

Cebu Heritage Tours • Itinerary

## 6N~7D Whispers of the Visayas

Experience the Visayas as a tapestry of emerald jungles, crystal-clear waters, and timeless island traditions. This journey blends gentle adventure with the tranquil beauty that defines the heart of the Philippines.

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Countries Covered: **Philippines**

### Tour Overview

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- Arrive in Manila, where heritage and contemporary life converge, offering a refined introduction to the Philippines' cultural depth and urban sophistication.
- Fly onward to Cebu to explore historic landmarks before crossing calm waters to the relaxed elegance of Bohol's island shores.
- Enjoy a curated journey through Bohol's countryside, gliding along the Loboc River, encountering the rare tarsiers, and admiring the iconic symmetry of the Chocolate Hills.
- Discover Panglao's marine treasures with immersive experiences at Napaling Reef and Balicasag Island, where coral gardens, sea turtles, and shimmering sardine schools create a vivid underwater spectacle.
- Encounter the majestic whale sharks of Oslob in a carefully managed, eco-conscious setting, followed by a graceful return to the comforts of Cebu.
- Conclude the journey with lasting impressions of the Visayas—its refined landscapes, island rhythms, and carefully crafted moments that define a truly elevated escape.
- Accommodation plan: 2N Manila, 3N Bohol, 1N Cebu.

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## 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

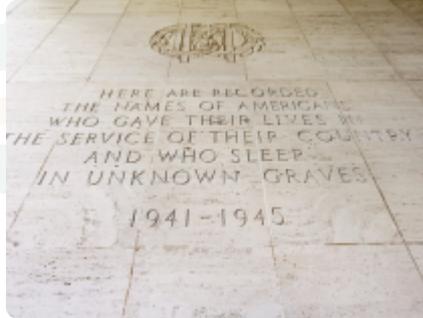
Accommodation: Manila

Meals Included: Dinner

- Welcome to **Manila**, the “Pearl of the Orient,” an elegant gateway to the Philippines’ most captivating islands, pristine beaches, and extraordinary natural wonders. This dynamic capital reveals a graceful dialogue between past and present, where Spanish colonial landmarks stand in quiet contrast to sleek contemporary skylines.
- A visit to the **World War II Memorial for the Fallen Heroes** provides a moment of dignified reflection. Set within immaculately maintained grounds, the memorial honors the courage and sacrifice of those who shaped the nation’s wartime history, offering a serene counterpoint to the city’s vibrant pace.
- As the day unfolds, Manila’s avenues and markets come alive with refined energy and local character. Cultural institutions, historic churches, and curated city spaces reveal the depth of the country’s heritage, while evening brings sophisticated dining, elegant nightlife, and polished entertainment—an alluring introduction to the Philippines at its most distinguished.



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



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

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



*Dancing Fountain at Rizal Park, Manila*



*Makati skyline by night, Metro Manila, Philippines*

## Day 02 — Binondo Chinatown, Jones Bridge, Intramuros & Okada Fountains

Accommodation: Manila

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- The day unfolds with a curated exploration of **Binondo**, the world's oldest Chinatown. Its storied streets, centuries-old shops, and culinary heritage reveal a rich blend of commerce, culture, and tradition. The **Binondo Church**, national shrine of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, stands as a quiet symbol of enduring faith.
- A graceful walk across **Jones Bridge** leads into **Intramuros**, the historic walled city shaped by centuries of colonial rule and wartime resilience. Within its walls, **Fort Santiago**, **San Agustin Church**—the lone survivor of the Battle of Manila—and the repeatedly rebuilt **Manila Cathedral** reflect the city's enduring spirit.
- The day concludes at **Okada Manila**, where sunset gives way to a dazzling display of choreographed fountains, light, and sound—an elegant and unforgettable finale.



*Gates of the Chinatown in Binondo district, Manila*



*Chinese Lanterns inside a restaurant in Binondo, Manila*



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

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



Colonial building facade in the Intramuros, Manila



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

### Day 03 — Flight to Cebu, Magellan's cross, Santo Niño Basilica, San Pedro Fort & Ferry to Bohol

Accommodation: Panglao - Bohol

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Transfer to NAIA for flight to Cebu. Arrive in **Cebu** by flight (≈1 hour) and receive a warm welcome from the **CHT ground handling team** at Mactan-Cebu International Airport. The journey into the island's rich heritage begins with a visit to **Magellan's Cross**, a revered wooden landmark believed to have been planted in 1521, marking the arrival of Christianity in the Philippines.
- Continue to the **Basilica Minore del Santo Niño**, built in 1565 and regarded as one of the country's most significant religious landmarks. Home to the venerated Santo Niño de Cebu, the basilica stands as a powerful symbol of faith, history, and devotion. The exploration proceeds to **Fort San Pedro**, an 18th-century Spanish colonial fort whose stone walls quietly recount centuries of maritime defense and colonial legacy.
- In the afternoon, a comfortable ferry crossing (≈2 hours) carries the journey onward to **Bohol**. Upon arrival, seamless assistance by the CHT ground team ensures a smooth transfer to **Panglao Island**, where check-in awaits amid tranquil surroundings, setting the stage for days of pristine beaches and refined island discovery.



