

# ASIA BESPOKE TOURS

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## PHILIPPINES

Bicol & Mount Mayon  
Rich Culture & Culinary  
Highlights

Manila – Naga – Albay  
Donsol - Sorsogon  
12 Days / 11 Nights



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# REMOTE PHILIPPINES CULTURAL & CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS



## ITINERARY SNAPSHOT

2n Manila  
1n Naga  
2n Albay  
2n Donsol  
2n Sorsogon City  
2n Gubat, Sorsogon

Day 1 -/-/D	18h00	Upon arrival in Manila, meet with our representative and transfer to the hotel. Check in and freshen up. Pick up at the hotel for a <b>Poblacion Pub Crawl and Walking Tour</b> . Transfer back to the hotel. Overnight at <b>The Henry Hotel Manila</b> .
Day 2 B/L/-	08h00 14h00	Breakfast at the hotel. Pick up going to Sta. Ana for an <b>Extramuros Tour</b> . Lunch will be served in a local's home. Proceed to Intramuros for <b>Bambike Tour</b> . Dinner at Toyo Restaurant. Transfer back to the hotel. Overnight at <b>The Henry Hotel Manila</b> .
Day 3 B/L/D	06h30 08h55 10h15 13h00 17h00	Breakfast at the hotel. Check out. Transfer to the domestic airport. <b>Flight: Manila to Naga via DG 6111</b> <b>Arrival in Naga City Airport</b> Meet local representative and transfer to Que Pasa for lunch. Proceed to The House of Pili and Café Bidi Bidi for an interactive tour. Meet Chef Rica for her cooking class and have some cocktails before dinner afterwards. Check in and overnight at <b>The Avenue Plaza Hotel</b> .
Day 4 B/L/-	10h00 13h00 14h00	Breakfast at the hotel. Check out. Land transfer to Albay with side trip at Ligao for some snacks. Proceed to a cooking demo of some of the province's most popular dishes including Pinangat. Lunch at Sumlang Lake. Continue to Kitwinan Hill for an amazing view of Camalig. Transfer to Bacacay. Check in and overnight at <b>Casa Simeon</b> .

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Day 5 B/L/D	08h00	Breakfast. Pick up for <b>Albay Provincial Tour with lunch.</b> Upon return to the accommodation, dinner will be prepared. Overnight at <b>Casa Simeon.</b>
Day 6 B/L/D	08h00  17h00	Breakfast. Check out. Pick up for <b>Mayon Quadbike Adventure.</b> After a quick wash-up, land drive to Donsol for 90 minutes approx. Check in at the hotel. Take a tricycle going to the Aguluz Homestay for a home cooked Bicolano dinner. Overnight at <b>Elysia Beach Resort.</b>
Day 7 B/L/-	07h30	Breakfast at the resort. Early transfer to the Whale Shark Interaction Center for a briefing. Hop on a boat trip for <b>Whale Shark Interaction</b> (3-4 hours). Lunch at a local village on the way to Quitinday. Proceed with <b>Quitinday Cave and Falls Adventure.</b> Transfer back to the resort. Overnight at <b>Elysia Beach Resort.</b>
Day 8 B/L/D	07h00 10h30  16h30	Breakfast at the resort. Check out. Transfer to Pilar for <b>Uni and Lato Harvesting.</b> Seafood lunch by the <b>Floating Bamboo Pods.</b> Travel to Sorsogon City and check in at Siam Hotel. Pick up for <b>Buhatan Firefly Watching and River Cruise.</b> Overnight at <b>Siam Hotel.</b>

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Day 9 B/L/D	09h00	Breakfast at the hotel. Pick up for <b>Bulusan Day Tour</b> . Lunch at the Bulusan Lake. Transfer back to the hotel. Degustation dinner at Siam Hotel. Overnight at <b>Siam Hotel</b> .
Day 10 B/-/-	12h00	Breakfast at the hotel. Cooking demo of Sorsogon's delicacies – kinunot and baluko. Check out. Land drive to Gubat, Sorsogon. Check in. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at <b>Siam Surf</b> .
Day 11 B/-/-		Breakfast at the resort. Day free at leisure to relax or surf. Overnight at <b>Siam Surf</b> .
Day 12 B/-/-	07h00 10h55 12h15	Breakfast at the resort. Check out. Land drive to Legazpi Airport (2 hours approx.) <b>Flight: Legazpi to Manila via DG 6194</b> <b>Arrival in Manila</b> Meet Intas representative and transfer to the international airport.  <i>End of Services</i>



# MANILA

Manila is the gateway to the 7,107 islands of the Philippines and is the historical center of government and industry. The city is a delightful mix of the old and the new - from ancient Spanish churches to gleaming high-rise structures, quaint street stalls and modern shopping malls, historical landmarks to pulsating clubs and bars. In Manila, every corner is a discovery.



