

MANILA Tour Description

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CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE OF SERVICE	TOUR DESCRIPTION	HIGHLIGHTS	CUSTOMIZE THE TOUR	NOTES
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XXXXXXX	EXCURSION	MANILA CITY & SHOPPING TOUR	Commence the tour from the financial district of Makati including Fort Bonifacio and the American Cemetery, then move on to the city of Manila, the country's capital. Arrive at Rizal Park, named in honour of the country's national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. After a brief picture stop, proceed to the historic Walled City of Intramuros. Travel through the cobbled streets towards San Agustin Church, the country's oldest stone church and view its wide collection of ecclesiastical icons, vestments and other religious articles. Afterwards visit Casa Manila, a reproduction of 19th century house equipped with Oriental and European decor, as well as Philippine antique furniture. Continue on to Fort Santiago, Manila's main line of defense against invaders from the sea. From the Fort, drive to Quiapo, Manila's central district, often referred to as the heart of Manila with its market, pilgrimage church of the Black Nazarene, jeepney terminals and bazaars. Afterwards, proceed to Mall of Asia currently 4th largest mall in the Philippines with ongoing major expansions including the addition of IKEA, football field (roof level), botanical garden, 4DMax cinema, 1,300+ retail shops, and 400+ restaurants. Or opt to go Greenhills Shopping Mall The perfect place for bargain shopping. You can shop for shoes, clothes, toys, and even car accessories and electronics . Return back to the hotel at the end of the tour.	-Visit the old colonial town of Intramuros - UNESCO World Heritage Site of San Agustin Church - Mall of Asia 4th largest Mall in the Philippines	- Sunset cocktails overlooking old Manila	- Sequence of the sites may vary depending on traffic - Museums are closed on Mondays
XXXXXXX	EXCURSION	MANILA TOUR BY JEEPNEY	Enjoy an extraordinary experience that is uniquely Filipino by riding in an airconditioned jeepney whilst taking in the sights of Manila. Travel through the financial district of Makati, passing down Ayala Avenue with gleaming skyscrapers. Continue to the bustling metropolis of Manila, past the Cultural Center of the Philippines and on to Roxas Boulevard along Manila Bay. Stop at Rizal Park, named after the country's hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. Then proceed to the Walled City of Intramuros which was the nucleus of the old Spanish town. Venture into Fort Santiago in its strategic location overlooking the Pasig River and Manila Bay and stroll along its ramparts. Continue to San Agustin Church, the only church built within Intramuros that has survived the collective onslaught of numerous calamities. Beside the church is a museum that houses a collection of manuscripts, rare books, and religious arts and artifacts. Across the San Agustin Church is Casa Manila, a reproduction of a 19th century house equipped with oriental and European décor, as well as Philippine antique furniture. End the tour with a drive by the narrow street of Dimaslang and the busy highway along Quiapo which houses the Shrine of the Black Nazarene, a 17th century miraculous life-size statue of Christ bearing the cross.	-Jeepney drive through busy streets of Manila - UNESCO World Heritage site - Spanish Colonial Period - Baroque Church	- Rooftop lunch overlooking old Manila - Be the 'jeepney driver' for the day	- Traffic may affect travel time - Museums are closed on Mondays

