Cebu Heritage Tours • Itinerary

4N~5D A Brisk Holiday to the Philippines

A captivating 5-day journey through Manila, Cebu, and Bohol, blending cultural heritage with natural wonders. Cebu's historic sites, Bohol's sardine run, Tarsiers, Loboc River cruise, and the spectacular Chocolate Hills—an unforgettable glimpse of the Visayas. This image shows the iconic Chocolate Hills in Bohol

PRICING	TOTAL TOUR DAYS	ARRIVAL PORT	DEPARTURE PORT
Ask us for a price offer	**5**	**Manila**	**Manila**

Countries Covered: **Philippines**

Tour Overview

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- Arrival in Manila, gateway to the Philippines, with time to settle into the capital known for its culture, history, and vibrant city life.
- Fly to Cebu to visit Magellan's Cross, the Santo Niño Basilica, and Fort San Pedro, key landmarks of early Philippine history.
- Travel by ferry to Bohol and settle on Panglao Island, surrounded by tropical scenery and relaxed coastal charm.
- Experience the Napaling Reef sardine run, witnessing thousands of shimmering fish moving in synchronized underwater formations.
- Enjoy a traditional Loboc River cruise with lunch, followed by a visit to the Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary, home to one of the world's smallest primates.
- Marvel at the iconic Chocolate Hills, a unique landscape of over a thousand rounded limestone mounds rising from the countryside.
- Return to Manila to explore Binondo Chinatown, Intramuros, and the Okada Fountain Show before departure.
- Accommodation plan: 1N Manila → 2N Panglao-Bohol → 1N Manila

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Day wise program structure

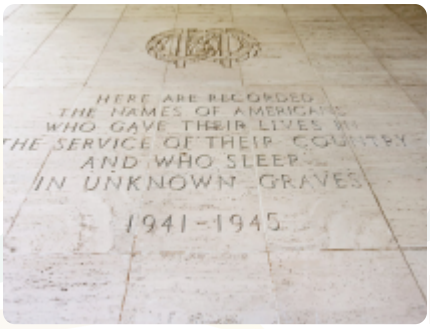
Whispers of the Visayas – a short but immersive journey through the heart of the Philippines

Day 01 — Manila WW2 memorial, City life, Night life

Accommodation: Manila | Meals Included: Dinner

- Welcome to Manila, the “Pearl of the Orient,” Manila serves as the gateway to the Philippines' incredible beaches, stunning islands, and unique natural wonders.
- On arrival, presumably in the afternoon, we will meet you at the arrival Ninoy Aquino International Airport and arrange for a quick transfer to the Hotel for check in.
- Make a short tour to view and pay tribute to the brave soldiers who lost their lives in the second world war.
- Manila is an excellent hub for experiencing the country’s rich culture, history, shopping, and vibrant nightlife - explore at leisure.

16,363 graves for USA military dead from WWII, including 3,660 unknowns plus 570 Philippine nationals who served with US forces. Also 32,520 American and 3,762 Philippine nationals listed on the walls of the Missing.



Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, Manila

Makati skyline by night, Metro Manila, Philippines

Horse drawn "Kalesa-Calash" at Plaza de Roma Square, Intramuros, Manila.

Musical Dancing Fountain in Rizal Park-Liwasang, deemed as among the biggest of its kind.

Day 02 — Manila to Cebu by Flight & Ferry to Bohol

Accommodation: Panglao Island - Bohol

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Arrive in Cebu by flight. Meet and assist by CHT ground handling team at Mactan-Cebu International Airport.
- Visit the Magellan's Cross, a historic wooden cross believed to have been planted by Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan in 1521. This iconic landmark symbolizes the introduction of Christianity to the Philippines.
- Transfer to the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño, a Roman Catholic basilica built in 1565. It is renowned for housing the revered Santo Niño de Cebu.
- Proceed to Fort San Pedro, a Spanish colonial fort built in 1738 to protect the island from pirates and invaders.
- Transfer from Cebu to Bohol by ferry (2 Hours). Meet and assist by CHT ground crew and transfer to Panglao Island.

Magellan's Cross is a Christian cross planted by Portuguese and Spanish explorers as ordered by Ferdinand Magellan upon arriving in Cebu in the Philippines on April 21, 1521.

Magellan's Cross marker, Cebu, Philippines.

Stone Fort San Pedro in Cebu city, Philippines.

Magellan Cross Pavilion on Plaza Sugbo in Cebu city, Philippines

The Cebu Metropolitan Cathedral, Cebu city, Philippines.

Day 03 — Napaling Reef, Loboc River Cruise, Tarsier Sanctuary & Chocolate Hills

Accommodation: Panglao Island - Bohol

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Napaling Reef is located on the northern side of Panglao Island. Experience the breathtaking sardine run. Dive into the water and witness thousands of sardines swimming in mesmerizing, synchronized patterns. The best time to visit is between 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM. (Optional GoPro Camera to capture amazing underwater footage of the sardine run.
- Midday tour of the Bohol countryside on board a traditional cruise on the Loboc River with a buffet lunch onboard. View of the enchanting tropical forests, coconut palms, and mangroves are typical for this river cruise.
- Afternoon tour the Bohol Tarsier Conservation Area to see Philippine Tarsier (Carlito syrichta), among the smallest primates in the world. (Conservation note: No touching, no loud noises, and no flash photography.)
- Finish this amazing day with a visit to the iconic Chocolate Hills in Bohol. During the dry season, the grass covering these hills turns brown, giving them the appearance of chocolate mounds - hence the name "Chocolate Hills", each ranging in height from 30 to 50 meters. The viewing decks at the Chocolate Hills Complex require climbing a few stairs.

