



## Best of the Philippines - 8 Days (#19089)

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### Overview

The Philippines is an archipelago bounded by the Pacific Ocean to the east the Bashi Channel to the north the Sulu and the Celebes Seas to the south. You can find us East of Vietnam, North of Indonesia.

The country is divided into the geographical areas of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. Its capital, the City of Manila, is in Luzon. You can also enter through the cities of Cebu in the Visayas, and Davao in Mindanao.

MABUHAY!

The country is made up of 7,107 islands. Some have grown into cities. Some are the epitome of tropical dreams. Some are just long enough to lay down on and get a tan.

Big. Small. Sandy. Sunny. Relaxing. Exotic. Beautiful. Our little clutch of islands makes for one long stretch of beach – more than 15,500 kilometers. Here, no one is more than two hours away from a beach-side lounge chair — which explains why everybody knows how to smile and have fun!

### Trip Highlights



Manila-Laguna-Villa Escudero-Manila

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

### Day 01: Arrive Manila

Time of arrival in Manila.

Meet and greet at the Airport by our Representative.

Proceed to hotel Check-in at RIZAL PARK HOTEL.

Rest of the afternoon is free at leisure.

7PM Dinner at Café Rizal inside the hotel.

Overnight accommodation.

**Meal:** Dinner

### Day 02

### Day 02: Manila

Breakfast inside the hotel.

9AM Depart hotel and proceed to walking tour of Intramuros and its surroundings. For hundreds of years, the walled city of Intramuros was Manila: the nerve center of the Spanish occupation in the Philippines, home to several thousand Spanish colonists, their families, and their Filipino servants. Intramuros was erected on the ruins of a Malay settlement at the mouth of the Pasig River. Its strategic location attracted the attention of the conquistador

Miguel Lopez de Legazpi, who took over the area in 1571 and proclaimed it as the Philippine colony's new capital.

For 400 years, Intramuros was the center of Spanish political, religious, and military power in the region. The walled city suffered grievously through World War II; only San Agustin Church was left standing by war's end.

Continue your journey to San Miguel, Manila.

Lunch at Casa Roces, a full service restaurant and café located in the gentle district of San Miguel, Manila, right across the most prestigious address in the country:

Malacañan Palace. Drawing inspiration from the Roces family's long line of freedom-fighters, pioneer journalists and artists,



the quaint ancestral home has been reborn into a stylish restaurant best described as classic-contemporary.

Continue your tour and visit Malacanang Palace, The Presidential Museum and Library is the primary office within the Office of the President responsible for preserving, managing, and promoting the history and heritage of the Philippine Presidency, and particularly of Malacañan Palace as its official seat. It is the principal historical and artistic repository in support of the institution of the Presidency and for the benefit of the Republic and the Filipino people.

7PM Cocktails / Dinner at Café Ilang-Ilang at the Manila Hotel. Defined by its history, elegance, and world-class service, the Manila Hotel maintains to be the choice hotel of the most distinguished clientele. Over the years, Manila Hotel continuously provides the best services and amenities for truly memorable experience.

Back to hotel.

Overnight accommodation.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 03

### Day 03: Laguna

Breakfast inside the hotel.

9AM Depart hotel for Lumban, Laguna “Burdang Lumban” | A Philippine Embroidery remains to be the queen attraction of Lumban, Laguna. Visit old houses and spend the morning embroidery class with local embroidery artist in Lumban, Laguna. You will see a demonstration of the technique of “burda” to transfer designs to fabric. Lumban is famous for Barong Tagalog and local dresses made with finest pineapple fiber and banana fiber.

Lunch will be served in one of the Heritage houses. After lunch, enroute to Paete, Laguna.

“Ukit” | Wood carvings of Paete and Its Masters Paete is known to be the “Carving Capital of the Philippines.” The tradition of pagukit dates back since time immemorial. Even the National Hero, Jose Rizal, mentioned its works in one of his novels. The exquisite talent of Paetenos have reached overseas with some of their works reportedly displayed and used in some countries such as the Vatican and United States.

Before the Spaniards came, Paete was said to be a peaceful barangay under Gat Lacampaud. The Spanish friars had a tradition of naming towns they built in honor of saints. Paete was an exception. Legend has it that there was once a young Franciscan priest who was tasked by his superior to visit their newly founded settlements alongside Laguna de Bay. The priest knew little about the terrain so he asked a native the name of the place. The latter misinterpreted the young friar, thinking that the former wanted to know the name of the tool he was using. He answered “paet” (chisel) – thus, the name Paete.



After the tour proceed to Villa Escudero Resort & Plantation.

Overnight accommodation.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 04

### Day 04: Villa Escudero

Breakfast inside the hotel.

Experience the allure of Philippine country life at Villa Escudero Plantations & Resort, a self-contained working coconut plantation. It has a worldwide reputation as a showcase for the Philippines' rich cultural heritage. A carabao drawn cart-ride brings you around the plantation. For lunch, traditional Filipino cuisine is served beneath a man-made dam with your feet immersed in cool rushing waters.

Rest of the day is free at leisure.

Overnight accommodation.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 05

### Day 05: Villa Escudero-Manila

Breakfast inside the hotel.

Rest of the morning is free at leisure.

12NN Check-out and transfer back to Manila. Arrive in Manila later in the afternoon Check-in at HOTEL CELESTE (BOUTIQUE STYLE).

Overnight accommodation.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 06

### Day 06: Manila - Free day at leisure



Breakfast inside the hotel.

Rest of the day is free at leisure.

Overnight accommodation.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 07

### Day 07: Manila - Free day at leisure

Breakfast inside the hotel.

Rest of the day is free at leisure.

Overnight accommodation.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 08

### Day 08: Manila Departure

Breakfast inside the hotel.

Rest of the morning is free for shopping in Makati (Central Business District) or until check-out time.

Depart hotel and proceed to International Airport for your flight back home.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

Room Accommodation

2 nights in a Deluxe Room at RIZAL PARK HOTEL

2 nights in a Cabana at VILLA ESCUDERO RESORT AND PLANTATION

1 night in a Deluxe Room at HOTEL CELESTE

? private transportation during transfers and tours

? services of an Airport Coordinator

? services of an English-speaking Guide



? meals as mentioned in the itinerary

? sightseeing tours in Manila and Laguna (inclusive of Spanish-speaking Guide, Entrance Fees, private transportation.

## **Exclusions**

? Domestic Terminal Fee (AUD 11 per person)

? International Departure Terminal Fee in Cebu (AUD 40 per person)

? Drinks, tips and gratuities;

? Insurances

? Optional tours

? Environmental fees

## **Note**

? Rates are valid from 01 January 2024 until 31 March 2025 except peak season;

? Rates are subject to change without prior notice depending on room availability at the time of booking;

? Standard hotels/resorts' check-in is at 2:00PM onwards and check-out time is 12:00NN;

? Activities area subject to weather and may change without prior notice

? Not all rooms can accommodate triple sharing with extra bed setup (bed sharing only)

A. USING LUNETTA PARK HOTEL (4\*) , VILLA ESCUDERO , HOTEL CELESTE (3\*)

## **Program Touring / Guide**

Private touring

## **Periodic Departure**



11 Mar, 2024 to 31 Mar, 2025

2 pax

AUD 2,322 P P twin share

AUD 3,258 P P single

AVAILABLE

3-4 pax

AUD 2,046 P P twin share

AUD 2,982 P P single

AVAILABLE

5-6 pax

AUD 1,728 P P twin share

AUD 2,664 P P single

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