian, or swim with the whale sharks in Oslob.
- Pack a picnic and trek to the Kawasan Falls in Badian.
- Shop for exotic finds in the markets of Carbon and Taboan.
- Browse the shops in Mandaue for fantastic furniture designs – one of Cebu's specialties.
- Pick up a guitar, ukulele or mandolin made by craftsmen in Mactan.
- Enjoy a drink – and the view – at Blu Bar & Grill, named one of Asia's best bars by Travel + Leisure Asia.

## How to get here

Cebu's international airport services daily flights from Asia's key cities. It is an hour's flight from Manila and easily accessible from domestic destinations by land, air and sea.







# Boracay



The tiny island of Boracay is one of those places where you can stay happily marooned for a very long time. Known as one of the best beach destinations in the world, Boracay is the quintessential island paradise – dazzling beaches lined with palm trees, splendid sunshine, warm crystalline waters and no shortage of activities on offer.

The ambience is undeniably laid-back and the island dress code is barefoot and informal. During the day, seaside massages under the shade of a coconut tree are a common sight. For a luxurious spa experience, CHI Spa at the Shangri-La Resort and Spa takes pampering to a new level. From dusk to dawn, island life turns into one big party with everyone welcome to join in the fun.

But there is plenty to do other than soaking up the sun on the beach or attending sunset parties. Diversions include windsurfing, sail boating and kayaking. There were 20 dive sites at last count. Horseback riding, trekking and mountain biking are great ways to enjoy scenic rocky cliffs, discover hidden beaches and stumble upon quaint villages.





### Experience more fun in Boracay

- Find out why the four kilometre White Beach is one of the most photographed beaches in the world.
- Start the day with a famous fruit shake at Jonah's.
- Take a sunset cruise in a paraw, Boracay's signature sailboat.
- Enjoy a hilot, the traditional Filipino massage, under the shade of a coconut tree on the beach.
- Rent an outrigger or yacht and indulge in a little island hopping.
- Take diving, sailing or windsurfing lessons.
- Ask for 'Mambo Number 5' – a little bit of boating, diving, trekking, biking and golf.
- Trek or mountain bike to the quaint interior villages.
- Sample local favourites such as baby back ribs, chori burger, charbroiled chicken and halo-halo sandwich – best enjoyed on the sand at sunset.
- Witness the annual Paraw Regatta, an international sailboat race featuring native outriggers.
- Take a golf break at the Fairways & Blue Water Country Club.
- Catch the Mardi Gras-style Ati-Atihan Festival in Kalibo in January.

### How to get here

An hour's flight from Manila will take you to Kalibo or Caticlan. From Kalibo, Boracay is 90 minutes away by bus; from Caticlan it is 20 minutes by boat.



# Palawan



A narrow archipelago of more than 1,780 islands and islets, Palawan is the undisputed final frontier of the Philippines. There's plenty to do in this extraordinary group of islands, but the main activity is simply admiring nature's handiwork.

Palawan's bewitching landscapes include storied lagoons and bays hiding ancient shipwrecks, uncharted mountains, mangrove swamps, hidden pockets of lush forest and deserted islets ringed by kaleidoscopic sea gardens as well as white sand beaches. Palawan is a wildlife haven, where giraffes, zebras and gazelles co-exist with exotic fauna such as the mouse deer, civet and scaly anteater.

## Experience more fun in Palawan

- See the astonishing seascapes of El Nido, one of the country's premier tourist destinations. Take a dawn kayak ride around the limestone formations at sea, swim with the giant jackfish or get dropped off on a private island for a seafood picnic on the sand.
- Watch the birds' nest gatherers at work, scaling cliffs for prized finds.
- Take an unforgettable subterranean river tour at the Puerto Princesa National Park, a World Heritage-listed site.
- Swim, snorkel or dive in one of the islets of Honda Bay.
- Fall under the spell of the seven enchanting lakes of Coron Reefs.

