

MANILA, CEBU, BORACAY
6 Nights / 7 Days

Highlights:

- **Manila** – Amazing show, City tour – Fort Santiago, The American Cemetery & Memorial, The Rizal Park, the Cultural Center, Filipino crafts, Makati.
- **Cebu** – City tour - the Magellan's Cross, the Basilica Del Sto, Nino de Cebu, Taoist Temple.

Day 01 Arrive Manila

Arrive at Manila International Airport. Our local representative will be waiting at the airport to welcome you and transfer you to the hotel. Manila is the capital city and located on the shores of Manila Bay and is known as "Pearl of the Orient". It is home to many scientific and educational institutions, as well as numerous sport facilities. Manila is a major political, commercial, cosmopolitan, cultural, educational, religious, and transportation center of the Philippines. Manila has been a popular tourist attraction which attracts over 1 million tourist annually. Rest of the day at leisure to relax or explore on your own. At the centre of modern Manila is Makati, the commercial centre for the country. Here, in almost orderly surroundings, you can shop, eat and drink to your heart's content. The city has many restaurants and an exciting nightlife. Evening you will be picked up for an "Amazing Show" called "Amazing Fame" – Philippines premier theatre show. Later after the show transfer back to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Manila – City tour

After breakfast, proceed for a half day city tour of Manila. Visit Fort Santiago, built in 1663 inside the older Walled City of Intramuros and was once used as a prison. The fort grounds now serve as a popular park. Then visit the The Manila American Cemetery & Memorial with its 17,100 marble head stones of known and unknown soldiers and memorial for 36,279 missing gallant American and Filipino soldiers who died during WWII from different campaigns. The Rizal Park – an oasis of relaxation and fun. The park has gardens, plazas, a grand stadium, an observatory, an open air concert hall, light and sound theatre, restaurants, food kiosks etc. Then visit the reclaimed area of the Cultural Center Complex. It is the premier establishment for galleries, the Theatre, Local Artists and Filipino Culture. Inside the Cultural Center of the Philippines are four theatres, galleries, an art and culture library specific to the Philippines and a museum. Then continue to the Central Business District of Makati. A visit to a curio of Filipino crafts is a must for a change in your shopping environment before driving back to your hotel. Evening is free for relaxing at the hotel or shopping. Manila has some of the best bargain shopping at the markets or the malls. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Manila – Cebu

After breakfast check out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Cebu. Arrive at Cebu and transfer to the resort. Cebu is an elongated island with a mountain chain crossing from north to south; long and narrow – it stretches 200 kms. and is only 40 kms at its widest points – but it is the centre of commerce, industry and education. Cebu City is the country's oldest city having been established in the 1700's. Often called the "Queen city of the South" and the Seat of Christianity in Philippines, Cebu is a unique blend of tropical paradise. Only a few minutes away from the city are numerous white sandy beaches, crystal blue waters and swaying palms. Outside the city are some of the best scuba diving spots in the world. Mactan Island is a coral island and famous scuba diving and beach site. Malapascua Island is endowed with white sand beaches and crystal clear waters, and the west coast is ideal for swimming and snorkeling. Olango Island in Cebu supports the largest concentration of migratory birds found in the country. These birds migrating from Russia stop here en route to Australia. Hotels, shopping malls, entertainment halls, casinos and golf fairways are ever present in the metro to cater to every tourist's whim. The rest of Cebu's 166 islands and islets are fringed with sandy beaches and sapphire-clear waters

teeming with marine life, perfect for divers. Rest of the day at leisure to explore on own or relax on the beach. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Cebu

After breakfast, proceed for an orientation city tour of Cebu. Visit some of the historical landmarks. Visit the Magellan's Cross – a Christian cross planted by Portuguese and Spanish explorers as ordered by Ferdinand Magellan upon arriving in Cebu. Magellan's Cross is a symbol of Cebu City and the chapel's image can be found in its city seal. It is also seen as the symbol of Roman Catholicism and a tourist attraction in the Philippines. Then visit the Basilica Del Sto. Nino – the basilica houses the oldest and most precious Christian relic in the country – the image of Senor Sto. Nino de Cebu (infant Jesus). Then visit the scenic Taoist Temple – it is a concrete reminder of the well-established Chinese community in the city. The temple houses the teachings of Lao-Tse, 600 B.C. Chinese philosopher. People climb the 99 steps to light joss-sticks, meditate or have their fortune told. Also visit Cebu's past and present business districts. Rest of the day at leisure. Hotels, shopping malls, entertainment halls, casinos and golf fairways are ever present in the metro to cater to every tourist's whim. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 Cebu – Boracay

After breakfast check out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Boracay resort (45 minutes). It's the best beach destination in the world. Earthly paradise, Tropical heaven. These describe the small but astonishingly beautiful island called Boracay. Boracay is a dumbbell-shaped island that is only seven kilometers long and one kilometer wide at its narrowest tip. The terrain of this 1,083 hectare-island is fairly flat with its highest point at a mere 100 meters, with beaches fringed with coconut trees, tropical palms and flowering plants, its hills covered with coconut grove, lush vegetation of shrubs, wild vines, and trees barely camouflaging caves inhabited by bats. Boracay's tours de force are its beaches – there are 30 of them – ranging from an almost four-kilometer stretch of white powdery sand that does not burn under the blazing sun, to a kilometer-long beach of gold sand speckled with tiny puka shells. There are scores of little sandy bays scattered around the island; they make an attractive alternative to the ever-popular White Beach. Check in at your beach resort and relax on the beach. Or enjoy the various water sports like sailing, diving, snorkeling, horse riding on the beach and boat trips to the nearby white sand islands.

There are many restaurants here with inexpensive and sumptuous buffets. Along the White Beach you can find some shopping like beach wear, T shirts etc. Overnight at the resort.

Day 06 Boracay

After breakfast rest of the day at leisure on own. Every day seems to be a holiday on Boracay - all you need to do is relax and enjoy yourself. Just get up, make some coffee and decide whether to go sailing, windsurfing or perhaps snorkeling and looking at corals. You can take an optional visit to Mount Luho which is the highest elevation on Boracay Island with 100 metres above sea level. The view from top is definitely worth the climb. Rest of the day at leisure to relax on one of the hammocks on the beach and have a refreshing drink. Overnight at the resort.

Day 07 Boracay – Manila

After breakfast check out and transfer to the airport for your flight back to Manila. Arrive at Manila and take your connecting departure flight back home.