Two scuba divers surrouded by a school of sardines on Bohol, the Philippines

Tourists enjoying in the Loboc River Cruise

Tarsier - the smallest primate in the world

Tarsier, smallest of the primates. Bohol island. Philippines

The spectacular and iconic Chocolate Hills, Bohol Island, Philippines

Day 04 — Flight to Manila, Binondo Chinatown, Jones Bridge, Intramuros & Okada Fountain

Accommodation: Manila | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Transfer to Tagbilaran Airport. Flight to Manila.
- Tour the historic China Town, recorded as the first in the world (estd 1594) through the various alleyways bustling with commercial activities. The Chinatown district is also known as Binondo.
- The historic Binondo Church is a minor Basilica and the National shrine of St Lorenzo Ruiz. The "Binondo Food Crawl" along Ongpin Street is another popular tourist activity.
- Walk over to Jones Bridge which connects Chinatown with the Intramuros. It was built to replace the historic Bridge of Spain (*Puente de España*) in the 1910s and was opened o public in 1921. The original structure was destroyed during the Battle of Manila in February 1945 by retreating Japanese troops and was rebuilt after the war.
- The Intramuros is the walled part of the oldest district of Manila built by Spanish colonisers in 1521. Fort Santiago houses the imprisonment site of the national hero José Rizal. The San Agustin Church, a Unesco WHS, is the only building not destroyed in the Battle of Manila in 1945. The Manila Cathedral,a minor Basilica is also located inside the Intramuros. It was destroyed and rebuilt 8 times.
- Okada by sunset & Dancing fountains are a must see while in Manila. The Fountain is one of the world's largest multicolored dancing water features. The shows provide an unforgettable experience of spectacular choreography of water, light & sound.

Chinese Lanterns inside a restaurant in Binondo, Manila

Binondo Chinatown Arch at the entrance from Jones Bridge over Pasig River, Manila

The interior of Minor Basilica of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, in Binondo, Manila

Musical Dancing Fountain in Rizal Park-Liwasang, deemed as among the biggest of its kind.

Built in 1571, Fort Santiago is one of the oldest fortifications in Manila, Philippines

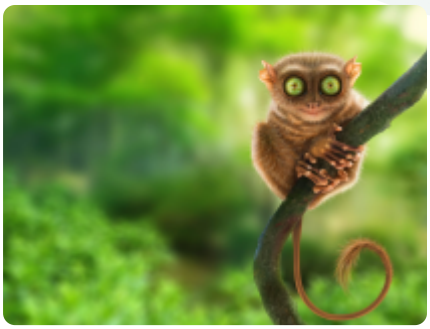
Day 05 — Departure

- Relaxed forenoon.
- Transfer to Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

Balicasag Island, with dozens of Bankas amidst vibrant coral reefs.

Asian local night market with fruits in Bohol, Philippines.

The spectacular and iconic Chocolate Hills, Bohol Island, Philippines



Tarsier monkey (Tarsius Syrichta) in natural jungle environment, Philippines.

The Loboc River in the Bohol province of the Philippines.

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Know more about this tour

What are the travel requirements?

- Passport valid for at least 6 months from the start date of the tour.
- Philippines allow visa free entry for tourists from most countries. Please refer to the Philippine Visa P0licy for various nationalities here.
- Health insurance valid for the duration of the journey, preferably "cash free" policies.
- Electronic Travel Authorization is required for boarding a flight to the Philippines. Please register 72 hours before the flight here.

Who can travel?

- Adult passengers from most countries.
- Minors must be accompanied by an immediate relative/guardian.

What is the best period to travel to the Philippines?

The ideal time to explore the Philippines is from November to June, when the weather is generally dry and pleasant. From July to October, rain showers and the occasional Pacific typhoon are more likely, but travelers may enjoy lower rates and smaller crowds during this off-peak season.

Are credit cards accepted in the Philippines?

Yes, credit cards are widely accepted in the Philippines, especially in major cities and popular tourist areas. However, cash remains the primary method of payment in many locations, particularly in rural or remote regions, so it is advisable to carry Philippine Pesos for purchases at such sites.

Can cash be carried into the Phillipines?

Travelers may bring up to PHP 50,000 in Philippine Pesos and up to USD 10,000 (or equivalent) in foreign currency without special permission. Amounts exceeding USD 10,000 must be declared on a Foreign Currency Declaration Form (e-CDF) to the Bureau of Customs (BOC) upon arrival. Failure to declare large sums can result in confiscation and penalties. Read more...

How much does this package cost?

- The cost of a tour package is a function of various parameters; viz, class of accommodation, period of travel, meal plan etc.
- Please make a booking and we will send a price offer for your consideration.

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