## How to get here

The Puerto Princesa airport is served by all domestic airlines, and is just a few minutes from the city. There are daily flights from Manila.









# Bohol



Bohol is one of the most beautiful island provinces in the Philippines, yet it is relatively undiscovered by the tourist crowd. Nature has blessed the island with a lush landscape of verdant hills, waterfalls, serene rivers, mangrove forests, undisturbed wildlife, luminous white sand beaches and picturesque islets.

This enigmatic island is one of Asia's finest diving destinations, boasting an undersea panorama of coral gardens vivid with tropical marine life. With more than a hundred caves in its mountainous interior, Bohol is ideal for spelunkers and trekkers. For higher pursuits, there's ziplining and an open-air cable ride at Loboc Ecotourism Adventure Park.

Bohol is also a historical and cultural destination. Its 16th century watchtowers and ancient coral-stone churches with gilded altars and priceless icons are amazing attractions. One hidden gem is the centuries-old Spanish fort at Pamilacan Island, an eco-tourism destination that's gaining a reputation for its dolphin and whale-watching tours and superb diving sites.

## Experience more fun in Bohol

- Marvel at the unique panorama of over 1,200 'Chocolate Hills', lush green in wet season, chocolate brown in dry.
- Enjoy a fascinating boat ride in the serene waters of Loboc River.
- Visit the Philippine Tarsier and Wildlife Sanctuary and get up close to the rare and tiny tarsier – the smallest primate in the world.
- Bask in the sun on the white sand beaches of Bungan, Mantatao or Panglao.
- Book a whale watching expedition from beautiful Balicasag Island.
- Swim with a passing school of dolphins in Cabilao.
- Catch a performance of the world famous Loboc Children's Choir.
- Check out the bamboo bridge in Candijay Mangrove Forest.

## How to get here

Flights to and from Tagbilaran to Manila take around one hour and 15 minutes. Domestic and budget carriers have daily flights. Fast ferries operate between Bohol and Cebu regularly.





# Baguio & Banaue



For centuries, the northern mountain provinces of the Philippines have lured those escaping the heat of the lowlands – the cool climes, pine-clad hills and verdant valleys of Baguio and Banaue present a magical change of scenery.

Baguio City, the summer capital of the Philippines, is nestled on a plateau 1,400 metres above sea level. It is the gateway to all the prime attractions in the Cordillera mountains: the fruit and flower farms of La Trinidad, the Asin hot springs, the mummies of Kabayan and the Malabisin underground river, to name a few.

Further north is Banaue, tucked in rugged terrain brimming with spectacular scenery – breathtaking mountain ranges, ancient pine forests, tumbling waterfalls and ferny glades.

Carved out of the mountainsides by the Ifugao tribe folk more than 2,000 years ago is the World Heritage-listed Banaue Rice Terraces. Banaue is a popular base for adventurous forays into Ifugao country, idyllic Sagada and mountainous Bontoc.

## Experience more fun in Baguio & Banaue

- Tee off at the Camp John Hay Golf Club in Baguio City, designed by Jack Nicklaus.
- Visit the Easter Weaving School and watch tribal women transform rainbow-coloured threads into exquisite cloth.
- Jostle with the locals at the lively Baguio market, where the best indigenous craft and souvenirs can be found.
- Gaze at the spectacular World Heritage-listed Banaue Rice Terraces, layered rice paddies that form a giant stairway to the sky.
- Discover the picturesque town of Sagada, popular with Manila's bohemian crowd
- Be mystified by the centuries-old mummies of Bontoc, some still in their ancient log caskets.
- In Batad, watch the jaw-dropping sunrise over the rice terraces, then enjoy a picnic lunch and bracing dip at the Tappiya Falls.

## How to get here

Baguio is 4-5 hours drive from Manila by car and 6 hours by bus. Banaue can be reached by air with 45-minute chartered flights from Manila. Tourist coaches go to Banaue directly from Manila and Baguio City.



