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TOURISM PROMOTIONS BOARD PHILIPPINES

# Winter Escapade 4

It's More Fun in the Philippines

February 6-14, 2017



## GROUP A

### Day 1: February 6, 2017 (Monday) - MANILA

Briefing and Orientation at Nobu Hotel Ballroom  
 Proceed for Wreath Laying Ceremony at Rizal Park  
 Malacanang Museum Tour  
 Lunch at local restaurant  
 Return to hotel  
 Check-in at Nobu Hotel  
 Welcome Dinner at the hotel hosted by Tourism Promotions Board (TPB)  
 Overnight stay at hotel



### Day 2: February 7, 2017 (Tuesday) – LAOAG, ILOCOS NORTE (Heritage, Culture & Cuisine)

Early breakfast at hotel  
 09:00H Check-out  
 09:30H Transfer to Domestic Airport  
 12:00H Depart for Laoag, Ilocos Norte via PR196  
 13:00H Arrive in Laoag, Ilocos Norte  
 Welcome reception by Local Tourism Officer  
 Lunch hosted by DOT Region 1  
 Transfer / Check-in at Plaza del Norte Hotel  
 Rest of the day free at leisure  
 Dinner at hotel  
 Overnight stay at hotel



### Day 3: February 8, 2017 (Wednesday) – VIGAN, ILOCOS SUR

Breakfast at hotel  
 Proceed to Vigan City tour with lunch

In pre-colonial times, Vigan was an important trading post for Chinese junk, trading gold beeswax and other products from the Central Cordilleras for exotic Asia goods. Many Chinese traders settled in the meztizo district, marrying locals and starting new bloodlines. Vigan was captured and settled by the Spaniards in 1572, and grew to become a centre of Spanish political and religious power in the north of Luzon.





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In 1758 Vigan Diocese became the seat of the Nueva Segovia Local legend has is that Vigan got its name from a simple communication breakdown. A Spaniard walking along the Meztizo River apparently met a local and asked which the city's name. Not understanding what he was being asked, but seeing that the Spaniard seemed to be pointing to a tree, replied "bigaa apo" (a giant Taro plant that was common in the area) It is from the word "Bigaa" that Vigan is said to have derived its name.

Duration of the Tour: 4 hours

Highlights: Plaza Burgos, St. Paul Cathedral, Nueva Segovia, Crisologo Museum, Syquia Mansion, Bantay Bell tower, Baluarte ni Singson, *Pagburnayan, Heritage Village*

Return to hotel late in the afternoon

Dinner on Personal Account

Overnight stay at hotel



### Day 4: February 9, 2017 (Thursday) – LAOAG, ILOCOS NORTE

Breakfast at hotel

Proceed to Laoag City Tour with lunch

The largest city in Northern Luzon, Laoag is located in Ilocos Norte. The city's name was taken from the Ilocano word "light". The name originated from Spanish times as the closely packed village that was situated in the north bank of the Laoag River would shine like a beacon in the night for river travelers to see. Laoag was a busy trading port where Chinese and Japanese traders came to do business even before the arrival of the Spanish. Spanish colonizers occupied it in 1580. Augustinian missionaries also established a parish dedicated to St. William the Hermit in the same led by Juan de Salceda year.

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Modern day Laoag is now famous for being the old ancestral home province of former President Ferdinand Marcos.

Duration of the Tour: 4 hours

Highlights: Museo Iloco, Sinking bell tower, St Williams Cathedral, Malacañang of the North, Paoay Lake, Paoay Church, Marcos Mausoleum.

Return to Laoag late in the afternoon

Dinner at hotel

Overnight stay at hotel



### Day 5: February 10, 2017 (Friday) – MANILA

BRUNCH at hotel

11:00H Check-out

11:30H Transfer to Domestic Airport

13:40H Depart for Manila via PR197

14:40H Arrive in Manila

Transfer and Check-in at Nobu Hotel

Dinner hosted by TPB or Western Union

Overnight stay at hotel



### Day 6: February 11, 2017 (Saturday) – CORON, BUSUANGA (ISLANDPARADISE TOUR)

Breakfast at hotel

Check-out

Transfer to Manila Domestic Airport

Depart to Busuanga, Palawan

Arrival in Busuanga Airport with welcome reception

Welcome Lunch at the Plaza hosted by the

City Mayor Jerry Darracoso

Transfer and Check-in at hotel/resort

\*Maquinit Hot Spring experience for participants staying at Coron Town

\*Free at leisure for participants staying at Island Resorts

Dinner at hotel/resort

Overnight stay at hotel/resort



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### Day 7: February 12, 2017 (Sunday) – CORON PALAWAN

Breakfast at hotel/resort  
Proceed to Coron Island Hopping Tour with lunch

To go on Island hopping is something you ought to do. In the middle of a huge ocean, with thousands of small undiscovered islands and islets that mark Coron harbor and Coron bay, and explore the shallow waters and mangroves in a kayak or in a banca (paddle boat). Motorized banca proceeds to nearby beaches for more Island activities like kayaking, snorkeling and swimming. This is a popular picnic spot among the locals. Cruise along Coron Island's twin lagoons and small coves. Coron Island's karst formations towering out of aquamarine waters are outstanding at any time of day. Lunch is taken on a white sand beach or on board.

Return to hotel in the afternoon  
Dinner at hotel/resort  
Overnight stay at hotel/resort



### Day 8: February 13, 2017 (Monday) – CORON PALAWAN

Breakfast at hotel/resort  
\*Island Tour with picnic lunch for participants staying at Coron Town  
\*Free day to enjoy resort activities for participants staying at Island Resorts  
Dinner at hotel/resort  
Overnight stay at hotel/resort

### Day 9: February 14, 2017 (Tuesday) – CORON, PALAWAN

Breakfast at hotel  
Morning free at leisure  
Check-out  
Depart for Manila  
Arrive in Manila  
Transfer to Nobu Hotel for luggage pick-up

### END OF TOUR

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