



# 12<sup>th</sup> AMBASSADORS' TOUR OF THE PHILIPPINES

JULY 9 TO 15, 2018



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TOURISM PROMOTION BOARD PHILIPPINES

## ITINERARY

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## MANILA → CEBU → BOHOL OSLOB WHALE SHARK ENCOUNTER & FARM TOUR

### JULY 8, SUNDAY

Arrive in Manila  
Transfer to the hotel for check-in  
Rest of the day at leisure or for optional tours  
Overnight at the Nobu Hotel, City of Dreams Manila

### DAY 1 JULY 9, MONDAY

Breakfast at the hotel  
Proceed to Rizal Park for wreath-laying ceremony with drive-by sightseeing of Intramuros afterwards  
Lunch (TBA)  
UST Museum and Metropolitan Museum Tour  
**UST Museum** - The University of Santo Tomas Museum is the oldest museum in the Philippines which dates back to 1871. The museum has a wide and interesting collection of Natural History, Oriental Art, Musical Instruments, Coins and many more.  
**MET Museum** - The Metropolitan Museum of Manila is one of the major museums in the Philippines. The Museum is described by many artists as the best curated museum of modern art in the Philippines. The Met's collection gives one a cohesive perspective of the evolving Philippine art scene.  
Dinner (TBA)  
Overnight at the Nobu Hotel, City of Dreams Manila

### DAY 2 JULY 10, TUESDAY

Breakfast at the hotel  
Transfer to NAIA domestic terminals for flight to Cebu  
Depart for Cebu  
MNL-CEB Flight Depart Hotel ETD / ETA  
Cebu Pacific (TBA)  
Other Airlines (TBA)  
Arrive in Cebu  
Proceed to Cebu Heritage Tour with Lunch  
Visit Cebu's historical sites and landmarks. First stop is Fort San Pedro, the oldest triangular fortress in the country built in 1565. Then proceed to Magellan's Cross, a monument built to commemorate Magellan's landing in Cebu of which the original bamboo cross is preserved inside another wooden cross. A few steps away is the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño, built by Miguel Lopez de Legazpi in 1565, now housing the statuette of Santo Niño or the Child Jesus. One of the highlights of the tour is the Kenneth Cobonpue showroom which showcases the unique and incredible works of the world renowned Filipino furniture maker. Also see the Cebu Heritage Monument built in 2000 which captures significant sites, events and personalities of the province. Across the street is the Yap-Sandiego Ancestral





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House built in the late 1600s and one of the oldest houses in the Philippines. The venerable structure holds antiques and artifacts collected by the family through the centuries. The tour also visits the Profood Dried Mango Factory which takes guests through the history and process of producing one of the world's most sought-after delicacy. Guests will have the opportunity to buy their favorite dried fruits at the factory.

Return to the hotel in the afternoon

Dinner (TBA)

Overnight at Shangri-La's Mactan Resort & Spa

### DAY 3 JULY 11, WEDNESDAY

Breakfast at the resort

Depart for Oslob

Oslob Whaleshark Encounter with Lunch

Embark on a unique adventure with some of the largest sea mammals. This is one of the famous attractions in Cebu, located in Tan-awan Oslob, approximately 2-3 hours travel or around 177 kilometers from the city. Watch friendly sharks and have an unforgettable encounter as you swim with them from a distance.

Return to the resort in the afternoon

Rest of the day at leisure or for shopping

Dinner (TBA)

Overnight at Shangri-La's Mactan Resort & Spa

### DAY 4 JULY 12, THURSDAY

Breakfast at the resort

Transfer to Cebu City Pier

Depart for Bohol by fast craft ferry (boat for exclusive use of the group)

Arrive in Tagbilaran

Proceed to Bohol Countryside Tour with Lunch

The first stop is at the historic Blood Compact Shrine, a historical landmark commemorating the treaty of friendship between the conquistador Miguel Lopez de Legazpi and Datu Sikatuna. The next stop is the centuries-old Baclayon Church and museum which was partly damaged during the earthquake of 2013. Enroute to the Chocolate Hills, you drive through the lush Mahogany Man -Made Forest and the green farmland in Bilar and Batuan. View the 1,776 awesome cone-shaped limestone hills known as the Chocolate Hills from a viewing deck on the top of one of these hills. Drive back to Loboc for a 50-minute river cruise along nipa-lined river on board a native catamaran. A sumptuous barbeque lunch is served on board.