# Vigan & Laoag



The historic town of Vigan, 408 kilometres northwest of Manila, has a 16th century townscape so well preserved and unique that it has been listed as a World Heritage site.

A place where time stands still, Vigan is famous for its historic houses, cobbled streets, horse-drawn carriages, and its unique architecture and culture that fuses Philippine, Chinese and European influences.

Also in Northern Luzon, 488 kilometres from Manila, is the bustling city of Laoag. Strewn with ancient landmarks, its old-world charm is renowned. Laoag is also the gateway to the region's famous sand dunes and beaches.

## Experience more fun in Vigan & Laoag

- Visit Vigan's Calle Crisologo and its well-preserved ancestral homes.
- Watch local artisans keep the ancient crafts of abel weaving, damili (terracotta), and burnay (earthenware) alive.
- Sample mouth-watering rice cakes and other delicacies of San Jose in Vigan.
- Marvel at the Kapurpurawan rock formation and the Bojeador lighthouse, both in Burgos.
- Go off-roading on the sand dunes of La Paz.
- Learn about Saint William the Hermit while exploring the cathedral built in his honor in 1612.
- Check out the Bangui Windmills, said to be the biggest in Southeast Asia.
- In Laoag, make sure you sample longganisa (local sausage), empanada (savory pies) and pinakbet (mixed vegetables in anchovy sauce).
- Tee off at the Fort Ilocandia Country Club.
- Visit the Museo Ilocos Norte, a unique heritage museum housed in a restored tobacco factory.

## How to get here

It's a 45-minute flight from Manila to Laoag International Airport. Vigan is 1 ½ hours drive from Laoag.





# Davao



Davao's expansive landscape is one of the most picturesque in the Philippines. Exotic fruit plantations and orchid farms cover volcano-fed hills and valleys. Virgin forests nurture rare wildlife. Coral islands lie on mirror-flat water, and Mt. Apo, the country's highest peak, magnificently lords over the hinterland.

Just as enchanting is its community, a harmonious tapestry woven from the diverse cultural threads of its people. In Davao, the contemporary fuses with the traditional as migrant settlers from all over the country co-exist peacefully with numerous ethnic tribes who continue to live as they did centuries ago.

## Experience more fun in Davao

- Discover exotic native tribes – the Manobos, B'laan and Bagobos.
- See the skilled mat weavers of Sinawilan at work.
- Marvel at the intricate creations of the T'boli handloomers.
- At Hondo or Taluksangay, head out to sea in a colourful vinta – a traditional Filipino sail boat.
- Catch the week-long Kadayawan sa Dabaw festival in August, celebrating the fruit and flower harvest.
- Climb Mount Apo, the country's tallest mountain.
- Visit a banana or pineapple plantation or an orchid farm.
- Sample the local delicacy – grilled tuna in native sauce.
- Shop for brassware, ethnic trinkets and shellcraft.
- Visit the Philippine Eagle Center – home of eagle conservation
- Play golf in an exotic new setting such as a lush fruit estate or coconut plantation.

## How to get here

Domestic carriers run regular daily flights from Manila to Davao (one hour and 35 minutes).



