Cebu Heritage Tours • Itinerary

7N~8D A Visayan Dream in the Philippines

Journey into the heart of the Visayas, where turquoise seas, golden shores, and gentle island rhythms create a world of quiet wonder. This unforgettable escape blends culture, nature, and coastal beauty into a dreamlike Philippine experience.

PRICING	TOTAL TOUR DAYS	ARRIVAL PORT	DEPARTURE PORT
Ask us for a price offer	**8**	**Manila**	**Manila**

Countries Covered: **Philippines**

Tour Overview

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- Explore Manila’s storied past and vibrant present, setting the tone for an unfolding dream.
- Fly to Cebu and uncover historic treasures before crossing to the serene shores of Bohol.
- Glide over the Loboc River and journey through the lush countryside, meeting Tarsiers and marveling at the Chocolate Hills.
- Plunge into Panglao’s vibrant underwater world, from the swirling sardine run at Napaling Reef to Balicasag’s coral gardens and sea turtles.
- Sail across island channels to the mystical shores of Siquijor, where waterfalls, white beaches, quiet coastal life and ancient jungles blend into a magical tapestry.
- Experience the unmatched thrill of meeting the gentle whale sharks at Oslob.
- Conclude your voyage with sunlit memories of the Visayas—its islands, waters, and wonders lingering long after the journey ends.

Day wise program structure

A Visayan Dream - an intimate dance of culture, enchanted islands & spectacular beauty

Day 01 — Arrival in Manila, Airport Pick-up and Hotel Check-in, World War 2 memorial

Accommodation: Manila | Meals Included: Dinner

- Welcome to Manila, the “Pearl of the Orient,” a vibrant gateway to the Philippines’ stunning islands, pristine beaches, and remarkable natural wonders.
  This bustling metropolis blends centuries of history with modern life. Spanish colonial architecture stands alongside contemporary skyscrapers, reflecting a city that is both timeless and dynamic.
- A visit to the World War II Memorial for the Fallen Heroes offers a solemn pause amid the city’s energy. Set on peaceful, beautifully kept grounds, the memorial honors thousands of soldiers who fought bravely in the Pacific theater.
- Manila’s streets and markets then unfold with sights, sounds, and aromas that capture the essence of local life. Cultural landmarks, museums, and centuries-old churches reveal the depth of the nation’s heritage. By evening, the city pulses with lively nightlife, contemporary dining, and entertainment.

American Cemetery and War Memorial. Located in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, Manila

Pacific War Memorial on the island of Corregidor in Manila Bay.

American Cemetery and Memorial. The cemetery contains the largest number of graves of fallen soldiers of World War II.

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.

Facade of Manila Cathedral, Manila

Dancing Fountain at Rizal Park, Manila

Day 02 — Flight to Cebu, Magellan's cross, Santo Niño Basilica, San Pedro Fort & Ferry to Bohol

Accommodation: Panglao - Bohol | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Arrive in Cebu by flight(≈1hour) and be welcomed by the CHT ground handling team at Mactan-Cebu International Airport. Begin the city’s historical exploration with a visit to Magellan’s Cross, a wooden landmark believed to have been planted by Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan in 1521, symbolizing the introduction of Christianity to the Philippines.
- Continue to the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño, a Roman Catholic basilica built in 1565, renowned for housing the revered Santo Niño de Cebu, a treasured icon of faith and devotion. The journey then proceeds to Fort San Pedro, a Spanish colonial fort constructed in 1738 to safeguard the island from pirates and invaders.
- In the afternoon, transfer from Cebu to Bohol by ferry (≈2 hours). Upon arrival, the CHT ground crew will assist with onward transfers to Panglao Island, where the day concludes with check-in and the promise of exploring the island’s pristine beaches and natural wonders.

Magellan's Cross marker, Cebu, Philippines.

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.

Stone Fort San Pedro in Cebu city, Philippines.

The Cebu Metropolitan Cathedral, Cebu city, Philippines.

Fort San Pedro facade, Cebu, Philippines. Fort San Pedro is a military defense structure built by the Spanish commander Miguel Lopez de Legazpi.

Heritage of Cebu Monument. Its depicts significant moments in Cebu's history start with fatefull fight of April 27, 1521 where Lapu Lapu killed Ferdinand Magellan.