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The river cruise will surely relax both your body and mind as you view nature's beauty of rolling hills, graceful coconut trees and green nipa palms lining the riverbanks. After the cruise, the tour then brings you back to Tagbilaran, after a brief stop to see the backyard industries in Loay (nipa weaving and knife making).

Proceed to resort for check-in

Dinner (TBA)

Overnight at Henann Resort Alona Beach, Panglao

#### DAY 5 JULY 13, FRIDAY

Breakfast at the resort

Farm Tour with Lunch

Bohol Bee Farm is one of the leading venues for Farm Tourism in the Philippines. Owner and Chef Vicky Wallace prepares delicious meals from organically-grown vegetables on her farm—from squash muffins, vegetable lasagna to her specially-brewed coffee from roasted corn and wild berries.

The Farm is geared towards encouraging and inspiring farmers to practice Organic farming. They don't need to spend for costly conventional fertilizers, nor use harmful pesticides in their farms. Basic composting and companion planting are alternatives they offer in their stead. They also introduce and teach farmers different livelihood activities they can pursue in tandem with farming, and assist them in marketing their products to make such activities sustainable.

The Maribojoc Demo Farm is a haven for all those with green thumbs! It serves as a training ground for students, farmers and hog growers as the farm is blessed with a rich resource of both flora and fauna. Many of these plants and animals are subjects of public enjoyment and sometimes scientific study. The farm also serves as an ideal location for educational trips. During the ecotour, short farm tours are held with activities ranging from full day sessions and farm tour activities such as:

- Rare breed conservation sheep and cattle
- Organic vegetables and arable crops
- Farm machinery
- Flowers, birds, bats, butterflies, dragonflies and much, much, more...

And in this little paradise, you'll be surprised that nothing is put to waste. Anywhere you look in the area, you would see trash bins where solid wastes are properly segregated. The garbage are then decomposed using the suitable



Loboc River Cruise



Nipa Weaving



Cultural Presentation



Bohol Bee Farm



Maribojoc Demo Farm



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earthworms species (*Eudrilus eugeniae*). Vermicompost and vermimeal are organic fertilizer and feeds, respectively, produced from earthworm thus replacing up to 50 percent of chemical fertilizers used in the gardens and plantations.

When we say organic, we mean fresh fruit and vegetables that are grown with zero exposure to chemical fertilizers, synthetic herbicides or pesticides. You can pick your own fresh fruits in the fields or you can always let the staff in the farm do the picking for you. Otherwise, if you're feeling a bit lazy, you may simply purchase the fresh fruits and vegetables at their stand.

Return to the resort in the afternoon

Afternoon at leisure for pampering/spa activities

Dinner (TBA)

Overnight at Henann Resort Alona Beach, Panglao

### DAY 6 JULY 14, SATURDAY

Breakfast at the resort

Check-out and transfer to Tagbilaran Airport

Depart for Manila

TAG-MNL	Flight	Depart Hotel	ETD / ETA
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Cebu Pacific	(TBA)		
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Other Airlines	(TBA)		
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Check-in and transfer to the hotel

Rest of the day at leisure

Dinner (TBA)

Overnight at the Nobu Hotel, City of Dreams Manila

### DAY 7 JULY 15, SUNDAY

Breakfast at the hotel

Optional activities

Departures and Check-out

\*\*\* END OF TOUR \*\*\*



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Shangri-La's Mactan Resort and Spa, Cebu



Henann Resort Alona Beach, Bohol



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