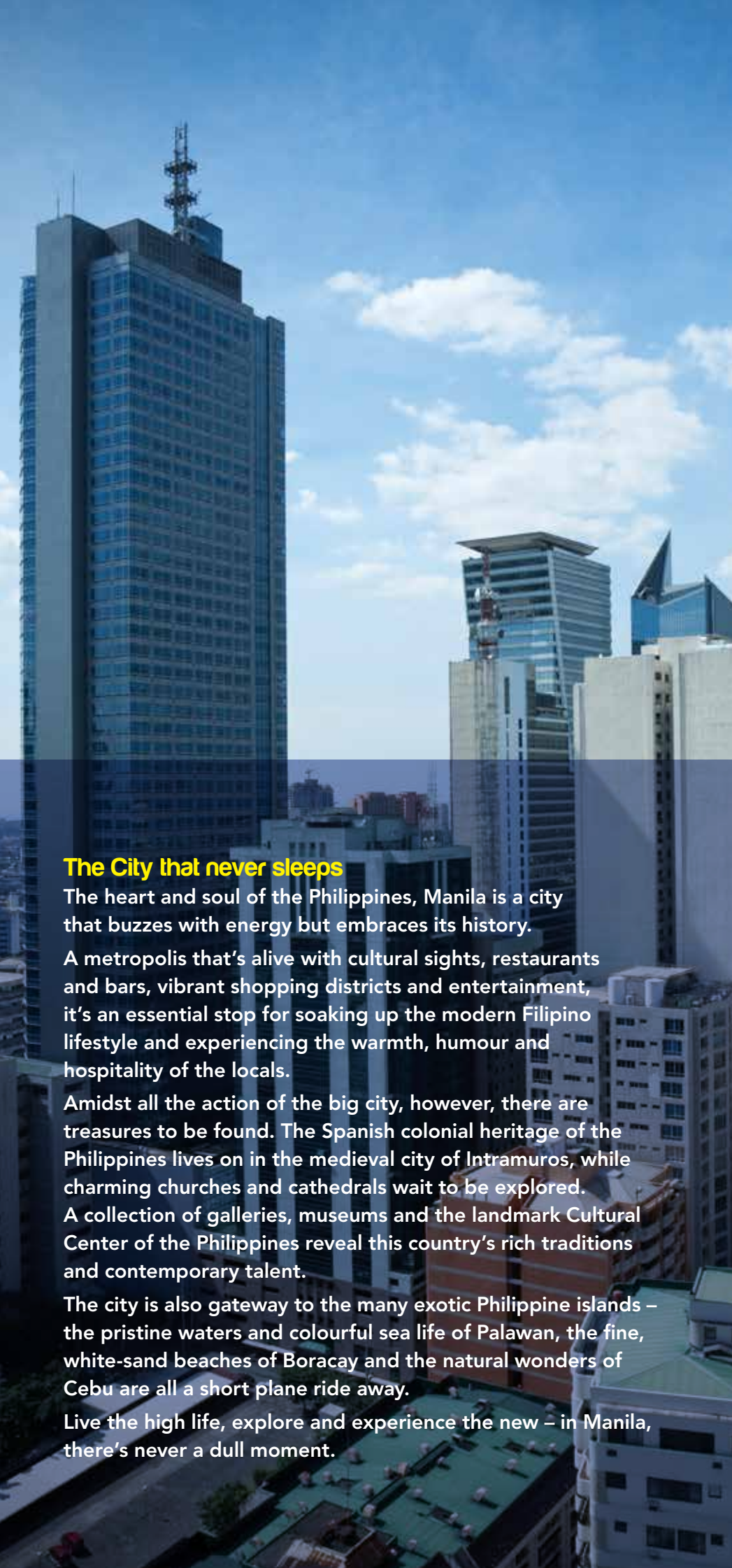




MANILA

It's more fun in the
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The City that never sleeps

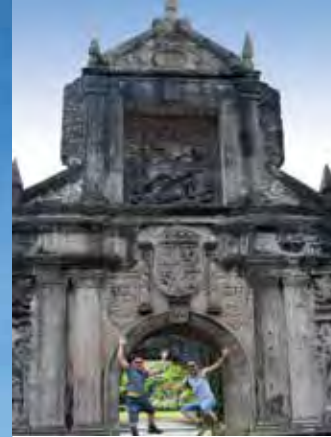
The heart and soul of the Philippines, Manila is a city that buzzes with energy but embraces its history.

