



12th AMBASSADORS' TOUR OF THE PHILIPPINES

JULY 9 TO 15, 2018



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VR. 07.03.18-01

MANILA → CEBU → BOHOL SUROY-SUROY TOUR & BALICASAG ISLAND 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 stay at Nobu Hotel, City of Dreams Manila

DAY 1 JULY 9, MONDAY

0600H Breakfast at Nobu Restaurant (*for those who checked-in on July 8)
0730H Program Briefing at the Grand Ballroom
0830H Proceed to Rizal Park
0930H Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Rizal Monument
1030H Proceed to Manila Hotel
1100H Lunch hosted by Rita Neri Event Planners at Manila Hotel
1300H Tour of UST Museum and MET Museum

The University of Santo Tomas (UST) 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.

The Metropolitan (MET) 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.

Return to hotel

1800H Depart for Crowne Plaza Hotel
Dinner hosted by Robinsons Land at Crowne Plaza Hotel
2100H Overnight stay at Nobu Hotel, City of Dreams Manila

DAY 2 JULY 10, TUESDAY

Breakfast at Nobu Restaurant, Nobu Hotel
(*packed breakfast will be available for early departures)

MNL-CEB	Flight	Luggage	Depart	Hotel	ETD / ETA	Terminal
Philippine Airlines	PR 1845	0400H	0445H		0715H/0825H	2
Philippine Airlines	PR 2847	0500H	0545H		0810H/0925H	2
Cebu Pacific	5J 567	0500H	0545H		0825H/0950H	3
Philippine Airlines	PR 2849	0600H	0645H		0925H/1040H	2
Cebu Pacific	5J 553	0600H	0645H		0925H/1100H	3
Philippine Airlines	PR 1853	0740H	0820H		1055H/1215H	2

Transfer to NAIA domestic terminals for flight to Cebu
Depart for Cebu
Arrive in Cebu

1200H Lunch at the Cebu Grand Convention Center
1300H Proceed to Cebu Heritage Tour
Visit Cebu's historical sites and landmarks. First stop is Fort San Pedro, the oldest triangular fortress in the country built in





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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 institutionalizes significant sites, events and personalities of the province. Museo Sugbo is a new museum inaugurated in 2008 highlighting the history and culture of Cebu. Once called the Carcel de Cebu, the structure built in 1869, was used as the main prison for the Visayas District by the Spanish government. The venerable structure holds antiques and artifacts collected 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 delicacies. Guests will have the opportunity to buy their favorite dried fruits at the factory.

1700H Return to the resort in the afternoon

1900H Dinner co-hosted by Ayala Land at the Mactan Ballroom
Overnight stay at Shangri-La's Mactan Resort & Spa

DAY 3 JULY 11, WEDNESDAY

0600H Breakfast at Tides, Shangri-La's Mactan (packed breakfast will be provided)

Assembly at the lobby

0800H Depart for Suroy-suroy Tour

Proceed to Suroy-Suroy Tour (with Lunch)

First Stop: CARCAR CITY

Carcar is known for its locally-made shoes and other kinds of footwear, bolo making and basket weaving are also some of the prevalent cottage industries among the Carcaranons. Aside from these, Carcaranons are also into wooden furniture manufacturing and antique reproduction. Carcar is also known for its delicious meaty chicharon which one cannot stop eating when started. Carcar is also proud of its heritage houses.

Second Stop: SIMALA, SIBONGA

The Mother Mary Shrine in Simala draws thousands of devotees and first-time pilgrims every year bringing their faith and petitions for Divine aid and cure. One can write their petitions on a sheet of paper which could be dropped near the encased Marian image. The Marian monks who maintain the Shrine have also landscaped the area, which has a mini falls that cascades down a small.



