### WESTERN VISAYAS GUIDE BOOK

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Unravel the complexities of Western Visayas with its distinct characteristics of fabulous landscapes and natural resources which include vibrant habitat in verdant forests, breath-taking tropical coastlines along white sand beaches, chromatic coral reefs in aquamarine waters and cascading waterfalls linked to riveting riverbeds.

Equally enriching is the colorful history, diverse culture and magnificent heritage sites that never fail to enthrall travelers and sightseers.

This paradise region likewise boasts of splendid man-made structures, exhilarating activities, fascinating festivals and an exquisite fusion of delectable cuisine and local delicacies.

Our warmest welcome as you discover the many possibilities in the provinces of Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Iloilo, Iloilo City, Negros Occidental, Bacolod City and Guimaras, a spectacular creation of a diverse chain of 7,107 islands complemented with the extraordinary hospitality of its endearing people.

Mabuhay!

JOSEPH ACE DURANO
Secretary
Dept of Tourism

MESSAGE

The Department of Tourism is pleased to offer this informative guidebook that covers the attractions, services and facilities in the Philippines' Western Visayas region. Our region is the ultimate tourism destination that showcases the best attractions one can conjure as a tourist. As a tourist destination, the region possesses cultural, natural and man made resources that are as significant and attractive as any other major destinations in the country. The attractiveness, accessibility, number of activities and diversity of facilities are far more superior than most regions and are comparable to many in the world.

In coming up with the Western Visayas Tourism Guidebook, we hope to encourage first-time visitors to see for themselves those activities and attractions that make this region unique. We have also included newly-initiated community tours managed by the locals. Major cities have made their local tours more compact and compelling. Thus, we also encourage Filipinos to rediscover their own backyard as tourism hereabouts has grown by leaps and bounds.

Many thanks to the DOT Region VI staff and the people behind the Western Visayas Guidebook. May we continue to serve the country to the best of our abilities.

EDWIN G. TROMPETA, CEO III
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Dept. of Tourism

THE HOST COUNTRY: THE PHILIPPINES

The Philippines is a happy meeting of East and West. Stretching to 1,900 kilometers from north to south and 1,110 kilometers from east to west, it nestles at the center of the Southeast Asian region. Its three main groups of islands that compose Luzon, Visayan and Mindanao, are all accessible from major cities of the world.

All in all, the Philippine territory covers the entire 7,107 islands. It is an archipelago located between the Philippine Sea and the South China Sea. It is east of Vietnam and north of Sabah and Borneo. Its unique location has made the Philippines the commercial, cultural and intellectual hub of Asia since the early times of recorded history.

The Philippines is populated by around 85 million people, a vast majority of whom are descendants of Malays, Chinese and Muslim minorities. The cultural minority groups that total more than a hundred spread through out the entire islands. Filipino and English are the major languages spoken by the inhabitants supplemented with 10 minor languages and 87 dialects.
Filipinos are predominantly Roman Catholic although a significant portion of the population is a mixture of Protestant, Muslim and Buddhist.

THE MANY FACES OF WESTERN VISAYAS

Western Visayan is Ulan, Antique, Bacolod City, Capiz, Guimaras, Iloilo City, Iloilo and Negros Occidental.

Western Visayas is unimagible without the excitement of Ati-atihan Festival... White sand beaches and clear water of Boracay - two of the world-renowned attractions of the Philippines in Aklan which together with exciting caves and natural pools have given this part of the country its indelible marks in the hearts and minds of tourists.

One cannot really think of Western Visayas without thinking of Antique... historic land of the Binirayan festival... majestic mountains... world's largest flower... cascading waterfalls... white beaches.... rich fishing grounds... and white water kayaking.

The bounties of the sea are reasons enough to celebrate life through the Sinadya sa Halaran festival in the idyllic province of Capiz which takes pride in its historical sites as well as in its caves and beaches, coves and islets.

The charm of rural life is irresistible in Guimaras, the "Mango Country" whose identity festival, Manggahan, among other attractions has become a byword side by side with its mountain biking, sailboat racing, religious landmarks coves, islands and beaches.

Real vacations happen in Iloilo, its capital city -with the same name, home of the famous Dinagyang festival, oldest golf course in east Asia, stately mansions, majestic century-old churched, unspoiled countryside and exotic delicacies.

Known for its inland attractions, Negros Occidental with its capital, Bacolod City, takes pride in its historical sites, lifestyle museums, vintage steam locomotives, ancestral houses and natural bounties that await the adventurous.

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Victorian City, Negros Occidental        81,743
Sipalay City, Negros Occidental        62,063
Talisay City, Negros Occidental        79,146

WESTERN VISAYAS FACT FILE

CLIMATE

Panay - No Pronounced Wet and Dry Season

Central Iloilo, Northern Iloilo, Aklan, Capiz,
Northern Antique - No pronounced season; relatively dry from November to April

Southern Antique, Southern Iloilo and Guimaras -
Dry November to April; No pronounced wet season the rest of the year.
Negros Island - Not very pronounced ; relatively dry from November to April.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL IN WESTERN VISAYAS

December to February - Festival months (Christmas, Ati-Atihan, Dinagyang, Candelaria) cooler
days/nights

March to May - Vacation months, fiestas galore , dry season, abundant tropical fruits, sports
festivals

REGIONAL TOURIST PRODUCT INVENTORY

Historical/Cultural (landmarks, sites, churches, festivals, museums, antique collections, shrines,
etc.)

Natural (caves, falls, mountain ranges, exotic flora and fauna, springs, gardens, world class
beaches)

Special interests (golf, local cuisine, spelunking, trekking, photo tours, mountain biking,
Kayaking, diving, cruise, etc.)

Industrial (sugar mills, "iron dinosaurs" (steam locomotives), fisheries centers/research,
Handicrafts, tree farms, gemstone quarries

Shopping (export quality garments, food stuffs, souvenir, pottery, ceramics, woodcrafts)

AVAILABLE HOTEL / RESORT ROOMS IN WESTERN VISAYAS

DOT-accredited hotels/resorts -23
DOT-accredited hotel/resort rooms - 2,675
Non-accredited hotels/resorts - 23
Non-accredited hotel/resort rooms - 3,894

ACCESIBILITY OF WESTERN VISAYAS

Means of Transportation Frequency/week Capacity

A. AIR
Kalibo  35 flights/week  5,250 pax/week
Iloilo  63 flights/week  5,250 pax/week
Bacolod  49 flights/week  5,250 pax/week
Caticlan  203 flights/week  7,994 pax/week
Roxas  14 flights/week
B.SEA

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AKLAN

Azure waters and picturesque beaches, the queen of Philippine fabrics, and the Philippine mardi gras, Ati-Atihan. All these you find in Aklan province in the northeastern part of Panay Island.

Immerse yourself in Aklan's adventure tours, the best way to appreciate various marine sanctuaries and eco-tourism areas. Witness the making of piña cloth made of intricately woven pineapple fiber made famous by Aklan and vice-versa. Discover the secret charms of this lasting paradise named after the "rumbling of running rivers."

Attractions

Bakhawan Eco-Park in Kalibo, a multi-awarded 75-hectare mangrove reforestation project, is a recipient of the Golden Eagle Award for Excellence in Environmental Preservation and is considered the best in Asia.

The Marine Sanctuary and Coral Garden in Tangalan has artificial reefs, hard and soft corals, tropical fishes and marine flora that have returned to beautify this underwater garden while Batasan Point in Buruanga is a haven for scuba divers, snorkelers, cliff board divers and nature enthusiasts from nearby Boracay Island. A must-see before the Sabang Cave Tour in Buruanga is the elevated location of the cave's mouth where one can witness a stunning panorama of long stretch of beaches, seascapes, and the green fields of Sabang.

Manduyog Hill in Banga is Aklan's counterpart of Mount Calvary with a chapel and 14 Stations of the Cross. Nestled below the hill is the sprawling and beautiful campus of Aklan State University, the oldest in the province which offers tertiary and graduate programs.

Christmas-themed Sampaguita Gardens in New Washington is a resort hotel with restaurants, convention center, butterfly farm, and swimming pools managed by Sam Butcher, artist-owner of the globally well-known Precious Moments dolls and decors.

Immaculate Adoration Chapel and the Pink Sisters Convent, in Brgy. Polo, New Washington is the only contemporary nunnery in Western Visayas. Its chapel is perfect for long moments of prayer and reflection.

Aklan's oldest church, Kalibo Cathedral, was designed by the Philippine national artist Leandro V. Locsin. And finally, in the Piña Village in Kalibo, native weavers of the province show how the piña cloth, the queen of Philippine fabrics, is woven as done only in Aklan and nowhere else.

EVENTS

Ati-Atihan, as the Philippine mardi gras is known, is held every third Sunday of January in Aklan's capital town of Kalibo. The festival is preceded by several weeks of street dancing and merry-making to the tune of drums in honor of the Sto. Nino or the child Jesus. This grand
religious celebration is an expression of the proud and vibrant traditions of the fun-loving people of Kalibo expressed through tireless and unparalleled street dancing and merry-making from sunrise to sunset to the rhythmic sound of drumbeats and other musical instruments as revelers chant "Hala Bira! Viva key Sr. Sto. Nino!!!" The festival also depicts the peace pact between the native Aetas and the Malays who settled in Aklan.

This celebration is replicated in the Aklan towns of Altavas (January 21-22), Batan (2nd Sunday of January), Ibajay (4th Sunday of January) and Makato (January 15).

Kalibo Food Festival sa Kalye and Feast of St. John the Baptist in Kalibo are two festivals merged into one grand affair every June 19-23 and June 24 every year, respectively. The Food Festival sa Kalye is marked with people from all walks of life taking to the streets at night in the spirit of merrymaking. It showcases mouth-watering foods and Aklan's native delicacies. During the Feast of St. John the Baptist, the beaches of Kalibo are filled with excursionists and native outrigger boats or bancas participating in a race and other beach-oriented activities.

South of the Philippine capital of Manila — Aklan, Panay Island in the Western Visayas region can be reached in 45 minutes via plane with thrice daily flights by Philippine Airlines and Cebu Pacific. Ships from Manila sail to Dumaguit in New Washington and Malay towns several times weekly for 14-17 hours travel time.

From Iloilo City, the business center of Panay Island, Kalibo, is 3 hours travel by bus or van. Caticlan, the gateway to Boracay, is on the route of RORO Service from Manila passing through Batangas and Calapan, Mindoro. Numerous flights daily by smaller aircraft also land at Caticlan Airport.

