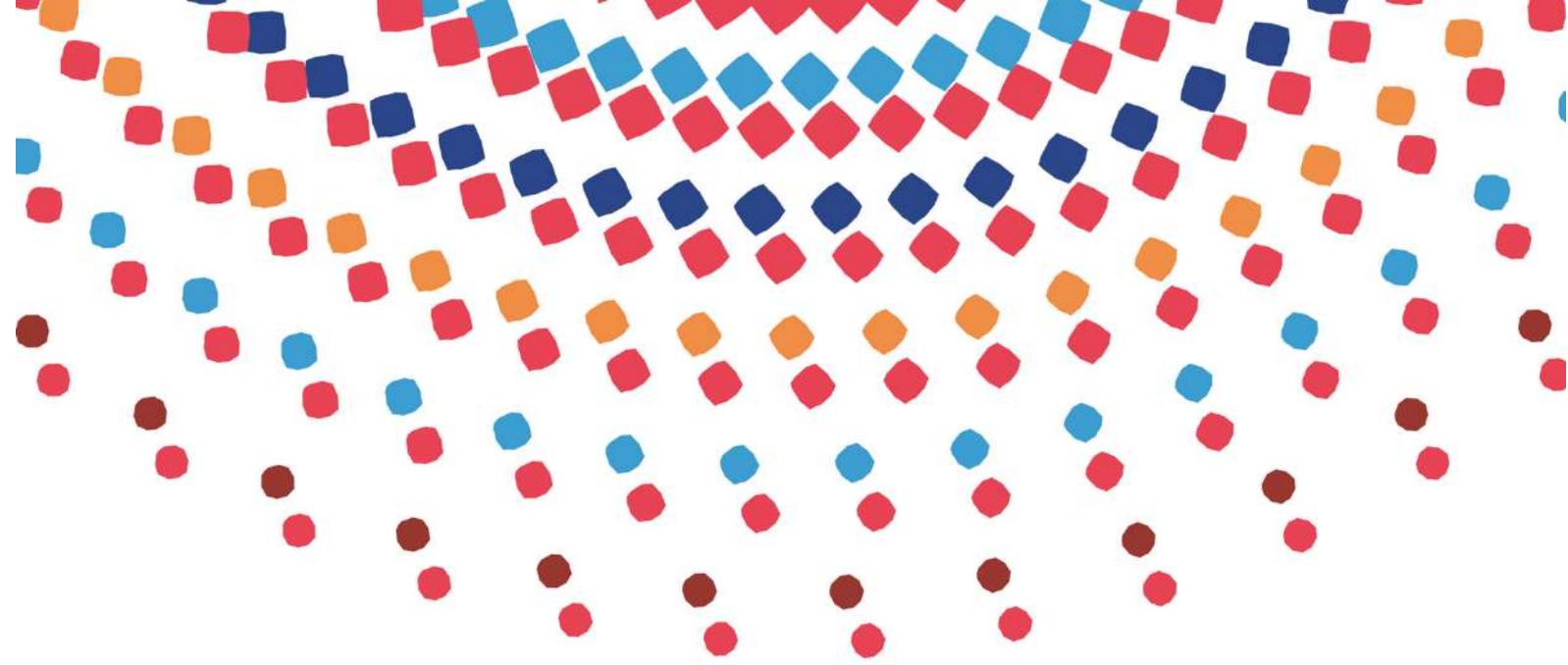


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Discover Philippines with us

Breathe deep and take it all in. We'll hold you by the hand as we show you the kind of luxury that only the Philippines can offer.

Be here and feel the magic in the air, the sparkles in laughter, the untouchable, elusive joy you've long been chasing.

We've sifted through the archipelago's more than 7,000 islands and curated the idyllic landscapes, tours, and experiences that we know are distinct and will be life-enriching.

Your peace of mind is of utmost priority. The beaches and islands featured in this destination guide like Bohol, Cebu, Palawan, Boracay, and Siargao are consistent standouts as the best in the world by major travel authorities.

While you soak in the sun, connect with life again in this rich, beautiful space – renowned wonders of the world, UNESCO heritage sites, the marine biodiversity center – and that's just the cherry on top.

We'll prime your trip with a warm Filipino welcome and intentionally detailed care every step of the way you'll feel you are home. Because you will be home. We'll let you experience for yourself the friendliest country in Asia and some of the happiest in the world.

Let us treat you to bespoke programs seamlessly crafted by luxury travel connoisseurs. You'll be delighted the moment you touch down up until you leave.

Let the Philippines usher you to a place of wonder, of kindness, of beauty, of raw, and pure breath of gratitude. And allow us to take care of you when you're here.

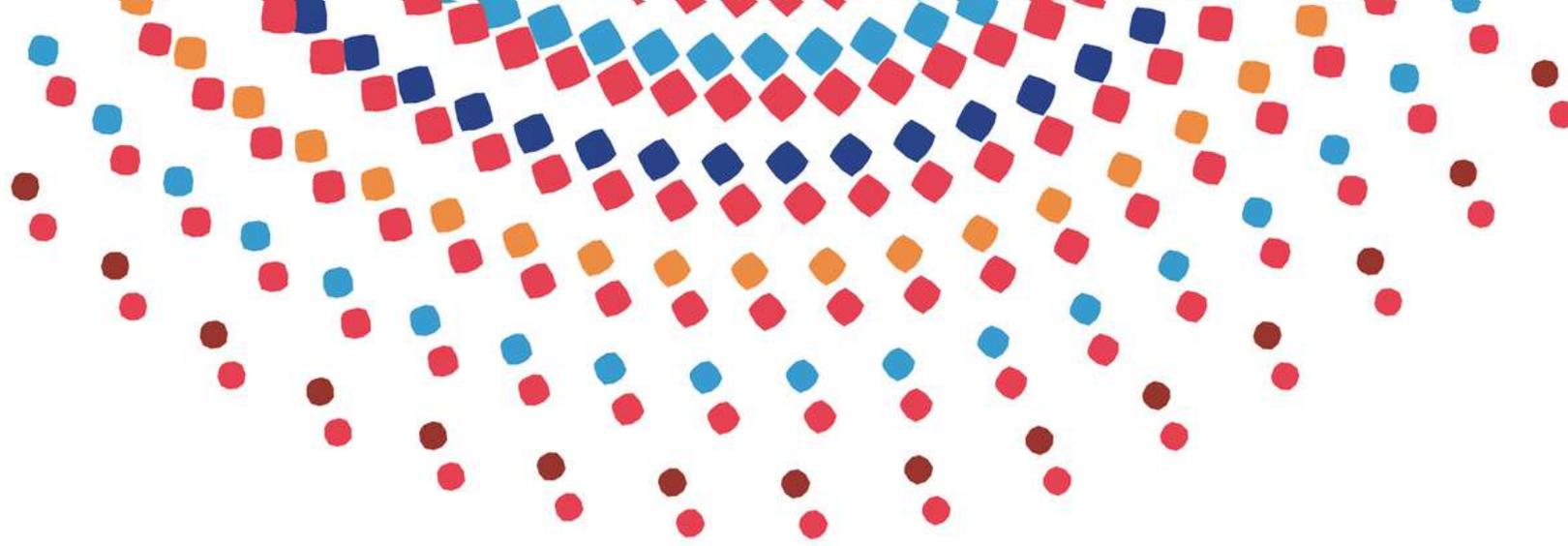


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Twin Lagoon, Coron, Palawan

Philippines

Asia but not quite

It's the idiosyncrasies that foster the spirit of curiosity, of interest, of the desire to know a little bit deeper.

In the heart of Southeast Asia, just between the Pacific Ocean and the South China Sea, lies an archipelago with 7,641 islands of paradise waiting to be explored – The Philippines.

An exclusive archipelago so secluded from its neighboring countries, the Philippines is distinctly apart and so culturally different from all its Asian neighbors.

Every island is home to a unique landscape, from rolling hills and lush jungles to sprawling cities and pristine beaches. Broadly categorized into three bigger groups of islands – Luzon, up north, the largest, which includes Manila, Laoag, Vigan, Banaue, Sagada, and Palawan; Visayas, in the middle, where Bohol, Cebu, and Boracay thrive; and Mindanao, down south, the second largest island where the beauty of Siargao can be found – only 2,000 of these islands are inhabited, which leaves the rest untouched, wondrous, and sublime.

The Philippines is a melting pot of cultures. She is 300 years of Spanish colonization, 48 years of American rule, nearly 4 years of Japanese occupation, and a cocktail of Malay, Arab, Indian, and Chinese imprints.

Spain draped the country with architecture and Catholicism as you'll recognize in the grand cathedrals and churches scattered all over the country, and the centuries-old Spanish-built "Walled City", the Intramuros.

The Americans gave the Filipinos education, not only in the English language, which makes it the 3rd largest English-speaking country in the world, but government systems, music, films, fashion, food, and psyche, too.

English is the language of commerce, law, and the primary medium of instruction in schools. Filipino, the official language, and some 100+ different dialects are spoken throughout the archipelago. Vestiges of the Spanish language still exist in these dialects, especially in elderly conversations.

Named in honor of Philip II of Spain, the Philippines, or officially the Republic of the Philippines, is a beautiful blend of multiple cultures. As Asia's only former Spanish colony, the Philippines offers an intriguing point of difference from its neighboring countries.

The fusion makes the country so unique, you'll be treated to not only endless summers, but also an array of interesting landscapes, tours, experiences, and people you'll remember who make up a place and ultimately define the experience.

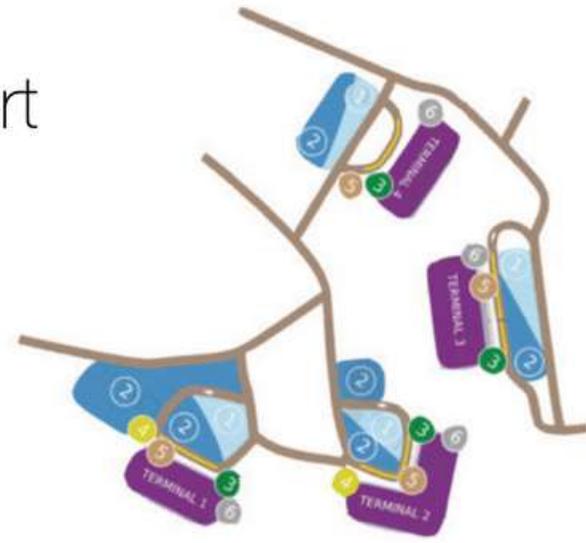
The Country

- Luzon
- Palawan
- Cebu
- Bohol
- Siargao
- Siquijor
- Boracay



The Airport

- Short-stay Parking
- Long-stay Parking
- Taxi Rank
- Bus Station
- Shuttle
- Car Rental



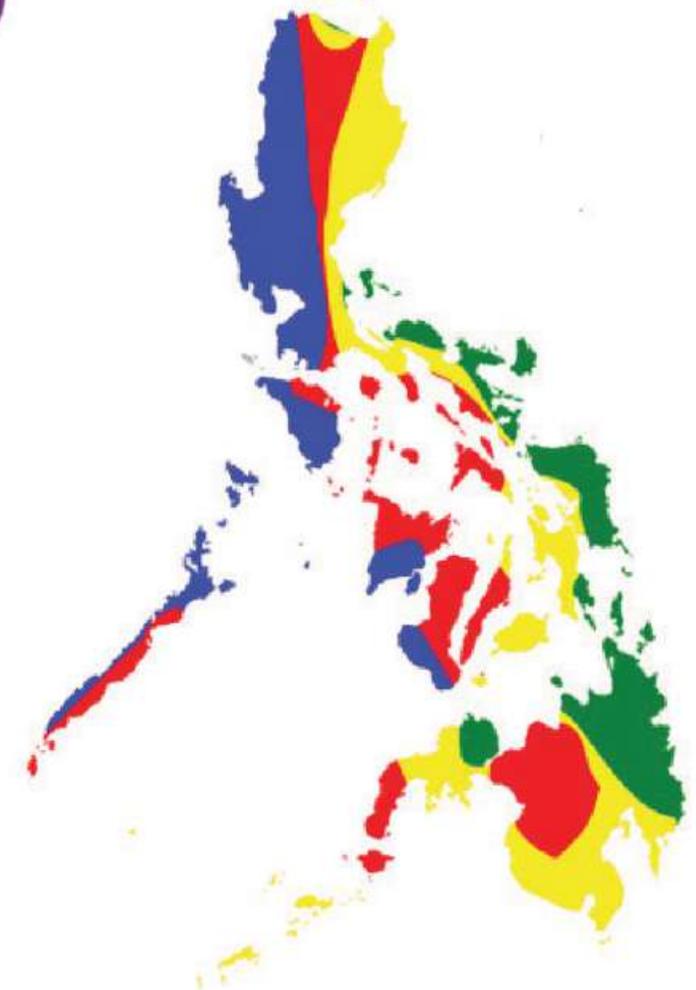
The Weather

- Type I.**
Two pronounced season: dry from November to April and wet during the rest of the year.
- Type II.**
No dry season with a pronounced rainfall from November to January.
- Type III.**
Seasons are not very pronounced, relatively dry from November to April, and wet during the rest of the year.
- Type IV.**
Rainfall is more or less evenly distributed throughout the year.

There are three recognized seasons: Tag-init or Tag-araw (the hot season or summer from March to May), Tag-ulan (the rainy season from June to November), and Tag-lamig (the cold season from December to February).

The humid southwest monsoon (May-October) is known as "Habagat". The cool and dry winds of the northeast monsoon (November-April) are called "Amihan".

These seasons can seriously get mixed up by the El Niño / La Niña effects. El Niño brings dry weather and even droughts. La Niña stands for rainy weather and floods.





Malate Church

MANILA

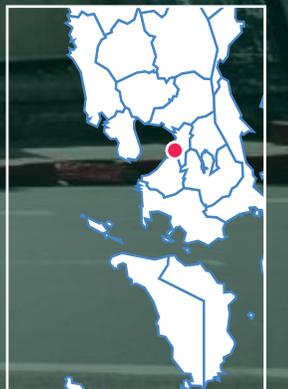
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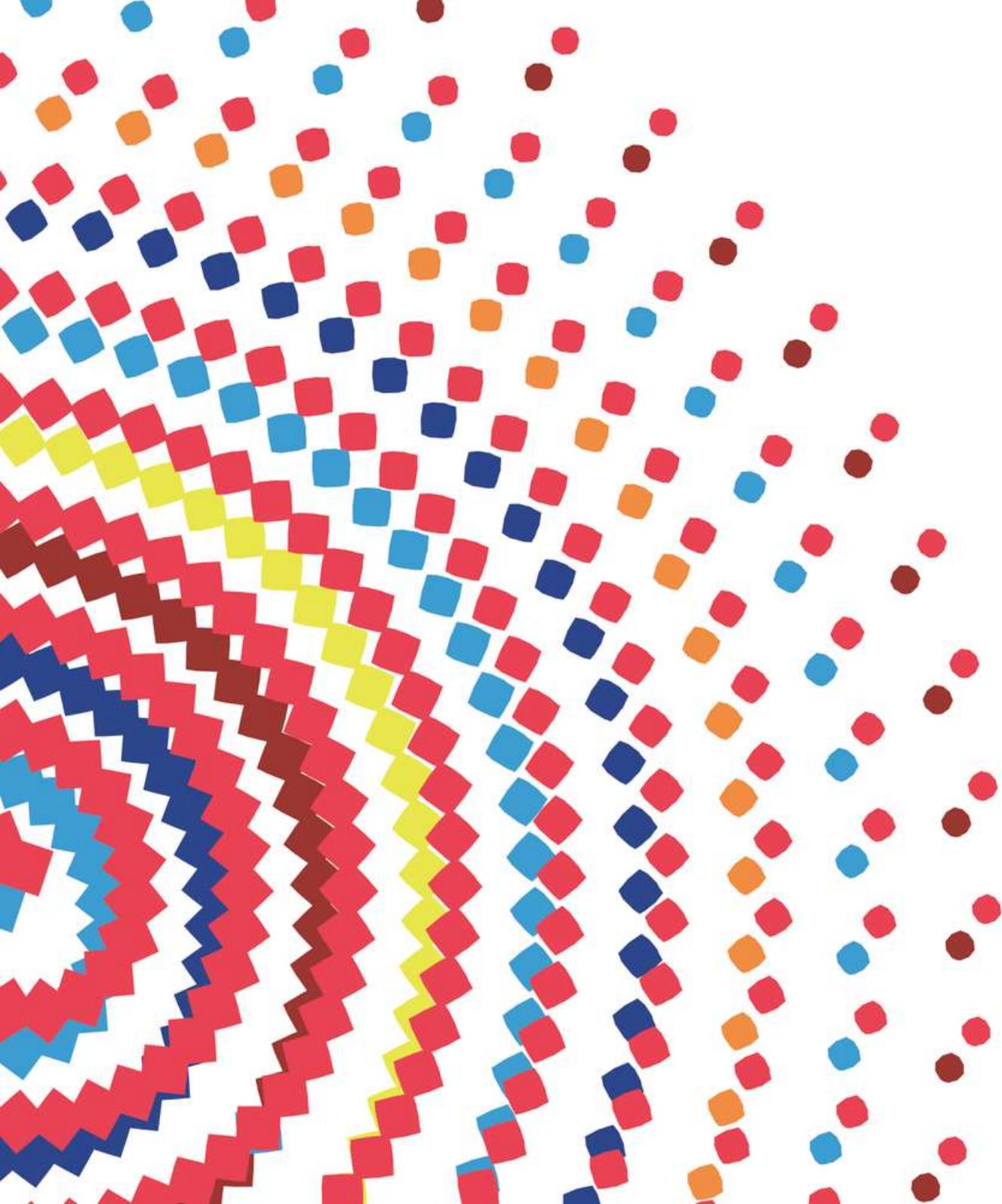
Manila, Your introduction to the Philippines
Manila reveals her soul to those who are open to truly know her. She is opulent but she doesn't parade it. She'd prefer to be appreciated as she is, scars and all, not for the expectations you think she should be.