Recommended Hotel  
**THE HENRY HOTEL**  
**MANILA 4\***

The Henry Hotel is a boutique property, with old 1930s vintage houses converted into a hotel. It is situated 15 – 20 minutes away from the international airport. Feel right at home by staying in 34 thoughtfully designed rooms where mid-century furnishings are blended with modern amenities. It is very lovely, warm and charming.





(Day 1)

## Suggested Tour POBLACION PUB CRAWL AND WALKING TOUR

Just after sundown, indulge in a walking tour along the streets of Poblacion, Makati where the happenings are. The district offers numerous pubs and interesting restaurants lined up and ready to be experienced. One of the highlights of the tour will be Agimat Pub which serves Filipino tapas that showcase our unique local ingredients, fresh seafood and fear-factor street food paired with their playful cocktails and local craft beers.





This is a unique option where guests are treated to a local breakfast and cultural tour in **Santa Ana**, one of the districts outside of the walls of Intramuros. How often do we get to experience a breakfast in a locale? In Filipino, we call breakfast as *almusal*.

(Day 2)

## Suggested Tour **EXTRAMUROS & INTRAMUROS BAMBIKE TOUR**

Walk towards the wharf of the Pasig River then the central plaza and visit the market. Sample coconut juice, kakanin (rice cakes) and banana fritters at the entrance of the market. Meet some of the local market vendors. You will sample the specialty of this Manila district: *Pancit Palabok*. They can watch how they prepare the noodles and garnishing. Lunch will be in the home of a host family in the district.

In the afternoon, proceed to Intramuros, literally translated as “within the walls”. It is the former center of ecclesiastical and commercial power. Shielded from the rest of the city by perfectly preserved high walls, Intramuros is a quiet area and is home to colonial heritage of great interest. Visit Fort Santiago, San Agustin Church & Museum, and Casa Manila among other notable places.



(Day 2)

## Suggested Dining TOYO RESTAURANT

The latest in a slew of off-the-beaten-path dining destinations in Makati, Toyo Eatery elevates everyday Filipino flavors to gastronomic heights. Chef Jordy Navarra gets to be inventive with Filipino food without losing sight of the traditional flavors Filipinos crave. Toyo's offerings are best enjoyed through its seven-course tasting menu or its three-course set menu. A handful of dishes are also available à la carte.





(Day 2)

Suggested Dining Option:

## BLACKBIRD RESTAURANT

**Blackbird** is the sophisticated, aviation-themed, contemporary European and Asian restaurant of Chef Colin Mackay of Sala and People's Palace fame, with a nostalgic atmosphere given its location in the original Art Deco control tower of Manila's first commercial airport. Stylishly decorated in a black and white theme, this is a smart, upmarket dining venue with a creative menu of international and fusion dishes.





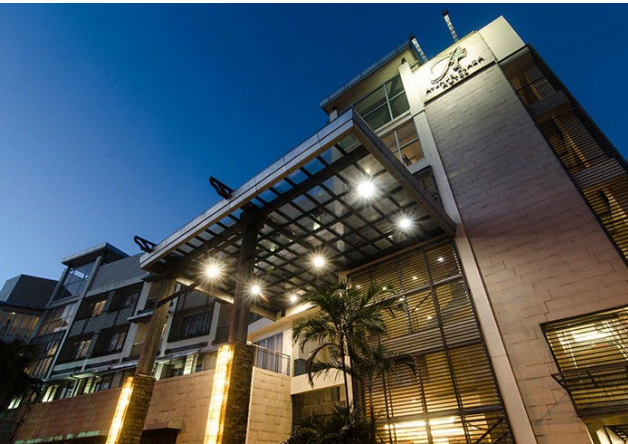
# BICOL

The Bicol Region is located in the southernmost tip of Luzon Island, the largest island in the Philippine archipelago. Bicol is one of the Philippines' best-known tourist destinations. Some of its more famous treasures are the gentle *butanding* or whale sharks of Donsol, and the fierce and fiery Mayon Volcano and Bulusan Volcano. Bicol locals are an interesting mix of laid back and outspoken. They enjoy holding colorful water parades, are proud of their centuries-old stone churches, and will fire up your palate with their delicious spicy specialties.