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

Accommodation: Panglao - Bohol

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Napaling Reef, on the northern side of Panglao Island, offers a breathtaking encounter with the sardine run. Thousands of sardines glide in mesmerizing, synchronized patterns beneath the water's surface. The best viewing is between 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM. A GoPro is recommended to capture this spectacular underwater display.
- Embark on a traditional Loboc River cruise. Guests enjoy a buffet lunch while drifting past enchanting tropical forests, towering coconut palms, and serene mangroves, immersing in the island's lush landscape.
- In the afternoon, visit the Bohol Tarsier Conservation Area to observe the Philippine Tarsier (*Carlito syrichta*), one of the world's smallest primates. *Visitors are reminded to respect conservation rules: no touching, loud noises, or flash photography*.

- The day culminates at the iconic Chocolate Hills, where, in the dry season, the grass turns brown to reveal hundreds of symmetrical mounds resembling chocolate. Each hill rises 30–50 meters, and the viewing decks offer panoramic vistas, accessible via a few stairs.

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

The Loboc River in the Bohol province of the Philippines.

Portrait of Tarsier monkey (Tarsius Syrichta) on a tree at Bohol

The Chocolate Hills in the Bohol province of the Philippines.

Bamboo pedestrian hanging bridge over river in tropical forest, Bohol, Philippines

Balicasag Island, showcasing local Bankas amidst vibrant coral reefs teeming with marine life.

Day 04 — Balicasag Island, Bohol - Siquijor Ferry

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

- This morning, the journey begins with a boat ride from Panglao, gliding past playful dolphins and glimpses of other marine life.
- Arrive at Balicasag Island, a protected marine sanctuary where coral gardens flourish in a kaleidoscope of colors. Schools of tropical fish — clownfish, parrotfish, lionfish, butterflyfish, and jackfish — dart through crystal waters, while gentle sea turtles glide gracefully along seagrass meadows. On the southeast side, Turtle Point offers an unforgettable chance to witness these serene creatures in their natural habitat.
- In the afternoon, sail back to Tagbilaran Port and board an OceanJet ferry to Siquijor (≈2 hours). Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for check-in and enjoy a leisurely evening on this enchanted island.

Beautiful Mantigue island with the volcanic Camiguin Island as backdrop

Colourful reef teeming with marine life, Panglao, Bohol, Philippines.

Green turtle in Bohol sea, Phlippines

A Green Sea Turtle resting on a coral reef in Bohol, Philippines

Plate coral in the reefs of Comotoes sea, Bohol

Day 05 — Siquijor Island exploration & ferry to Dumaguete

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

- A full day of exploration unfolds on Siquijor, the “Island of Fire,” famed for its pristine beaches, waterfalls, and mystical folklore.
- Capilay Spring Park: A morning dip in the cool, spring-fed waters sets a refreshing start to the day.
- Tubod Beach: Stroll along the turquoise shores and enjoy the peaceful ambiance of this quiet beach.
- Lugnason Falls: A hidden jungle cascade plunges into a natural pool, perfect for a refreshing swim.
- Old Enchanted Balete Tree: The 400+-year-old Balete tree stands as a living legend, with a spring-fed fish spa at its base.
- Lazi Convent: Explore one of Asia’s largest Spanish colonial convents, with coral-stone foundations, hardwood upper floors, and a museum revealing Siquijor’s religious heritage.
- Kagusuan Beach: A secluded coastal retreat, ideal for a gentle walk along soft sand and listening to the waves.
- Cambugahay Falls: A three-tiered waterfall of turquoise pools framed by lush greenery, offering swimming, rope swings, and cliff-jumping opportunities for the adventurous.
- The day concludes with a short ferry ride to Dumaguete (≈40 minutes) for an overnight stay.