Manila is the capital city of the Philippines, as is what's loosely used to pertain to the whole metropolitan region consisting of 16 cities and 1 municipality, more aptly, the Metro Manila.

Located on the eastern shore of Manila Bay in Luzon, vibrant Manila is a mix of sophistication and energy as the center of Philippine culture, arts, commerce, industry, and tourism.

If you want a peek into her depth, you're better off standing inside, with eyes closed, feeling the air, listening to her tell her story so softly, almost a whisper, in the middle of the ancient structures in Intramuros. Founded by the Spanish in 1571 as the center of its conquest of the Philippines, Intramuros, the "Walled City", encapsulates her silent strength, her resilience, her strong foundation, her subtle beauty, her grace, her steadfastness amidst everything she had to go through.





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LANDSCAPE



Intramuros District



San Agustin Church & Museum



Baluarte de San Diego



Jeepney

Your first stop in the Philippines is “The Walled City”, the Intramuros District in Manila. You’ll be introduced to the capital’s history, which showcases the strong Spanish influence as you go on a guided walking tour around Intramuros, San Agustin Church and museum, and Baluarte de San Diego.

The word "jeepney" is a portmanteau of pre-war "jitney", a US passenger bus, and post-World War II US military "jeep", which became the template for the modern jeepney. The jeep can be found all over the country painted in loud colors, novelty images, or funny phrases, and the fare is cheap.

Visit Intramuros

Take a Jeepney Ride



Binondo & Chinatown

Binondo is the oldest Chinatown in the world and the country's center of commerce during the American occupation. It is now a haven for foodies out to discover local food so much so that organized food crawls are a hit with tourists and locals alike.

*Explore Binondo, the Oldest
Chinatown in the World*



Manila Bay Sunset

Nothing like a postcard-perfect sunset to make you appreciate the beauty of this planet. You'll catch this golden masterpiece view at the end of your tour of Intramuros.

*Catch the famous Manila
Bay sunset*



The American Cemetery spans 152 acres of prominent plateau with a breathtaking view of the Manila skyline. It honors 17,206 US servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives in the Philippines and other allied nations during World War II.

Visit the American Memorial



Makati Skyline

The financial hub of the Philippines, Makati, welcomes you with a selection of fine dining, premium cafes, bars, and clubs, and of course, shopping!

Dine and Party in Makati



WHERE
TO STAY



Hotel Lobby



Deluxe King Room

Share the history of an icon of sophistication in the Filipino capital. The Peninsula Manila has set the benchmark for luxury and sophistication for over four decades. In 2019, The Peninsula Manila was named a Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star hotel, the only hotel in the principal central business districts to receive the coveted ranking in the publisher's annual announcement of the world's finest luxury hotels.

The rooms offer a perfect haven for business travelers or couples, with the choice of one king or twin-bed configurations. Large picture windows facilitate excellent city views and make these rooms in tones of blue and gray even more spacious and bright. Subtle mood lighting creates a relaxing contrast to the excitement of the city outside.

The Peninsula Manila



Vega Pool

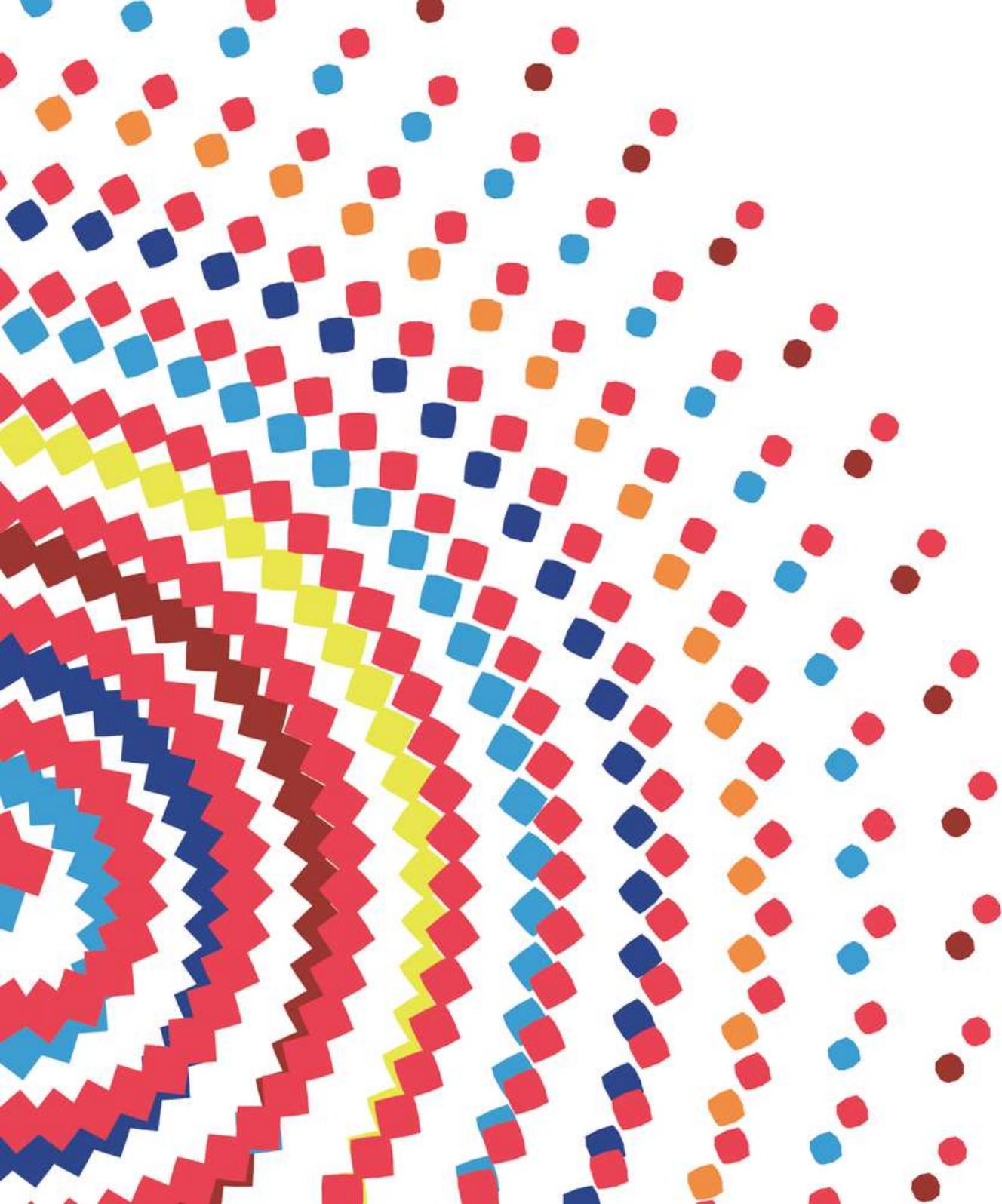
Hilton Manila, a sophisticated urban oasis in the heart of Resorts World Manila, presents guests with well-appointed guest Magic with award-winning dining choices and leisure options including the Vega Pool. One of the largest heated swimming pools in ine vero, vega makes for a rewarding experience with family and friends.



Hilton Manila

Hilton Manila's modern and spacious guestrooms and suites, such as the One Bedroom Suite, provide guests with a sense of style and comfort. It features separate living and dining areas, 55-inch LED TV, as well as bathroom with a separate bathtub and rain shower including plush amenities. Each room is equipped with Hilton Clean Stay to ensure wony-free stays and experiences.

Hilton Manila



WHERE
TO DINE



Modern cuisine, local ingredients. The preservation, sustainability, and exploration of food and local flavors of the Philippines and the Southeast Asian region are central to our philosophy.

Gallery by Chele



Once the country's first commercial airport, the site has been lavishly redeveloped whilst maintaining the integrity of the original art deco design. Eclectic menus, inspired by the aviation history of the building. Combined world classics with contemporary Asian cooking.

Blackbird at the Nielson Tower



Chocolate Hills

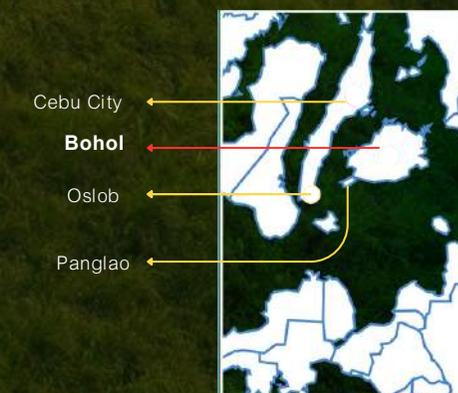
BOHOL ISLAND

Destinations

Poetic names have been written to describe Bohol. It is God's Little Paradise and it is the Land of Enchantment. This oval-shaped island draws you in like a spell. From the numerous mounds of brown-colored limestone formations, more popularly known as the Chocolate Hills to the smallest primates in the world, the Tarsiers, from the 16th-century watchtowers to Baroque Jesuit mission churches, from the Loboc River to Tagbilaran City itself, Bohol is a place of culture and history and a home to overwhelming wonders in the land and the sea.

Come and visit Bohol – the island that has it all! Traverse the Loboc River stand-up paddling; go quad-biking at the foot of the Chocolate Hills or bike-zip through its picturesque view; learn how to make Calamay, a Bohol delicacy, also a quintessential souvenir; celebrate a patron saint, a harvest, or a historical event with the locals in one of the town fiestas; watch the dolphins in Pamilacan, snorkel in the vivid depths of the small Balicasag Island Reef Sanctuary off the coast of Panglao, and enjoy the beautiful beaches and cave pools of Anda.

Bohol cradles you like a nurturing mother replete with every life experience you'll ever need, nothing less, always more.

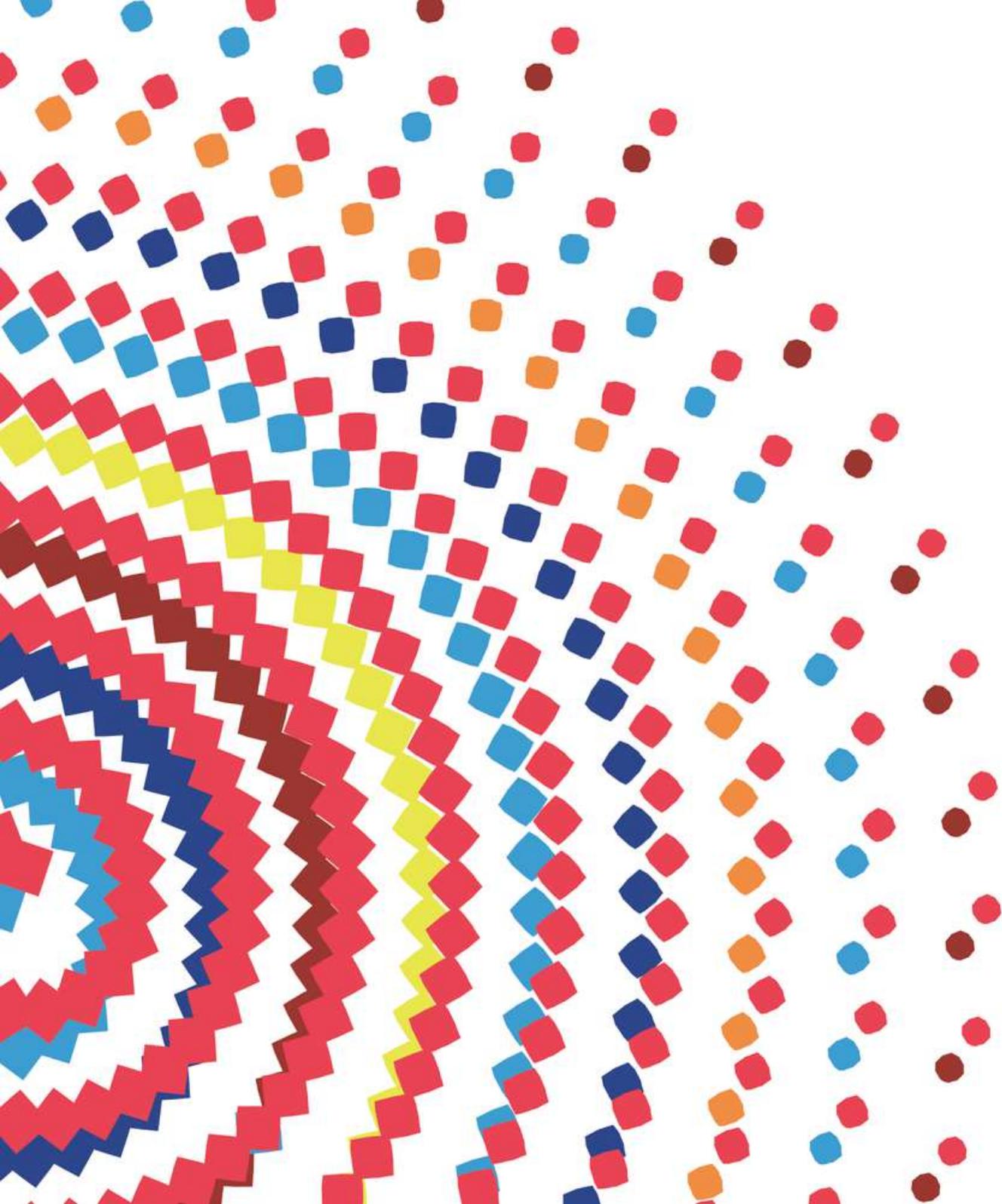


Cebu City

Bohol

Oslob

Panglao



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Loboc Zipline



Hinagdanan Cave



Tricycle Experience



Sipatan Twin Bamboo Hanging Bridges



Bilar Man-made Forest

Bohol Island adventure awaits! Zipline through the mountain slope and Loboc River in Loboc Ecotourism Adventure Park; cross the Sipatan River via the bouncing Twin Hanging Bridge and enjoy the incredible view of lush greenery and blue-green water; explore the town aboard the local tricycle.