## Venues & Facilities







## MANILA

Venue	Maximum Capacity	Accom Rooms	Contact Details
A.Venue Tower	210	440	Tel +632 403 0865    sales.mngr@antel.com
Araneta Coliseum	16,500		Tel +632 911 1806    info@aranetacenter.com
Bayview Park Hotel	400	283	Tel +632 526 1555    corp_sales@bayviewparkhotel.com
Bellevue Manila	1000	440	Tel +632 771 8181    tbmnl@thebellevue.com
Century Park Hotel	800	481	Tel +632 528 8888    information@centurypark.com.ph
Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila	1,500	263	Tel +632 633 7222    mnlcp@ihg.com
CSB Hotel International Convention Center	300	51	Tel +632 400 3333    sales@benilde.edu.ph
Cultural Center of the Philippines	1,820		Tel +632 832 1125    theater@culturalcenter.gov.ph
Diamond Hotel Philippines	700	482	Tel +632 528 3000    bizcenter@diamondhotel.com
Discovery Suites	120	220	Tel +632 719 8888    events@discovery.com.ph
Dusit Thai Manila	1,200	549	Tel +632 238 8888    dtmn@dusit.com
EDSA Shangri- La Hotel	1,400	632	Tel +632 633 8888    esl@shangri-la.com
G Hotel Manila	150	48	Tel +632 525 0888    wq.rsvn@waterfronthotels.net
Heritage Hotel Manila	700	450	Tel +632 854 8888    inquiry@heritagehotelmanila.com
Hyatt Hotel & Casino Manila	600	376	Tel +632 245 1234    hyattmanila@hyatt.com
Intercontinental Hotel Manila	1,000	333	Tel +632 468 8962    manila@interconti.com
Le Pavilion	1,500		Tel +632 856 4148    leasing@federalland.com.ph
Linden Suites Hotel Manila	60	168	Tel +632 638 7878    vsacorcuera@lindensuites.com
Makati Shangri- La Manila	1,200	696	Tel +632 813 8888    events_slm@shanri-la.com
Mandarin Oriental Hotel	1,000	442	Tel +632 750 8888    momnl-reservations@mohg.com
Manila Hotel	2,500	550	Tel +632 527 0011    banquet@manila-hotel.com.ph
Manila Marriott Hotel	990	342	Tel +632 988 9999    atyourservice.manila@marriott.com
Manila Pavillion Hotel	800	244	Tel +632 526 1212    info@manilapavillion.com.ph
Maxims Tower		172	Tel +632 836 6888    customerservice@rwmanila.com





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Venue	Maximum Capacity	Accom Rooms	Contact Details
Megatrade Hall and Conference Center	1,500		Tel +632 633 1697    megatrade@smsupermall.com
Midas Hotel and Casino	220	75	Tel +632 831 6063    info@midashotelandcasino.com
New World Hotel Makati City	500	598	Tel +632 811 6888    cecil.ocampo@newworldhotels.com
One Esplanade	1,000		Tel +632 861 6889    marie@1esplanade.com
Pan Pacific Manila Hotel	450	236	Tel +632 318 0788    reserve.mnl@panpacific.com
Pearl Manila Hotel	250	236	Tel +632 400 0088    fo@pearlmanila.com.ph
Peninsula Manila	700	497	Tel +632 887 2888    pmn@peninsula.com
Philippine International Convention Center	5,000 Reception Hall		Tel +632 789 4789    genmngn@picc.gov.ph
Philippine Trade Training Center	850		Tel +632 834 1350    ted@pttc.gov.ph
Raffles and Fairmont Makati	720	280	Tel +632 5559825    monique.toda@raffles.com
Resorts World Manila Performing Arts Theatre	1,500		Tel +632 836 6333    customerservice@rwmanila.com
Richmonde Hotel Manila	120	210	Tel +632 638 7777    rho@richmondehotels.com.ph
Solaire Resort & Casino	1,200	500	Tel +632 888 8888    connect@solairemanila.com
SMX Convention Center	5,000		Tel +632 556 8888    info@smxcc.com.ph
Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila	2,000	609	Tel +632 551 5555    room.reservations@sofitelmanila.com
Traders Hotel Manila	600	312	Tel +632 523 7011    thm@shangri-la.com
Vivere Hotel	250	198	Tel +632 771 7777    info@viversuites.com
World Trade Center	3,000 Exhibition Halls		Tel +632 551 5151    wtclub@wtcmanila.com.ph