Capilay Spring Water Park in San Juan, Siquijor, Philippines

Scenic view of Lugnason Falls, Siquijor island, Philippines

Tubod Beach, Siquijor Philippines

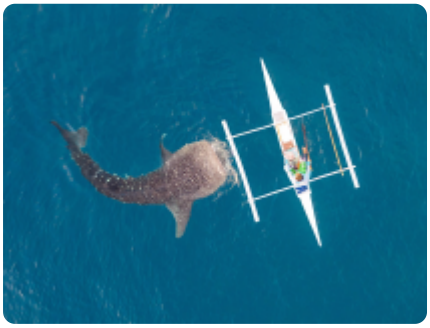
Old Enchanted Balete Tree in Siquijor, Philippines

Courtyard of Lazi Convent in Siquijor, Philippines

Day 06 — Ferry to Liloan (Santander), Oslob, Tumalog Falls, Cebu City

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

- Early morning ferry from Dumaguete delivers the group to Liloan Port in Santander, southern Cebu. A scenic drive along the eastern coast leads to Oslob, where the gentle giants of the sea await.
- Whale sharks glide beneath the surface, observed from traditional outrigger boats (Bancas) that drift silently above clear waters. Trained guides ensure respectful, eco-conscious encounters as the majestic creatures feed on plankton and krill, offering a rare glimpse into one of the ocean’s largest fish species.
- A visit to Tumalog Falls provides a serene contrast — a cascading curtain of turquoise water set amid lush tropical vegetation, perfect for a refreshing dip. Lunch follows, then the journey continues to Cebu City for an overnight stay.



Fishermen feeding gigantic whale sharks(Rhincodon typus) from boats in the Oslob sea, Philippines.

Close quarters with Whale Sharks, Cebu Island, Philippines

Whale sharks in the Oslob sea, Cebu, Philippines

Tumalog falls, Cebu, Philippines

The turquoise water falls, Tumalog, Cebu, Philippines

Day 07 — Flight to Manila, Binondo Chinatown, Jones Bridge, Intamuros & Okada Fountains

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

- Flight to Manila.
- Begin a tour of the historic Chinatown, recorded as the first in the world (established 1594), wandering through alleyways alive with bustling commercial activity. This district, also known as Binondo, exudes a vibrant blend of culture, history, and cuisine.
- The Binondo Church, a minor basilica and the national shrine of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, stands as a symbol of faith and devotion.
- The famed Binondo Food Crawl along Ongpin Street offers a flavorful immersion into local culinary traditions.
- A walk over Jones Bridge connects Chinatown with Intramuros, the walled city built by Spanish colonizers in 1521. The bridge, constructed in the 1910s to replace the historic Bridge of Spain (Puente de España), was opened to the public in 1921. The original structure was destroyed during the Battle of Manila in February 1945 by retreating Japanese troops and later rebuilt.
- Within Intramuros, Fort Santiago houses the imprisonment site of national hero José Rizal, while the San Agustin Church, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, stands as the only building to survive the Battle of Manila.
- The Manila Cathedral, a minor basilica inside Intramuros, has been destroyed and rebuilt eight times, reflecting the city’s enduring spirit.

- Conclude the day at Okada Manila at sunset, where the world's largest multicolored dancing fountains captivate with a spectacular choreography of water, light, and sound — a truly unforgettable finale to the journey.

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

Binondo Church in Manila, Philippines

Manila Cathedral, Intramuros, Manila, Philippines

Musical Dancing Fountain in Rizal Park-Liwasang Rizal deemed as the biggest one in the country holds a show of waters soaring up-fireballs-water rockets-peacock spray water screen

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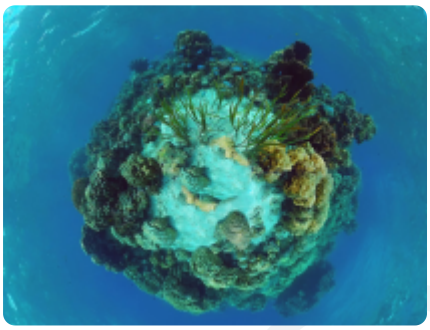
Day 08 — Departure

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

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

Balicasag Island, showcasing local Bankas amidst vibrant coral reefs teeming with marine life.

Juvenile Pinnate Spadefish on coral reef near Bohol, Philippines



Coral reef underwater with fishes and marine life. Panglao, Bohol, Philippines.

Bohol Loboc river cruise on Philippines

Portrait of Tarsier monkey (Tarsius Syrichta) on a tree at Bohol

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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...

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- The cost of a tour package is a function of various parameters; viz, class of accommodation, period of travel, meal plan etc.
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