Relax and reconnect with nature and admire the fruits of a 50-year-old reforestation project in Bilar man-made forest. Take a quick dip in Hinagdanan Cave, which was accidentally discovered by a farmer.

Island Adventures



The Chocolate Hills are nice to look at but even better to experience wandering around with a quadbike! Drive around this not-to-miss unique landscape, on your own or with a guide, for an hour or so and get your adrenaline pumping.

*Quad biking at the foot
of Chocolate Hills*



Alona Beach



Balicasag Island

Swim or lounge along the white sand of Alona Beach on Panglao Island or dive and be mesmerized by the diverse marine life on Balicasag Island.

Beaches and Diving



Baclayon Church



Blood Compact Monument

Learn a bit more about the history of Bohol when you visit Baclayon Church, one of the Philippines' oldest stone churches; and the Blood Compact Monument, the mark of the first friendship treaty between the Filipinos (Datu Sikatuna - Bohol chieftain) and Spaniards (Miguel López de Legazpi - Spanish explorer).

The Spanish Influence



Loboc River

Enjoy a sumptuous lunch buffet on a private cruise along the jade-green Loboc River. Apart from the food and the view, you get to experience, as the cruise stops at the villages, a short cultural show by the local community.

Loboc River Cruise Lunch



Tarsier

Get up close and learn a handful about tarsiers, one of the world's smallest primates known for their large bulbous eyes and gentle demeanor, when you visit the Tarsier Research and Development Center in Corella.

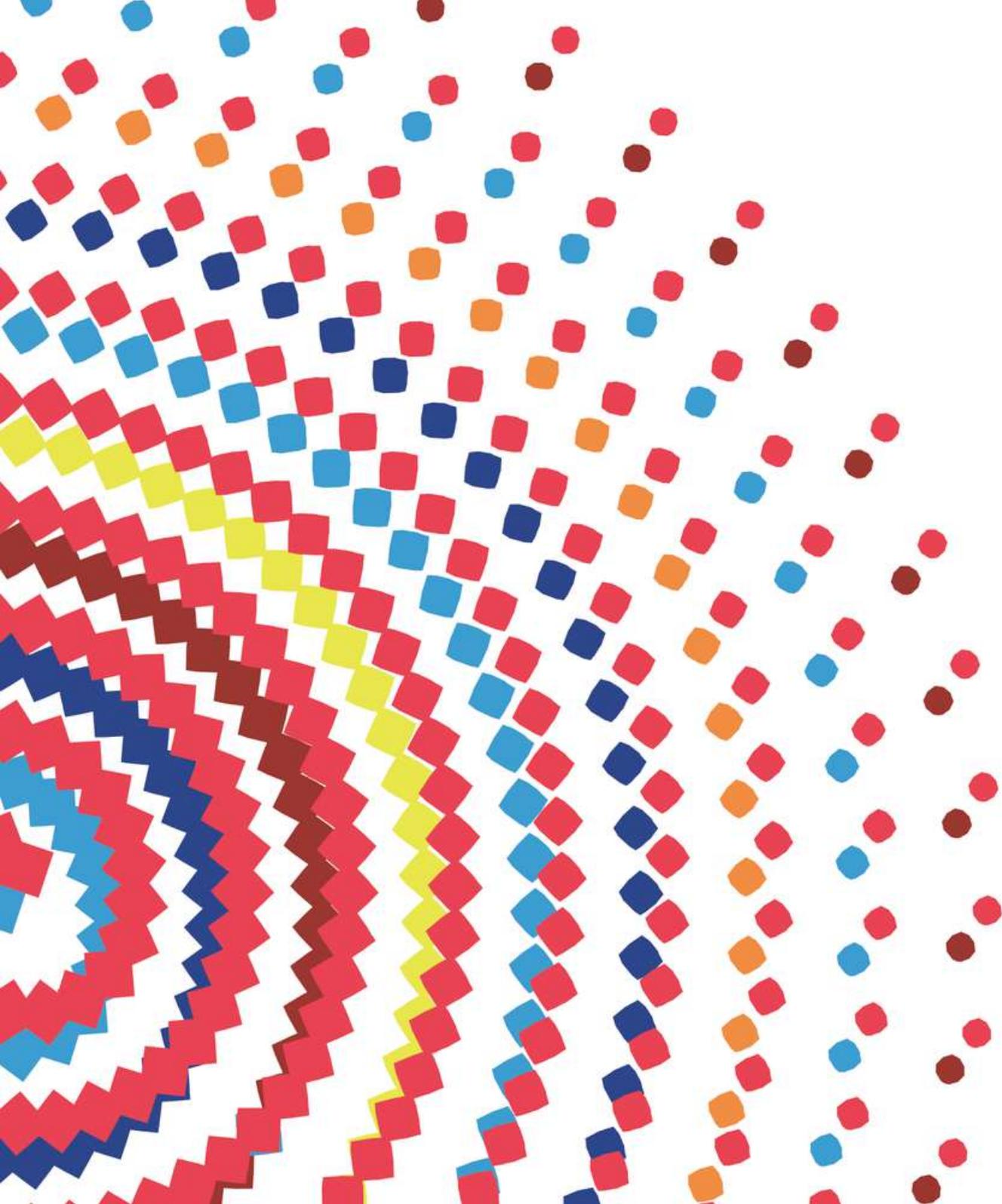
Tarsier Spotting



Firely Fly

Watch fireflies dance a magical luminous show along the Loay River or the Abatan River at night as you cruise aboard a traditional wooden Bandung or Sampan boat.

Firefly Tour



WHERE
TO STAY



Infinity Pool

Secluded atop a limestone cliff on the southern edge of Bohol's Panglao Island, Amorita is a tranquil seaside retreat that marries world-class service with signature Filipino hospitality. This award-winning luxury resort boasts 98 spacious rooms, 3 dining outlets, and 2 picturesque infinity pools.



One Bedroom Seaview Pool Villa

Elegant accommodation in a tranquil area with 1 king bed, patio, and its own plunge pool overlooking the Bohol Sea.

Amorita Resort



Donatela Resort and Sanctuary



Garden Villa



Paprika Restaurant



Amun Ini - Aerial View

Escape to the serene retreat of Donatela Resort and Sanctuary, a captivating destination that harmoniously blends nature and luxury. With its stunning location overlooking the Bohol Sea, this resort offers a range of amenities, including an outdoor swimming pool, a private beach area, and eight beautifully designed villas. Nestled amidst 7.5 hectares of lush botanical gardens, guests can explore the picturesque surroundings or visit the on-site equestrian center.

“Amun Ini” means “this is ours” in the Ilonggo Dialect...and when you stay at Amun Ini Resort in Bohol, this becomes yours too...your home away from home. Amun Ini is set on a three-hectare beachfront property located in the municipality of Anda, Bohol, Philippines. Built to provide guests an immersion into our forest-like surroundings and a fantastic view of a crystal clear blue sea that boasts of a 15 kilometer long coral reef, Amun Ini offers endless attractions for nature, snorkeling and diving enthusiasts.

*Donatela Resort
and Sanctuary*

*Amun Ini Beach
Resort & Spa*

EL NIDO, PALAWAN

Destinations

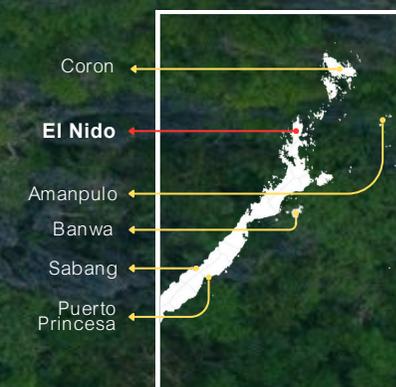
Feet in the sand, cocktail in your hand, eyes to the horizon admiring sundown. This is you in one of the most breathtaking and enchanting islands in the entire world, El Nido in Palawan.

Southwest of the Philippines, north of Palawan, the island contrasts between the mundane and the sublime.

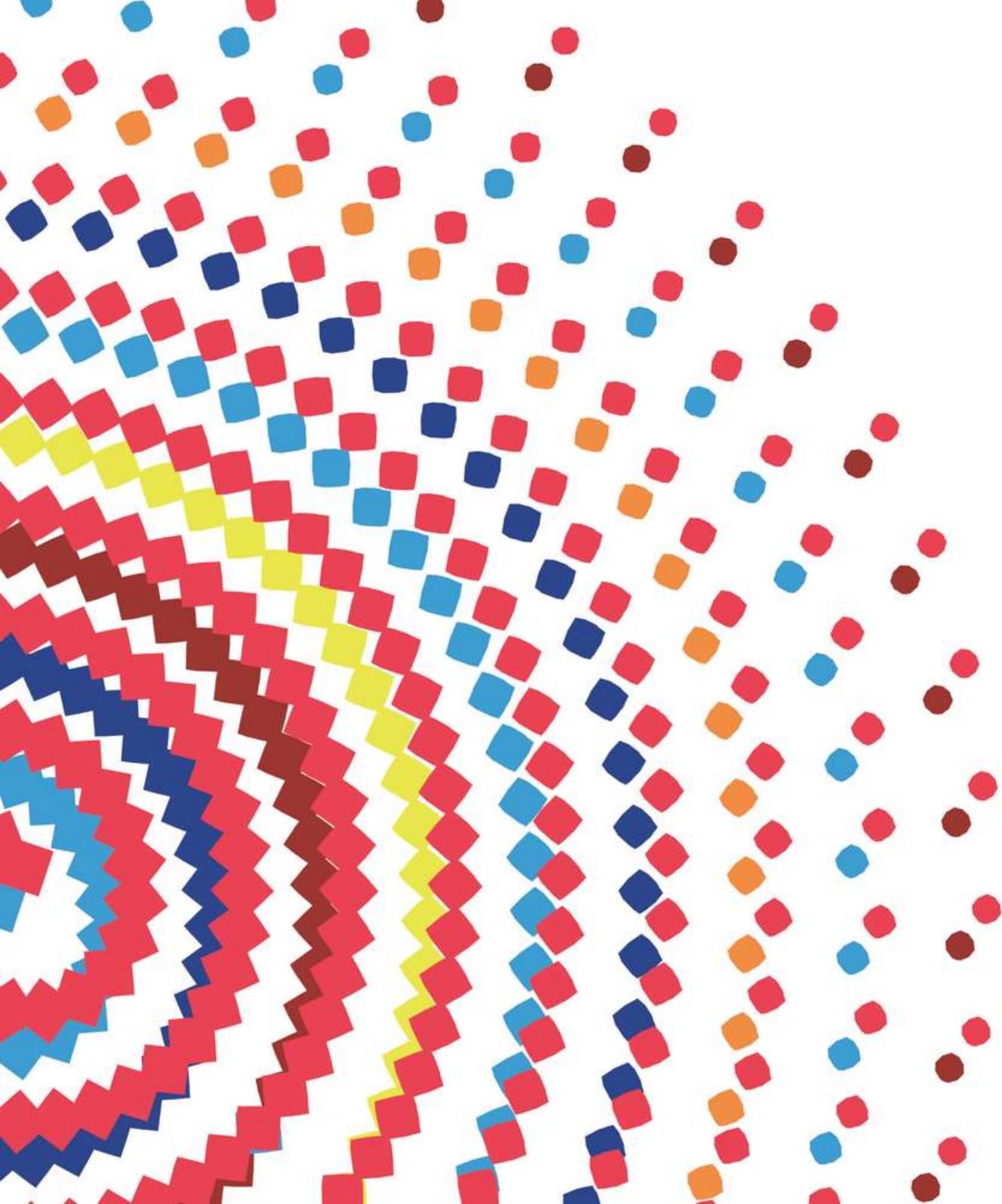
El Nido was named after the edible nests of swiftlets (*collocalia fuciphaga*), found in the crevices of its limestone cliffs. These nests, nido in Spanish, the main ingredient for the gourmet nido soup, are being sold at approximately US\$ 3,000 per kilogram.

There are but a few places on earth that are left untouched and El Nido has some of the most beautiful sceneries you will ever encounter. This cluster of 45 small islands off the tip of Palawan is surrounded by white sand, magical lagoons, stunning limestone formations rising majestically above the bright blue turquoise glasslike waters teeming with vibrant marine life and coral reefs.

Bask and appreciate all the beauty in beaches and paradise islands that never end.



Beach Beside The Limestone Cliff



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Big Lagoon

You'll find the Big Lagoon on the eastern side of Miniloc Island. Your boat will dock near the entrance and you'll kayak your way inside one of the most magical, surreal places in El Nido, unlike any other place in the Philippines, or even the world.



Small Lagoon

The small lagoon is only smaller in scale compared to its neighboring Big Lagoon, but it isn't small at all. There's plenty of room to explore! Kayak into a stunning inlet and explore little caves and cliff diving spots. Find privacy in little nooks and places where it's just you and nature surrounded by stunning limestone rock formations between crystal clear waters and lush tropical settings.

Kayaking in Small and Big Lagoon around Miniloc Island



El Nido Bay and Cadlao Island



Secret Lagoon and Beach



Wild Beach



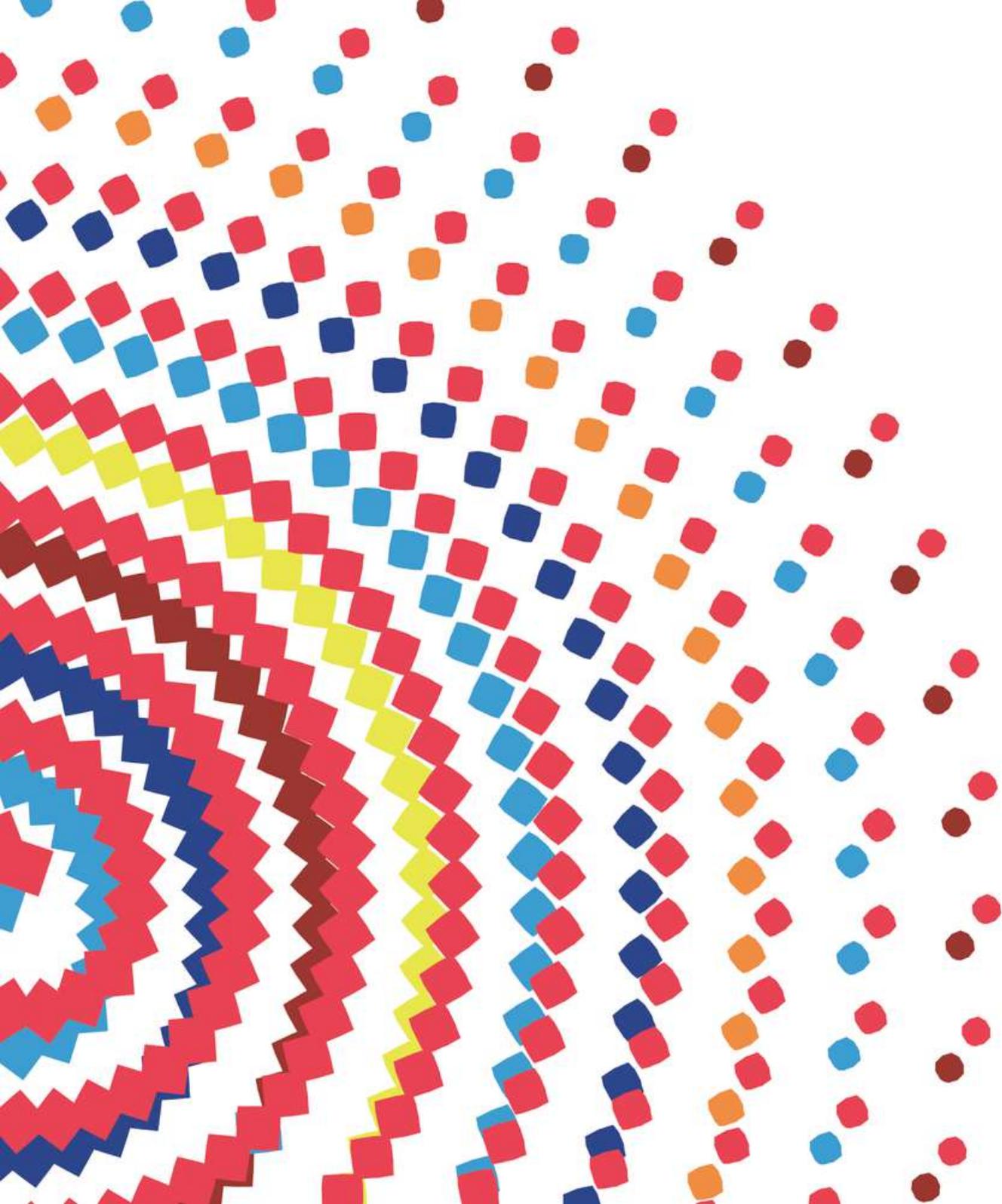
Wedding Set-up

They call it remote, secret, and wild, but one thing that's common in these islands is that each one is a surreal, awe-inspiring paradise.

