

# Philippines

## Travel Facts



### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution to the Philippines due to crime, terrorism, civil unrest, and kidnapping. Some areas have increased risk. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

<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 U.S. 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/>

### Types of Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US Dept of State International Travel page.

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

### Telephone Code

63

### Local Emergency Phone

166117

### Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. On 8 October 2019, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a Travel Health Notice regarding a polio outbreak in the Philippines; CDC recommends that all travelers to the Philippines be vaccinated fully against polio; before traveling to the Philippines, adults who completed their routine polio vaccine series as children should receive a single, lifetime adult booster dose of polio vaccine. See WHO recommendations. <http://www.who.int/>

### Climate

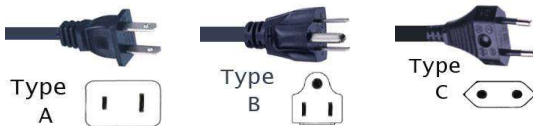
Tropical marine; northeast monsoon (November to April); southwest monsoon (May to October)

### Currency (Code)

Philippine pesos (PHP)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



### 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 80.6%, Protestant 8.2%, other Christians 3.4%, Muslim 5.6%, tribal religions .2%

### Time Difference

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

### Potable Water

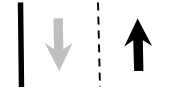
Opt for bottled water

### 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

