

# GETTING THERE AND GOING AROUND

## ARRIVAL



The Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) in Manila is the main port of entry in the Philippines. It has four terminals that cater to domestic and international flights from the world's major airlines. It is equipped with tourist help desks, hotel and car rental services, duty-free souvenir shops, handicap assistance, and sanitation stations.

## SAFETY TIPS



Like any other city in the world, tourists should be mindful of their personal safety and belongings wherever they go. Be sure that all valuables are properly protected from loss.

Book tours only with agencies that are licensed and accredited by the Department of Tourism.

A nationwide smoking ban is being implemented prohibiting smoking within the public and enclosed public places. You may look for designated smoking spaces around your area.

For visitors needing assistance relating to safety, suspicious practices, or other matters please call the Emergency hotline: 911

## CUSTOMS



The following are allowed duty-free: reasonable quantity of clothes, jewelry, and toiletries; two (2) reams of cigarette or two (2) tins of tobacco; two (2) bottles of liquor or wine not exceeding one (1) liter per bottle; a cash limit of USD10,000.

## TRANSPORTATION



To reach other parts of the country, you can travel by air, land, or sea. Commercial carriers have scheduled flights to major destinations and island resorts while bus terminals offer daily rides to the provinces and other cities. Make sure to check the passenger capacity, route, and schedule, of your chosen mode of transportation before booking. You can go around the city on jeepneys, metered taxis, buses, rapid transit systems like the Metro Rail Transit (MRT), Light Rail Transit (LRT), tricycles, rent-a-car services. Transport Network Vehicle Services (TNVS) are also available.



### TAXI

You can hail one from anywhere and almost all drivers speak and understand English. Flag down rates may change so don't forget to ask your hotel what the standard charge is. Be sure the meter is turned on before you go.

## ACCOMMODATION



You can book a room in any of the country's hotels ranging from 5-star hotels to boutique hotels, and serviced apartments.

For the budget-conscious, there are hostels, B&Bs, and inns that have basic amenities like Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, and hot water.



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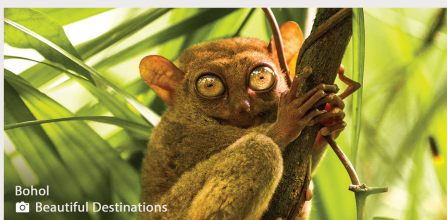
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# FAST FACTS



### CAPITAL

Manila



### CURRENCY

Philippine Peso (PHP)  
Note: approximately PHP55 to USD1.00 as of April 2023



### TIME ZONE

GMT +8.00



### GOVERNMENT

Democratic Presidential System



### ELECTRICITY

220 volts, AC 60 cycles. Some hotels will carry 110-volt outlets.

### LANGUAGE



Filipino is the national language but English is widely spoken. There are also 176 local dialects.

### CREDIT CARDS



MasterCard, Visa, Diners Club, American Express, JCB

Most establishments in Metro Manila and other provincial capitals accept most international credit cards. But when traveling around the islands, make sure you carry enough cash as ATMs are less common outside cities.

### CLIMATE



Average temperature of 78°F/ 26°C to 90°F/32°C

March to May - Hot and dry months

June to October - Wet season

November to February - Cool and windy

### SEASONS



The Philippines may only have two seasons—wet and dry—but when it comes to activities, we have thousands more! Before your trip, check out the available attractions and adventures in your chosen location.

### WHAT TO WEAR



Light and breathable clothing is recommended. When visiting the mountain regions, use warm and insulated clothing.

For formal occasions, men can wear dinner jackets with ties or the Philippine barong tagalog. Women can use cocktail dresses or long gowns.

When visiting churches, temples, mosques, or other places of worship, use your discretion and do wear the appropriate clothing. Avoid sleeveless shirts, shorts, and slippers.

### BUSINESS HOURS



Government offices: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, weekdays

Malls: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, daily

Banks: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, weekdays

ATM: 24 hours, daily

### COMMUNICATION



The country has international and national direct-dial phones, facsimile services, worldwide express delivery, mobile phone coverage, internet facilities, and wireless connectivity.

### WATER



There's potable tap water in most cities and bottled water is often provided by hotels and resorts and sold in all convenience stores.

### RELIGION



Predominantly Roman Catholic. Smaller populations of Protestants, Muslims, and Buddhists.

### TIPPING



Tips are normally 10% of the bill but are optional when there's a service charge.



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