A metropolis that's alive with cultural sights, restaurants and bars, vibrant shopping districts and entertainment, it's an essential stop for soaking up the modern Filipino lifestyle and experiencing the warmth, humour and hospitality of the locals.

Amidst all the action of the big city, however, there are treasures to be found. The Spanish colonial heritage of the Philippines lives on in the medieval city of Intramuros, while charming churches and cathedrals wait to be explored. A collection of galleries, museums and the landmark Cultural Center of the Philippines reveal this country's rich traditions and contemporary talent.

The city is also gateway to the many exotic Philippine islands – the pristine waters and colourful sea life of Palawan, the fine, white-sand beaches of Boracay and the natural wonders of Cebu are all a short plane ride away.

Live the high life, explore and experience the new – in Manila, there's never a dull moment.



Discover Filipino Cuisine

Filipino cuisine blends regional specialities, Spanish influences and modern flavours – get acquainted at iconic restaurants such as Abe (with three branches around the city), which is famous for its modern take on local favourites. For fine dining, visit Bistro Filipino in Taguig, where acclaimed chef Roland Laudico adds experimental touches to native cuisine.

Attention, Shoppers

This close-to-home hotspot is Asia's most inexpensive luxury shopping destination. High-end shoppers will enjoy the international mix at Greenbelt 5 and Glorietta, but Manila's mega-malls are not to be missed. The SM Mall of Asia in Pasay stretches across a kilometre and includes an Olympic-size ice-skating rink and IMAX cinema – devote a full day to your visit.

Intramuros

The medieval walled city of Intramuros represents the epicentre of the Spanish settlement in Manila, and has survived revolution and war to reveal a window into the city's past. Ride a traditional horse and cart, or kalesa, through its streets to take in historic churches, dungeons, colonial architecture and fascinating ruins.

Daytripping

Set aside time to visit one of the unique locations outside greater Manila – the cool climate and clean air of Tagaytay city is just a 90-minute drive away. Visit the world's smallest volcano, which rests on a serene lake, the stunning Pagsanjan Falls or enjoy a picnic or horseback ride. Another popular day-trip destination is the island fortress of Corregidor. A one-hour ferry ride will take you to this fascinating former outpost for American and Filipino soldiers during WWII.



Charming Churches

Manila's churches and cathedrals draw visitors near and far. The most famous is Quiapo Church, home to the Black Nazarene statue – according to legend, those who touch it will be granted a miracle. The baroque-style San Augustin, in Intramuros, is the country's longest-surviving church and boasts an impressively painted interior.

Colourful Markets

Manila is dotted with vibrant markets: Greenhills is ideal for South Sea pearl jewellery, while dedicated bargain hunters will enjoy the sprawling chaos of Divisoria, where everything from clothing to electricals is on offer. Hunt for antiques in Ermita and San Juan, and for wooden carvings and homewares, the Tiendecitas complex offers a market atmosphere in a modern setting.

Experience the Nightlife

With sophisticated wine bars to restaurants showcasing live music, to concerts and clubs, Manila comes alive after dark. For a taste of the city's cosmopolitan nightlife, the Malate and Ermita districts are home to some of the most popular destinations.

holiday notes

- try the national dish, Adobo – traditionally chicken, pork or squid marinated in coco vinegar and soy – at one of Manila's modern restaurants
- test your street smarts and hop on a jeepney for a colourful ride around the city
- take a walking tour to see Manila from a new perspective. Carlos Celdran's Walk This Way tours (celdrantours.blogspot.com) are entertaining and insightful
- enjoy a hilot massage, an ancient natural therapy, at one of the city's premier spas



how to get there

Manila is approximately 7.5 hours away from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane via Philippine Airlines (PAL) and Qantas and 4 hours from Darwin via PAL.

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