Inarguably the dreamiest backdrop to celebrate a beautiful union with the people you cherish. What an unforgettable paradise to prime the rest of your life together in.

Bring Me to these Islands

*Honeymoon and Bespoke
Wedding Events*



WHERE
TO STAY



PANGULASIAN ISLAND

A Destination of its Own

Pangulasian Island is El Nido Resorts' Eco-Luxury island resort in Bacuit Bay, El Nido. The resort is set fronting a pristine beach and against a backdrop of tropical forest. Also known as the "Island of the Sun", Pangulasian has breathtaking views of both the sunrise and sunset.



- El Nido
- Miniloc Island
- Pangulasian Island**
- Lagen Island

Aerial View – Pangulasian Island



Pangulasian Island appeals to the highly discerning traveler looking for exclusivity and bespoke pampering. Take a private sunset cruise, indulge in a romantic dinner by the beach, or relax at the spa with luxurious treatments.

Frolic in the 750-meter stretch of white sand beach and be amazed by the marine sanctuary right at its doorstep. Discerning guests will be treated to luxurious amenities and impeccable and personalized service at Pangulasian Island.

Island Paradise



Amianan Restaurant



Dinner Set-up



Lounge



Beach Pool Villa

The Amianan Restaurant of the resort serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, while light meals can be enjoyed at the pool bar. The resort offers a sustainable menu and uses organically grown produce from the resort's organic farm in its gourmet dishes. For a more bespoke experience, the resort can also arrange an intimate dinner by the beach or nearby islands or a picnic lunch at one of its beach clubs.

The resort offers a total of 42 deluxe accommodation built with contemporary Filipino and cutting edge "green" design. Eight Canopy Villas are perched on stilts above the forest, 24 Beach Villas provides direct access to the beach and are close to the infinity pool and pool bar. Six Pool Villas are situated at the west-side of the island each has its own 22 square-metre pool. For the ultimate in privacy, four Kalaw Villas sit in a secluded cove at the west end of the island, with its own meeting room and private pool.

Dining Options

The Villas



Resort Aerial View

El Nido Resorts' Eco-Delivery island resort, Miniloc, offers guests with a back-to-basics Filipino coastal village vibe with rustic or native design. It is also a gateway to discover and explore the popular attractions around Bacuit Bay, such as the Big and Small Lagoons and Snake Island.



Cliff and Garden Cottages

Miniloc Island has a total of 47 rooms that are thatched-roofed and furnished with indigenous Filipino materials. Floors are wooden and walls are covered in woven bamboo slats, locally known as sawali. All rooms have a private veranda.

Miniloc Island
El Nido Resort



Resort Aerial View



Cove Private Dinner



Water Cottage

Nestled between a lush four-hectare forest and a calm, shallow lagoon, Lagen Island, El Nido Resorts' Eco-Sanctuary island resort, has the densest forest over limestone out of the 45 islands and islets of Bacuit Bay. Lagen Island serves as a sanctuary for a diverse variety of birds and mammals.

Lagen Island has a total of 51 rooms that incorporate timber recycled from old Filipino homes for floors and furnishings to evoke charm and quiet luxury. Designed for maximum tranquility and calm, all rooms feature full-height sliding glass doors that open to a private veranda.

Lagen Island
El Nido Resort



CORON, PALAWAN

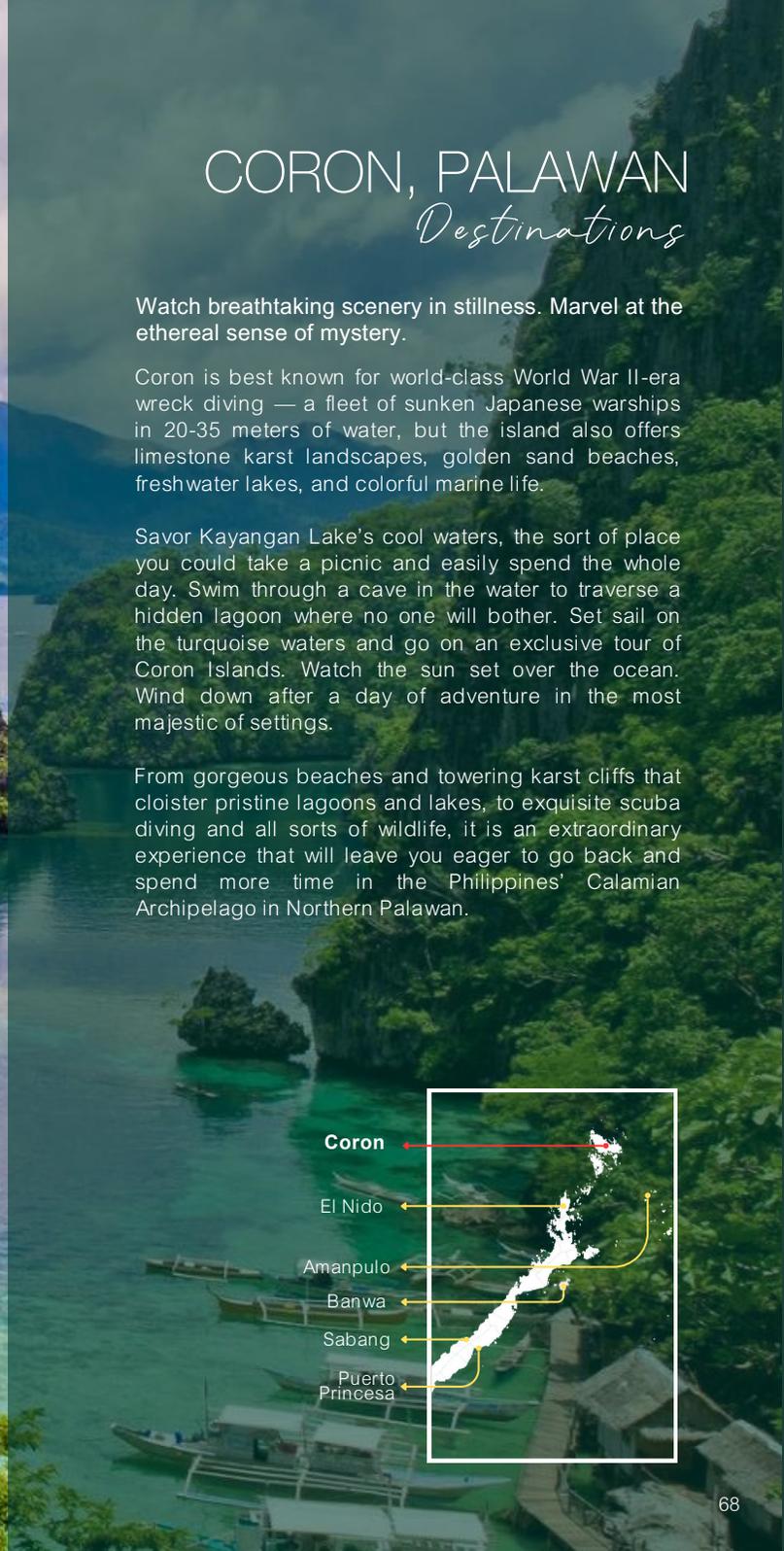
Destinations

Watch breathtaking scenery in stillness. Marvel at the ethereal sense of mystery.

Coron is best known for world-class World War II-era wreck diving — a fleet of sunken Japanese warships in 20-35 meters of water, but the island also offers limestone karst landscapes, golden sand beaches, freshwater lakes, and colorful marine life.

Savor Kayangan Lake's cool waters, the sort of place you could take a picnic and easily spend the whole day. Swim through a cave in the water to traverse a hidden lagoon where no one will bother. Set sail on the turquoise waters and go on an exclusive tour of Coron Islands. Watch the sun set over the ocean. Wind down after a day of adventure in the most majestic of settings.

From gorgeous beaches and towering karst cliffs that cloister pristine lagoons and lakes, to exquisite scuba diving and all sorts of wildlife, it is an extraordinary experience that will leave you eager to go back and spend more time in the Philippines' Calamian Archipelago in Northern Palawan.



Coron

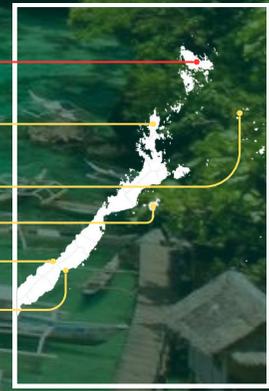
El Nido

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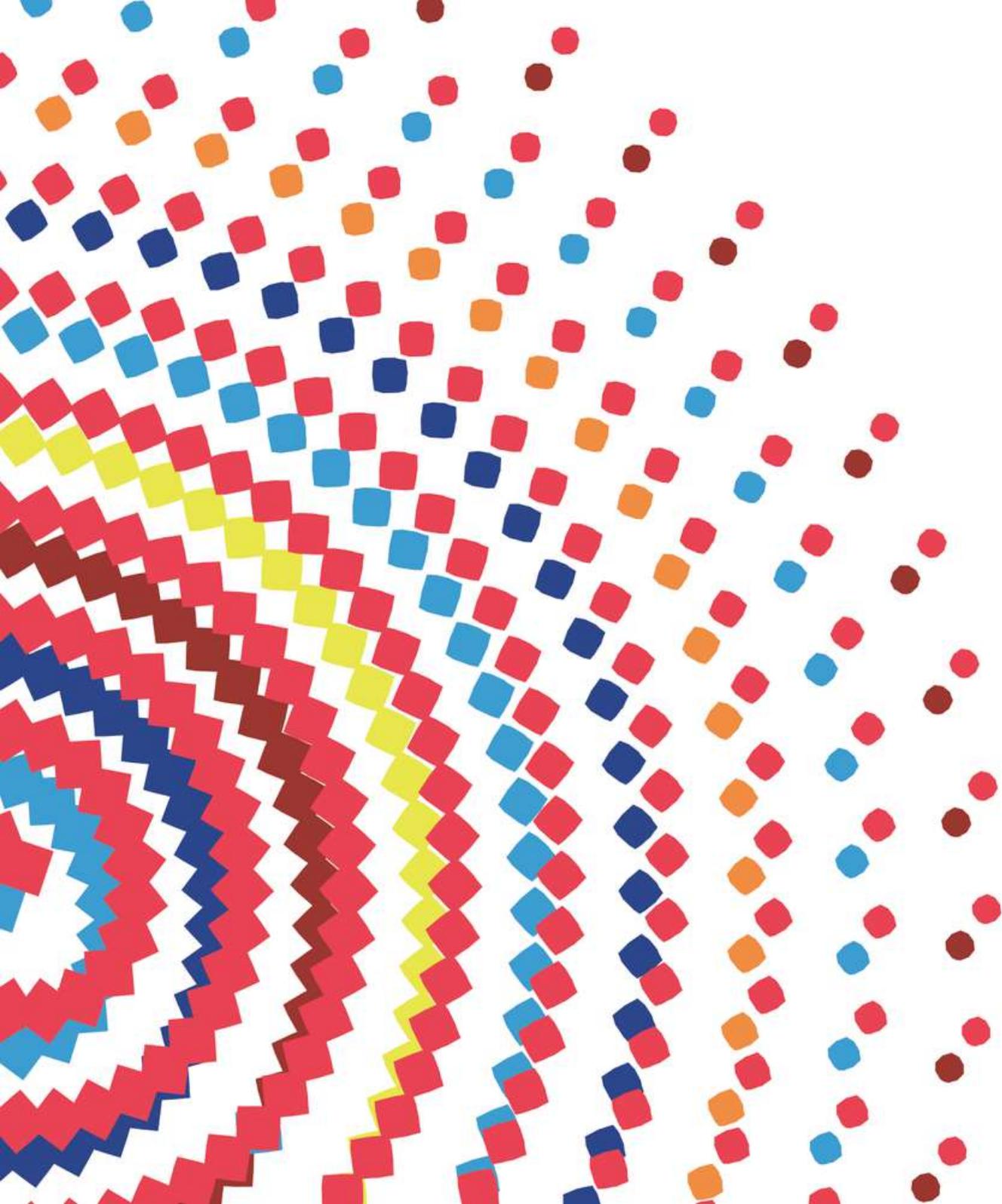
Banwa

Sabang

Puerto Princesa



Trail to Kayangan Lake



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Kayangnan Lake



Malcapuya Island

Dip into Kayangan Lake's cool waters and explore Malcapuya Island and the rest of the scenic island paradise of Coron.

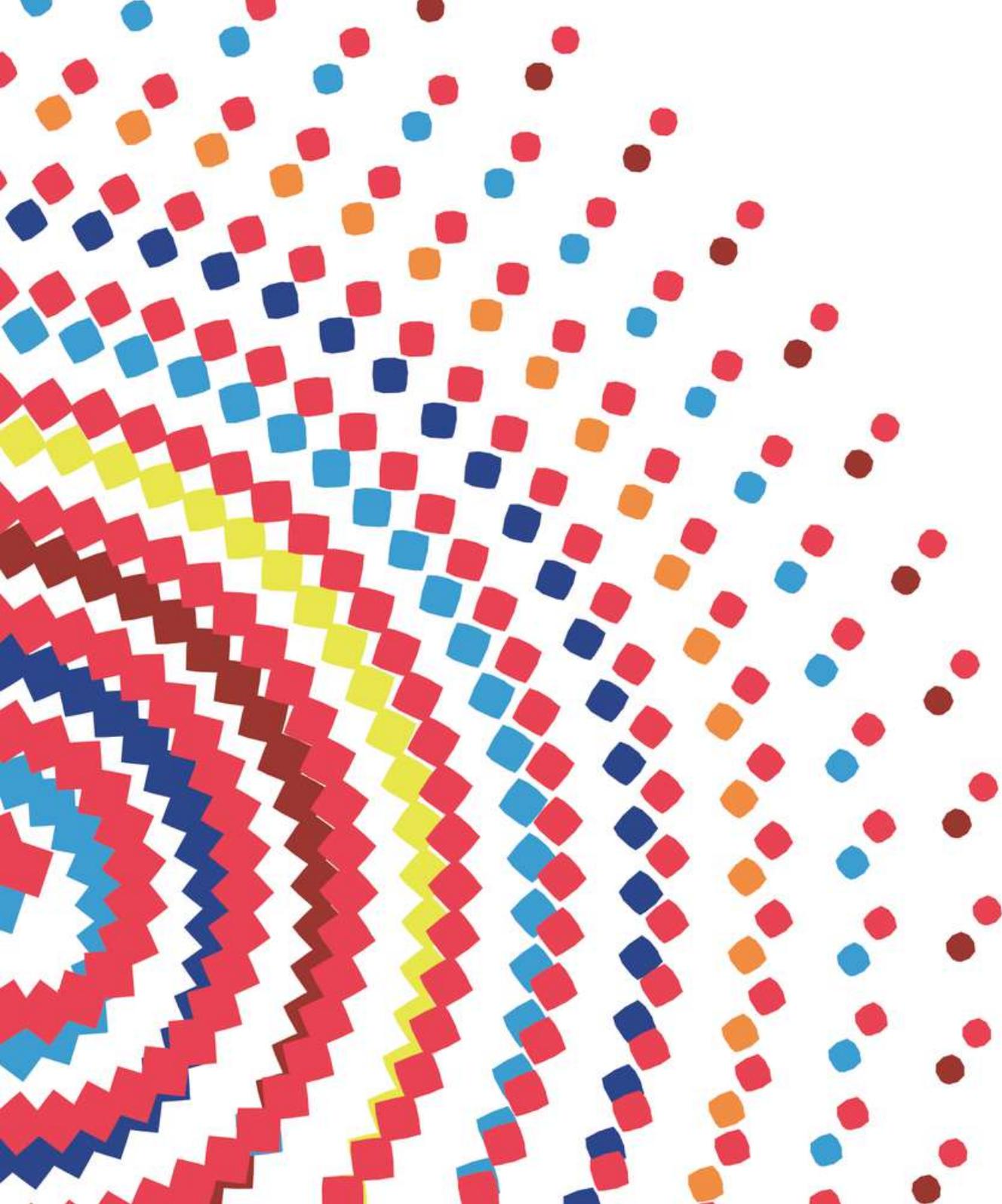
Island Hopping



Shipwreck Diving

Check this world-class diving spot off your bucket list and dive into a fleet of sunken World War II Japanese warship and see diverse marine life against the most rustic of settings.

