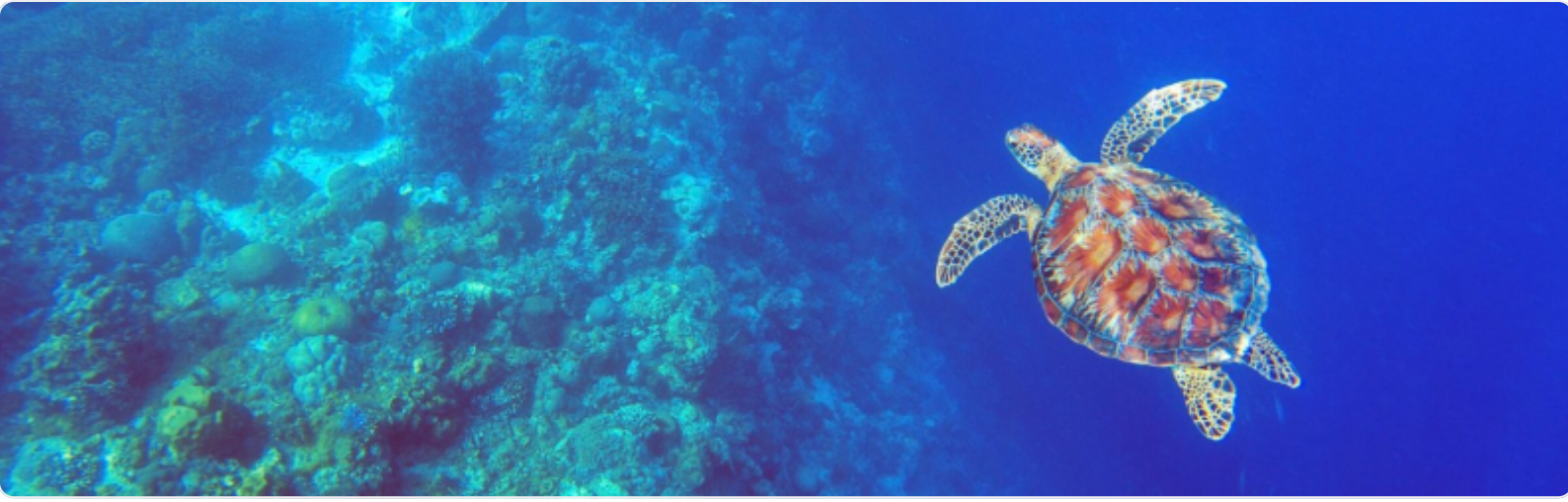

Cebu Heritage Tours • Itinerary

5N~6D: A Visayan Escape

A journey shaped by sunlit islands, gentle seas, and the timeless traditions of the Visayas. Designed for discerning travelers who value elegance, comfort, and moments of quiet meaningful experiences.

PRICING	TOTAL TOUR DAYS	ARRIVAL PORT	DEPARTURE PORT
Ask us for a price offer	**6**	**Manila**	**Cebu/Manila**

Countries Covered: **Philippines**

Tour Overview

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- Arrive in Manila, where historic landmarks and modern city life offer a refined introduction to the Philippines.
- Fly to Cebu for a glimpse into its colonial heritage before crossing gentle seas to the relaxed charm of Bohol.
- Discover Bohol’s countryside with a scenic Loboc River cruise, close encounters with rare tarsiers, and views of the iconic Chocolate Hills.
- Explore Panglao’s marine wonders at Napaling Reef and Balicasag Island, home to vibrant coral gardens, sea turtles, and swirling sardine shoals.
- Experience an eco-conscious encounter with Oslob’s majestic whale sharks, followed by a comfortable return to Cebu.
- Depart with lasting memories of the Visayas—its island beauty, cultural depth, and thoughtfully curated moments.
- Accommodation plan: 2N Manila, 2N Bohol, 1N Cebu.

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Day wise program structure

A Visayan Escape: A Refined Journey Across the Visayas

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.

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

Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, Manila

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, Intamuros & 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.

Binondo Church in Manila, Philippines

Gates of the Chinatown in Binondo district, Manila

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

San Augustin church and gardens, Intramuros, Manila.

Manila Cathedral, Intramuros, Manila, Philippines

Medieval building and courtyard in Intramuros, Manila

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.

Passengers at Tubigon Pier walking for a ferry leaving for Cebu City.

Magellan's Cross at night, showcasing its beautiful mural and historical significance inside a well-preserved stone structure, Cebu

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

The Cebu Metropolitan Cathedral, 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.

Old Fort San Pedro in Cebu, Philippines.

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.

The Chocolate Hills in the Bohol province of the Philippines.

The spectacular and iconic Chocolate Hills, Bohol Island, Philippines

Tarsier - Bohol Island - Philippines

Tarsier - the smallest primate in the world

Lake among green hills. Mangrove forest in Philippine Bohol island.

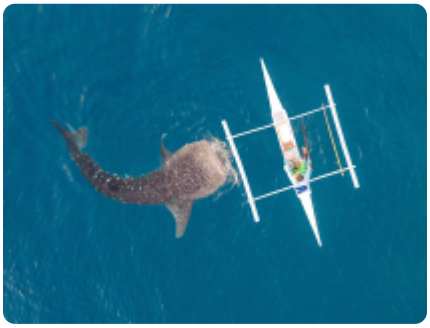
Emerald green colored Loboc river in Bohol, Philippines

Day 05 — 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.

Whale Shark Watching in Oslob, Cebu, Philippines



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

Tumalog falls, Cebu, Philippines

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Amazing secret waterfall with blue turquoise water. Tumalog, Kawasan Philippines Cebu Island.

Cuartel Baluarte Ruins in Oslob, Cebu, Philippines

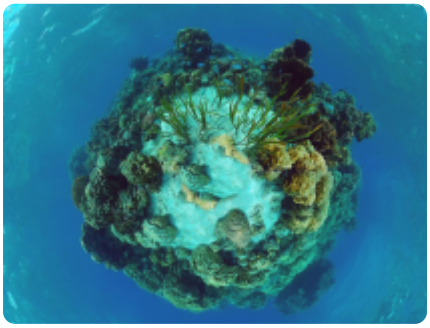
Day 06 — Departure

- Relaxed forenoon.
- Transfer to Cebu-Mactan 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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