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Venue	Maximum Capacity	Accom Rooms	Contact Details	
Alegre Beach Resort	60	39	Tel +6332 254 9800	events@alegre.com/ marcomm@alegrebeachresort.com
Baseline Restaurant	600		Tel +6332 253 8781	
Be Resorts Mactan (Microtel)	400	159	Tel +6332 236 8888	
Bellavista Hotel Cebu	200	48	Tel +6332 340 7821	welcome@villavista.com
Cebu City Marriot Hotel	600	100	Tel +6332 232 6100	ccmhl@mozcom.com
Cebu Grand Hotel	500	100	Tel +6332 254 6331	info@cebugrandhotel.com
Cebu International Convention Center	2,500		Tel +6332 238 2683	infoicc@ceu.gov.ph
Cebu Midtown Hotel	800	210	Tel +6332 253 9711	cmhales@skyinet.net
Cebu Parklane Hotel	350	240	Tel +6332 411 7000	reservation@parklanehotel.com.ph
Crimson Beach Resort and Spa	600	209	Tel +6332 401 9999	info.mactan@crimsonhotel.com
Crown Regency Suites and Residences Mactan	1,700	148	Tel +6332 341 4586	info@crownregency.com
Crown Regency Hotels and Towers-Cebu	300	389	Tel +6332 418 8888	melbelisa.belarmino@ycrownregency.com
Crown Regency Hotels and Resorts	500	174	Tel +6332 255 7541	janet.talagsa.@crownregency.com
Days Hotel		127	Tel +6332 495 5382	reservation@dayshotel.com
Grand Majestic Convention City, Inc.	1,200		Tel +6332 232 1103	None
Hilton Cebu Resort & Spa	450	243	Tel +6332 492 7777	resort.cebuh@moverpick.com
Holiday Plaza Hotel		128	Tel +6332 254 7644	saleph@holidayplazacebu.com
Imperial Palace Waterpark Resort & Spa	700	556	Tel +6332 494 5000	marcom@jp-cebu.com
Kan-Irag Hotel			Tel +6332 253 1151	kanhotel@cebu.pw.net.ph
Marco Polo Plaza Cebu	1,000		Tel +6332 417 2978	mpplaza@macropolohotels.com
Maribago Bluewater Beach Club	1,300		Tel +6332 232 5411	maribago@bluewater.com.ph
Montebello Villa Hotel	600	150	Tel +6332 231 3681	sales@montebellovillahotel.com
Plantation Bay Resort & Spa	600		Tel +6332 340 5987	sales@plantationbay.com





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Venue	Maximum Capacity	Accom Rooms	Contact Details	
Radisson Blu Hotel Cebu	800	400	Tel +6332 402 9900	reservations.cebun@radisson.com
Richmond Plaza Hotel	150		Tel +6332 232 0361	richmondhotelcebu.@yahoo.com
Sacred Heart	50		Tel +6332 253 0840	
Sarrosa International Hotel	500	181	Tel +6332 232 5811	reservations@sarrosa-hotel.com
Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort	900	530	Tel +6332 231 0288	mac@shangri-la.com
SM City Cebu	180		Tel +6332 231 9851	info@smxcc.com.ph
Tambuli Beach Resort	120	97	Tel +6332 232 4811	reservations@tambuli.com
Waterfront Ceby City Casino Hotel	3,500	561	Tel +6332 232 6888	wcch.@waterfront.net





