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4D3N Philippines: Leyte & Samar

+ 1D1N Extension Options: Kalanggaman Island Or Ulot River Torpedo Boat Adventure

DAY 1: KL - Manila - Tacloban

(L/D)



Depart KLIA 1.35am on Cebu Pacific flight to Manila, arriving 5.40am. Catch Cebu Pacific 11.55am flight to **Tacloban**, arriving at 13.10pm. Transfer for lunch at local restaurant. Visit **St. Nino Shrine**, a mansion built by Imelda Marcos as accommodation for visiting VIPs, with each guest room decorated to a unique theme. Its name comes from the Infant Jesus shrine located on the ground floor.





Proceed to Palo municipality nearby to visit MacArthur Landing Memorial Park. This is the beach codenamed 'Red Beach' where General Douglas MacArthur landed on 20th Oct 1944, to fulfill his promise to return and liberate the Philippines from

Japanese occupation. He returned together with **Philippines' President Sergio Osmena.** Then visit the historical **Palo Cathedral**, which was used by the US Army as a military hospital and now has a memorial & tomb for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan (locally called Typhoon Yolanda). Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Tacloban.

DAY 2: Tacloban - Marabut

(B/L





Morning, proceed for photo stops at Capitol Building (where the Philippines Commonwealth Government was reestablished under President Sergio Osmena) and Eva Jocelyn ship memorial (the front part of the cargo ship "Eva Jocelyn" remains as memorial to

victims of Typhoon Haiyan; the ship was swept ashore by the storm surge).



Then transfer to **San Juanico Bridge** for photo stop; this bridge linking Leyte island with Samar island is the Philippines' longest bridge and has an unique 'S' shape.



Crossing the bridge onto Samar island, stop at the **Yolanda Memorial Monument**, it's design representing the resilience of the Filipinos in overcoming the devastation and loss brought about by Typhoon Haiyan (Typhoon Yolanda).

Transfer to Caluwayan Palm Island Resort in Marabut for check-in and lunch.



Board a boat for trip around **Marabut Marine Park** area, which boasts 15 towering rock islands with secluded beach coves and coral gardens, perfect for snorkeling, sun bathing and other water sports activities. (rental of snorkel & mask on your own budget) Return back to your resort and free time to relax. DINNER at resort on own expense. Overnight at Caluwayan Palm Island Resort.

DAY 3: Marabut – Sohoton - Tacloban (B/L/D)

Transfer to **Saob Cave** to see **mat weavers** at work; it is said the cooler temperatures of the cave helps make the raw materials easier to fold (besides providing a comfortable work environment). Visit **souvenir shop** for finished mats (locally called "Banig").



Then to Sohoton for lunch followed by boat ride to the mouth of **Sohoton Cave**, a large multi-cavern cave located opposite the **Panhulugan Cliff**. Enjoy guided tour of the cave with the guide explaining the various formations found inside, such as "Baby's Foot", "Papa's Room", "Mama's Room", "Great Wall of China", etc.



Exit cave and continue with kayaking the stream to reach the **Sohoton Stone Natural Bridge**. For those who can't paddle a kayak, the kayak guide will tow your kayak.

Return to Tacloban for souvenir & snacks ("Pasalubong") shopping. Dinner at local restaurant. Then check in hotel and overnight in Tacloban.

DAY 4: Tacloban – Manila - KL (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Tacloban airport for 11.55am Cebu Pacific flight to Manila, arriving 1.10pm. Catch Cebu Pacific 8.50pm flight to KLIA, arriving at 12.50am.

RATES: per person, twin sharing, group sizes as below, travel valid until AUG 2019

4 to 5 paxs group (12 seater van): RM 1490 /pax

6 to 7 paxs group (12 seater van): RM 1290 /pax

8 to 9 paxs group (12 seater van): RM 1190 /pax

10 to 11 paxs group (12 seater van): RM 1170 /pax

12 paxs group (14 seater van): RM 1140 /pax

Single Supplement: RM 390

Rates & itinerary are subject to changes in FOREX rates, unforeseen surcharges, air ticket prices, weather, local conditions, etc.

INCLUSIVE:

- a) Return airport transfers and tour excursion using tour van on private basis
- b) Accommodation with daily breakfast:
 - 2 nights: XYZ Hotel, Tacloban (3 star) or similar
 - 1 night: Caluwayan Palm Island Resort, Marabut (3 star) or similar
- c) 3 lunch and 2 dinners as indicated in itinerary above
- d) English speaking tour guide
- e) Entrance fees for all attractions inclusive as per itinerary
- f) Boat for Marabut Marine Park visit
- g) Caving at Panhulugan Caves & Kayaking at Sohoton Natural Bridge National Park
- h) 1 x 500ml bottle of drinking water /person daily (except Day 4)

EXCLUDING:

- a) Air tickets, airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- b) Travel Insurance
- c) Malaysians don't require visa to visit Philippines. Other nationalities to be advised.
- d) 1 dinner at your resort in Marabut (Day 2); on your own budget
- e) Travel insurance
- f) Tipping to guide and driver
- g) Expenses of personal nature like activities not part of itinerary, tipping to hotel/restaurant staff, laundry charges, mini bar charges, etc.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION A: KALANGGAMAN ISLAND DAY TOUR



Kalanggaman Island is one of the most beautiful islands in the Philippines. Besides the clear blue waters and white sand beach, the unique feature is its magnificent sandbars stretching out from both ends of the island. Enjoying swimming, snorkeling, kayaking, etc. (rental of snorkel, mask and kayak on your own budget)

INCLUSIVE:

- a) Return Land Transfers Tacloban/Palompon/Tacloban (2.5 hrs per way)
- b) Return Boat Transfers Palompon/Kalanggaman/Palompom (1 hr per way)
- c) Lunch
- d) Services of Tour Coordinator
- e) Use of a Picnic Kiosk on the island
- f) Entrance Fee
- g) Overnight accommodation at XYZ Hotel, Tacloban (twin sharing) or similar

RATES: per person, twin sharing

4 to 5 paxs group (12 seater van): RM 530/pax

6 to 7 paxs group (12 seater van): RM 440/pax

8 to 9 paxs group (12 seater van): RM 400/pax

10 to 11 paxs group (12 seater van): RM 370/pax

12 paxs group (14 seater van): RM 350/pax

Single Supplement: RM 125

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OPTIONAL EXTENSION B: ULOT RIVER TORPEDO BOAT ADVENTURE



Ulot River in Paranas is Samar island's longest river. You enjoy a thrilling boat ride down the river, shooting across rapids and past beautiful scenery. Then you repeat by going upstream; your boat is engine-powered, this segment is called "The Salmon Run"!

INCLUSIVE:

- a) Return Land Transfers Tacloban/Paranas/Tacloban (2 hrs per way)
- b) Torpedo Boat Adventure Package
- c) Torpedo Boat
- d) Boatman/Boat Guide
- e) Services of Tour Coordinator
- f) Picnic Lunch
- g) Entrance Fee
- h) Overnight accommodation at XYZ Hotel, Tacloban (twin sharing) or similar

RATES: per person, twin sharing

4 to 5 paxs group (12 seater van): RM 420/pax

6 to 7 paxs group (12 seater van): RM 370/pax

8 to 9 paxs group (12 seater van): RM 330/pax

10 to 11 paxs group (12 seater van): RM 320/pax

12 paxs group (14 seater van): RM 300/pax

Single Supplement: RM 125

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