Cebu Heritage Monument



Kenneth Cobonpue Showroom

Carcar's Chicharon



Cuartel Building



Mother Mary Shrine, Sibonga



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Third Stop: ARGAO

The Church of Argao possesses one of the remaining fourteen (14) Spanish pipe organs in the Philippines. It is one of the only three remaining organs in the whole province built during the 17th to the 19th century by Spanish pipe organ makers. Argao Church became a parish in 1703, prompting the construction of a beautiful rococo-baroque church structure which started in 1734 and completed in 1788. The already renovated and modernized church, San Miguel Archangel Parish, still remains as one of the richly furnished churches in the South today. The famous Torta de Argao, baked in clay ovens using the traditional ingredients like tuba, is available and can be enjoyed with a hot cup of chocolate or tsokolate. The Cuartel Building, referred to as Apta Building, used to be the military barracks. Rehabilitated through the efforts of Chief Justice Hilario Davide, Jr., it is now used as the Hall of Justice.

Lunch at Argao.

- 1600H Depart for Cebu Provincial Capitol
- 1900H Dinner hosted by Gov. Hilario Davide III at the Provincial Capitol
- 2100H Return to the resort
- Overnight stay at Shangri-La's Mactan Resort & Spa

DAY 4 JULY 12, THURSDAY

0500H Breakfast at Tides, Shangri-La's Mactan

CEB-TAG	Luggage	Depart Hotel	ETD	ETA
SuperCat: MV St. Saniel	0530H	0630H	0815H	1015H

- 0630H Transfer to Cebu City Pier
- 0815H Depart for Tagbilaran by fast craft ferry (boat for exclusive use of the group)
- Arrive in Tagbilaran

1100H 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. En route 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 top of one of these hills.



Pipe Organ, San Miguel Archangel Parish, Argao, Cebu



Blood Compact Shrine



Baclayon Church



Tarsier



Chocolate Hills, Bohol



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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. 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).

- 1700H Proceed to resort for check-in
 - 1900H Dinner hosted by the Tourism Promotions Board of the Philippines at Henann Resort
 - 2100H Return to resort
- Overnight stay at Henann Resort Alona Beach or Bohol Beach Club

DAY 5 JULY 13, FRIDAY

- 0600H Breakfast at Coral Café, Henann Resort or Agotata, Bohol Beach Club
- 0800H Depart for Balicasag Island by pump boats

Balicasag Island Tour with Picnic Lunch

A full day excursion starting with a 45-minute to 1-hour ride on a motorized outrigger boat to the nearby island off Panglao, Balicasag Island with its colorful corals and rich marine life. Snorkeling around the island can be a breath-taking experience. Balicasag is also among the best dive sites in the country. Picnic lunch will be served on the island.

*Swimwear, snorkeling equipment must be brought along.

- 1400H Return to the resort in the afternoon
- Afternoon at leisure for pampering/spa activities
- 1800H Depart for Bellevue Hotel
- Dinner hosted by Gov. Edgar Chatto at Bellevue Hotel
- 2100H Return to resort
- Overnight stay at Henann Resort Alona Beach or Bohol Beach Club

DAY 6 JULY 14, SATURDAY

- 0600H Breakfast at Coral Café, Henann Resort or Agotata, Bohol Beach Club

TAG-MNL	Flight	Luggage	Depart	Hotel	ETD / ETA	Terminal
Cebu Pacific	5J 618	0640H	0730H		1020H/1145H	3
Philippine Airlines	PR 2774	0740H	0820H		1055H/1210H	2
Philippine Airlines	PR 2778	1200H	1300H		1615H/1730H	2



Loboc River Cruise



Nipa Weaving



Balicasag Island



Balicasag Island, Snorkeling



Henann Resort Alona Beach



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Check-out and transfer to Tagbilaran Airport
 Depart for Manila
 Check-in and transfer to the hotel
 Lunch (on personal account)
 Rest of the day at leisure or for optional tours (own arrangement)
 Dinner (on personal account)
 Overnight stay at Nobu Hotel, City of Dreams Manila

DAY 7 JULY 15, SUNDAY

Breakfast at Nobu Restaurant, Nobu Hotel
 Optional activities (own arrangement)
 Check-out
 Transfer-out / Airport transfers for international flights (own arrangement)

*** END OF TOUR ***



Nobu Hotel, City of Dreams Manila



Shangri-La's Mactan Resort and Spa, Cebu



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Alona Beach, Bohol



Bohol Beach Club



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