BORACAY				
Venue	Maximum Capacity	Accom Rooms	Contact Details	
Ambassador in Paradise Resort	30	49	Tel +6336 288 1541	info@ambassadorinparadise.com
Boracay Ecovillage Resort & Convention Center	3,000	15	Tel +6336 288 5582	boracayecovillage@gmail.com
Boracay Mandarin Island Hotel	200	52	Tel +6336 288 5999	reservation@boracaymandarin.com
Boracay Regency Beach Resort	600	285	Tel +6336 288 6111	hotel@boracaymandarin.com
Boracay Tropics Resort Hotel	150	64	Tel +6336 288 4034	info@boracaytropics.com
Boracay Water World		10	Tel +6336 288 2000	boracaywaterword@ymail.com
Casa Pilar	300	74	Tel +6336 288 3073	casa_pilar@yahoo.com
Crown Regency Resort Boracay	1,800 station 2	87	Tel +6336 288 1888	reservations@crownregency.com
Discovery Shores Boracay	70	87	Tel +6336 288 4500	inquiry@discovery.com.ph
Fairways & Bluewater Resort Golf & Country Club	70	108	Tel +6336 288 5176	fairways_bluewater@yahoo.com
La Carmela de Boracay Resort Hotel	1,000	197	Tel +6336 288 5423	lcdboracaymail@gmail.com
Le Soleil de Boracay	40	71	Tel +6336 288 6209	lesoleil@pjlhuiller.com
Microtel Inns & Suites	50	51	Tel +6336 288 4311	boracay@microtel.ph
Nandana Boracay	600	90	Tel +6336 288 2288	reservations@nandanaboracay.com
Paradise Garden Resort Hotel & Convention Center	350	150	Tel +6336 288 3411	sales@paradisegardenhotel.com.ph
Patio Pacific Boracay	100	65	Tel +6336 288 3888	sales@patiopacificboracay.com
Pearl of the Pacific Boracay	75	61	Tel +6336 288 3220	info@pearlofthepacific.ph
Seawind Resort	130	54	Tel +6336 288 3091	seawind@boracay.i-next.net
Shangri-La's Boracay Resort & Spa	420	219	Tel +6336 288 4988	slbo@shangri-la.com
The Panoly Resort Hotel	2,500	55	Tel +6336 288 3011	reservation@thepanoly.com
The Tides Boracay	80	60	Tel +6336 288 4277	frontoffice_thetidesboracay@yahoo.com





PALAWAN			
Venue	Maximum Capacity	Accom Rooms	Contact Details
Asturias Hotel	400	60	Tel +6348 434 3852    info@asturiashotel.ph
Club Paradise	60	60	Tel +6348 911 9704    reservations@clubparadisepalawan.com
Dos Palmas Island Resort & Spa	180	78	Tel +6348 434 3118    info@dospalmas.com.ph
El Nido Lagen Island Resort	70	51	Tel +6348 759 4050    holiday@elnidoresorts.com
El Nido Miniloc Island Resort	45	50	Tel +6348 759 8482    holiday@elnidoresorts.com
El Rio Y Mar Resort	80	15	Tel +0920 951 5009    info@elrioymar.com
Hotel Fleuris Palawan	120	47	Tel +6348 434 4338    hfleuris@mozcom.com
The Legend Hotel Palawan	1,100	100	Tel +6348 631 5323    lhpsales@legendhotel.com.ph
BOHOL			
Bluewater Panglao	100	54	Tel +6338 416 0695    panglao@bluewater.com.ph
Bohol Beach Club	300	184	Tel +6338 411 5222    bbclub@mozcom.com
Bohol Cultural Center	300		Tel +6338 411 3856
Bohol Hotel La Roca	300	26	Tel +6338 411 3856
Bohol Plaza Resort and Restaurant	300		Tel +6338 500 0882    boholplaza@bohol-online.com.ph
Bohol Tropics Resort	2,000	100	Tel +6338 411 3510    info@boholtropics.com
Flushing Meadows Resort & Playground	500	51	Tel +6338 502 2122    info@flushingmeadows.com.ph
Mercedarian Retreat House	250		Tel +6338 500 0371
Meridian Hotel	300	21	Tel +6338 411 3123    meridian@mozcom.com
Metro Center Hotel	500	72	Tel +6338 411 2599    metrotr@mozcom.com
The Bellevue Resort Panglao	159		Tel +6338 422 2222    info@thebellevuebohol.com





