

Philippines

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution to the Philippines due to crime, terrorism, civil unrest, and kidnapping. Some areas have increased risk.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[63] (2) 301-2000; US Embassy in Manila, 1201 Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines 1000; acsinfomanila@state.gov;

<https://ph.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

63

Local Emergency Phone

166117

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Philippines: typhoid, hepatitis A, polio, yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, chikungunya, rabies, hepatitis B, influenza, COVID-19, pneumonia, meningitis, chickenpox, shingles, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR).

<http://www.who.int/>

Climate

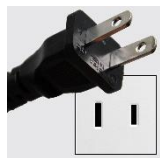
Tropical marine; northeast monsoon (November to April); southwest monsoon (May to October)

Currency (Code)

Philippine pesos (PHP)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B, C



Type A



Type B



Type C

Major Languages

Filipino (based on Tagalog) and English; eight major dialects - Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Hiligaynon or Ilonggo, Bicol, Waray, Pampango, and Pangasinan

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Protestant, other Christians, Muslim, tribal religions

Time Difference

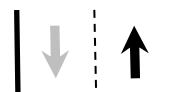
UTC+8 (13 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested



Road Driving Side

Right

Tourist Destinations

Chocolate Hills; Underground River Tour; Batad Rice Terraces; Historic Tour of Corregidor Island (includes Pacific War Memorial, Malinta Tunnel); Pagsanjan Falls

Major Sports

Soccer, basketball, boxing, arnis (national martial art of the Philippines)

Cultural Practices

Use academic, professional, or honorific titles and a person's surname until you are invited to use their first name.

Tipping Guidelines

Do not feel pressure to leave a tip if the service is poor.

Souvenirs

Toy jeepney figurines; pearl jewelry and mother-of-pearl tableware; handmade bags, pouches, and bandanas; woven mats and baskets, embroidered silk traditional clothing; straw fans; handmade musical instruments; coffee

Traditional Cuisine

Adobo, consists of pork or chicken, sometimes both, stewed or braised in a sauce usually made from vinegar, cooking oil, garlic, bay leaf, peppercorns, and soy sauce.; traditionally served over a bed of rice

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