## Recommended Hotel **AVENUE PLAZA HOTEL 4\***

Avenue Plaza Hotel is a boutique hotel of contemporary elegance intertwining with the vibrancy of CamSur Tourism and the business-friendly atmosphere of Naga City. The Avenue Plaza Hotel is located by the historic Naga river, along the vibrant Magsaysay Avenue community-Naga City's midtown dining and entertainment hub; and is convenient to heritage and tourism points of interest such as the Peñafrancia Basilica Minore, CamSur Watersports Complex, the city's Central Business Districts, Holy Rosary Minor Seminary & Museum, and Panicuason Natural Springs, as well as to the province's air portal , Naga Airport.





(Day 3)

## Suggested Tour CAMARINES SUR FOOD TOUR

Naga City is the social and gastronomic center of the region. Start the tour with a delightful lunch of Bicolano dishes popular in the Riconada District. Qué Pasa Naga serves dishes that will expand one's knowledge of the Bicolano cuisine.

The towns surrounding Naga City are notable for having cottage industries producing products that are export quality. Visit a pili nut factory in Canaman and an artisanal bac creation center in Baao.

In the late afternoon, head to Little Pecuaria Farm in Bula where Chef Rica Buenaflor herself will be teaching how to make *Laing*, a famous Bicolano dish made of taro leaves in coconut cream. Cocktails will be served afterwards together with degustation dinner featuring Laing Paella while overlooking Mt. Isarog.





(Day 4)

## Suggested Tour ALBAY FOOD TOUR

Start the day early with a tour of the Naga City Public Market where every culinary journey starts. Savor a steaming bowl of *Kinalas*, Naga's unique take on *Batchoy*.

Drive to the province of Albay where another culinary trip awaits. Stop by Ligao for some roadside snacks including native rice cakes (*puto*) and *biniribid*.

Albay's cuisine is distinctively different from that of Camarines Sur's even though both uses coconut milk as a main ingredient. Upon arrival on Sumlang Lake, proceed with a cooking demo of some of the province's most popular dishes including Pinangat by Chef Ato.

Continue to Qituinan Hill for an amazing view of Camalig before settling in your hotel in Bacacay.



## Recommended Hotel **CASA SIMEON 4\***

The Alparce ancestral home in Bacacay was built in the 1920s. This house has been a landmark in Bacacay for generations. As a tribute to Simeon Alparce, his wife Beatrice, his children, his grandchildren, and his great grandchildren, the home he made lovingly is now Casa Simeon. Alongside its Spanish and American architecture, intricately intertwining the classic and the modern, embrace the steadfastness and warmth of the wooden panels lining its walls, and dating back to the galleon trade.

This specialty lodging is 40 minutes away from the airport, in the quiet town of Bacacay.





(Day 5)

Suggested Tour

## ALBAY PROVINCIAL TOUR

With Mayon Volcano as Albay's towering landmark, the places of interest will definitely include areas with amazing views of Mayon Volcano. One thing that should not be missed when visiting Albay are the different local industries of crafts passed down through generations. Places of interest will include Mayon Skyline, Tiwi Pottery Factory, Tabaco (Tabaco Church, Tabac Makers, Bahay na Bato), Bacacay, Lignon Hill Nature Park, Cagsawa Ruins, and Daraga Church. Lunch will be in Legazpi City at a local diner.





(Day 6)

## Suggested Tour MAYON QUADBIKE ADVENTURE

From the hotel, travel to the jump-off point for safety briefing. Drive an ATV to the Lava Wall of Mayon Volcano. This ultimate adventure rush takes you through gullies, rivers, and fallen rock. The entire trail is made by nature – made by the fury of Mayon. This is an 3 to 4 hour activity inclusive of use of 150CC ATV unit, guide, and environmental fees.

Lunch will be at a local diner. Wash up rooms will be provided.

*\*Trail may be limited depending on the activity of Mayon.*



## Recommended Hotel **ELYSIA BEACH RESORT 4\***

An absolute beachfront, Elysia Beach Resort in Donsol, Sorsogon is the ideal place to unwind and experience Philippine's tropical playground. It is at Elysia Beach Resort where guests can conveniently hop on a motorized boat from the nearby Whale Shark Interaction Center and begin an adventure of a close encounter with one of the largest, most mysterious and gentle creature - the whale shark.

All 15 rooms of Elysia Beach Resort in Donsol, Sorsogon have been designed with a mix of tropical theme and contemporary style. It provides a warm and pleasant home away from home and essential comforts such as refrigerator, satellite/cable TV, air-conditioning.