BAGUIO & BANAUE			
Venue	Maximum Capacity	Accom Rooms	Contact Details
Baguio Country Club	3,000	166	Tel +6374 619 2050    baguiocountryclub2005@gmail.com
Baguio Green Valley Country Club	500	78	Tel +6374 442 7286    info@greenvalleybaguio.com
Camp John Hay Trade and Cultural Convention Center	3,000	189	Tel +6374 442 2109    sales@cjhoteles.com
Cooyesan Hotel Plaza	900	117	Tel +6374 447 8888    cooyesanhote@yahoo.com
El Cielito Inn	180	53	Tel +6374 443 2134    stay@elcietoinn.com
Hotel Supreme Convention Plaza	3,000	130	Tel +6374 442 2855    hotelsupreme@skyinet.com
Pines View Hotel	300	58	Tel +6374 446 6726    pinesviewhotel_pvh@yahoo.com
Skyrise Hotel	1,000	10	Tel +6374 442 8080
St.Louis University	1,000		Tel +6374 442 2793
Teacher's Camp	800	180	Tel +6374 442 2659
University of Baguio	3,500		Tel +6374 442 3316    ub@ubaguio.edu.ph
University of Cordilleras	2,500		Tel +6374 442 3623    Unicord@gmail.com
Banaue Hotel (Banaue)	250	81	Tel +6374 386 4087    sales@philtourism.gov.ph



## VIGAN & LAOAG

Venue	Maximum Capacity	Accom Rooms	Contact Details
Aurelio's Mansion (Laoag)	75	19	Tel +6377 771 4677    aureliomansion@yahoo.com
Fort Ilocandia Resort and Casino ( Laoag)	1,200	267	Tel +6377 772 1168    sales@fortilocandia.com.ph
Ilocos Norte Hotel & Convention Center (Laoag)	1,120	112	Tel +6377 670 8817    reservation_plazadelnorte@yahoo.com
Isabel Suites (Laoag)	150	26	Tel +6377 770 4998    isabel_suites@yahoo.com
Java Hotel (Laoag)	300	58	Tel +6377 770 5996    java_hotel@yahoo.com
Laoag Renzo Hotel (Laoag)	300	39	Tel +6377 770 4898    laoagrenzohotel@yahoo.com
Northview Hotel (Laoag)	250	44	Tel +6377 773 1689    northviewhotel@yahoo.com
Northwestern University (Laoag)	350		Tel +6377 772 0322
Palazzo de Laoag Hotel ( Laoag)	150	40	Tel +6377 773 1842    palazzodelaoaghotel@yahoo.com
Plaza Del Norte Hotel and Convention Center	1,200	100	Tel +6377 670 8818    reservations_plazadelnorte@yahoo.com
Rio Grande de Laoag Resort Hotel (Laoag)	300	17	Tel +6377 676 1369    riogrande_laoag@yahoo.com
University of Northern Philippines (Vigan)	3,000		Tel +6377 722 2810    info@unp.edu.ph