Ship-wreck Diving



WHERE
TO STAY



Two Seasons Coron Island Resort & Spa

A 5-star eco-friendly accommodation just a scenic boat ride of 45 minute from Coron Town, is located on the beautiful Malaroyroy Peninsula. The resort is also a turtle and giant clam sanctuary, and known as the first eco-friendly luxury island resort in Coron.

Among the myriad things to look forward to is a sandbar connecting to a islet, a vibrant house reef, lush tropical gardens, a 200-meter west-side beach, and another 200-meter east-side beach with mangroves.

*Two Seasons Coron
Island Resort and Spa*



Sabang Beach

PUERTO PRINCESA AND SABANG, PALAWAN

Destinations

There is wisdom in being subtle.

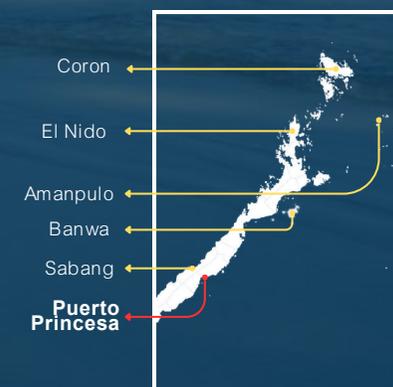
Puerto Princesa, the capital city of Palawan, has always been an afterthought, a passageway, a temporary holding space that thrusts one to that much-anticipated magical paradise. The crowd swarms to the more favored Coron and El Nido and misses this absolute gem.

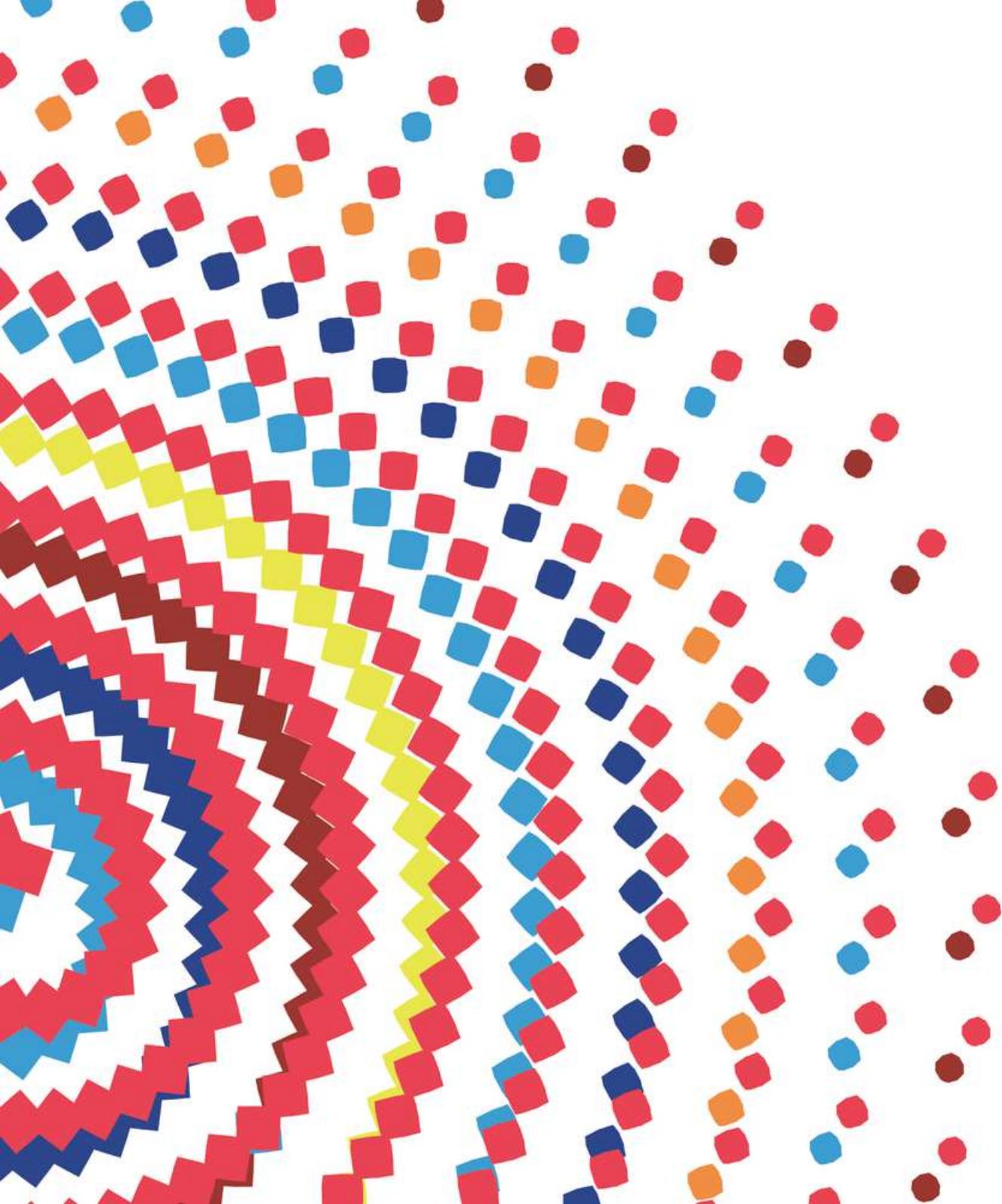
“The City in a Forest”, the Eco-Tourism Center of the Philippines, acclaimed the cleanest and greenest city many times over, Puerto Princesa is the Philippines’ last frontier.

Sabang is a small village in Palawan, an hour and a half drive from Puerto Princesa. It is the entry point to the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River.

From Sabang’s pier, you’ll boat through the jade-green waters and karst landscapes around the bay for 30 minutes until you’re welcomed by the impressive stalactite and stalagmite formations inside the Puerto Princesa Underground River, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and holds a place in the New7Wonders of Nature.

Brimming with countless natural wonders, topped with good food, outstanding cleanliness, and friendly, disciplined people, Puerto Princesa might just take your breath away if you let it.





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Fruit Stands on the Street



Honda Bay



Batak Tribe



Underground River

We'll take you for a quick tour of the capital, Puerto Princesa, then snorkel and island-hop around Honda Bay, then get a closer feel of the local culture getting to know the Batak Tribe.

The underground river is certainly worth doing. You're welcomed with impressive stalactite and stalagmite formations inside the Puerto Princesa Underground River, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and holds a place in the New7Wonders of Nature.

*A Glimpse of
Puerto Princesa*

Explore the Underground River



Daluyon Beach and Mountain Resort

Your Green Destination. Daluyon Beach and Mountain Resort is in Sabang, Puerto Princesa with one of the best beaches in Palawan. A model for sustainable tourism, Daluyon has been awarded 3 ASEAN Green Hotel Awards and was given the Hall of Fame Award by the Department of Tourism (DOT) because of this significant tourism achievement.

It is located near the Underground River, which is part of the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, a protected biodiversity area. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and dubbed as one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature.

*Daluyon Beach and
Mountain Resort*



Kawasan Falls

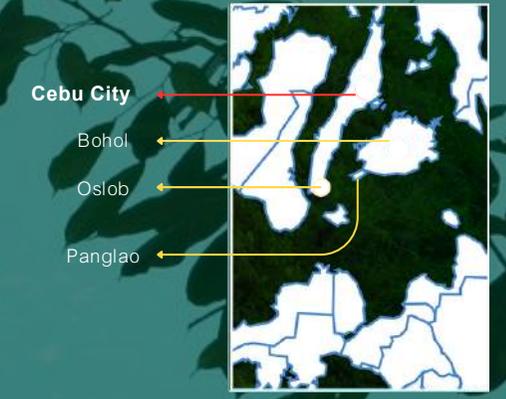
CEBU ISLAND *Destinations*

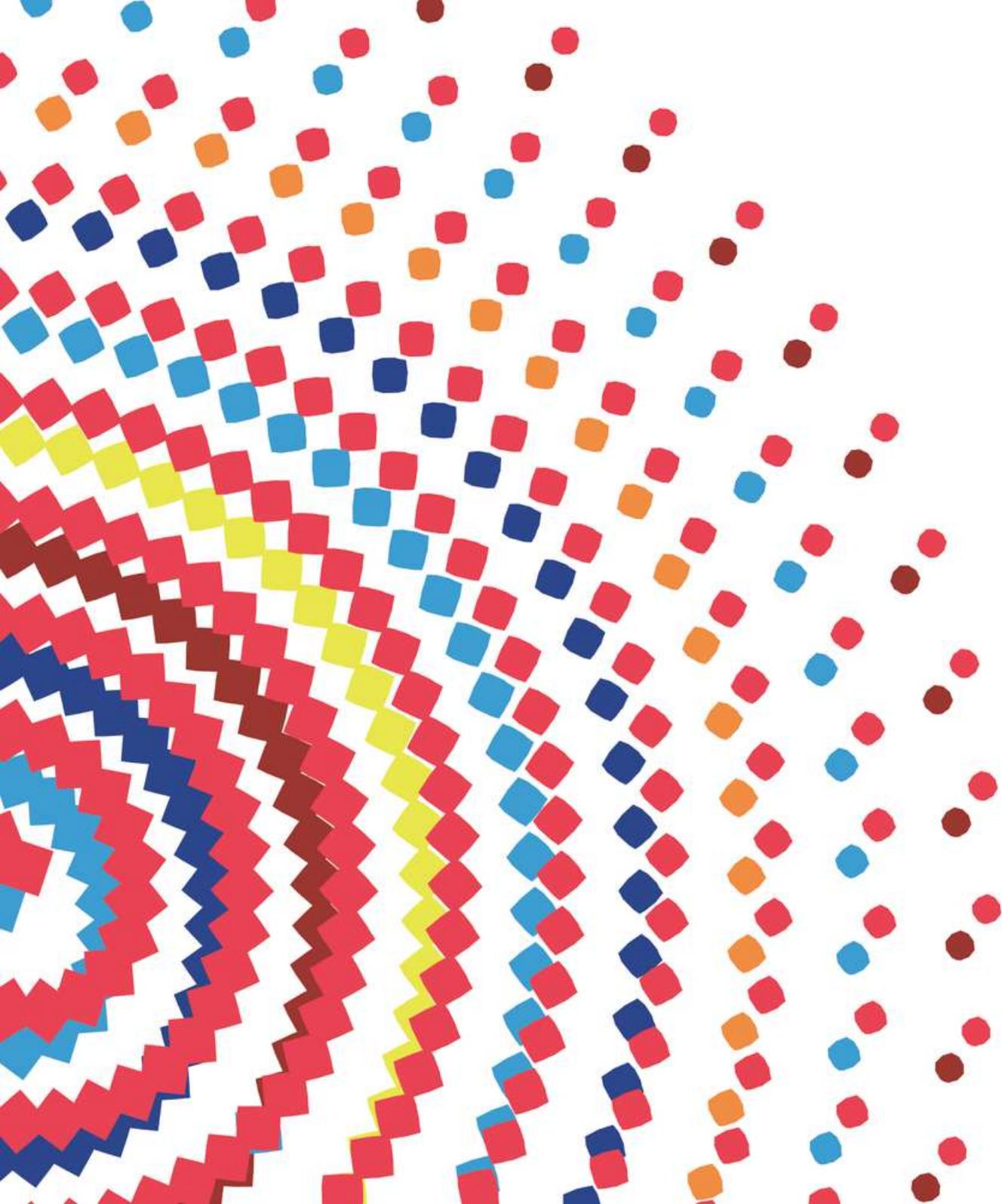
Whether the sun shines or the wind blows, you'll find yourself amidst the best of both worlds. Cebu, "the Queen City of the South", the oldest city and first capital of the Philippines, is a perfect balance of island coast and cosmopolitan living.

Usher in the sunrise swimming with the whales in Oslob. Live it up canyoneering in Badian. Cheer spirited adventurers of all ages as they jump off Kawasan Falls. Swim with the turtles and the sardine run in Moalboal. Wind down the night raising your champagne glass against the silhouette of the city skyline.

The Portuguese navigator, Ferdinand Magellan, once landed on the island in 1521 attracted by its focal position. Currently, Cebu is the main center of industry, education, commerce, and trade on the island of Visayas. Coming from the old Cebuano word, "sibu" or "sibo", Cebu translates to trade, a shortened form of sinibuyang hingpit, 'the place for trading'.

Explore cultural heritage sites, majestic waterfalls, sumptuous food, spectacular beaches, and vibrant city life all on one island. Cebu certainly spoils you with options.





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Swimming with Whales in Oslob

This is your chance to finally tick swimming with the whales off your bucketlist when you visit Oslob in Cebu! Swimming with these gentle giants in Oslob is rated as one of the best places to swim with whale sharks in the Philippines all year round.

Swimming with Whales in Oslob



Sardine Run and Turtles in Moalboal

Snorkel off the shore of Moalboal and experience the exhilarating sardine run – a school of a million sardines – that usually hovers just 30 meters off the coast of Panagsama Beach year-round. In the shallower area, you'll find turtles swimming along.