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XXXXXXX	EXCURSION	MANILA THE LOCAL WAY	<p>Acquire a deeper understanding of the country's culture and learn to appreciate it in all its diversity. Join a tour of the capital like no other and feel the pulse of the city as the day goes by. Observe local color as you venture out in the morning on a ferry ride along Pasig River, a major tidal estuary of Manila Bay. Experience and be like the locals when they travel to work by riding the jeepney, PNR train and a 3-wheeled motorbike known as the 'kuliglig' or the 'tricykad'. Take a trip around the old walls of Intramuros in a horse-drawn carriage called 'calesa', and watch history unfold before your eyes as your cocherito points out interesting landmarks along the way. Continue on to Chinatown in Binondo where you walk the whole length of the street full of herbal stores, jewelry shops and other oriental knick-knacks. Drop by an authentic Chinese tea house for some refreshments before finally hailing a 'tricykad' to the Philippine National Railway Station, the country's oldest commuter rail service that was established in 1892. The tour ends with a train ride back to Buendia Station, passing through one of the country's most densely populated areas. Get off to grab a jeepney back to hotel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - True local experience using different types of public transportation - See different sides of Manila - isit Intramuros and Binondo - the oldest Chinatown in the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End the tour at a Filipino restaurant - Rooftop lunch overlooking Intramuros 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The tour entails use of public transportation - During rush hours longer travel time is expected - Museums are closed on Mondays - Pasig River Ferry is available Mondays - Fridays only
XXXXXXX	EXCURSION	TAGAYTAY RIDGE TOUR	<p>The city of Tagaytay is located on a ridge, 2250 feet above sea level. It is about 2 hours leisurely drive south of Manila, passing small towns, orchards, fruit stalls and coconut plantations. Admire the magnificent views offered of Taal Volcano, a small volcano whose crater houses another volcano, and the quiet surroundings of Taal Lake. The majestic view can be enjoyed from a vantage point along the ridge. After enjoying a native refreshment, visit the world's famous bamboo organ of Las Pinas church and the jeepney factory.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See the double Taal Volcano - Taste fresh tropical fruits - Visit Las Piñas church with the famous bamboo organ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend a private concert at Las Piñas church - Visit the Puzzle Museum in Tagaytay with world's largest puzzle - Stay overnight in Tagaytay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allow ample time for transportation

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XXXXXXX	EXCURSION	HIDDEN VALLEY TOUR WITH LUNCH	Discover a paradise, neatly hidden between two mystical mountains. Hidden Valley is a 44-hectare crater, some 900 meters deep that was formed during fiery volcanic upheaval thousands of years ago. From the cracks more than a hundred springs of varying temperature came to life forming natural pools with the purest mineral waters believed to be medicinal and rejuvenating. Trees and plants emerged from the shadowy heart of the crater, which undisturbed for centuries went on to become giants reaching for the sunlight. On the far side of the crater the earth opened into a gorge creating hidden waterfalls. Listen to the rhythm and sounds of swaying palms and ferns accompanied by the gently cascading waters gushing forth from the mountainside. Hidden Valley is home to at least 153 species of flora, most of which are endemic. The abundant greens, blooms and foliage crowned by 300-year old Amlang trees are a glorious sight. Amongst the foliage a number of paths link numerous spring-fed pools where you can relax and enjoy these wonderful surroundings. Swimming or lazing by the pools is the main activity here. Lunch and afternoon snacks will be served at resort's pavilion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural pools of spring water 		- Allow ample time for transportation
XXXXXXX	EXCURSION	VILLA ESCUDERO WITH LUNCH	Villa Escudero was founded in 1872 by Don Placido Escudero. It was originally a sugar cane plantation that was later converted to a coconut farm. It stretches over 800 hectares (2,000 acres) of working coconut plantation. The hacienda is located 10 kilometres (6.2 mi) south of the city of San Pablo in the Laguna Province. The private museum displays an absorbing collection of historic, religious and cultural artifacts spanning pre-Spanish times to World War II years. The site is also famous for having the first working hydroelectric plant in the Philippines to supply the desiccated coconut factory and the plantation house. A sightseeing tour aboard a cart driven by a carabao (water buffalo) reveals the growing, harvesting and processing stages of coconut cultivation and takes riders to manmade waterfalls. Villa Escudero is truly a native experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A sightseeing tour aboard a cart driven by a carabao (water buffalo) reveals the growing, harvesting and processing stages of coconut cultivation and takes riders to manmade waterfalls. 		- Allow ample time for transportation
XXXXXXX	EXCURSION	FIESTA FILIPINA (DINNER TOUR)	From the hotel, embark on a short drive through cobbled streets of Intramuros, passing by buildings and churches of Hispanic architecture, and stop at a typical Filipino restaurant for dinner and show. The show is a production of Filipino creativity and artistic expression of tradition and culture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traditional Filipino dances - Test your Tinikling skills - Taste of local cuisines 	- Night out at Manila's hotspots	- Ample time needed for transfer due to heavy traffic

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