AKLAN SAMPAGUITA GARDEN
"Class AA"
Poblacion, New Washington, Aklan
Tel. No.: (036) 2643422
46 rooms

CRYSTAL COVE ISLAND RESORT
'SIR'
Caticlan, Malay, Aklan
Cell No.: 09213680576

BEACHCOMBER INN
N. Roldan St., Kalibo, Aklan
Tel. No.: (036) 2624846
Fax: (036) 2624765
19 rooms

DEAN'S RESTAURANT & FUNCTION HALL
Poblacion, Altavas, Aklan
Tel. No.: (036) 2691290

ATI TOURS & TRAVEL
Kalibo Airport, Pook Kalibo, Aklan
Tel. No.: (036) 2682242

ISLAND STAR EXPRESS, INC.
Pook Airport, Kalibo, Aklan
Tel. No.: (036) 8452222 to 26
Fax: (036) 8452229

CATICLAN-BORACAY TRANSPORT MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE
J. Magno St., Kalibo, Aklan
Tel. No.: (036) 2681048

SOUTHWEST TOURS BORACAY, INC.
Kalibo Airport Terminal Bldg., Kalibo, Aklan
SUGGESTED TOURS

LIBACAO WILD RIVER ADVENTURE
Upstream of the Aklan River is considered the longest "wild river" in the Philippines. It is known for its clean and clear waters great for bamboo rafting, kayaking, and other water sports. Wild river rafting is encouraged for adventurous tourists while bamboo rafting is best for those who want to enjoy a leisurely pace. The trip ranges from one to six hours of rafting downstream depending on one's preference.

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MANGGAD IT KALIBO
This is a half-day tour of Piña Village, Ati-atihan Village, and Bakhawan Eco-Park. Guests will witness the painstaking process of making the piña cloth from fiber extraction to weaving at the Piña Village. Together with an Ati-Atihan tribe, visitors will then dance on the streets going to the Ati-Atihan Village where they can learn the story of the tribe and wear authentic Ati costumes. The tour ends with an exploration of the multi-awarded mangrove forest of Bakhawan Eco-Park through the 800-meter bamboo footbridge that opens to the beach.

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BUGNA IT TANGALAN ECO-TOUR
Visit the century-old St. John Nepomucene Parish Church, go on a light trek to Afga Point and enjoy a breathtaking view of the Sibuyan Sea and the unique Wave Rock Formation atop the hilltop pavilion. Treat yourself to a relaxing shiatsu massage at Dumatad and pick out handicrafts from an array of colorful bags and nito products at the souvenir shop. You may also take a refreshing dip in the cool clear waters of Jawili Falls. Follow this up with a trek to Campo Verde where you may opt to go horseback riding or mountain biking. Commune with nature as you camp in Campo Verde's well-maintained grounds deep in the forest.

Contact:
Beauty T. Parco
Tourism Officer-Designate Tangalan, Aklan
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NABAS NATURE'S HAVEN
Nabas is home to a low-elevation rainforest in the Northwest Panay Peninsula where various endemic flora and fauna abound. The trip starts at the town proper by visiting the eight decades-old historic Rizal monument. Then, proceed to the community-based eco-tourism site at Brgy. Tagororoc. The place is waiting for daring ones to trek to its hinterlands and commune with nature and its thriving habitat – a nature's haven – where one can see and observe a unique way of living in a mountain community. Tourists and visitors will be treated to a mat-weaving demonstration of native products made from bariw leaves, an endemic plant in the community. The trip culminates with a visit to Laserna Cold Spring Resorts, where one can swim with wild abandon in the crystal clear waters surrounded by clean and green environs.
Contact:
Dhen M. Roquero
Tourism Officer-Designate
Nabas, Aklan
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MAINLAND MALAY EXPEDITIONS
Exploration of Pangihan Cave of eight connecting chambers starts this whole day tour. Next is paraw sailing from the town proper of Malay to Naasug, site of a limestone forest beside the sea. Here you can swim, snorkel, scuba dive, wall-climb and trek around the limestone trail. Tourists can then proceed to Boracay Island for an overnight stay.

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ANTEQUE
Where the mountains meet the sea. Answer the call of adventure in Antique province. Shaped like a seahorse, Antique lies between the Sulu Sea to the west and tall mountain ranges to the east separating it from the rest of Panay Island.

Climb the three tallest peaks in Panay Island — Mt. Madia-as, Mt. Baloy, and Mt. Nangtud. Trek and be delighted with flora and fauna endemic only to this part of the Philippines. Go rafting in one of the country's cleanest bodies of inland water.

ATTRACTIONS
The massive century-old Anini-y Church in the town of Anini-y is built of white corals and shells with exquisite architectural and structural design reminiscent of the Spanish era. A walk along the coastline of Anini-y leads you to the Sira-an Hot Springs where warm water flows from crevices of big boulders and settles in a large pool and Jacuzzi-like tubs. From the shoreline of Anini-y, one can see picturesque Nogas Island of white sand, an uninhabited 26-hectare marine and bird sanctuary ideal for snorkeling and scuba diving. Farther south of Anini-y lies Crests de Gallo, a mountain of three peaks that resembles a cock's comb best climbed during the summer season.

Passing Punta Hagdan View Resort and Brgy. Taguimtim in the town of Tobias Fornier, one experiences a scenic view of surf and coconut palms while off-road trails and feeder roads provide great locations for mountain bikers and light trekkers.

At Mount Porras in Sibalom town, one finds the Uruy flower, of the genus Rafflesia, the biggest flower in the Philippines endemic to Panay Island. Recently, Mount Porras and its adjacent mountain ranges were declared part of the Sibalom Natural Park.

In Belison, Patnongon, and Laua-an, one may observe the milling of muscovado, a natural sugar which is considered as a health food. It has no preservatives and is still prepared using old mills.

The 400-year-old Sto. Niño de Bugasong housed in the parish church and made of ivory and silver is an attraction of Bugasong town. This town is also known for its loom-woven cloth called patadyong, one of the rarest of its kind in the Visayan. It is typically suited for daily wear but has now evolved into a high-end product because of the intricacy of weaving.

The town of Barbaza has Batabat and Punta Coral Reefs with its unparalleled marine life, diverse tropical fishes and distinct coral formations which are a must-see for snorkelers and scuba divers.
Adventures in White Water Kayaking and Wild River Rafting begins in rivers found in Tibiao town where the first Philippine White Water Kayaking Competition was held on November 1998 with contenders coming all the way from Australia and the United States. Bugtong Bato Falls is also found in this town. To the traveler with interest in piña cloth weaving, Tibiao is the place to go as well.

The islands of Mararison, Batbatan and Maniguin in Culasi are said to belong to the Caribbean category with divers and snorkelers enjoying multi-colored corals and various species of tropical fishes.

Devotees of St. Blaine flock to Sebaste town's religious fiesta every February 2-3 to visit the antique figure of the saint which is believed to be miraculous. One would not definitely miss Igpasungaw Falls and twelve other seldom frequented falls further up in Sebaste.

Far north is the town of Pandan with the cool spring waters of Malumpati Health Spring and Tourist Resort, emptying into Bugang River that has the distinction of being declared by the government as the country's cleanest inland river in 2003 and first runner up in Hiyas ng Turismo, a national search for new tourist destinations in 2006. Caving enthusiasts may also want to try out Pandan's Tingib Cave and relax at Phaidon Beach Resort with its modern amenities and internet connection. It is a take off point for Pandan Bay, known for aqua sports, marine attractions, and constant sightings of whale sharks.

The northernmost and the province's cleanest and greenest coastal town of Libertad boasts of Marble Mountain with high quality deposits. Spelunking in Maang-hit Cave and adjacent cave systems is an alternative adventure. Mount Sibaliw, located at the heart of the low-elevation rainforest of Northwest Panay is home to a diverse eco-system, the only one of its kind in the Philippines. Snorkelling, marine studies and research can be done in several fish sanctuaries in Brgy. Tinigbas, Libertad.

Pandan and Libertad are the areas that form part of the Northern Panay Peninsula, the last remaining lowland forest in Panay and home to some endangered species.

Hikers and mountain climbers will enjoy Mount Baloy, one of the last rainforests in the country, found in the inland town of Valderrama. It is known not only for its endangered flora and fauna, but also for the Sulod-Bukidnon, a tribal community that still practices ancestor-worship with elaborate rituals. On the other hand, Villa Valderrama Mountain Resort is a site for action adventure like hang gliding and rock climbing. In Lawaan is Mt. Nangtud, considered as the highest peak in Panay, with adjacent mountain ranges home to waterfalls, winding wild rivers and caves.

Legend has it that Madia-as Mountain in Culasi town is the home of the great "Bulalakaw", a god of the Bornean migrants who settled in Panay Island. Presently considered as one of the premier peaks for mountain climbing, a trek to its height of 7,212 feet is a rewarding experience.

Island hopping, sailing, snorkeling and scuba diving is best in the island of Caluya and neighboring islets with their beaches of white sand, diverse species of marine life, and unexplored coral reefs.

EVENTS

BINIRAYAN FESTIVAL
Every last week of April, residents of Antique gather at the mouth of Malandog River in Hamtic town where the historic first Malayan Settlement which took place in 1300 AD is reenacted. Datu Sumakwel with other datus, their families and men were said to have established a settlement in Malandog in the middle of the 13th century. Thus the name Binirayan which means "a place where the boats dock." Aside from the reenactment of the Malayan landing, the other highlights of the festival are the Malay-Ati Dance Competition and the Lin-ay kang Antique beauty pageant held in the capital town of San Jose.

RORO (roll on-roll off) buses are available from Manila to San Jose, Antique and vice versa via Caticlan.
From Panay Island's capital city of Iloilo, Antique is two hours by bus. From Boracay Island's exit point of Caticlan, Antique's Pandan town can be reached in an hour via bus or van.

Operational seaports of San Jose de Buenavista and Lipata, Culasi offer shipping services from Manila to Antique and vice versa.

Contact:
Antique Provincial Tourism Office
Provincial Capitol, San Jose, Antique
Tel: (036) 5409765

ACCREDITED ESTABLISHMENTS/ SERVICES

PUNTAHAGDAN VIEW RESORT
"SIR"
Brgy. Paciencia, Tobias Fornier, Antique
Cell No.: 0927-9207698
6 rooms

ADELAIDE TOURIST & TRAVELLER'S INN
"Class A"
Bantayan, San Jose, Antique
Tel. No.: (036) 5407160
8 rooms

BINIRAYAN COTTAGES
Binirayan, San Jose, Antique
Tel. No.: (036) 5409004
5 rooms

SUGGESTED TOURS

TIBIAO WHITENWATER RIVER
Rising near the peak of Mt. Madja-as, Tibiao River descends almost 2000 meters on its short but tumultuous journey to the sea. The lower section of the river, known as the "Chicken Run", is grade 3; more difficult upper section reaches grade 4. Tibiao River has all the classic features of a tropical whitewater river, with rich vegetation hemming the banks, views of rice terraces, spectacular falls and clear water. The river is close to Boracay and easily accessible.

