

SPLENDOURS OF THE PHILIPPINES

Featuring cultural Old Manila and the magical island of Bohol

18 - 29 NOVEMBER 2018

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An exciting 11 day trip to the Philippines - a country not featured in many tour operators brochures. The Philippines embraces its Spanish culture as well as the multi-culture of WW2 along with splendid beaches and vibrant history.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Manila and Old Manila tour
- ✦ Ancient forts and historical venues in and around Manila
- ✦ Taal Volcano
- ✦ Bohol and Chocolate Hills
- ✦ Tasier Research Centre and sanctuary
- ✦ Island hopping and Balicasag Marine Sanctuary
- ✦ Island of Cebu and a city tour by ferry

INCLUSIONS

- ✦ Tour host from Brisbane
- ✦ Flights with Philippine Airlines direct from Brisbane to Manila return
- ✦ Touring in an air-conditioned modern coach
- ✦ 4 star accommodation
- ✦ Breakfast and dinner daily with 3 lunches
- ✦ All sightseeing as specified in the itinerary
- ✦ No visa required for Australian or New Zealand passport holders

Cost \$3939
per person twin share

Plus taxes of approx. \$200. Single Supplement \$680.
Deposit of \$750 due at time of booking. Balance can be paid off in instalments. Balance due by 5 July 2018.

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DAY 1 BRISBANE TO MANILA (D)

Today we meet at Brisbane International Airport to depart to Manila with Philippine Airlines. In Manila, we will be transferred to our hotel.

Hotel: Golden Phoenix Hotel Mall of Asia for 4 nights

DAY 2 CHARMS OF OLD MANILA HALF DAY TOUR (B) (D)

After breakfast, we discover the "Charms of Old Manila". The tour starts with a visit to historic Rizal Park, where the remains of our country's national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, lie within the cornerstone of Rizal Monument. Next we head to the old walled city, Intramuros which is 0.67 square kilometers historic walled area within the modern City of Manila, built during the Spanish colonial period. We then proceed past the San Agustin Church, the oldest structure in the country which dates back to 1571. Our next stop is Casa Manila which is a museum depicting colonial lifestyle during Spanish colonization of the Philippines. The last stop is a visit to the "Bahay Tsinoy", a museum of the Chinese in Philippine life.

DAY 3 CORREGIDOR TOUR HALF DAY (B) (D)

This morning, we take a half day tour to Corregidor, a small rocky island about 48 kilometres west of Manila. The island fortress stands as a memorial to the courage, valour and heroism of its defenders who bravely held their ground against the Japanese forces during WW2. The big of Guns Corregidor are now silent and the ruins of the buildings, structures and tunnels on the island tell a very moving story of a war that claimed so many lives. The stirring Light and Sound Show inside the cavernous Malinta Tunnel which served as General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters during the siege should not be missed. We return to our hotel after the tour, with the rest of the afternoon at leisure prior to dinner.

DAY 4 TAGAYTAY TOUR WITH DINNER AT LA FIESTA MALL OF ASIA (CULTURAL SHOW) (B) (D)

This morning after breakfast, we embark on a leisurely one and a half hour drive through the countryside passing through coastal villages, rice fields, fruit orchards and coconut plantations and arrive in Tagaytay Ridge about 2200 metres above sea level. Tagaytay is a popular holiday town south of Manila on the Philippine island Luzon known for its mild climate and sits on a ridge above Taal Volcano Island, an active volcano surrounded by Taal Lake. Spend the rest of the day enjoying Tagaytay's natural attractions: its beautiful views, dramatic terrain and cool mountain climate. We return to Manila and then it's off to the Mall of Asia for buffet dinner with cultural show.

DAY 5 FLIGHT MANILA TO TAGBILARAN (B) (D)

This morning we say goodbye to Manila and travel back to the airport for our flight to Tagbilaran where we will be transferred to our hotel.

Hotel: Bellevue Resort Bohol for 6 nights.

DAY 6 BOHOL COUNTRYSIDE TOUR WITH LUNCH (B) (L) (D)

Today after breakfast we have a full day tour of the scenic countryside of Bohol. A beautiful show case of history, culture and nature in one destination. From here we visit the ruins of the old Baclayon Church & Museum. We leave here en route to the Chocolate Hills, which are a geological formation in the Bohol province of the Philippines. Drive back to Loboc for a 50-minute river cruise along nipa-lined river on board a native catamaran. A sumptuous barbecue lunch is served on board. After the cruise, en route back to Tagbilaran visit the tarsiers in their natural habitat in the Philippine Tarsier Research Centre and Sanctuary. We will also visit a Primary School in Bohol.

DAY 7 BALICASAG ISLAND TOUR (B) (D)

Today we join an Island Hopping half day tour visiting both Balicasag & Virgin Islands offering the option to snorkel in the crystal clear waters of the Balicasag Island Marine Sanctuary. The experienced boat crew will take you to first to Balicasag Island, a small almost circular, flat island approximately 25 hectares in area. After a relaxing morning swimming/snorkelling or just exploring the island, you can treat yourself to a freshly cooked lunch along the beach front, enjoying the spectacular ocean view. From Balicasag Island you will cruise to "Virgin Island", a tropical oasis.

DAY 8 CEBU CITY TOUR (B) (D)

This morning after breakfast we transfer to pier in Tagbilaran to board a ferry to Cebu visiting historical sites and landmarks. Fort San Pedro, the oldest triangular fortress in the country built in 1565. Magellan's Cross, planted in April 14, 1521 by Ferdinand Magellan. Basilica Minore del Santo Niño, built by Miguel Lopez de Legazpi in 1565, now housing the statuette of Santo Niño. Casa Gorordo Museum, former house of the first bishop of Cebu. The Taoist Temple, located at Beverly Hills overlooking the city of Cebu and Mactan. Later we return to Tagbilaran and our hotel.

DAY 9 PAMILCAN TOUR (B) (L) (D)

A great "fun" day out for all. The tiny island of Pamilacan, about 23km east of Balicasag, is cetacean central, home to whales and dolphins playing in their natural habitat. Afterwards, go on to explore Pamilacan Island and enjoy a freshly cooked lunch by the beach. The waters around the Island of Pamilacan, Bohol are a home to at least 11 species of dolphins and whales, including the playful spinner dolphins and gigantic sperm whale. Explore the Island on foot and experience firsthand the warmth of its residents and the beauty of this tropical paradise. The ruins of 200-year-old Spanish Fort (sadly now just a ruin) offers a great photo opportunity. In short see for yourself what "Island Living" is all about.

DAY 10 FREE DAY (B) (D)

Enjoy the hotel facilities have a leisurely day or why not go on your own exploration of the city which is a 40 minute car ride from our hotel. Tagbilaran is the capital city of the island province of Bohol in the Philippines. With close to 100,000 residents it is the main point of entry to Bohol and serves as the province's political, social and economic centre.

DAY 11 FLIGHT TAGBILARAN TO BRISBANE VIA MANILA (B)

Today we say goodbye to the island of Bohol and take our flight back to Manila and then our onward overnight flight back to Brisbane.

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