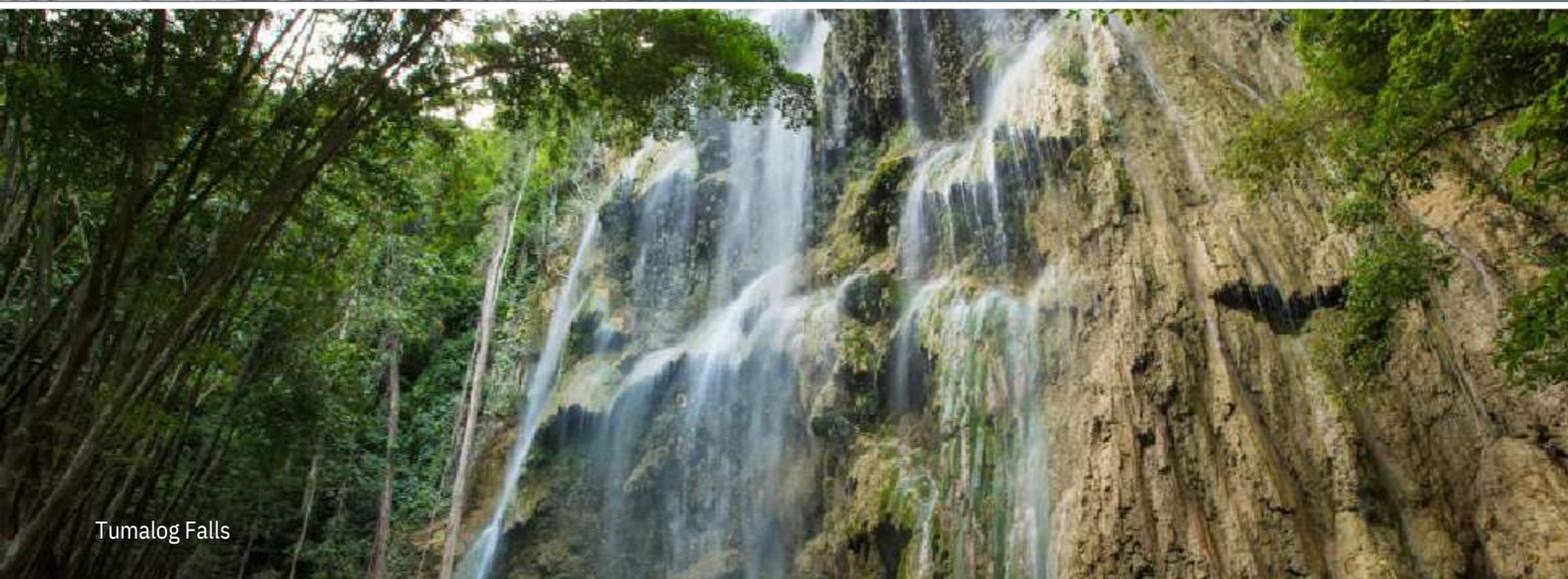
Sardine Run and Swimming with Turtles in Moalboal



Rock Pools in Badian



Magellan's Cross



Tumalog Falls



Fort San Pedro



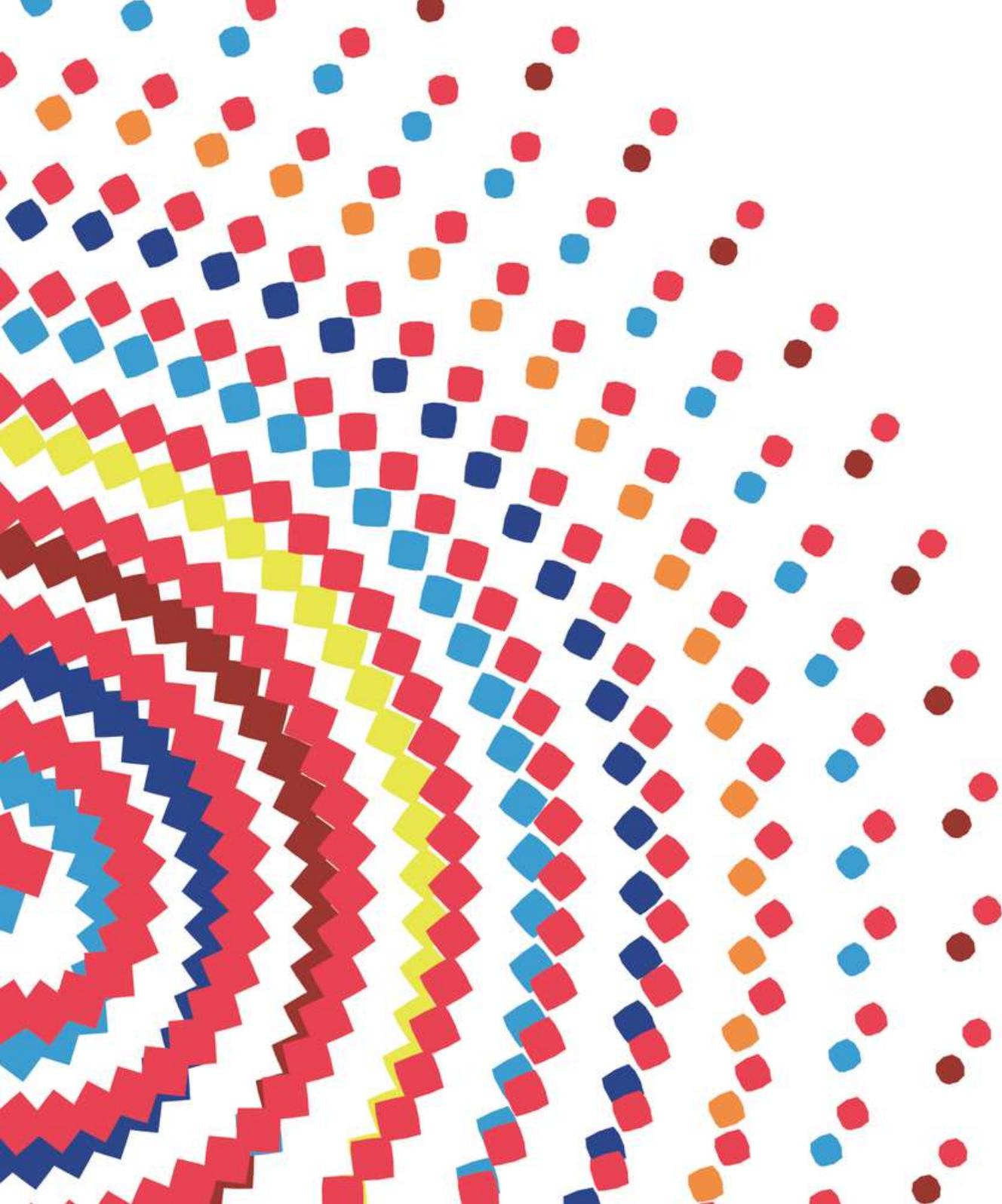
Magellan's Shrine

If you're up for some adrenaline rush, canyoneering and cliff-diving off Kawasan Falls in Badian are unforgettable experiences in the south of Cebu. For a more chill waterfalls adventure, take a relaxing dip in Tumalog Falls' crisp, cold, and shallow waters. Might just be one of the best places you'll see.

For a bit of a history lesson, enrich your trip with a visit to Magellan's Cross, a historic symbol marking the birth of Christianity in Cebu; Magellan's Shrine, a memorial tower that honors the Portuguese explorer, Ferdinand Magellan, who set the path to the Spanish colonization of the Philippines; and Fort San Pedro, the oldest and the smallest fort in the Philippines built by the Spanish as a military defense structure in Cebu.

Canyoneering and the Waterfalls in the South

The Spanish Influence



WHERE
TO STAY



Shifting Sands

As we highlight the unique experiences of Cebu Island, we highly recommend you stay closer to where all these unique activities are located and staying at Bluewater Sumilon Island is the best option.



Two Bedroom Villa

It is located on tranquil Sumilon Island, a 4 hour drive from Cebu City plus a 15 minute boat ride. It is the first marine protected area in the Philippines and was made a fish sanctuary in 1974. The island has an area of 24 hectares and is surrounded by crystal clear waters.

Bluewater Sumilon Island



SIARGAO ISLAND

Destinations

Siargao isn't only high on waves for surfing but also on the list of the best islands in the world.

Witness graceful surfers skillfully balance their way through barrels of big waves or learn to stand up on a wave of your own. The surfing capital of the Philippines, off the northeastern coast of Mindanao, has dozens of surf spots, there surely is a place for everyone.

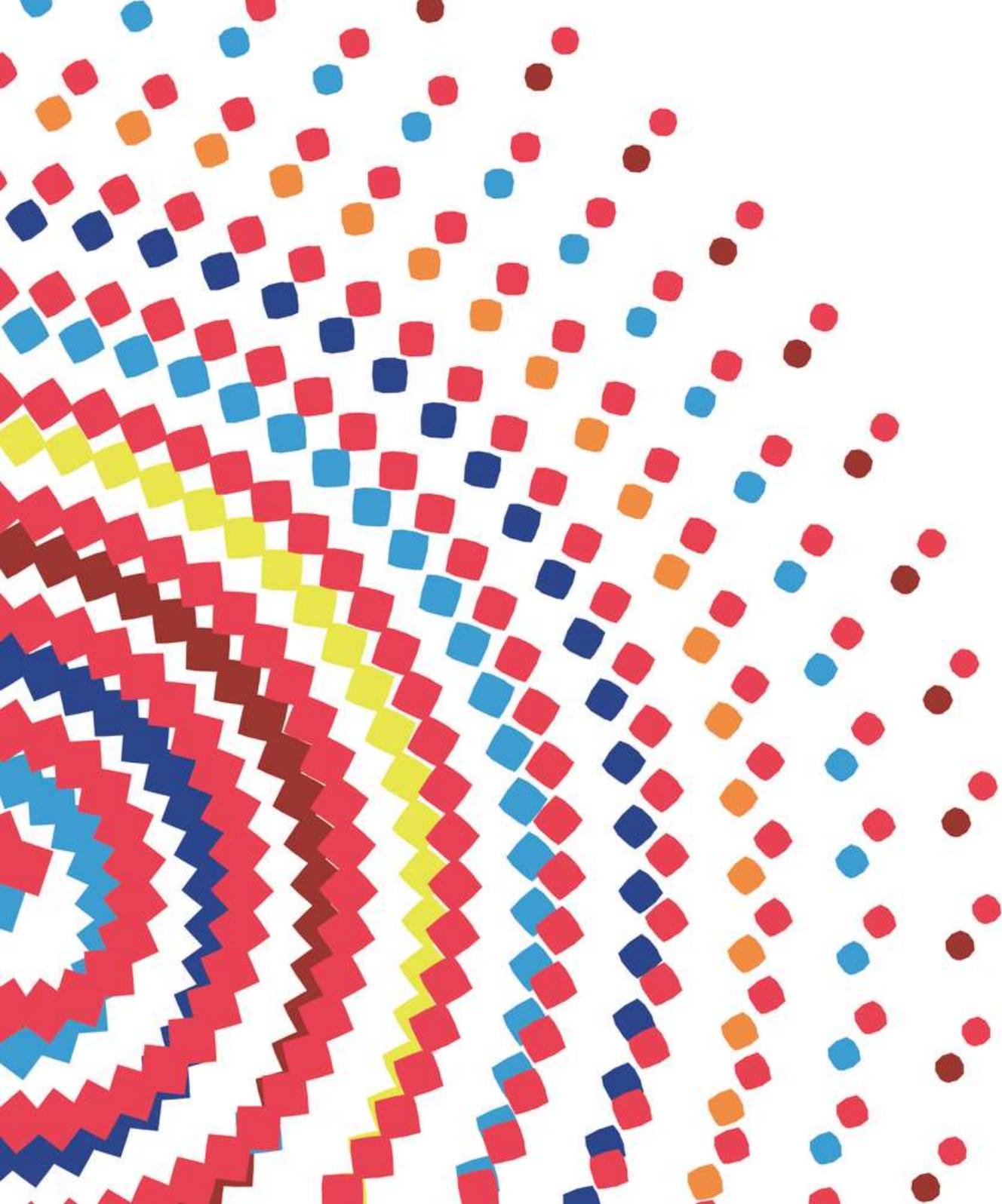
Named after a native mangrove, "siargaw" or "saliargaw" (*Premna odorata*), this teardrop-shaped island is more than its perfect swells. Siargao is a raw, unspoiled paradise swathed in coconut palms, surrounded by glistening white sand, beautiful reefs, blue waters, and a cool, relaxed island culture.

This tropical sanctuary in the southern Philippines is a 2.5-hour flight away from Manila, 1 hour from Cebu.

Take a moment to slow down, watch as the pastels in the sky burn and slowly dim, and be charmed by the countryside.

Whether you embrace adrenaline-fuelled adventure sports or gentler pursuits, Siargao welcomes you.





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Surfing at Cloud 9

Siargao is the surfing capital of the Philippines and Cloud 9 is one of the best surf spots. Between September and March, the best months to hit the waves, local and international surfers best each other in a yearly competition.

Surfing at Cloud-9



Diving in Sugba Lagoon



Stand-up Paddle in Sugba Lagoon

Sugba Lagoon is well-known for its emerald waters surrounded by the equally beautiful Del Carmen Mangrove Reserve. Here, you can do a variety of aquatic activities like stand-up paddling or board diving.

Sugba Lagoon



Guyam Island



Naked Island



Siargao Mangrooves



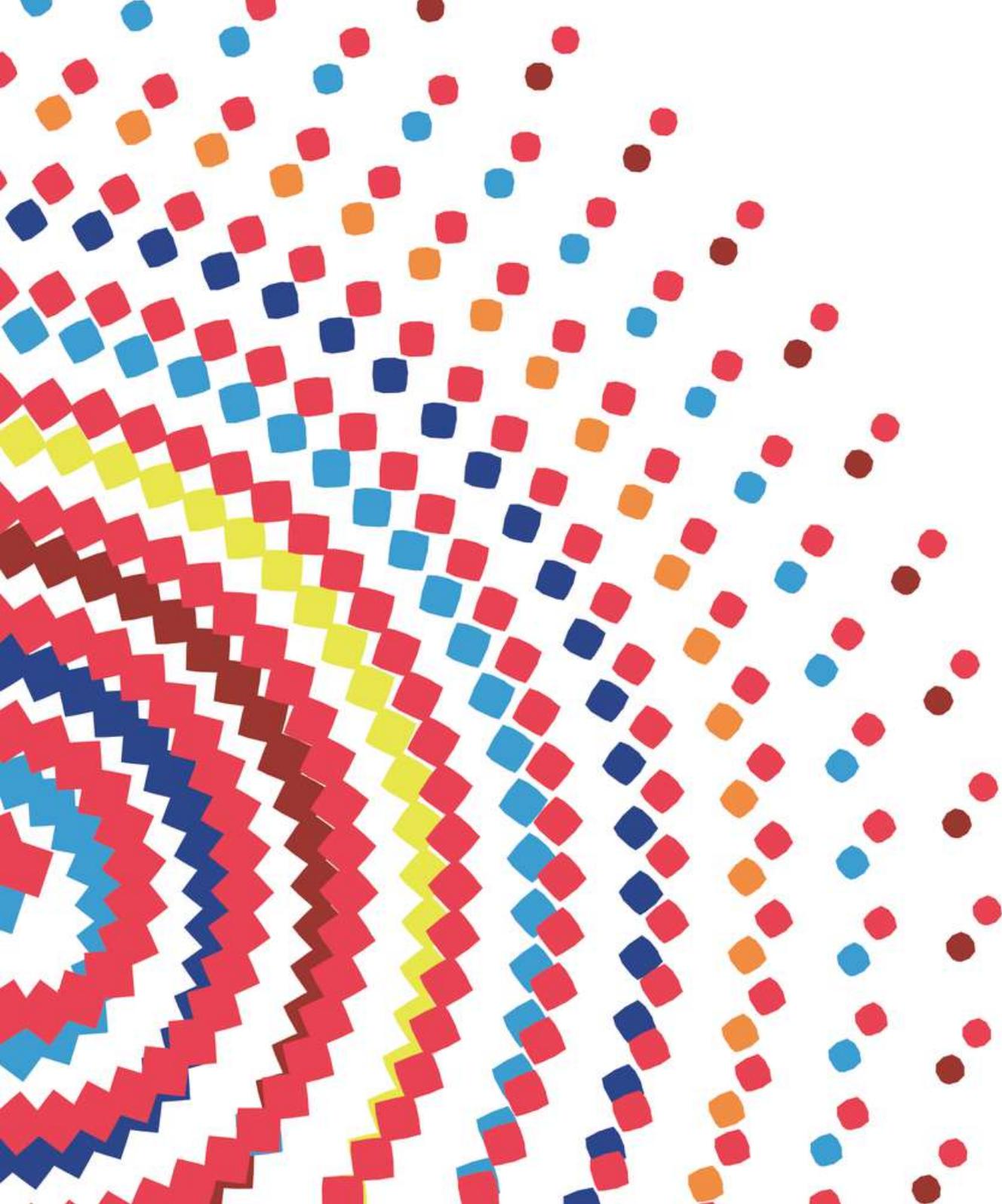
Magpupungko Rock Pools

Options abound as you explore Siargao Island. Sail through and see the different islands of Guyam, Daku, and Naked Islands. Drive down Siargao's most photographed scenic road full of lush coconut trees or cross rice paddies by scooter or bike.

The Magpupungko rock pools are fascinating natural seawater tidal pools. They are best visited at low tide when they are exposed, and are an awesome spot for hours of exploring and cliff jumping. It's called magpupungko ('pungko' in local Visayan dialect means to squat) because of a gigantic rock that appears to be squatting on another rock.