BUGANG RIVER CULTURAL, NATURE AND ADVENTURE TOUR
From Pandan town proper, visitors begin this whole day tour at the Brgy. Sto. Rosario Interpretative Center for tour briefing, presentation of the Paandam Ritual, and demonstration of burl and bariw weaving. This is followed by a trek to Malumpati Spring and Watershed prior to lunch along the river bank. To end the tour, you have a choice of rafting towards the Riparian Forest that ends at Manlonggong Point or paddle boating towards the estuarine of Bugang River.

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Bugang River, Pandan, Antique

CAPIZ

Go beyond the lures of sun-drenched islands and beaches. Literally sea in Capiz province — Seafood Capital of the Philippines.

Marvel at the abundance of groupers, milkfish, prawns, oysters, lobsters, blue crabs, abalones, white shrimps and angel wings shellfish. See how Capiz shells are made and how Capiznons make a living from the bounties of the sea. Visit historic and unique churches, trace history, go spelunking in cathedral-like caves, take a shower among the falls and dip in cool pools. Live the
good life in this tranquil province by the sea.

Visitors who enter the province of Capiz through its capital, Roxas City, may want to visit the Ang Panublion (The Roxas City Museum) in Hughes Street that was originally built as a water tank in 1910 but now houses the memorabilia of the province's illustrious sons and daughters as well as collections of religious icons, artifacts and artworks.

Also located in the city proper is the President Manuel Roxas Ancestral House, a two-storey hardwood and stone house where the first president of the Philippine Republic was born.

Three kilometers away from Roxas City proper are beach houses, cottages, motorboats for boating and fishing as well as outdoor restaurants and food stalls that line up at Baybay Beach. This beach of thermal black sand is also great for water skiing and skimboarding.

Capiz is also well-known for its unique and historic churches. At the Sta. Monica Church in Panay town, one finds what is said to be the 3rd largest bell in Southeast Asia measuring seven feet in diameter and weighing 10.4 tons. This bell cast from 76 sacks of coins is surrounded by eight smaller bells. The church itself is almost a small fortress at 250 feet long, 80 feet wide, and with a wall of coral blocks nine inches thick. The Dumalag Church in Dumalag town has yellow sandstone walls three feet thick. The church's six arched windows at each side with columns between them reaching the roof with buttresses at the side give it a different look. In front of the church is the five-storey belfry housing five bells of different sizes made in 1881. In Brgy. Dulangan, Filar town, devotees attend mass every first Saturday of the month in honor of the 80-feet shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary called Agtalin Shrine atop a mountain.

Suhot Cave and Springs in Dumalag town is a series of interconnected caverns of different sizes. At the cave's arched entrance is a pool of clear, ice-cold water fed by a spring from within the cave. Further is a crack in the rocks where sulfurous water comes out. Quiapot Cave has very narrow areas with the roof and cave floor having a distance of only two to three feet though further it has a huge chamber with many stalactites and stalagmites, giving it the name " Quiapot Hilton" Still another cave with biological impact is the unique Suhotan Caves in Brgy. Agcagay in Jamindan town. It is the habitat of hundreds of diverse forest species responsible for ecological balance in the area and neighboring villages. Suhotan is noted for its great number of large multi-layered chambers in its vast interiors with three stock areas where stalactites and stalagmites fall in a white linen-like curtain wall. Inside the chamber is an altar-like formation surrounded by stalagmites that seem like giant images in silent repose. Some chambers are as big as a hotel ballroom or cathedrals.

In Jamindan's Brgy. Jaena Norte is Malinamon Falls, said to be comparable to the Niagara Falls, and source of the biggest river in Jamindan. Jamindan's military reservation is home to Kalikasan Waterfalls, a vast reforestation project, Tent City, military training site, and a grotto.

EVENTS

Sinadya sa Halaran which means "joy in sharing", is celebrated every December 4-8 all over Roxas City and Capiz province. A food and music festival is held in the major streets of Roxas City at night time while during the day, visitors are feted to agro-industrial exhibits and plant and orchid shows.

Diwal Festival every July 14-15 came to be when Capiz was able to save from extinction the tasty and succulent Angel Wings Shellfish or diwal that grows well only in the clean waters of the province. For two days, vendors sell diwal fresh or cooked at the most affordable prices. Night time is spent merrymaking in the streets of Roxas City.

GOING TO CAPIZ

From Manila, Philippine Airlines flies daily while Cebu Pacific is scheduled every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, of less than an hour to Roxas City the capital of Capiz Province.

From Iloilo City, Capiz can be reached in two hours time via bus or van while from Kalibo in Aklan province, Capiz is two hours away, also via bus or van.

Ships from Manila sail to Roxas City and its other ports daily with travel time of 16 hours.
ACCREDITED ESTABLISHMENTS/ SERVICES

ROXAS PRESIDENT'S INN
"Standard Class"
Car. Rizal-Zamora Sts. Roxas City
Tel. No.: (036) 6210208
15 rooms

BAIA NORTE BEACH CLUB
"Class IV"
Baybay, Roxas City
Tel. No.: (036) 6210165
Fax (036) 6214920
13 rooms

ROXAS MIDTOWN HOTEL
"Standard Class"
186 Burgos St., Roxas City
Tel. No.: (036) 6215135
16 rooms

VILLA PATRIA COTTAGES
"Economy Class"
Baybay, Roxas City
Tel. No.: (036) 6210180
17 rooms

JZ TRAVELLERS INN
Sitio Kalipayan
Brgy. Punta Tabuc, Roxas City
Tel. No.: (036) 6215926
19 rooms

ROXAS CITY TOURS & TRAVEL AGENCY
Altavas St., Roxas City
Tel. No.: (036) 6212344

Be it a quiet walk in white sand beaches, exhausting exploration of caves, spiritual retreat in monasteries, or a view of underwater gardens - the island-province of Guimaras will always beguile.

Taste the sweetest and most succulent mangoes this side of Asia. Bike or jog in highways, trails, and shorelines amidst lush greenery and gently splashing waves. See how Guimaras takes care of natural wonders as you tour marine reserves and mountain resorts. Enjoy your escapades in this enchanting island-province across the Iloilo Strait - the island that fits to your taste.

GUIMARAS

Experience the adrenaline rush of the Guimaras Adventure Park in Alaguisoc, Jordan town with its 28-hectare park fitted for activities like paintball, wargames, rappelling, target shooting and horseback riding.

Also in this town of many adventures are several caves with unique features, just perfect for caving and spelunking. Bucoy Cave in Balcon Maravilla has a small lake and crystalline rocks whose phosphorescent glow resembles that of tiny Christmas lights or fireflies. In the same village is Capitoguan Cave, a sanctuary for bats with abundant stalactites and stalagmites. Buho Ramirez Cave in Lawi is a small cave but with an entrance of 40-50 feet deep with gushing water coming out of its three openings. Nearby is Pirate Cave which the natives said is the secret hiding place for the loot of pirates. Higante or Giant Cave in Brgy. Espinosa atop a hill with three entrances has abundant stalactites and stalagmites forming intriguing shapes. A new attraction is the Lombija Wildlife Research Foundation known as the "Amazing Heritage Destination" of Guimaras.
Beaches and islets in Guimaras have their specific attractions. Take for example the 1,544 sq. meter Tiniguiban Islet or Pulang Pasayan in Nueva Valencia town known for its rare red shrimps that appear during high tide. Just across this islet is the Igang Marine Sub-Station of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center that has propagation pens for commercial fishes like milkfish, groupers, and snappers best appreciated with a walk on the bamboo pontoon boardwalk that serves as docking area of the substation complex. Beside the Center is a swimming and snorkeling area. A boat ride away is Taklong Island National Marine Reserve, a 1,143.454 sq. meter marine paradise for underwater explorers or plain snorkeling aficionados which is also the site of the University of the Philippines Marine Research Center.

Rediscover your spirituality in the religious havens of Guimaras. Balaan Bukid Shrine in Balcon Melliza, Jordan town is famous as a pilgrimage site of Roman Catholics who trek up the mountain to participate in the 14 Stations of the Cross during the Lenten Season and every May 1 for the fiesta. Our Lady of the Philippines Trappist Monastery, the only monastery for men in the Philippines run by the Cistercian Order of Strict Observance built in 1972 is also in this town. The Consolers of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a 7-hectare monastery for men and women established in 2000 with a church opening to a panoramic view of Balaan Bukid and Iloilo City across the strait. The Navalas Church in Buenavista town is the oldest existing Roman Catholic Church in Guimaras, built in 1880-85.

As "mango country", Guimaras has extensive mango plantations. The largest of these is the Oro Verde Mango Plantation in Buenavista town planted to 42,329 grafted mango trees spread out in an area of 237.016 hectares. This plantation has been declared by the Department of Tourism as one of three agri-tourism destinations of the Philippines. The second largest mango plantation is Southern Orchard in Sibunag town with 14,000 grafted mango trees planted in an area of 220 hectares.

Other points of interest in Guimaras are the following: National Mango Research and Development Center in San Miguel, Jordan town; Guisi Lighthouse in Nueva Valencia town built by the Spaniards in 1896. Guisi has a thriving heritage tourism program ideal for community immersion tours. McArthur's Wharf in Buenavista which was built by Gen. Douglas McArthur in 1903 when he was head of the company of the US Army Corps of Engineers assigned to Guimaras; and Roca Encantada, summer vacation house of the Lopez family built in 1910 atop a rock in San Miguel, Buenavista.

Explore the best of Guimaras' underwater world with 11 best diving sites identified by the Small Island Agricultural Support Services Program.

EVENTS

Manggahan sa Guimaras Festival
Started in 1992 and is celebrated every May 22 to commemorate the island's being declared a province separate from Iloilo. In this festival of one week, Guimaras is promoted as "mango country" with mango-picking activities and mango food festival. Manggahan culminates with a beauty pageant and a grand showcase of the towns' respective festivals.

Ang Pagtaltal sa Jordan (Crucifixion in Jordan)
Is a Lenten presentation patterned after the Oberammergau of South Bavaria staged by the townsfolk of Jordan since 1972. The highlights of this spectacle held every Good Friday of the Holy Week are the actual nailing on the cross of a man taking on the role of Christ and his being taken off the cross amidst religious realism and theatrical color.

Iloilo City is the gateway to Guimaras Island. The island province is 15 minutes away by motorboat or ferry from Parola and Ortiz Wharf. A roll on-roll off facility is also available daily from Iloilo City to Hoskyn, Jordan.