(Day 7)

## Suggested Activity WHALE SHARK INTERACTION & QUITINDAY ADVENTURE

Donsol is one of the few places in the world that can offer an almost assured whale shark sighting from December to June. Before you board the local *bangka*, a marine bio officer will conduct a briefing and show a video on the do's and don'ts of the activity. This officer will be with you during the boat trip to ensure that responsible tourism is being practiced and that the policies are being followed. Lunch will be at a local restaurant after the activity.

While in Donsol, another adventure awaits – a visit to the Quitinday Falls and Cave. This is a 45-minute journey by motorcycle on a rural road. As you head to Quitinday, you will drop by a local village for lunch and to interact with the family you will share a meal with and the locals from the village. Appreciate the rock formations and the cool water of the underground river. Not too far away is the Quitinday Falls where you can do a bit of walking and swimming. For the brave, there is an area where you can do some cliff jumping (pax account for the extra charges).





(Day 8)

## Suggested Activity PILAR FOOD TOUR & BUHATAN FIREFLY TOUR

Depart early morning going to Pilar, Sorsogon. Pilar is home to one of the most scenic location in the province, the Panumbagan Sandbar. This is where the *lato* (sea grapes) and *uni* (sea urchins) are abundant which has also become one of the delicacies of the town. Have the fresh catch served on the table for an early lunch. Lato is best eaten fresh with a vinegar-based dipping sauce. The floating bamboo pods consists of 5 cottages around a circular pool where kids can snorkel or just observe fishes. Enjoy the freshest seafood before ensuing travel to Sorsogon City.

After checking in, head to the Buhatan River The Buhatan River Cruise was organized by the locals of Buhatan in 2015. To date they continue to care, maintain, and improve the river and the activities offered. The River Cabanas are extremely comfortable and the serenity of lazing on the cushions, cruising down the river, listening to birds, and watching the sunset is a treasure on its own.



## Recommended Hotel SIAMA HOTEL 4\*

Nestled in a grove of coconuts is Siama, a modern 30-room boutique hotel waiting to be experienced. Located in the heart of Sorsogon City, Siama is a great starting point to explore Sorsogon's diverse and lush nature attractions.

The outdoor-meets-indoor design of Siama complements its majestic surroundings. Natural and organic textures used in the hotel's interiors are in good company amid the garden plants sprawled all over the estate. The modern forest pool—a 25-meter oasis—sits quietly in the middle of the estate and is overlooked by the verandas of the premier rooms.





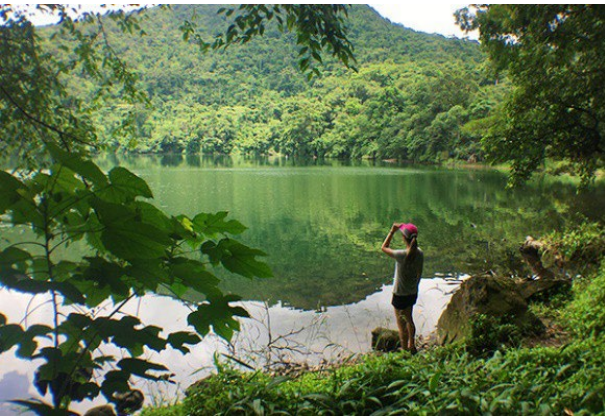
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## Suggested Activity **BULUSAN DAY TOUR**

In the town of Bulusan in Sorsogon, stands a beacon known as Bulusan volcano. Sitting at the foot of Mount Bulusan is tranquil Bulusan Lake surrounded by a lush forest. Bulusan is one of the top eco-tourism destinations in the country.

This tour includes a visit to Paguriran Lagoon, San Benon Hot Springs, Old Barcelona Church and Bulusan. Bulusan is the jewel of this tour with it being one of the top eco-tourism destinations in the country because of its rich ecosystem consisting of a volcano, a rainforest, lakes and waterfalls all in one area. The slopes of the volcano house local industries of Karagumoy handicrafts, Pili plantations and local honey farms.

Lunch will be arranged by Bulusan Lake. Food prepared normally includes something freshly caught from the lake or freshly harvested from Bulusan.





## Recommended Hotel **SIAMA SURF 4\***

Siama Surf, like the hotel, is still targeted toward families, as well as those who want to vacation by the beach or learn to surf. The stretch of Rizal Beach and Buena Vista Beach is also a popular destination for surfers, being less crowded.

Four years ago, Milo Naval constructed an open-air pavilion on the beach where surfers could rest and get out of the sun. Now, there's a beach house with seven guest rooms, four of them located in the main building.

All four rooms have balconies facing the Pacific Ocean, and a view of the pool. Nearby is another building with a dorm-style room with bunk beds that can accommodate 12. There are also two cabins close to the shoreline for those who want to be lulled to sleep listening to the waves.



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