Island Adventures

Magpupungko Rock Pools



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Hideaway Aerial View

NAY PALAD, HIDEAWAY

*A Destination
of its Own*

Located on the southeastern tip of the island of Sargao, the hideaway is nestled between two distinct marine ecosystems. On one end of the property, the hideaway village overlooks the Pacific Ocean and sits just behind the white-sand beach that runs along our peaceful, private bay. On the other end, the property faces six square kilometers of ancient mangrove forests and natural waterways.





Nay Palad Boat in the Mangroves

Imagine a world of Barefoot Luxury! A philosophy of travel that the founders passionately wanted to share with the world. The birthplace of Barefoot Luxury, Nay Palad Hideaway (formerly known as Dedon Island Resort), nestles between ancient mangrove forests and the soft white sands of Siargao, in the Philippines.

In easy reach of tropical jungle, underground caves, untouched beaches, deep sea fishing and the legendary Cloud 9 barreling wave, Nay Palad lets you create own rhythm, turning each day into a different story.

*Unique Location and its
Natural Beauty*



Beach Lunch Set-up



Ocean View Villas Front View



Hideaway Main Gate



Perlah Villa

Passing through the gates of Nay Palad Hideaway, you leave the real world behind. There's no need for wallet here. No checks are signed. From now on, every delicacy you desire, every drink you fancy, every massage you need, every adventure you seek, is yours from the asking. There's just one thing we ask in return: Treat this palm-fringed paradise as your home and let us make your dreams come true!

The Amianan Restaurant of the resort serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, while light meals can be enjoyed at the pool bar. The resort offers a sustainable menu and uses organically grown produce from the resort's organic farm in its gourmet dishes. For a more bespoke experience, the resort can also arrange an intimate dinner by the beach or nearby islands or a picnic lunch at one of its beach clubs.

Luxury Redefined

The Ultimate Gateway

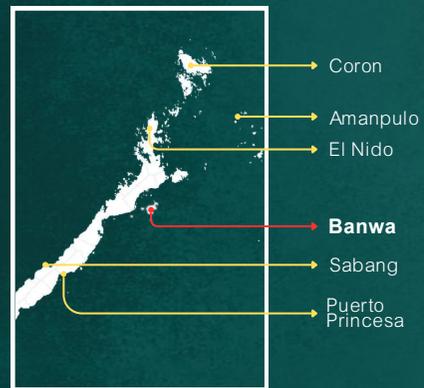
BANWA PRIVATE ISLAND

A Destination of its Own

Located in Northeastern Palawan in the Sulu Sea, Banwa Private Island's six hectares of lush, verdant landscaping and pristine white sand beaches provide a perfect environment for nature to thrive. The island provides sanctuary for an incredibly rich and diverse number of flora and fauna species.

Banwa Private Island's sought-after exclusivity is enhanced by the marine protected area it sits within, and its marine life and supporting ecosystem is thriving as a result.

Here, a relaxed and informal luxury combines with exquisite personalised service to provide the private island sanctuary you've always dreamt of.



Island Aerial View



Aerial View

Remote yet not removed, Banwa Private Island is nestled in one of the world's last frontiers of biodiversity, north-eastern Palawan in the Philippines.

It is seamlessly accessible via seaplane, private jet or helicopter from Manila or Clark international airports taking guests straight to its doorstep.

Remote but Not Removed



Sun Deck



Barbacan River



Sun sails Over Villa's



Private Island - Villa Interior

Adventure awaits within the island's 10km radius amidst stunning nature and explorations, kayaking down tranquil rivers to primeval mangrove forests, journeys to waterfalls to see fireflies, bird species, bats – a testament that biodiversity is balanced. Imagine exploring and cruising the rivers like stepping back in time – pace is slower and uninterrupted & unchanged by modern times.

Banwa Private Island's villas have been designed to immerse you in the natural beauty of the island. Floor to ceiling windows bring the outside in, whilst the pool salas, beach and garden terraces create pure luxury of space. With privacy and tranquility embedded as the guiding principles for their locations, each of the six villas are set amidst lush, verdant landscaping to either side, whilst the infinity pools appear to melt into the uninterrupted ocean views.

Activities & Adventure

The Villas



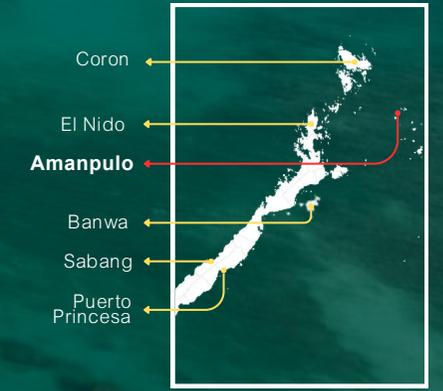
AMANPULO

*A Destination
of its Own*

Blissfully marooned in the Cuyo Archipelago of northern Palawan in the Philippines, Amanpulo lies on Pamalican Island, a private island fringed with white sand beaches and pristine reefs.

Offering a back to nature experience in supreme comfort and privacy, this tropical paradise is lapped by calm clear seas ideal for water sports, while sandy tracks lead to deserted coves and jungle-clad lookouts

The Amanpulo experience is for those who seek refuge in nature.





There is no better balm for the soul than sunshine and sea. Powdery white sand beaches encircle the whole of Pamalican Island, ideal for circumnavigating Amanpulo barefoot.

Umbrellas and sun loungers are positioned on the beach near the Beach Club, with its open-air pavilion and deck.

A Tropical Beach Paradise



Sunset Cruise



Beach BBQ



Casita Aerial View

Privacy is a cornerstone of the Aman experience, and Amanpulo offers many pockets of seclusion in which to enjoy a personalized menu with a loved one or close friends. Adventure out in Amanpulo's fleet of boats whether on a sunset cruise, a fishing expedition or a sailing lesson.

Set in the natural seclusion of Pamalican Island's idyllic landscape, Amanpulo's Casitas and Villas are set on the beachfront or ensconced within the forest canopy. The verdant landscape of age-old trees and dense thicket cradles the spaces in complete privacy. The stillness is only accompanied by the gentle lapping of the waves and birds singing in the treetops.

*Private Dining
and Cruising*

The Casitas & Villas



BORACAY ISLAND

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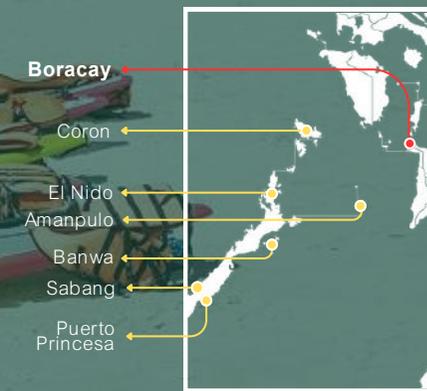
Imagine walking on powdery white sand, feeling its warmth on your sole, serenaded by the gentle splash of waves as it retreats back home, and you look up, the sky shows off a postcard-perfect deep orange sunset. This is your backdrop on the 7-kilometer dazzling beach of Boracay whether you go for respite or for the vibrant nightlife.

Boracay, just an hour flight away from the capital, Manila, is the epitome of a tropical paradise — swaying coconut palms, perfect blue skies, crystal clear turquoise water, white sand, and exuberant people on a mission to give you a great time.

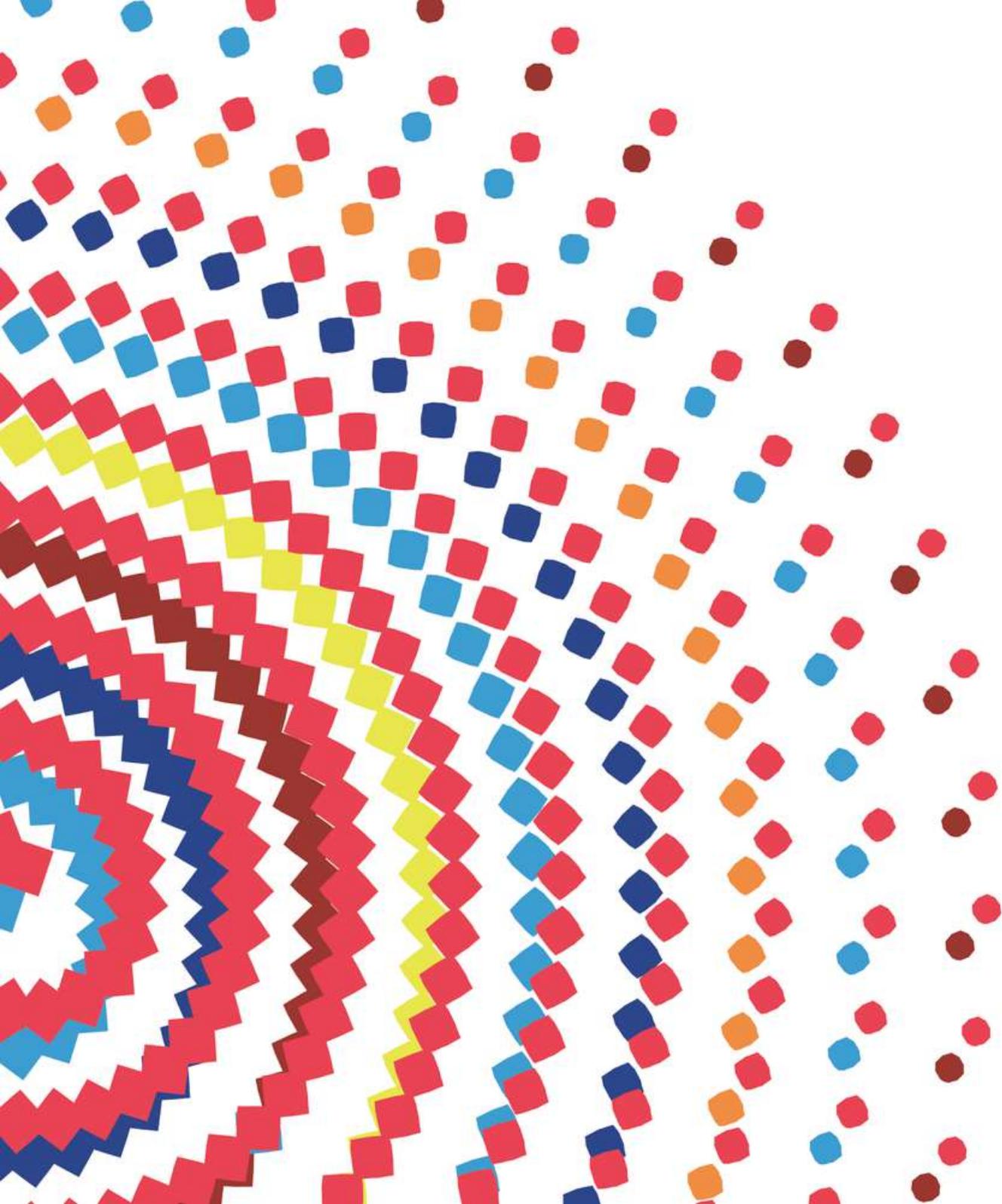
About 2 km off the northwest of Panay Island in Visayas, the island is consistently revered as one of the best beaches in the world.

Marvel at the vibrant colors of marine life as you go helmet diving. Glide with the wind parasailing. Get a 360-degree view of the best island in the world sunset yacht cruising. Or simply relax lounging with a book and a drink.

Frolic, party, or meditate amidst pure white sand, pristine azure waters, diverse marine life, and majestic perfect sunsets. Come and see for yourself Boracay Island's natural beauty you've long been missing.



Willy's Rock



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Kitesurfing

Boracay Island is known as the best kitesurfing spot in Asia. With constant winds and warm water, it's the perfect place to learn how to kite or improve your skills. The season starts from late October until the end of March.

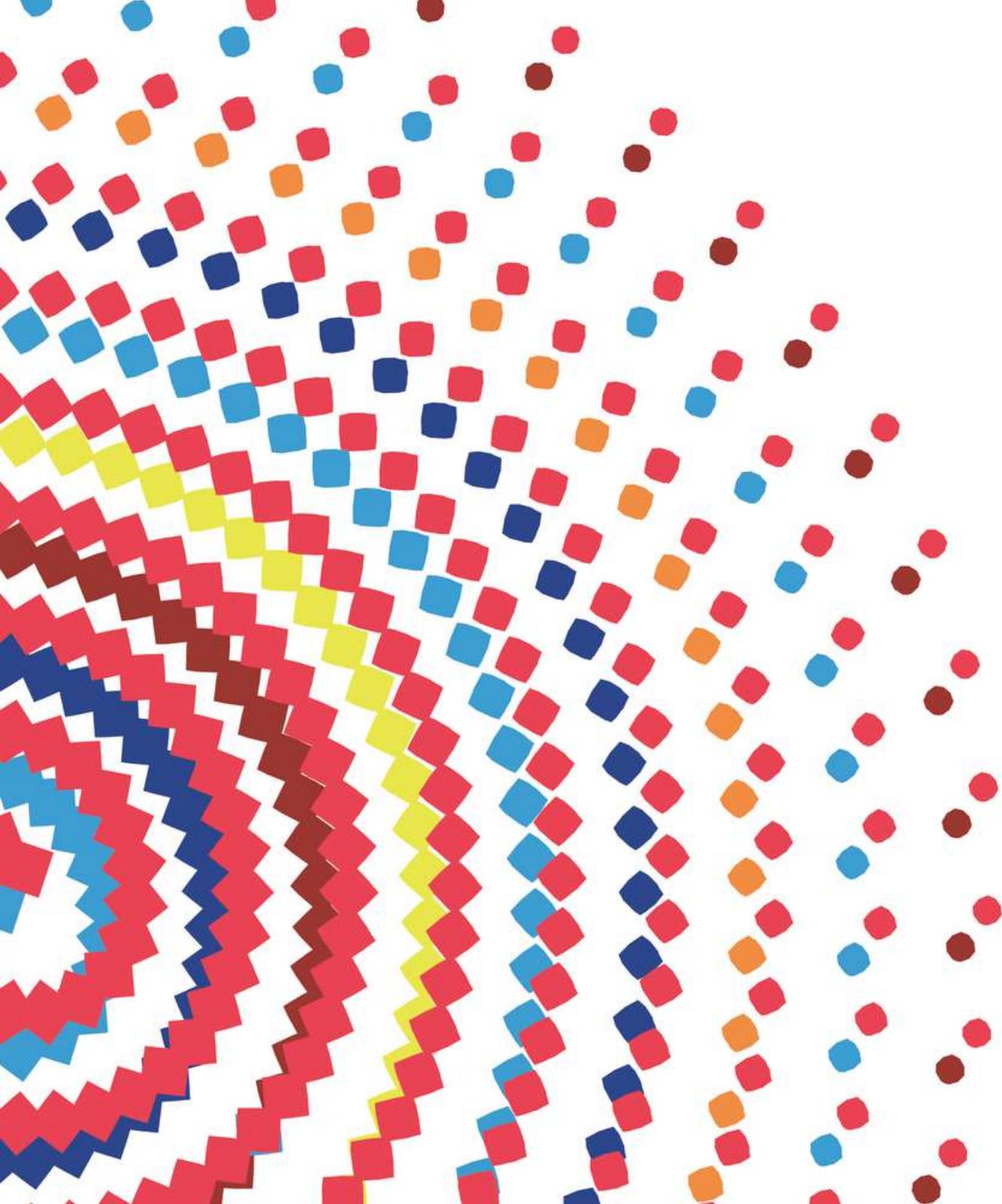
*Let the Wind
Blow Your Kite*



Sunset in Boracay

Discover the island on a traditional Filipino sail boat made of wood and bamboo with two outriggers, a single shallow hull, and adorned by a large sail. This sailing adventure is a rich cultural experience and loads of fun, too.