Magellan Cross Pavilion on Plaza Sugbo in Cebu city, Philippines



Magellan's Cross in Cebu City, Cebu, Philippines, Southeast Asia



Basilica Minore del Santo Niño, founded in 1565, a minor basilica in Cebu City, Philippines

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*The Cebu Metropolitan Cathedral, Cebu city, Philippines.*



*Stone Fort San Pedro in Cebu city, Philippines.*



*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.*

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## Day 04 — Sardine run at Napaling Reef, Loboc River Cruise, Tarsier Sanctuary & Chocolate Hills

Accommodation: Panglao - Bohol

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- The day begins along the northern shores of **Panglao Island** at **Napaling Reef**, where a private encounter with the famed sardine run unfolds beneath crystalline waters. Thousands of sardines move in flawless, synchronized formations, creating a living ballet of silver and light. Early morning offers the most rewarding views, and underwater footage may be captured for those wishing to preserve this rare spectacle.
- Midday brings a refined countryside experience aboard a **Loboc River cruise**, where a curated buffet lunch is enjoyed while gliding past emerald forests, graceful coconut palms, and tranquil mangrove corridors. The slow rhythm of the river offers a moment of quiet indulgence amid Bohol's lush interior.
- In the afternoon, a visit to the **Bohol Tarsier Conservation Area** allows for a respectful encounter with the Philippine tarsier (*Carlito syrichta*), one of the world's smallest primates. Carefully protected within their natural habitat, these delicate creatures are observed in silence, honoring the sanctuary's conservation ethos.
- The day concludes at the iconic **Chocolate Hills**, where hundreds of perfectly shaped mounds rise gently from the landscape. During the dry season, their sun-kissed hues evoke their namesake, while elevated viewing decks present sweeping panoramas—an elegant finale to a day of natural distinction.

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swarm of sardines in the pacific ocean near moalboal on cebu island



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Tourists enjoying in the Loboc River Cruise



Tarsier - the smallest primate in the world



The spectacular and iconic Chocolate Hills, Bohol Island, Philippines



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

## Day 05 — Balicasag Island, Bohol Ferry

Accommodation: Panglao - Bohol

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- The morning unfolds with a graceful boat journey from **Panglao**, skimming across calm waters where playful dolphins often accompany the passage and marine life shimmers just beneath the surface. The sea opens gently toward **Balicasag Island**, one of the region's most pristine marine sanctuaries.
- Upon arrival, Balicasag reveals an underwater world of remarkable clarity and color. Coral gardens flourish in vivid hues, while schools of tropical fish—clownfish, parrotfish, lionfish, butterflyfish, and shimmering jackfish—move effortlessly through crystalline waters. At **Turtle Point**, graceful sea turtles glide over seagrass meadows, offering a serene and unforgettable encounter within their protected habitat.
- By afternoon, the return sail leads back to **Tagbilaran Port**, followed by a smooth transfer to the hotel. The day concludes at leisure, with an intimate **beachside bonfire**, where the soft glow of flames and the sound of the sea create a tranquil evening under the island sky.

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



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Beautiful Mantigue island with the volcanic Camiguin Island as backdrop



Pink Anemonefish (*Amphiprion perideraion*), Cabilao Bohol Philippines



Harlequin snake eel in Bohol sea, Philippines



The colourful turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) in the waters of Apo island, Philippines

## Day 06 — Ferry to Oslob, Tumalog Falls, Cebu City

Accommodation: Cebu

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- The day begins in the early morning with a gentle sea crossing toward **Oslob**, where the ocean's most majestic inhabitants reside. Along these tranquil waters, the experience unfolds with quiet anticipation and exclusivity.
- From traditional **outrigger boats (bancas)** drifting effortlessly above crystalline seas, whale sharks glide just beneath the surface in unhurried grace. Guided by trained professionals, the encounter is conducted with the utmost respect for marine life, allowing for a rare and humbling moment alongside the world's largest fish as they feed naturally on plankton and krill.
- The journey continues inland to **Tumalog Falls**, where a delicate veil of turquoise water cascades through lush tropical surroundings. This serene setting offers a refreshing pause before lunch, after which the route carries onward to **Cebu City** for an overnight stay, concluding the day in refined comfort.

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*Whale Shark Watching in Oslob, Cebu, Philippines*



*Whale shark watching in Oslob, Cebu, Philippines*



*Close up of whale shark, Oslob, Philippines.*



*The turquoise water falls, Tumulog, Cebu, Philippines*



*Tumulog falls, Cebu, Philippines*



*Cuartel, built in 1860's from coral stones to house Spanish troops, but never finished. A major tourist spot and heritage site, Oslob, Cebu, Philippines*

## Day 07 — Departure

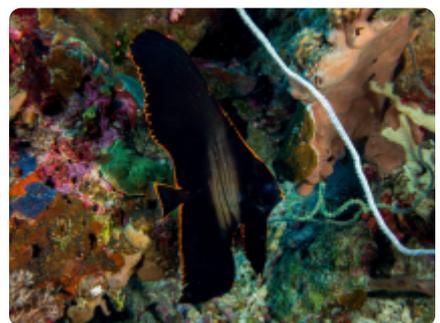
- Relaxed forenoon.
- Transfer to Ninoy Aquino International Airport.



*Two scuba divers surrounded 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*

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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 Policy 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.

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### **Can cash be carried into the Philippines?**

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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