DAVAO				
Venue	Maximum Capacity	Accom Rooms	Contact Details	
Ateneo de Davao University	3,500		Tel +6382 221 2411	psspdvo@addu.edu.ph
Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas	2,000		Tel +6382 227 9051	
Brokenshire Resort & Convention Center	700	42	Tel +6382 227 8667	bcpresident@gmail.com
Casa Leticia	100	42	Tel +6382 224 0501	stay@casaleticia.com
College Assurance Plan Convention Center	2,000		Tel +6382 224 4787	
Davao Convention and Trade Center	2,000		Tel +6382 222 3494	ddavcon@yahoo.com
Eden Nature Park	250		Tel +6382 299 1021	info@edenanturepark.com
Grand Meng Seng Hotel	1,500	72	Tel +6382 221 9040	sales@grandmenseng.com
Grand Regal Hotel Davao	1,000	217	Tel +6382 235 0888	grandregalhotel@gmail.com
Green Heights Convention Center	1,100		Tel +6382 241 0979	greenheights_davao@yahoo.com
Linmar Apartelle	400	48	Tel +6382 221 2915	linmarr@pltdsl.net
Malagos Garden Resort	1,000	30	Tel +6382 221 1545	sales@malagos.com
Marco Polo Davao	600	245	Tel +6382 221 0888	davao@marcopolohotels.com
Microtel Inns & Suites	150	51	Tel +6382 233 2333	davao@microtel.ph
NCCC Convention Center	2,000		Tel +6382 298 0888	
Orange Grove Hotel	300	39	Tel +6382 241 0787	orangegrove_123@yahoo.com
Park Inn by Radisson Davao	80	204	Tel +632 555 1071	gdegarriz@radisson.com
Pearl Farm Beach Resort	200	70	Tel +6382 221 9970	kadizon@anflocor.com
Regency Inn	500	83	Tel +6382 227 7777	regency@regencyinndavao.com
Ritz Garden Hotel	1,000	88	Tel +6382 228 6885	sales@theritzhoteldavao.com
Royal Mandaya Hotel	500	151	Tel +6382 225 8888	info@royalmandaya.com
SMX Davao	5,000		Tel +632 556 8888	
The Apo View Hotel	1,500	155	Tel +6382 221 6430	info@apoview.com
Villa Margarita	150	32	Tel +6382 221 5674	sales@villamargarita.com
Waterfront Insular Hotel Davao	600	159	Tel +6382 234 3050	wihd@waterfronthotels.net



# Essential Information

## Entry Regulations

Australian passport holders may enter the country without a visa and may stay for 21 days provided they have tickets for onward journey.

## Airports

The Philippines has four international airports, one in each of the key cities of Manila, Angeles, Davao and Cebu.

## Airport Fees

Php 750 for international departure and Php 200 for local departure, paid in Philippine pesos only.

## Foreign Exchange Regulations

Visitors carrying more than US\$ 3,000 are to declare the amount at the Central Bank of the Philippines counter situated at the Customs area.

Foreign currency taken out upon departure must not exceed the amount brought in. Departing passengers are not allowed to bring out more than Php 1,000 in local currency.

## Health Regulations

A certificate of vaccination against yellow fever is required for travellers coming from infected areas.

The Philippines is free from epidemics such as bird flu and foot-and-mouth disease.

## Currency

The unit of currency is the Philippine peso, divided into 100 centavos.

Most foreign currencies can be easily exchanged at banks, hotels, and authorised foreign exchange dealers. Outside Manila, payment with Philippine pesos is preferred.

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, resorts, shops and restaurants.

## Climate

January to May is the best time to visit the country. March to May is hot and dry, June to October is rainy and November to February is cool. Average temperature is 78°F/25°C to 90°F/32°C; average humidity is 77%.

## Language

Filipino is the national language. English is the business language and spoken widely. Approximately 111 languages and dialects are spoken in the country.

## What to Wear

Light and casual clothes are recommended. Warmer garments are needed for mountain regions. When visiting churches and temples, propriety dictates that shorts and scanty clothing be avoided.

## Timezone

GMT plus 8 hours.

Time is two hours behind Australia (three during daylight savings).

## Electricity

220 volts, A.C. 60 cycles. Most hotels have 110 volt outlets.

## Local Transport

Metered and fixed rate taxis are widely available in key cities. Car and coach hires are available in major cities. Jeepneys and buses are inexpensive ways of getting around most places.

## Business Hours

Private and government offices are open either from 8 am to 5 pm or from 9 am to 6 pm, Mondays to Fridays. Most shopping hubs are open from 10 am to 8 pm daily. There are 24-hour convenience stores and chemists. Banks are open from 9 am to 3 pm, Mondays to Fridays.

## Tipping

Tipping is expected for many services; the standard is 10% of the bill. It's optional on bills that already include a 10% service charge.







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