Go Paraw Sailing



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Crimson Boracay Aerial Facade View

Located in Station Zero, Boracay's most exclusive locale, Crimson Resort and Spa, Boracay offers guests to the renowned island a stay characterized by modern luxury paired with warm local charm in one of the most scenic places in the country. Surrounded by white sands and pristine waters, Crimson Boracay presents an extensive array of leisure options catering to different tastes from active water sports to restful spa treatments and exquisite cuisine

Crimson Boracay



Two Bedroom Suite

Discovery Shores Boracay is a beloved place of cherished experiences on the most sought-after island in the Philippines. Positioned along a gorgeous stretch of sand on the famous White Beach, with 99 well-appointed suites, a spa, 3 restaurants, gym, kids room, and 3 bars that offer the best seats to view the famous Boracay Sunsets, Discovery Shores Boracay was named as one of the Top 25 Resorts in Asia in the 2021 Readers' Choice Awards by the prestigious Conde Nast Traveler Magazine.

Discovery Shores Boracay



Banaue Rice Terraces

THE NORTH

(Banaue, Sagada, Vigan, and Laoag)

Destinations

The North spans a wide array of places to explore, from the lowlands to the mountaintops, the land and the sea. We've handpicked 4 endearing destinations that we know will further enrich your sojourn in the Philippines.

We'll bring you to Banaue to see for yourself the world-renowned rice terraces, a UNESCO heritage site; Sagada, a charming quiet town in the mountain where tribal rituals and cultures are intact and well-preserved; Vigan, where a cobblestone stretch of Spanish-era architecture still stands today; and Laoag, the vibrant and dynamic growth center in the north with well preserved colonial architecture.

BANAUE

Man-made around 2000 years ago, the Ifugao Rice Terraces begin at the base of the mountain range and extend several thousand feet upwards. Two of the terrace clusters in Banaue, namely Bangaan and Batad, are part of the UNESCO World Heritage inscription. It is said that their length, if put end to end, would encircle half of the globe. These rice terraces are impressive not only for their chiseled beauty but also as proof that magic happens when industry works in harmony with nature.

SAGADA

Sagada holds an allure unique to places that are left untouched. It's one of the few places in the Philippines that has preserved its indigenous culture and was barely influenced by the Spanish mission. With its scenic and calming mountain valleys, limestone caves, refreshing waterfalls, and cliffs that come with a sea of clouds, it's a blissful mountain enclave where you'll want to escape to, recharge with human warmth and kindness, and momentarily forget about the world.

VIGAN

Vigan is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the country's best-preserved historic city that dates back to the 16th century Spanish colonial period. It has remained unique among the Philippine towns with architecture reflecting a fusion of Asian and European design. Travel back to the olden times as you stroll around the cobblestone streets of Calle Crisologo lined with rustic mansions and horse-drawn carriages. You'll witness culture and townscape that have no parallel anywhere in East and Southeast Asia.

LAOAG

Laoag means "bright" or "light" in the native Ilocano language. Aptly named, "The Sunshine City", 450 km north of Manila, is the provincial capital of Ilocos Norte, and the biggest city in the Ilocos region in Luzon. Whether you want to chill along the beaches of Pagudpud, try out the fresh local delicacies, coast along the panoramic sand dunes, or just take a leisurely stroll around the city center, Laoag shows you how beautifully preserved colonial architecture mixes with but still stands out among modern infrastructure.

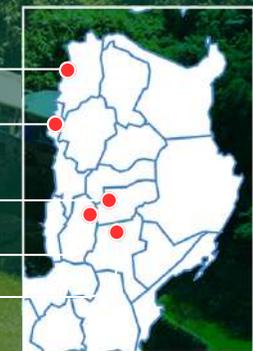
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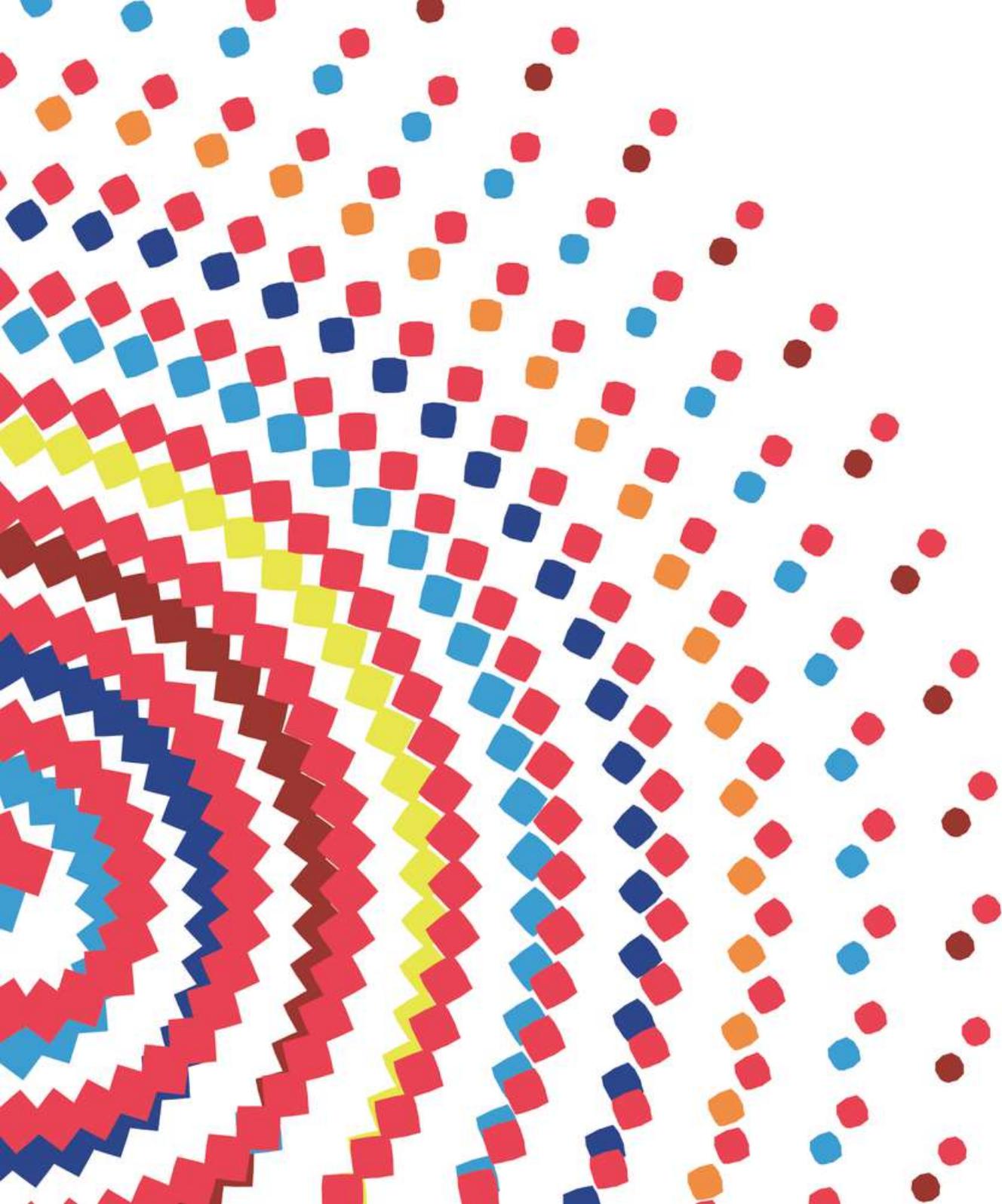
Vigan

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Banaue Tappiya Falls



Local House in the Townthe Town



Ifugao Girl in Local Costume



Ifugao Native House



Woman from the Local Tribe



Hanging Coffins

Trek the awe-striking man-made Batad Rice Terraces. Swim in or meditate on Tappiya Fall's breathtaking scenery. Take a rest in a native Ifugao house, a simple architectural design made out of timbers tied together without using nails.

Unique to Sagada is the tribal practice of hanging coffins. It is out of a belief that the higher the dead were placed, the greater chance of reaching a higher nature in the afterlife. You will see this for yourself as you trek the Echo Valley and Lumiang Burial Cave, among other one-of-kind Sagada experiences.

The Ifugao Diary

Sagada Tribal Encounters



Spanish Colonial House in Calle Crisologo

Stroll around the cobblestone streets lined with rustic mansions and horse-drawn carriages of Calle Crisologo in Vigan, the country's best-preserved historic city that dates back to the 16th-century Spanish colonial period. You'll witness culture and townscape that have no parallel anywhere in East and Southeast Asia.

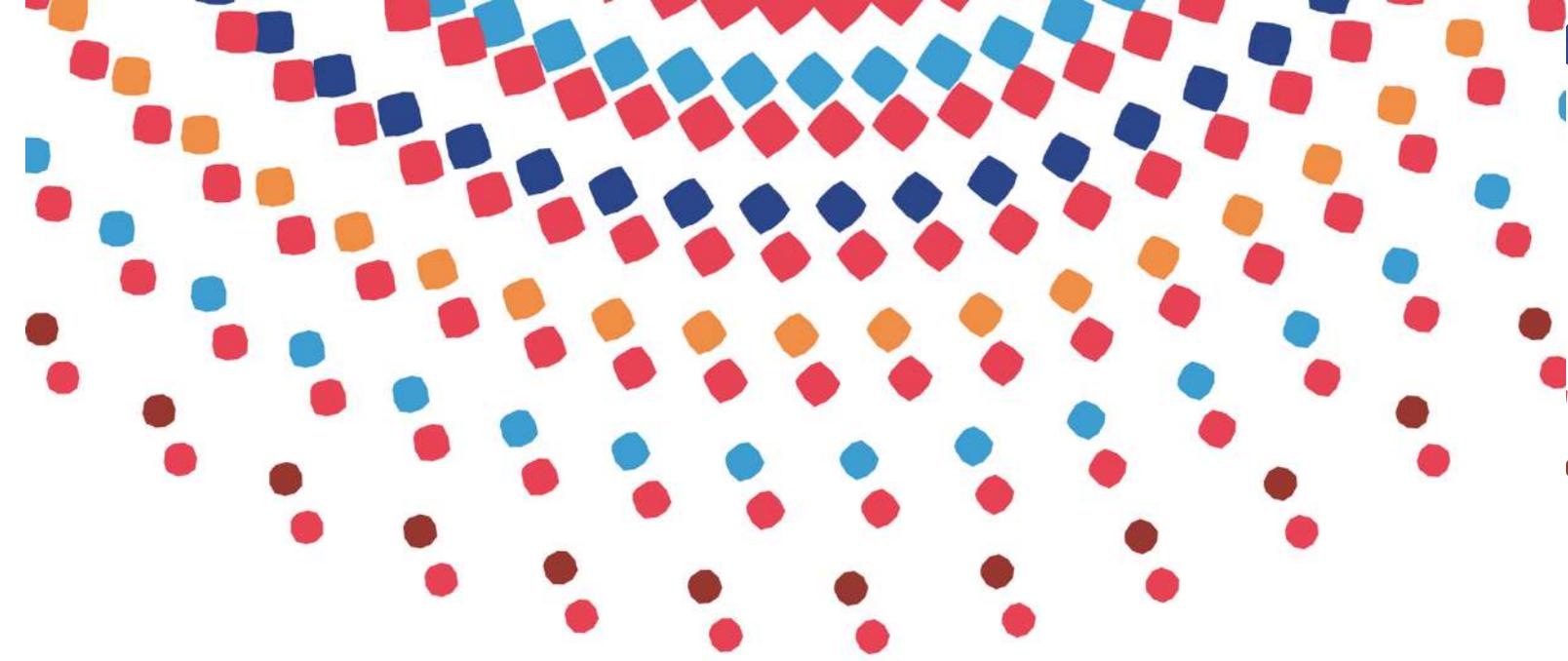
Calle Crisologo



Paoay – San Agustin Church

The Saint Augustine Church, famously known as the Paoay Church, takes you back to the Philippines' Spanish colonial era with its charming baroque architecture.

The Church in Paoay

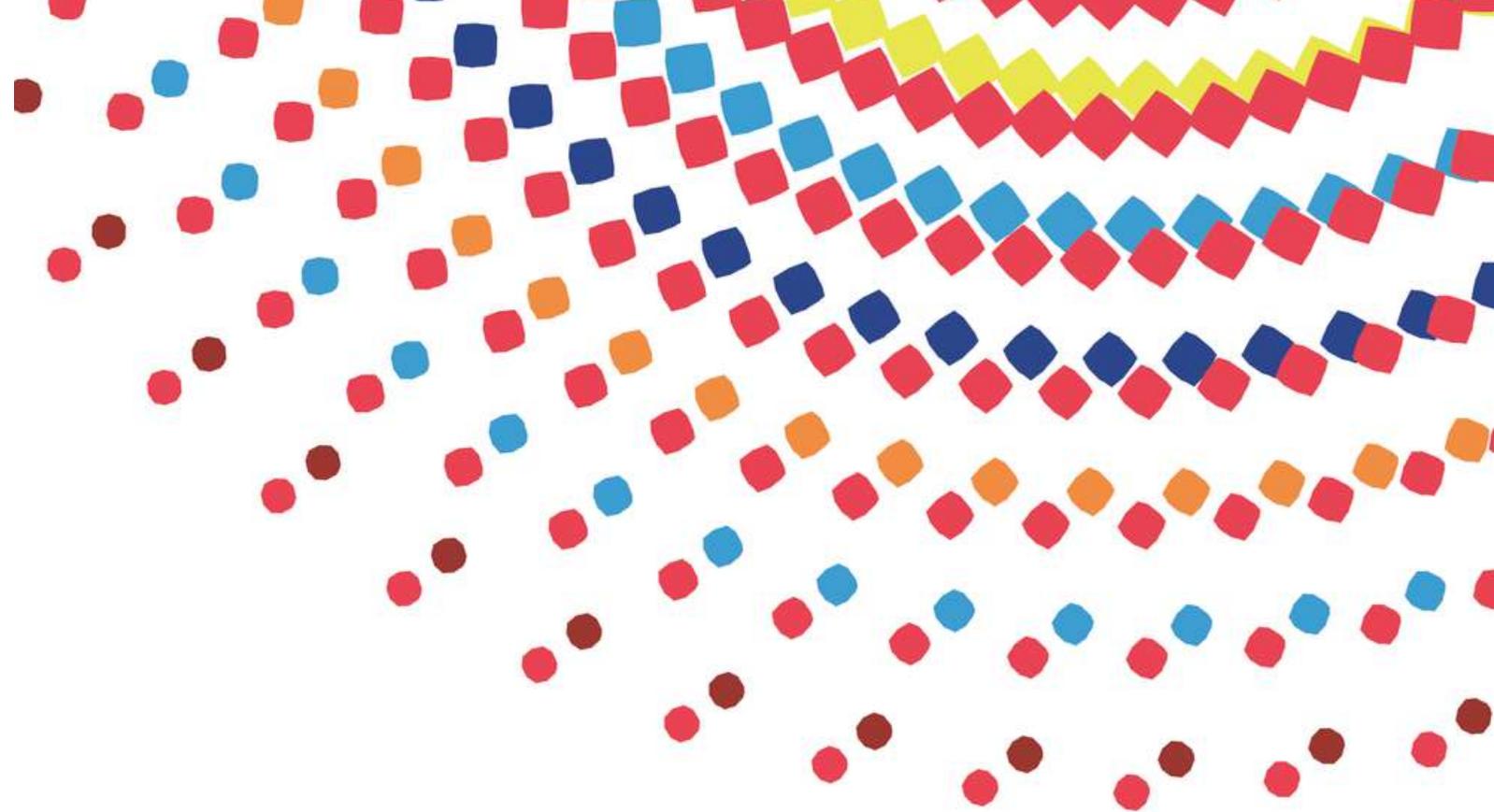


We hope this travel guide gives you a glimpse of the awe and wonder you'll find in the Philippines. It is never the same as the life-enriching experience of actually being there – your feet on the sand, bearing witness to marvelous sunsets, swimming in depths with schools of fishes and turtles, exchanging words with the local tribesmen, or actually setting foot in century-old architecture that was built by your ancestors.

This is a glance, a vision, a promise of what awaits you when you accept our invitation to travel to the Philippines. It's a long journey but we'll make sure it's worth it.

We'll bring you back home refreshed, renewed, with a new perspective of the world of travel, of what truly makes it glorious.

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