

The Flavour of Life in the Philippines



The Philippines

- Location: Southeast Asia in the Western Pacific
- Population: Over 96 million
- Languages: Filipino and English
- Capital City: Manila
- Geography: Over 7000 islands, 7 regions, 80 provinces, 117 cities, and 1501 municipalities
- Weather: Two seasons
 Dry: December to May
 Wet: June to November (with monsoons)
- GDP: Agricultural, with light industry and service-sector economy; Business process outsourcing (BPO) and numerous call centres



Makati, financial capital and headquarters of the biggest domestic banks and many transnational banks and businesses



Chocolate Hills, on the island of Bohol. Over 1000 natural cone-shaped hills (30 to 120 metres high), over 50 square kilometres. Green when it rains, the grasses turn brown during the dry season.



Boracay Island, renowned for its beautiful beach, fine white sand, warm shallow water, and exquisite white puka shells



Rice terraces: Banaue, carved 3000 years ago. Some reach 1500 metres. UNESCO World Heritage site



National fruit: Rich in sugar and a source of vitamins A, C, and D, mangos can grow to 25 centimetres and weigh 2 kilos.

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