



# 12<sup>th</sup> AMBASSADORS' TOUR OF THE PHILIPPINES

JULY 9 TO 15, 2018



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TOURISM PROMOTION BOARD PHILIPPINES

## ITINERARY

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## MANILA → CEBU → BOHOL SUROY-SUROY TOUR & BALICASAG ISLAND TOUR

### JULY 8, SUNDAY

Arrive in Manila  
Transfer to the hotel for check-in  
Rest of the day at leisure or for optional tours  
Overnight at the Nobu Hotel, City of Dreams Manila

### DAY 1 JULY 9, MONDAY

Breakfast at the hotel  
Proceed to Rizal Park for wreath-laying ceremony with drive-by sightseeing of Intramuros afterwards  
Lunch (TBA)  
UST Museum and Metropolitan Museum Tour  
**UST Museum** - The University of Santo Tomas Museum is the oldest museum in the Philippines which dates back to 1871. The museum has a wide and interesting collection of Natural History, Oriental Art, Musical Instruments, Coins and many more.  
**MET Museum** - The Metropolitan Museum of Manila is one of the major museums in the Philippines. The Museum is described by many artists as the best curated museum of modern art in the Philippines. The Met's collection gives one a cohesive perspective of the evolving Philippine art scene.  
Dinner (TBA)  
Overnight at the Nobu Hotel, City of Dreams Manila

### DAY 2 JULY 10, TUESDAY

Breakfast at the hotel  
Transfer to NAIA domestic terminals for flight to Cebu  
Depart for Cebu  
MNL-CEB Flight Depart Hotel ETD / ETA  
Cebu Pacific (TBA)  
Philippine Airlines (TBA)  
Arrive in Cebu  
Proceed to Cebu Heritage Tour with Lunch  
Visit Cebu's historical sites and landmarks. First stop is Fort San Pedro, the oldest triangular fortress in the country built in 1565. Then proceed to Magellan's Cross, a monument built to commemorate Magellan's landing in Cebu of which the original bamboo cross is preserved inside another wooden cross. A few steps away is the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño, built by Miguel Lopez de Legazpi in 1565, now housing the statuette of Santo Niño or the Child Jesus. One of the highlights of the tour is the Kenneth Cobonpue showroom which showcases the unique and incredible works of the world renowned Filipino furniture maker. Also see the Cebu Heritage Monument built in 2000 which captures significant sites, events and personalities of the province. Across the street is the Yap-Sandiego Ancestral







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House built in the late 1600s and one of the oldest houses in the Philippines. The venerable structure holds antiques and artifacts collected by the family through the centuries. The tour also visits the Profood Dried Mango Factory which takes guests through the history and process of producing one of the world's most sought-after delicacy. Guests will have the opportunity to buy their favorite dried fruits at the factory.

Return to the hotel in the afternoon

Dinner (TBA)

Overnight at Shangri-La's Mactan Resort & Spa

### DAY 3 JULY 11, WEDNESDAY

Breakfast at the resort

Proceed to Suroy-Suroy Tour with Lunch

Assembly at the lobby

0800H Depart hotel for a full day Cultural and Heritage Tour - Suroy-Suroy sa Sugbo with lunch

#### First Stop: **CARCAR**

Carcar is known for its locally-made shoes. Bolo making and basket weaving are also some of the prevalent cottage industries among the Carcaranons. Aside from these, Carcaranons are also into wooden furniture manufacturing and antique reproduction. Carcar is also known for its delicious meaty chicharon which one cannot stop eating when started.

#### Second Stop: **ARGAO**

The Church of Argao possesses one of the remaining fourteen (14) Spanish pipe organs in the Philippines. It is one of the only three remaining organs in the whole province built in the 17th to the 19th century by Spanish pipe organ makers. Argao became a parish in 1703, prompting the construction of a beautiful rococo-baroque church structure in 1734 and its completion in 1788. The already renovated and modernized church, San Miguel Archangel Parish, still remains as one of the richly furnished churches in the south today.