Southeast of Panay and Northwest of Negros Island, Guimaras is also accessible via boat ride in Pulupandan in Negros Occidental or Dumangas in Iloilo. There are no direct flights to Guimaras though there is a feeder airport for light planes in Brgy. Mclain, Buenavista town.
ACCREDITED ESTABLISHMENTS/ SERVICES

COSTA AGUADA ISLAND RESORT
"Class AA"
Inampulugan Island
Sibunag, Guimaras
Tel. No.: (034) 4344543
Fax: (034) 4344541
66 rooms

RETIRO DE NAVALAS BEACH RESORT & ECO-TOURISM
"Class A"
San Miguel, Buenavista, Guimaras
Tel. Nos.: (033) 3207075 / 3280779
12 rooms

SUGGESTED TOUR

GUIMARAS ISLAND HOPPING WITH SIGHTSEEING TOUR
Appreciate the islands and inland attractions of the island-province of Guimaras with this whole day tour that takes off at the white sand Alubihod Beach and moves to Punta Lawi Beach Resort and Ave Maria Islet all the way to the Marine Reserve Area. The tour also includes stopovers or sightseeing at Pirate Cave, Baras Beach Resort, Natago Beach Resort, Isla Naburot, Villa Igang Beach Resort, Igang Marine Sub-Station of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center and Tinguiban Islet. Inland, the tour brings you to Valle Verde Mt. Spring Resort, the Trappist Monastery and shopping for souvenirs at the Guimaras Trade and Information Center.
Contact:
Provincial Economic Development Office
Provincial Capitol, Jordan, Guimaras
Tel. No.: (033) 2371134

ILOILO PROVINCE
Simple joys. A vacation of many choices.
Visit architecturally fascinating Spanish-era churches. Take a swing in Southeast Asia’s oldest golf course. Climb mountains. Go sightseeing. Shop for native products. “Stretch your limits” is the name of the game in Iloilo Province. Search for that perfect island getaway in northern Iloilo, retrace history in the southwest. Go spelunking with cavers. Remember the heart of the Philippines in picturesque and quaint Iloilo.

The nearest points of interest in the province of Iloilo are less than an hour's drive away such as the Iloilo Golf and Country Club, Southeast Asia's oldest golf course set on the rolling hills of Sta. Barbara town. Rustic Casa Fiametta in a sugarcane farm beside a river in Barotac Nuevo is best for horseback riders or mountain bikers. In Guimbal town, one finds Garin Farm with its organically grown greens and gardens and the mini zoo Racso's with two swimming pools and comfortable accommodations.

For aficionados of cultural heritage tours, the Miagao Church or the Parish of St. Thomas of Villanova in the southwestern town of Miagao is the best place to start. Built in 1786, the fortress-like church was a UNESCO-declared World Heritage Site in 1993, the only one of its kind in the Visayas and Mindanao. The Church of San Joaquin is the only one in the Philippines with a bas relief of the historic battle of Tetuan between the Christians of Spain and the Moors of promos eco-tourism invites visitors to see the beautiful islands with exotic names such as Tambaliza, Bulubadiangan, Agho, Igbon, Tago, Punta Bagongon, Colebra, and others. Nearby Caries has Sicogon, Gigantes and Balbagon Islands while Ajuy has Calabasa and Nasidman Islands.

Mountains, caves, and falls are adventures in learning. The West Visayas State University Wildlife and Conservation Park in Lambunao town houses endangered species like the exotic birds Dolongan and Writh-billed Hornbill, cloud rats and the spotted deer.
The town of Dingle has the caves Guiso, Mistranza and Lungib. Iloilo's more impressive and majestic falls are Nadsadjan Falls in Igbaras, Igbiating Falls in Janivay and Imoy Falls in Leon. These places are ideal for trekking.

For serious souvenir hunters, Iloilo Province is the best place to be. Here, one finds products representative of the southern Philippines such as the colorful handwoven and versatile fabrics Hablon and Patadyong that can be used as dresses, curtains, blankets, bed sheets and even as table runners. Home accessories are woven bamboo picture frames, fans, baskets, trays, lampshades made of fossilized paper or handmade paper, miniature wooden boats and rattan products. Then, there are those you can personally use such as burl hats, lanot slippers, and purses.

EVENTS

Pasungay
A Festival of Bulls on the hillside of San Joaquin is held every 3rd Saturday of January. Prized bulls fight amidst the cheering of the spectators.

Carabao-Carroza Race
It is a holiday for the town of Pavia when the Carabao is made the "king" for a day on May 3. The event features a race among carabaos or water buffalo, each pulling a bamboo carrosa or carriage over a four hundred meter course.

Hirinugyaw
Held in the town of Calinog every last Sunday of January, Hinugyaw is a festival similar to the Ati-atihan of Kalibo and Iloilo City's Dinagyang.

Cry of Sta. Barbara
Celebrated in commemoration of the first cry of revolution against Spain in Iloilo, the Cry of Sta. Barbara is celebrated ever November 17 in Sta. Barbara town. The event opens with the grand parade with the participants dressed in Spanish costumes. Other activities include games and cultural presentations.

Pagtaltal in Barotac Viejo
Good Friday in Barotac Viejo town is particularly meaningful as residents and tourists yearly depict the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Christmas Lights Festival
The 6-hectare plaza of Pototan every December is awash in a kaleidoscope of multicolored lights with a "dancing fountain" and food festival.

GOING TO ILOILO

About 283 statute miles from Manila, Iloilo Province can be reached via several daily flights by Cebu Pacific, Air Philippines, and Philippine Airlines that land in the capital, Iloilo City.

Ships from the key ports of Manila, Cagayan, Iligan, and Palawan have several weekly trips to Iloilo City. The port town of Dumangas is one of the main routes of the Strong Republic Nautical Highway and caters to Ro-Ro boats to and from Bacolod City.

Iloilo towns are accessible by taxi, jeepney, bus or van from any point in Panay Island.

ACCREDITED ESTABLISHMENTS/ SERVICES

RACSO'S WOODLAND
INLAND RESORT
"Class AA"
Bgy. Rizal-Tuguisan, Guimbal, Iloilo
Tel. No.: (033) 5120013
40 rooms
SOL Y MAR FAMILY BEACH RESORT
"Class A"
Km. 20+800, Tigbauan, Iloilo
Tel. No.: (033) 5118288
5 rooms

BANTAYAN BEACH RESORT
"Class A"
Bgy. Rizal-Tuguisan, Guimbal, Iloilo
Tel. No.: (033) 5120014
20 rooms

NES & TAT'S BEACH RESORT & RESTAURANT
"Class A"
Brgy. Botong, Oton, Iloilo
Tel. No.: (033) 3378353
12 rooms

SHAMROCK BEACH RESORT "SIR"
Bgy. Nanga, Guimbal, Iloilo
Tel. No.: (033) 5120199 / 31 551 39
28 rooms

GARIN FARM
"Agri-Tourism/Farm Site" Guimbal, Iloilo
Tel. No.: (033) 5120338
4 rooms

EL JARDIN CAFE & INN
"Tourist Inn"
Poblacion, Ajuy, Iloilo
Tel. No.: (033) 3920410
6 rooms

SOUTH PARK GRILL RESTAURANT
Brgy. Nanga, Guimbal, Iloilo
Tel. No.: (033) 3155529

IMELDA A. NOBLEZA
Tour Guide
Brgy. Bongol, Janivay, Iloilo
Tel. No.: (033) 3171775
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SUGGESTED TOURS

ISLAND HOPPING IN CONCEPCION
Depending on your choice, island hopping in Concepcion may be for a half day or the whole day starting with a trip to Bulubadiangan Island with its shifting sandbars and pristine blue waters. Hop on to Tambaliza and marvel at the sight of Pan De Azucar, the fabled limestone mountain that looks like a loaf of bread with sugar on top. Those adventurous enough may want to climb Pan de Azucar and see wild orchids and a breathtaking view of Concepcion’s other islands. Swim, snorkel, fish, go boating or simply bask under the tropical sun in the white sand beaches of enchanting islands.

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AHOY, AJUY

Before embarking on your 3-island tour, you will be briefed about the area at Hilltop Restaurant during breakfast. Jump-off point is at Culasi pier with Marbuena Island as the first stop. This is a sanctuary of flying foxes and shore birds. Nasidman Island comes next where island folks will approach you with a heartwarming "pasug-alaw" (welcome). Watch a fishing demo and take part in a village tour to crafts shops and places where natives sell food and fresh fish. In the afternoon, you will paddle towards Calabazas Island where ruins of an old Spanish lighthouse can be found. Swim, fish, snorkel, take a meditative walk or simply listen to story tellers and culminate your day with a soothing massage before going back to the mainland.

Contact:
Office of the Mayor Ajuy, Iloilo
Tel. No.: (033) 3920408

SAN JOAQUIN, CULTURE HAVEN

A trip to San Joaquin starts at the Plaza Gazebo for a briefing. Prepare to board a tricycle to Pagang Staging Area for a reception and gifts of "bulos" hats to protect guests from the sun. A "karosa" ride will take you to Pagang Reception Center where a local shaman will perform "panghawanhawan" ritual. Guests will then be entertained with a "composo" by old folks. Try your skills in making bulos hats after a craft demo. A boat ride in Pagang Coral Garden will take you to Talisayan Point from whence you disembark for a visit to the ruins of the old convent, antiquated well, and the Roman Catholic Church. Be treated like a Datu upon your arrival at Punta Malagting with the locals' "pang-abi-abi" (welcome) that involves carrying you on a "duyan" or hammock to the reception center. At lunch, enjoy the reenactment of the Barter of Anini-pay. After the demonstrations, you may try for yourself fishing, basket making, and stone painting. Snorkel and dive or simply settle for a relaxing massage.

Contact:
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San Joaquin, Iloilo
Tel. No.: (033) 3147001

ILOILO CITY

Discover Iloilo and experience a real southern Philippines vacation in the country's second oldest city.

Rich in historical, cultural, architectural, and religious attractions - Iloilo City is perfect for heritage tours. Visit stately mansions, majestic century-old churches and museums. Shop for native products in the markets or go cosmopolitan in the modern malls. Check out the southern city nightlife. Old World ambiance marries modern conveniences and pleasures in the City of Love.

Iloilo City is a great place to begin a historical-cultural tour. Begin with Plaza Libertad or Plaza Alfonso XII in downtown Iloilo City. This is where the flag of the first Philippine Republic was raised in triumph after the Spaniards gave up the city, their last capital in the Philippines on December 25, 1898.

JM Basa Street or "Celle Real", also known as the "Escolta of Iloilo", was the site of most of the town's European and Chinese retail stores. In the 19th Century, Celle Real was the liveliest place in the commercial district of Iloilo. Further is Muelle Loney, the port of Iloilo named after Englishman Nicolas Loney, the "Father of the Sugar Industry" in Panay Island. Muelle Loney opened to foreign trade in 1855 and is considered one of the safest harbors because of Guimaras Island that protects it from drastic winds. The Nicholas Loney Monument was erected in his honor as the "Paladin of Philippine Progress. " Beside the Port of Iloilo is Fort San Pedro, a historical landmark at the entrance of Iloilo Harbor built in 1616 to resist the invasion of pirates.

Another prominent landmark is in front of the Old Iloilo Provincial Capitol -the Arroyo Fountain, constructed in 1927 and named after former Senator Jose Maria Arroyo who authored Republic Act 3222 in the Philippine Legislature establishing the Iloilo Metropolitan Waterworks in 1925.

