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## **MANILA – CEBU WITH BOHOL DAY TRIP**

05 NIGHTS / 06 DAYS

3N MANILA + 2N CEBU

### **DAY 1**

Arrival in Manila.

Private transfer from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport to your hotel.

Check-in and overnight at your hotel.

### **DAY 2**

Breakfast at the hotel.

In the morning, take a half-day city tour of Old Manila.

The tour starts with a drive through Roxas Boulevard to Rizal Park, named in honor of the country's national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. After a brief picture stop, proceed to the Walled City of Intramuros to visit the remnants of Spain's conquistadores. Travel through the cobbled streets to San Agustin Church, the country's oldest stone church, and view its wide collection of ecclesiastical icons, vestments and other religious articles. Across it is Casa Manila, a reproduction of a 19th century house equipped with oriental and european décor, as well as Philippine antique furniture. Then proceed to Fort Santiago, Manila's main line of defense against invaders from the sea. It is a stone fort guarding the entrance to the city from Manila Bay. It has been the site of many tragic moments in Philippine history.

From Fort Santiago, drive on to Manila's central district, Quiapo, often referred to as the heart of Manila with its market, pilgrimage church of the Black Nazarene, jeepney terminals and bazaars. Then, proceed to the Chinese cemetery, the only one of its kind in the world, where the mausoleums are as big and as elaborate as houses and where the fusion of eastern and Christian religions are very much in evidence. End the tour with a short sightseeing tour of the bustling financial and commercial district of Makati City.

### **DAY 3**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Take a tour to Pagsanjan. Ride up the river in a small dug-out canoe, and experience the natural beauty of the tropical rainforest. The climax of the ride is the Pagsanjan waterfalls. Go underneath the waterfall to experience the raw power of nature.

Return to Manila in the late afternoon.

Overnight at the hotel.

### **DAY 4**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Private transfer from your hotel to Manila Domestic Airport for your flight to Cebu.

Arrive in Cebu, and take a private transfer to the beach resort.

The afternoon is free for you to relax by the beach.

### **DAY 5**

Breakfast in the hotel.

Private transfer from your hotel to the Cebu Port.

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Travel on a fast ferry from Cebu to the island of Bohol.

This day trip will introduce you to the wonders of Bohol. First stop is the Philippine Tarsier Foundation in the town of Corella, which serves as a refuge for the smallest primate in the world, the tarsier. Observe these rare, nocturnal creatures in their natural habitat and be amazed by their agility as they move about, leaping from one tree to the other, and swivel their heads nearly 360 degrees. Then proceed to Baclayon, make a short stop at the historical Blood Compact site, where Spain's Miguel Lopez de Legazpi and Datu Sikatuna, a native chieftain, sealed their friendship with a symbolic drink. In Baclayon, visit a centuries-old stone church that houses a museum containing a collection of religious art, ecclesiastical vestments, as well as librettos of church music inscribed in Latin on animal skins. Proceed with the tour, passing by Bilar man-made forest, a thick undergrowth of towering mahogany trees grown on the fringes of the highway leading to the Chocolate Hills, the country's geological wonder. From a distance, these hills look like huge candy drops that change in color with the season, and are aptly named 'chocolate' when the hill grasses turn deep brown in summer. Hike up to the viewpoint for a bird's eye view of the surrounding area before moving on to Loboc River where a cruise downstream on a floating restaurant is made more enjoyable with a delectable lunch served on board. Return to the hotel by late afternoon.

In the late afternoon, take the fast ferry back to Cebu.

Private transfer from the port to your hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

## **DAY 6**

Breakfast in the hotel.

Private transfer from your hotel to the Mactan International Airport for your flight.