The famous Torta de Argao, baked in clay ovens using the traditional ingredients like tuba, is available and can be enjoyed with a hot cup of chocolate or tsokolate.

The Cuartel Building, referred to as Apta Building, used to be a military barracks and is now being used as the Hall of Justice. It was rehabilitated through the efforts of Chief Justice Hilario Davide, Jr.



Carcar's Chicharon



Pipe Organ, San Miguel Archangel Parish, Argao, Cebu



Cuartel Building



Torta de Argao



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Lunch (TBA)

#### Last Stop: **SIBONGA**

The Mother Mary Shrine in SIMALA draws thousands of devotees and first time pilgrims every year bringing their faith and petitions for divine aid and cure. One can write their petitions on a sheet of paper where they can drop it near the encased Marian image. The Marian monks who maintain the shrine have also landscaped the area, which has a mini falls that cascades down a small pool and well-tended gardens.

Return to the resort in the afternoon

Rest of the day at leisure or for shopping

Dinner (TBA)

Overnight at Shangri-La's Mactan Resort & Spa

#### DAY 4 JULY 12, THURSDAY

Breakfast at the resort

Transfer to Cebu City Pier

Depart for Bohol by fast craft ferry (boat for exclusive use of the group)

Arrive in Tagbilaran

Proceed to Bohol Countryside Tour with Lunch

The first stop is at the historic Blood Compact Shrine, a historical landmark commemorating the treaty of friendship between the conquistador Miguel Lopez de Legazpi and Datu Sikatuna. The next stop is the centuries-old Baclayon Church and museum which was partly damaged during the earthquake of 2013. Enroute to the Chocolate Hills, you drive through the lush Mahogany Man -Made Forest and the green farmland in Bilar and Batuan. View the 1,776 awesome cone-shaped limestone hills known as the Chocolate Hills from a viewing deck on the top of one of these hills. Drive back to Loboc for a 50-minute river cruise along nipa-lined river on board a native catamaran. A sumptuous barbeque lunch is served on board. The river cruise will surely relax both your body and mind as you view nature's beauty of rolling hills, graceful coconut trees and green nipa palms lining the riverbanks. After the cruise, the tour then brings you back to Tagbilaran, after a brief stop to see the backyard industries in Loay (nipa weaving and knife making).

Proceed to resort for check-in

Dinner (TBA)

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Mother Mary Shrine, Sibonga



Tarsier



Chocolate Hills, Bohol



Blood Compact Shrine



Panglao Beach



Loboc River Cruise





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### DAY 5 JULY 13, FRIDAY

Breakfast at the resort

Balicasag Island Tour with Lunch

A full day excursion starting with a 45-minute to 1 hour ride on a motorized outrigger boat to the nearby island off Panglao, Balicasag Island with its colorful corals and rich marine life. Snorkeling around the island can be a breath taking experience. Balicasag is also among the best dive sites in the country. Picnic lunch will be served on the island. \*Swimwear, snorkeling equipment must be brought along.

Return to the resort in the afternoon

Afternoon at leisure for pampering/spa activities

Dinner (TBA)

Overnight at Henann Resort Alona Beach, Panglao

### DAY 6 JULY 14, SATURDAY

Breakfast at the resort

Check-out and transfer to Tagbilaran Airport

Depart for Manila

TAG-MNL	Flight	Depart Hotel	ETD / ETA
Cebu Pacific	(TBA)		
Philippine Airlines	(TBA)		

Check-in and transfer to the hotel

Rest of the day at leisure

Dinner (TBA)

Overnight at the Nobu Hotel, City of Dreams Manila

### DAY 7 JULY 15, SUNDAY

Breakfast at the hotel

Optional activities

Departures and Check-out

\*\*\* END OF TOUR \*\*\*



Nobu Hotel, City of Dreams Manila



Shangri-La's Mactan Resort and Spa, Cebu



Henann Resort Alona Beach, Bohol



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