The Museo Iloilo has cultural heritage exhibits as well as scientifically dated fossils, shells and
rocks indicating the age of Panay Island. On the other hand, the Rosendo Mejica Museum is a repository of valuable memorabilia, social and cultural literature in Hiligaynon, English and Spanish dating from the last quarter of the 19th century to the sixth decade of the 20th century.

Jaro District is where you find the Philippines' first Millionaire's Row and the seat of Catholicism in Western Visayas. Around the district are old colonial houses of sugar barons and Hispano-Filipino mansions and houses of the elite. The nearby Jaro Cathedral is the first and only cathedral in Panay built in 1865 and has all-male saints. Fronting the Jaro Cathedral is the Jaro Belfry, one of the few bell towers in the country that stand apart from the church. The Jaro Evangelical Church, the first Baptist church in the Philippines, is just a few meters away from the Catholic Archbishop's Palace.

Balantang Memorial Cemetery, also in Jaro District, is a national shrine and the only military cemetery established outside Metro Manila. The bloodiest battle that the guerilla forces of Col. Macario Peralta Jr. faced in World War II was in Balantang. The Memorial Cemetery Museum has World War II vintage firearms, submachine guns and 81 mm mortars along with a display of photographs and situation maps showing historical events. The Gen. Macario Peralta Jr. Statue and Park, now known as the Freedom Park, was erected in honor of one of the bravest guerilla fighters in Panay.

Iloilo City is home to some of the best examples of Spanish and Colonial architecture as well as historical shrines and museums. Casa Mariquit in Jaro District is a 200-year-old house of the prominent Javellana Family. The National Historical Institute has declared the Lopez Boathouse built in the 1930s as a Heritage House on March 13, 2002. The Nelly Gardens in Jaro is a mansion built in 1928 by philanthropist and statesman Don Vicente Lopez and his wife Doña Elena Hofileña.

The Sanson-Montinola Antillan House is a typical example of Antillan architecture. The Avanceña Balay nga Bato in Arevalo was built in the 1860s. It served as the general headquarters of the Filipino revolutionaries against the Spanish and American governments. The Villaneuva House is one of the heritage houses built in 1928 along Bonifacio Drive. Likewise with the Juan Ledesma House built in 1930 that serves as the headquarters of the Japanese army during their occupation and by the US Army after the war.

The Magdalena G. Jalandoni Historical Shrine in Commission Civil St., Jaro District is the residence of Magdalena G. Jalandoni, the first Republic Cultural Awardee in Literature. Her house is a repository of a collection of paintings, dioramas and her writings. Also in Jaro is the Graciano Lopez Jaena Shrine at corner Lopez Jaena-Fajardo Streets. It is the birthplace of hero and journalist Graciano Lopez Jaena, founder of the publication La Solidaridad that helped bring down the Spanish government in the Philippines.

La Villa Rica de Arevalo is the seat of the Alcadia of Panay. It was also the first Spanish settlement in Panay to be attacked in 1588 by the English privateer Sir Thomas Cavendish, third circumnavigator of the world. Arevalo Church is home to the third oldest and original Santo Niño image in the Philippines brought by Spanish settlers in 1581. A drive away from Arevalo is Molo District, the Chinese quarters of La Villa de Arevalo. It is also called "Athens of the Philippines" for producing many intellectual and political leaders. Baluarte Elementary School, the first public elementary school in the Philippines is also in Molo.

Villa Beach is host to a row of restaurants specializing in local and seafood cuisine along Arevalo District's shoreline. Not far from the beach are flower gardens specializing in ornamental and flowering plants.

The Molo Church is of Gothic-Renaissance architecture made of coral rock completed in the 1800s.

There are 5 half-day Heritage Tours of Iloilo City. There is the City Panoramic View Tour which takes 3 1/2 hours through Iloilo City's major thoroughfares.

The Standard City Heritage Tour takes the visitor to the Museo Iloilo and to two ancestral homes: Nelly Gardens and Casa Mariquit. It then proceeds to Jaro Cathedral and Molo Church. The tour ends with a visit to downtown Iloilo City.
Southern Heritage Tour takes you to the Nelly Gardens and the Lopez Mansion, the Jaro Cathedral, and the churches of Sta. Barbara and Pavia. Sta. Barbara Museum is the last stop.

The Walking Tour of Jaro starts at Jaro Cathedral then goes on to the ancestral homes of the Hormillosa, Locsin, and Lopez-Vito families. The next stop is the Archbishop's Palace, followed by a short walk to the Magdalena G. Jalandoni Historical Shrine in Commission Civil Street, and finally to Casa Mariquit.

The Walking Tour of Molo begins at the ancestral houses of the Melliza and Lazaro families. Next is Panaderia de Molo and then the Mejica/Makinaugalingon Newspaper Museum. The tour ends with a visit to the Gothic Renaissance Molo Church and Convent.

CUSTOMIZED TOURS
Customized Tours of Iloilo City range from a full hour to a day. Iloilo Harbor Cruise takes an hour while Kulinarya Ilonggo, a tour and cooking demonstration, is for a whole day. The half-day Architectural Tour takes you to the following places: Elizalde House, Nelly Gardens, Kerr and Co., Montinola-Sanson Antillean House, Iloilo Custom House, Casa Mariquit, Hoskyn's Building, Iloilo National High School and the Lopez Boathouse.

MUSEUM TOUR
This half-day tour takes you to two museums in Iloilo City and in nearby towns. It begins with Museo Iloilo, followed by Iloilo Science Centrum, the JBLCF Molo Maritime Museum, Fernando Lopez Museum and the Museum of the University of San Agustin. About 15 to 20 minutes drive away from Iloilo City are the Sta. Barbara Golf Museum and the Sta. Barbara Museum.

ILOILO BY NIGHT
This 4-hour tour gives a typical experience of Iloilo City's night life. It begins with a visit to any of the city's specialty restaurants, followed by a stop at Aris Music Lounge. Visitors then proceed to Hotel del Rio and Marina Restaurant. The evening is capped with a visit to Smallville, the city's nightlife hub with its line of restaurants, coffee shops, discos and live bands.

DINAGYANG FESTIVAL
The festival of festivals of Iloilo and the country's best tourism event. The mardi gras-like celebration is in honor of the Sto. Niño (the Child Jesus) whose image is said to be miraculous. Held every fourth Sunday of January, participating towns join in the Kasadyahan, a competition of choreographed cultural performances. This spectacular festival is capped with a competition of ati-atihan tribes whose "warriors" painted with black soot and wearing indigenous costumes dance to the loud rhythm of drums. Downtown Iloilo City is transformed into a carnival during Dinagyang, the Ilonggo term for revelry.

PARAW REGATTA FESTIVAL
A race among native outriggers in the strait between Guimaras and Iloilo City, normally held annually in February. Instituted in 1973, the regatta reenacts what has been an entertainment among Ilonggos as early as the late 16th century. Called "paraw" in the Ilonggo language, these native outriggers faithfully copy sailboats which carried to Panay the first settlers from Borneo.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF CANDLES
Held every February 2 is the biggest and most opulent religious pageantry in Western Visayas. This festival has agro-industrial exhibits, garden shows, carnivals, and grand cock derbies, among others.

GOING TO ILOILO
Cebu Pacific, Air Philippines, and Philippine Airlines have several flights daily to Iloilo City from Manila and Cebu.

There are several weekly boat trips to Iloilo City from the key ports of Manila (20 hours sailing time), Cagayan de Oro, or Zamboanga (14 hours), and Cebu (12 hours).

Fastcrafts from Bacolod City to Iloilo City take 50 minutes.
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Tel. No.: (033) 3381186
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16 rooms

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TATΟΥ’S MANOKAN & SEAFOODS
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Tel. No.: (033) 3371360

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Mandurriao, Iloilo City
Tel.No.: (033) 3350797

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Benigno Aquino Ave.,
Mandurriao, Iloilo City
Tel.No.: (033) 3203028

FLOYD’S HOUSE
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Boardwalk, Smallville complex, Iloilo City
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Ledesma St., Iloilo City  
Tel.No.: (033) 3364891

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SM Delgado Bldg., Iloilo City  
Tel.No.: (033) 3358899

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LGF SM City  
B.S Aquino Ave., Mandurriao, Iloilo City  
Tel.No.: (033) 3201653

AIRWING TRAVEL & TOURS  
G/F Hotel Del Rio  
M.H Del Pilar St., Molo, Iloilo City  
Tel.No.: (033) 5084151

CMC WORLDWIDE TRAVEL & TOURS  
Ledesma St., Iloilo City  
Tel.No.: (033) 3370170

VALLACAR TRANSIT, INC.  
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Gen. Luna St., Iloilo City  
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Gen. Luna St., Iloilo City  
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3E. Lopez St.m Jaro, Iloilo City  
Tel.No.: (033) 5085212
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL

Heed the siren call of the tropics the province of Negros Occidental In boot "Negros Island.

Hike, trek, Climb, camp out In mountain resort nature and parks. Take time out camp a drive with friends and fatuity to"peaceful but activity - en inland Reach heights of the tropical holiday spirit in coastal villages, Islands and beaches in northern and southern parts of the province. Take the leisurely pace visiting historical sites, checking out vintage steam locomotives lifestyle museum%, and antiques and Art at the ancestral houses of sugar barons and the Negrense places Of worship. Unveil the beauty of genteel warm Philippines in Negros Occidental.

ATTR ACTIONS

Negros Occidental classifies its sights and attractions by resorts – mountain, inland, island and beach resorts.

Mountain resorts begin with Mambukal Resort, 31 kilometers east of Bacolod. It is surrounded by therapeutic sulfur springs, leisure trails leading to three of seven waterfalls, lush valleys and hiking trails leading up to Mount Kanlaon. The resort has convention facilities, a dormitory, and cottages for overnight stays and a food court. Activities include boating, wall climbing, "slide for life", canopy walking, camping, and bat-watching. Around Mt. Canlaon are resorts such as Guin tubdan Nature Camp at the mountain's foot that leads to several waterfalls, Rafael Silas Nature Park for big group retreats and seminars, and Hacienda Luisa Botanical Garden Mountain Resort in the town of La Castellani with overnight accommodation facilities, picnic huts, and a swimming pool. In Bago City, 45 minutes south-east of capital Bacolod City, is the government-run Buenos Aires Mountain Resort with hotel rooms, cottages, pavilions, booths, shed houses, function rooms, restaurant and swimming pools.

There are 10 inland resorts in the province. Nature's Village Resort and Hotel in Talisay City beside Bacolod has a driving range, tennis court, restaurant, adult and children's swimming pools, children's park, gazebos and picnic grove, function hall and a standard hotel. Twenty minutes drive southeast between the border of Bago and Bacolod cities is The Quiet Place Farm Resort, an agricultural estate set on 20 hectares of sloping terrain fringed with trees. It has 26 deluxe rooms, restaurant, swimming pool, pavilions, meeting room, a library, game areas, children's play park, tropical spa, camping grounds and hiking trail.

There are numerous beach and island resorts with facilities found in destination areas such as the cities of Sipalay, Sagay, San Carlos, Cauayan, Hinoba-an, Kabankalan and Cadiz as well as the towns of Murcia, La Castellani and Moises Padilla. is now an eco-tourism destination with its white beaches, beach resorts spread out in its coastal towns and villages with Sagay City's Marine Reserve and Danjugan.

EVENTS

CAPTURE THE ESSENCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL IN THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PANAAD SA NEGROS FESTIVAL EVERY APRIL IN BACOLOD CITY.

Dubbed the "Festival of Festivals", Panaad is a colorful and jubilant presentation of individual festivals of the 13 cities and 19 municipalities of Negros Occidental.
It brings together the 32 LGUs in an array of theme pavilions that showcase their history, arts and culture, tourism, commerce, trade and industry, in the 25-hectare eucalyptus trees-lined Panaad Park and Sports Complex.

Panaad is also a time for renewing bonds or initiating friendships. Free shows and concerts by popular Manila-based artists add fun and excitement to the weeklong festivities. The festival attracts most of the 2.6 million-strong Negrenses, their balikbayan relatives and friends, who get a glimpse of the best offerings of the towns and cities in a tour of the uniquely-designed booths, as well as in cultural presentations and friendly competitions for beauty, talents, skills and in sports.

Bacolod, a highly urbanized city, is the capital of Negros Occidental and is the gateway to the 19 towns and 12 component cities. By air, it is 50 minutes from Manila with 9 daily flights and 20 minutes from Cebu City with 1 flight daily. Airlines with scheduled flights to Bacolod City are Philippine Airlines, Cebu Pacific and Air Philippines.

By sea, Bacolod is 18 hours from Manila and is an hour's ferry boat ride from neighboring Iloilo City. By land from Cebu, Bacolod is approximately seven hours away via San Carlos-Toledo/Tabuelan (Cebu).

**ACCREDITED ESTABLISHMENTS/ SERVICES**

**CADIZ HOTEL**
"Economy"
Villena St., Cadiz City
Tel. No.: (034) 4931784
17 rooms

**PUNTA BULATA BEACH RESORT & SPA**
"Class AA"
Brgy. Iljan, Cawayan, Negros Occ.
Tel. Nos.: (034) 4352748 / 4335160 26 rooms

**NATURE'S VILLAGE RESORT**
"Class AA"
Talisay City, Negros Occ.
Tel. No.: (034) 4950808
Fax: (034) 4953368
32 rooms

**T3 TRIPS, TICKETS &TOURS CENTRE**
Capt. Babi Ext., Talisay City
Tel. No.: (034) 4321847

**NEW PAOLO'S TRAVEL &TOURS**
S. Carmona St., San Carlos City
Tel. No.: (034) 3125224
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**BACOLOD CITY**
City of Smiles. Masskara Festival City. Heritage Country.

History, culture, religion, and the southern high-end lifestyle meet in Bacolod City, gateway to Negros Occidental. Visit one-of-a-kind Roman Catholic churches. Retrace the history of Sugarlandia and the Visayas in the city museums. Check out the works of local artists. See the towns and cities of Negros Occidental in one vast expanse of a city park and stadium. Go shopping in the modern malls. Tee off at the golf courses.

Be entranced with the charms of Bacolod City where smiles greet you everywhere.

Bacolod City's attractions basically cater to history, heritage and culture enthusiasts, with some ecology thrown in. San Sebastian Cathedral became a cathedral in 1933 and is one of the centuries-old churches found in Negros Occidental. Older than the San Sebastian Cathedral by approximately 50 years is Palacio Episcopal, the bishop's palace has served as a refuge for the Spanish military and civilian officials during the Spanish-American war in the late 1890s. Barangay sang Virgen Chapel in Sta. Clara Subdivision features a unique mural measuring 9 ft. x
21 ft. made of a collage of 95,000 pieces of shells of various shapes and colors.

The Negros Museum is a unique historical and humanities museum in that it does not collect antiques, but stories about the people of Negros Occidental. Also called the "Sugar Museum", it chronicles historical moments of the province that led it to being called the "Sugarbowl of the Philippines." On the other hand, Museum Negrense de la Salle is the only school-based museum in Bacolod City that has preserved vital documents, photographs, cultural artifacts on the history of Negros. The ANP Showroom is a trade house and gift shop that exhibits and sells arts and crafts native to Negros Island.

The Provincial Capitol Building, office of the provincial government, is an imposing structure of Romanesque neo-classical architecture that was once the headquarters of the Japanese Imperial Army during World War 2. In front of the Capitol Building is the wide Provincial Park and Lagoon decorated with the sculptures of Bacolod artists. At the east entrance of the Capitol Lagoon is the Paghirud-os Sculpture or "The Struggle" by Eduardo Castrillo.

Negros Forest Ecological Foundation and Biodiversity Center beside the Provincial Park and Lagoon is a breeding and rescue center for endangered and endemic animals found in Negros Island as well as in other places of the Philippines. This mini zoo takes care of the Philippine Visayan spotted deer, bleeding heart pigeon, Philippine Visayan tarictic hornbill, Philippine serpent eagle, sailfin lizard and Philippine monitor lizard.

Panaad Park and Stadium in Brgy. Mansilingan is a 25-hectare sports complex and park with a rubberized oval track and Olympic-size swimming pool, among other sports facilities. The unique feature of Panaad are the replicas of the landmarks found in the 13 cities and 19 towns of Negros Occidental.

EVENTS

MASSKARA FESTIVAL

Was first celebrated in 1980 and is now a much-awaited event every third weekend of October closest to October 19, Bacolod City’s charter day anniversary. The festival is unique for its smiling masks in molded clay or papier mache worn by revelers to dramatize the Negrenses’ happy disposition amid problems. Around the city are food fairs, trade fairs, and exhibits. There are mask-making and brass band competitions, beauty and talent pageants, eating and drinking contests, and a windsurfing regatta. The highlight of this festival is a mardi-gras parade where participants wearing elaborately painted smiling masks and colorful costumes dance around the streets of the “City of Smiles” to the tune of Latin rhythms akin to that of Rio de Janiero’s.

ACCREDITED ESTABLISHMENT / SERVICES

L’FISHER HOTEL
"First Class"
15th Larson Sts, Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 4333731
Fax: (034) 4330951,
100 rooms

PALMAS DEL MAR CONFERENCE*RESORT*HOTEL
“Class AA”
Singcang, Bacolod City
Tel, No.: (034) 4341971/4333587-88
37 rooms

CASINO FILIPINO HOTEL
First Class
Goldenfield Complex, Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 4348901 to 10
Fax: (034) 4348913
SUGARLAND HOTEL
Standard Class”
Araneta St., Singcang, Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 4352691
Fax: (034) 4352644
88 rooms

STA. FE RESORT & REALTY OWL INC.
50 Burgos St, Bacolod City
Tel. No.: 4345488 1433-1309
14 rooms

NORTHWEST INN
J8 Centre, Rizal-Mabini Sts, Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 4344077
20 rooms

CHICKEN DELIFOOD CORPORATION-H
AM C4 Bacolod, Reclamation Area Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 7083354

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Tel. No.: (034) 4347787

L'SEA DIMSUM & NOODLE HOUSE
Tel. No.: (034) 4354922

TWENTY FIRST RESTAURANT
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Tel. No.: (034) 4353852

BUSINESS MN HOTEL
'Standard Class”
Lacson-Rizal Sts, Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 4338877
Fax: (034) 4342114
74 rooms

GOLDENFIELD
Standard Class”
Singcang, Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 4337211
Fax, (034)4337202
76 rooms

LUXUR PLACE
"Standard Class’
Magsaysay Ave., Lamm Ext. Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 4344551
Fax: (034) 4333757
105 rooms

CIRCLE INN
Standard
Lopez Jaena Capitol Shopping Center Bacolod City
Te.: (034)7099111

SALTIMBOCA PENSIONNE
15th Larson St., Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 4323617
47 rooms
TAMERA PLAZA INN
V9 Lacson St, Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 7090886
20 rooms

CASA AMPARO PENSION HOUSE
Lacson-Mandalagan St. Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 4411091
9 rooms

PWDYI SNACK BAR & RESTAURANT
75th Corner Lacson St, Bacolod City
Tel No.: (034) 4302059

CHICKEN DEU FOOD CORPORATION
Lourdes C. Bldg., ft Lacson St, Bacolod City
Tel. No: (034) 4302035

L'KAISEI JAPANESE RESTAURANT — I
SM City Bacolod, Reclamation Area Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 7078390

TIME OUT BAR & RESTAURANTS
Galo St., Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 4333366

LOPUES'S TRAVEL CENTRE
Lopues Mandalagan, Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 453200114411217

FILIPINIANA TOURS & TRAM
G/F Sugarland Hotel Singcang Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 4350445/4323061

SN TRAVEL HOUSE & TOM
G/F Sea Breeze Hotel
San Juan St. Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 4345242

STA. FE RESORT SHOOTING RANGE
Sta. Fe Resort Brgy. Granada, Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 4339473

THE NEGROS SHOWROOM
Lourdes C. Bldg. 9th Cor. Lacson St, Bacolod City
Tel No.: (034) 4338833

SUGGESTED TOURS

BACOLOD CULTURAL TOUR
This tour of three hours introduces you to Bacolod City's landmarks and points of interest. You also have the option to take a day tour that includes areas outside Bacolod City.

You will be visiting churches such as San Sebastian Cathedral, Saint Jude Thaddeus Church, San Antonio Abad, and others. A tour of the public parks and plazas include the Bacolod City Plaza, Capitol Lagoon and Park, Pana-ad Park and Sports Stadium and the Rizal Park.

You will also have stopovers at sports stadiums such as Pana-ad Park and Sports Stadium, Paglaum Sports Stadium, and school-based sports centers. Also included are the Negros Occidental Golf and Country Club, Bacolod Golf and Country Club, Badminton and Tennis Courts and sports clubs of exclusive subdivisions (by appointment). See the history and culture of Negros in a nutshell at the Negros Museum and the University of St. La Salle Museum or
bring home memories of Negros after a visit to antique shops and art galleries.

In case you want to buy masks, souvenirs, and handicrafts — the tour includes the Central Market, the showroom of the Association of Negros Producers, and other handicrafts and mask producers. And finally, you have the City's malls and department stores for some shopping. Also included in this tour are visits to government offices and centers, restaurants and delicacy centers, spas, schools, universities and colleges.

You may also visit the city's mansions and old houses by special arrangement with the owners.

Contact:
Bacolod City Tourism Office, Bay Center, Bacolod City
Tel. No.: (034) 708-3066/434-6751 • Email: geneisk@yahoo.com

BORACAY

Four kilometers of powder-fine white sand and clear calm waters.

Swaying coconut palms and awe-inspiring sunsets. Stylish bars, homey restaurants, international cuisine, vibrant nightlife, golf, top hotels. Melting pot of cultures and the world at your feet. This is Boracay Island, crown jewel of Philippine destinations. Live the island life with water sports. Laze around the famous White Beach. Get a massage with a view of the majestic sunset. One of the best beaches in the world? Experience for yourself.

The best part of Boracay is White Beach. Four kilometers long, the sand in this beach is brighter and finer compared to other beaches in the Philippine archipelago. More than 250 beach resorts and many restaurants dot White Beach. Restaurants range from native seafood stalls to gourmet types. There are also snack bars and fast-food joints. Establishments offer Single A, Double A and Triple A accommodations. The nightlife in Boracay is a choice of bar-hopping and disco-dancing.

Water sports activities in Boracay are banana boat rides, kayaking, wind surfing, pars-sailing, kite surfing, jet skiing, scuba diving and snorkeling. Crocodile Island, Crystal Island, and Puka Beach are great places for island hopping, swimming, and snorkeling.

Fairways and Bluewaters Resort Golf and Country Club offers two championship golf courses designed by Arnold Palmer and Gary Player. The "Palmer" course rolls through hills and mangroves while the "Player" course is a links-style course. The same resort also houses the Butterfly Farm, a great place for family outings.

D' Mall at White Beach in station 2 offers a concentration of clothing and retail outlets, as well as internet cafes. It also houses several restaurants and bars, some offering late night dining.

The three villages in Boracay Island also offer their own adventures. These are Yapak in the north, Balabag in the center, and Manoc-Manoc in the south. The north and south are hilly, up to 100 meters above sea level. It is suited for extensive hiking trips. Mountain bikes and motorbikes are also available for rent.

The Paraw Regatta held every summer is a yearly international sailboat race using native outriggers called bancas. Special activities, programs and much merry making await the audience, participants and winners.

The International Funboard Cup is held in Bulabog Beach on the eastern side of the island every January. It is an international competition attracting competitors from all over the world.

The quickest way to get to Boracay is via SEAIR’s Dornier planes which take about 35 minutes from Manila to Caticlan. Travelers disembarking at Caticlan can take a short tricycle ride to the Caticlan Jetty Port where boats can take them to Boracay in 15 to 20 minutes. Airlines flying straight to Caticlan are SEAir and Asian Spirit. Cebu Pacific flies to the capital town of Kalibo.

GOING TO BORACAY

One may opt to take a trip from Manila to the port of Dumaguit/New Washington offered by
Negros Navigation, WG&A and Moreta Shipping Lines that all depart from Manila's North Harbor. Tourists can then take a public bus, jeepney or air-conditioned shuttle to Caticlan.

From Iloilo City, Ceres Liner buses run hourly trips to Kalibo with travel time of 4 hours. It also has direct trips from Iloilo City to Caticlan that takes about five and a half hours. The terminal in Iloilo City is at Brgy. Tagbak, Jaro, Iloilo City.

From Tablas in Romblon, jeepneys ply the routes to Looc and Sta. Fe where motorized outriggers transfer passengers to Boracay in an hour or two depending on sea conditions. This route is risky especially from June to September. There are also regular jeepney trips from Odiongan to Looc and Sta. Fe.

**ACCREDITED ESTABLISHMENTS/SERVICES**

**DISCOVERY SHORES BORACAY**
"Class AAA"
Brgy. Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2884500
Fax: (036) 2884505
88 rooms

**PATIO PACIFIC BORACAY**
"Class AAA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2883888
Fax: (036) 2883177
62 rooms

**BORACAY REGENCY BEACH RESORT**
"Class AAA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No. (036) 2886111 (033) 3361441 (Iloilo)
74 rooms

**SEAWIND BEACH RESORT "Class AAA"**
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2883091
45 rooms

**FRIDAY'S BORACAY BEACH RESORT**
"Class AAA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2882000
34 rooms

**PARADISE GARDEN RESORT HOTEL**
"Class AAA"
Manggayad, Manoc-Manoc, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2883411
100 rooms

**BORACAY TROPICS RESORT HOTEL**
"Class AAA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2883011
50 rooms

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"Class AAA"
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Tel. No.: (036) 2886209-12
29 rooms
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"Class AAA"
Brgy. Balabag, Manoc-Manoc, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2885875/2885893
31 rooms

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"Class AAA"
Newcoast, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2885595
Fax: (036) 2885176
30 rooms

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"Class AAA"
Fairways & Bluewater, Newcoast, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2885595
Fax: (036) 2885176
34 rooms

DESIGNER HOTELS, INC./ THE TIDES BORACAY
"Class AAA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2884517
Fax: (036) 2884543
59 rooms

MANGO RAY RESORT
"Class AA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. Nos.: (036) 2883301/2886129
9 rooms

CRYSTAL SAND BEACH RESORT, CORP.
"Class AA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2883149/2886047/2886053
Fax: (036) 2883087
17 rooms

SEABIRD INTERNATIONAL RESORT & COUNTRY CLUB, INC.
"Class AA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2883047
Fax: (036) 2883816
14 rooms

BORACAY SANDCASTLES BEACH RESORT & THE APARTMENTS
"Class AA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2883207/2883449
13 rooms

LAGUNA DE BORACAY VILLAGE, INC.
"Class AA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2883603/2886173/2886174
Fax: (036) 2883480
39 rooms

BORACAY GOLD CROWNS, CLUB
"Class AA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Telefax: (036) 2883536
35 rooms

LA Carmela De Boracay Resort Hotel
"Class AA"
Station 2, Manggayad, Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2885423
Fax: (036) 2885572
83 rooms

Villa De Oro Beach Resort, Inc.
"Class AA"
Manggayad, Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2885456
Fax: (036) 2885518
26 rooms

Waling-Waling Beach Hotel
"Class AA"
Brgy. Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2885555
29 rooms

Diniwid Beach Hotel, Corp.
"Class AA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 288401 1 /28841 40
51 rooms

Sur Beach Resort
"Class AA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2886844
Fax: (036) 2886843
14 rooms

One Crescent Place Hotel
"Class AA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2885429
14 rooms

Willy's Beach Hotel
"Class AA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2883794
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38 rooms

Pearl of Pacific Resort & Spa
"Class AA"
Balabag, Boracay Island
Tel. No.: (036) 2883220 (02) 9260162
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60 rooms

Red Coconut Beach Hotel Corp.
"Class AA"
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Tel. No.: (036) 2883507
27 rooms
CAMILLA BEACH RESORT, INC
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17 rooms

SURFSIDE BORACAY RESORT & SPA
"Class A"
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Fax: (036) 2883635
14 rooms

B & B BEACH RESORT
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20 rooms

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12 rooms

TRAVEL EDGE, INC. (TEI)
Patio Pacific Resort Balabag, Boracay Island
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YASURAGI RELAXATION SPA
Angol Point Station 3 Boracay Island
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LIBACAO WILD RIVER ADVENTURE
Upstream of the Aklan River is considered the longest "wild river" in the Philippines. It is known for its clean and clear waters great for bamboo rafting, kayaking, and other water-based sports. Wild river rafting is encouraged for adventurous tourists while bamboo rafting is best for those who want to enjoy a leisurely pace. The trip ranges from one to six hours of rafting downstream.
depending on one's preference.

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MANGGAD IT KALIBO
This is a half-day tour of Piña Village, Ati-atihan Village, and Bakhawan Eco-Park. Guests will witness the painstaking process of making the piña cloth from fiber extraction to weaving at the Piña Village. Together with an Ati-Atihan tribe, visitors will then dance on the streets going to the Ati-Atihan Village where they can learn the story of the tribe and wear authentic Ati costumes. The tour ends with an exploration of the multi-awarded mangrove forest of Bakhawan Eco-Park through the 800-meter bamboo footbridge that opens to the beach.

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BUGNA IT TANGALAN ECO-TOUR
Visit the century-old St. John Nepomuceno Parish Church, go on a light trek to Afga Point and enjoy a breathtaking view of the Sibuyan Sea and the unique Wave Rock Formation atop the hilltop pavilion. Treat yourself to a relaxing shiatsu massage at Dumatad and pick out handicrafts from an array of colorful bags and nito at the souvenir shop. You may also take a refreshing dip in the cool clear waters of Jawili Falls. Follow this up with a trek to Campo Verde where you may opt to go horseback riding or mountain biking. Commune with nature as you camp in Campo Verde's well-maintained grounds deep in the forest.

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NABAS NATURE’S HAVEN
Nabas is home to a low-elevation rainforest in the Northwest Panay Peninsula where various endemic flora and fauna abound. The trip starts at the town proper by visiting the eight decades-old historic Rizal monument. Then, proceed to the community-based eco-tourism site at Brgy. Tagororoc. The place is waiting for daring ones to trek to its hinterlands and commune with nature and its thriving habitat - a nature’s haven - where one can see and observe a unique way of living in a mountain community. Tourists and visitors will be treated to a mat-weaving demonstration of native produces made from bariw leaves, an endemic plant in the community. The trip culminates with a visit to Laserna Cold Spring Resorts, where one can swim with wild abandon in the crystal clear waters surrounded by clean and green environs.

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MAINLAND MALAY EXPEDITIONS
Exploration of Pangihan Cave of eight connecting chambers starts this whole day tour. Next is paraw sailing from the town proper of Malay to Naasug, site of a limestone forest beside the sea. Here you can swim, snorkel, scuba dive, wall-climb and trek around the limestone trail. Tourists can then proceed to Boracay Island for an overnight stay.

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ANTIQUE

BUGANG RIVER CULTURAL, NATURE AND ADVENTURE TOUR
From Pandan town proper, visitors begin this whole day tour at the Brgy. Sto. Rosario
Interpretative Center for tour briefing, presentation of the Paandam Ritual, and demonstration of burl and bariw weaving. This is followed by a trek to Malumpati Spring and Watershed prior to lunch along the river bank. To end the tour, you have a choice of rafting towards the Riparian Forest that ends at Manlonggong Point or paddle boating towards the estuarine of Bugang River.

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BACOLOD

BACOLOD CULTURAL TOUR
This tour of three hours introduces you to Bacolod City's landmarks and points of interest. You also have the option to take a day tour that includes areas outside Bacolod City. You will be visiting churches such as San Sebastian Cathedral, Saint Jude Thaddeus Church, San Antonio Abad, and others. A tour of the public parks and plazas include the Bacolod City Plaza, Capitol Lagoon and Park, Pana-ad Park and Sports Stadium and the Rizal Park. You will also have stopovers at sports stadiums such as Pana-ad Park and Sports Stadium, Paglaum Sports Stadium, and school-based sports centers. Also included are the Negros Occidental Golf and Country Club, Bacolod Golf and Country Club, Badminton and Tennis Courts and sports clubs of exclusive subdivisions (by appointment). See the history and culture of Negros in a nutshell at the Negros Museum and the University of St. La Salle Museum or bring home memories of Negros after a visit to antique shops and art galleries. In case you want to buy masks, souvenirs, and handicrafts — the tour includes the Central Market, the showroom of the Association of Negros Producers, and other handicrafts and mask producers. And finally, you have the City's malls and department stores for some shopping. Also included in this tour are visits to government offices and centers, restaurants and delicacy centers, spas, schools, universities and colleges. You may also visit the city's mansions and old houses by special arrangement with the owners.

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CAPIZ

BASIC CAPIZ TOUR
This half-day tour starts at the Roxas City Museum and then proceeds to Panay Bell and Church in Pan-ay town. There is a stop-over at the Banica Dried Fish Market, the "pasalubong center" of Capiz where dried seafoods are sold at affordable prices and at the Kapis Atbp where visitors can see how products from the famous Capiz Shell are made. The tour wraps up at the President Manuel Roxas Ancestral House, followed by lunch at Baybay Beach, three kilometers away from the city proper.

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CAPIZ SEAFOOD TOUR
This whole day tour is composed of the Basic Capiz Tour in the morning (mentioned above) and a visit to fish industries starting at 2 p.m. with the Dumulog Fish Drying Area as the first stop. Dumulog is where dried seafoods like "tuyo" are prepared and packaged. Other places to visit are Libas Fish Port, the trading center of seafood produce; and the Cagay Fish Farm where a variety of Lapu-Lapu species are grown.

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SINADYA SA HALARAN TOUR
The first day of this tour is the Basic Capiz Tour and the Capiz Seafood Tour. The second day is made up of visits to the 14-hectare Provincial Eco-Park in Nagba, Cuartero town and a trek to Suhot Cave and Springs in Dumalag. The tour ends at Agtalin Shrine in Brgy. Dulangan, Pilar town where an 80-feet shrine of the Virgin Mary stands atop a mountain.

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GUIMARAS ISLAND HOPPING WITH SIGHTSEEING TOUR
Appreciate the islands and inland attractions of the island-province of Guimaras with this whole day tour that takes off at the white sand Alubihod Beach and moves to Punta Lawi Beach Resort and Ave Maria Islet all the way to the Marine Reserve Area. The tour also includes stopovers or sightseeing at Pirate Cave, Baras Beach Resort, Natago Beach Resort, Isla Naburot, Villa Igang Beach Resort, Igang Marine Sub-Station of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center and Tinguiban Islet. Inland, the tour brings you to Valle Verde Mt. Spring Resort, the Trappist Monastery and shopping for souvenirs at the Guimaras Trade and Information Center.

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Provincial Economic Development Office Provincial Capitol, Jordan, Guimaras
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SUGGESTED TOURS

HERITAGE TOURS
There are 5 half-day Heritage Tours of Iloilo City.

There is the City Panoramic View Tour which takes 3 1/2 hours through Iloilo City's major thoroughfares.

The Standard City Heritage Tour takes the visitor to the Museo Iloilo and to two ancestral homes: Nelly Gardens and Casa Mariquit. It then proceeds to Jaro Cathedral and Molo Church. The tour ends with a visit to downtown Iloilo City. Southern Heritage Tour takes you to the Nelly Gardens and the Lopez Mansion, the Jaro Cathedral, and the churches of Sta. Barbara and Pavia. Sta. Barbara Museum is the last stop.

The Walking Tour of Jaro starts at Jaro Cathedral then goes on to the ancestral homes of the Hormillosa, Locsin, and Lopez-Vito families. The next stop is the Archbishop's Palace, followed by a short walk to the Magdalena G. Jalandoni Historical Shrine in Commission Civil Street, and finally to Casa Mariquit.

The Walking Tour of Molo begins at the ancestral houses of the Melliza and Lazaro families. Next is Panaderia de Molo and then the Mejica/Makinaugalingon Newspaper Museum. The tour ends with a visit to the Gothic Renaissance Molo Church and Convent.

CUSTOMIZED TOURS
Customized Tours of Iloilo City range from a full hour to a day. Iloilo Harbor Cruise takes an hour while Kulinarya Ilonggo, a tour and cooking demonstration, is for a whole day. The half-day Architectural Tour takes you to the following places: Elizalde House, Nelly Gardens, Kerr and Co., Monti no la-Sanson Antillan House, Iloilo Custom House, Casa Mariquit, Hoskyn's Building, Iloilo National High School and the Lopez Boathouse.

MUSEUM TOUR
This half-day tour takes you to two museums in Iloilo City and in nearby towns. It begins with Museo Iloilo, followed by Iloilo Science Centrum, the JBLCF Molo Maritime Museum, Fernando Lopez Museum and the Museum of the University of San Agustin. About 15 to 20 minutes drive away from Iloilo City are the Sta. Barbara Golf Museum and the Sta. Barbara Museum.

ILOILO BY NIGHT
This 4-hour tour gives a typical experience of Iloilo City's night life. It begins with a visit to any of the city's specialty restaurants, followed by a stop at Aris Music Lounge. Visitors then proceed...
to Hotel del Rio and Marina Restaurant. The evening is capped with a visit to Smallville, the city's nightlife hub with its line of restaurants, coffee shops, discos and live bands.

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Iloilo City Tourism Office
Old COA Building, J. M. Basa St., Iloilo City
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SUGGESTED TOURS

NEGROS OCCIDENTAL

A CLIMB TO THE "SACRED" VOLCANO OF SUGARLANDIA
Mt. Kanlaon, a towering 8,000 feet (2,435 meters) above sea level, is considered as the sacred volcano of Sugarlandia (Negros Occidental), an abode of the gods worshipped by ancient inhabitants.

Mt. Kanlaon has an abundance of natural attractions and greenery covers much of its surface, along with dwarf forests, pine trees, several lakes and a huge main crater that makes this particular climb unique. A typical trek takes up 3 to 4 days, giving adventure tourists enough time to see Buslogan and Oro waterfalls, the Samok lagoon and the Margaha valley. You may choose the Mambukal Mountain Resort in Murcia or the Guin tubdan summit trail as your jump-off points in climbing Mt. Kanlaon — one of the country's favorite destinations for mountaineering, trekking, camping, research, and bird watching.

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NORTH NEGROS TOUR
Travel centuries back in time as you experience the historical and cultural attractions of northern Negros particularly the cities of Silay and Talisay. Discover why at the turn of the century the City of Silay was known as the Paris of Negros — center of arts and culture in Negros with 31 ancestral houses identified by the National Historical Institute as cultural landmarks. Never miss Victorian Milling Company, the largest integrated mill and refinery in the world for that complete "Sugar Experience".

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ILOILO PROVINCE

ISLAND HOPPING IN CONCEPCION
Depending on your choice, island hopping in Concepcion may be for a half day or the whole day starting with a trip to Bulubadiangan Island with its shifting sandbars and pristine blue waters. Hop on to Tambaliza and marvel at the sight of Pan De Azucar, the fabled limestone mountain that looks like a loaf of bread with sugar on top. Those adventurous enough may want to climb Pan de Azucar and see wild orchids and a breathtaking view of Concepcion's other islands. Swim, snorkel, fish, go boating or simply bask under the tropical sun in the white sand beaches of enchanting islands.

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AHOY, AJUY
Before embarking on your 3-island tour, you will be briefed about the area at Hilltop Restaurant during breakfast. Jump-off point is at Culasi pier with Marbuena Island as the first stop. This is a sanctuary of flying foxes and shore birds. Nasidman Island comes next where island folks will approach you with a heartwarming "pasug-alaw" (welcome). Watch a fishing demo and take part in a village tour to crafts shops and places where natives sell food and fresh fish. In the afternoon, you will paddle towards Calabazas Island where ruins of an old Spanish lighthouse can be found. Swim, fish, snorkel, take a meditative walk or simply listen to story tellers and culminate your day with a soothing massage before going back to the mainland.

Contact:
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SAN JOAQUIN, CULTURE HAVEN
A trip to San Joaquin starts at the Plaza Gazebo for a briefing. Prepare to board a tricycle to Pagang Staging Area for a reception and gifts of "bulos" hats to protect guests from the sun. A "karosa" ride will take you to Pagang Reception Center where a local shaman will perform "panghawanhanawan" ritual. Guests will then be entertained with a "composo" by old folks. Try your skills in making bulos hats after a craft demo. A boat ride in Pagang Coral Garden will take you to Talisayan Point from whence you disembark for a visit to the ruins of the old convent, antiquated well, and the Roman Catholic Church. Be treated like a Datu upon your arrival at Punta Malagting with the locals' "pang-abibi" (welcome) that involves carrying you on a "duyan" or hammock to the reception center. At lunch, enjoy the reenactment of the Barter of Anini-pay. After the demonstrations, you may try for yourself fishing, basket making, and stone painting. Snorkel and dive or simply settle for a relaxing massage.

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Diving
Dive sites surround the island and are learning venues to both novice and professional divers, guided by competent instructors of the many dive shops that operate in the area. Yapak in Boracay is a great deep dive.

SUGGESTED TOURS
Recreational Sports
Laid-back Boracay is the perfect venue for golf, tennis, bowling, even beach volleyball. Top-of-class amenities for these activities are available in the island. For golf bugs, Fairways and Bluewater Resort Golf and Countryclub has an 18-hole championship course.

Partyhopping
The code in Boracay is strictly informal. Walking barefoot than shod is the rule rather than the exception. Swinging discos have the beach for a floor, giving dance a new twist. From dusk to
dawn, the island turns into one big party place where everyone is welcome to join in.

**Mambo Number 5**
For the adventure-driven, "Mambo Number 5" is a little bit of boating and wind surfing, a little bit of scuba diving, a little bit of trekking, a little bit of mountain biking, and a little bit of golf.

**Shopping**
Bargain shopping is a joy of a diversion while in Boracay. Souvenir pieces provide endless possibilities, from trinkets and native accessories made of shells and semi-precious stones to exotic or contemporary beach wear and fashion artworks.

**Dining**
Charbroiled chicken is common fare. Another favorite dish is raw fish marinated in spicy vinegar. Dining is no problem in Boracay, with most resorts having their own restaurants that serve both Filipino and international cuisines. Small snack bars line the island.

**Relaxation**
Diversions are not a problem in Boracay, with leisure activities calendared throughout the year and amenities offered by some 350 tourist establishments. The island is ideal for beachbumming, relaxing, and simply lazing around. At the end of the day, unwind with a relaxing massage. The island never runs out skilled masseurs offering massage services by the beach. For a more luxurious treat, visit the new Mandala Spa.

**Boracay Boardsailing**
The picture-perfect tropical island of Boracay offers flat-water speed sailing, wave jumping, and longboard cruising. White Beach, shielded from the amihan, or northeast monsoon, is for beginners. Bulabog Beach, on the other side of the island, has ideal conditions for speed, slalom, and high-wind shortboard sailing. It is also the site of the annual Boracay International Funboard Cup. Tabon Strait has superb high-performance sailing, but there is a real risk of being swept away, so this site is for skilled sailors only.

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