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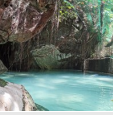
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Referred to locally as "Queen of the south", Cebu, the country's oldest city, has now become its favourite tourist destination. With a keen choice of historical sights, long stretches of white sand beaches, excellent year-round scuba and water sport action, choice of dining, exciting nightlife and, of course, the famous warm hospitality, it's no surprise that visitor numbers, new hotels, and tourist attractions are on the rise.


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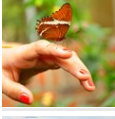
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## THE CITY



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In the heart of the Philippine archipelago, Cebu is at once the island, metropolitan area and provincial capital. The seat of Christianity in the Philippines since Ferdinand Magellan first planted a cross on the shoreline, the city has played host to a number of mixed foreign settlers who left a lasting impression on the landscape and culture.

Spain, particularly, has had a strong colonial presence and Catholic legacy. As a centre for trade, commerce, arts and education the city is a mishmash of the old and new, and offers a real flavor of Philippine life in all its guises. The lust for life is apparent 24 hours a day, the common usage of English makes everything quite simple and the welcoming smiles of the locals seem to greet you wherever you go.

## DO & SEE



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Since Cebu was the first Spanish settlement in the Philippines, the city has a lot of historical attractions to offer its visitors. The large sea port and air hub has also contributed to the modernisation of the city and the urban culture mix with the old heritage. Cebu offers its visitors a unique experience.

### Magellan's Cross



Housed in a kiosk, this iconic and much prized monument marks the spot where the explorer Ferdinand Magellan planted a cross after baptising the first Filipinos, so creating Cebu as the cradle of Christianity in the Philippines. Look skywards to admire the ceiling paintings depicting the historical event.

Photo: Ron Frank/Shutterstock.com

Address: P. Burgos Street, Cebu City

Opening hours: Every day 8am - 6pm

Phone: +63 32 416 4579



### Basilica Minore del Santo Niño



Basilica Minore del Santo Niño was the first Asian basilica, built in 1740. It teems with devotees clamoring to catch a glimpse of the oldest and most celebrated religious icon in the Philippines, the Santo Niño statue, presented to Queen Juana of Cebu by Magellan.

Photo: shankar s.(image cropped)

Address: Osmeña Boulevard, Cebu City

Phone: +63 32 255 6697

Internet: [www.santoninodecebubasilica.org](http://www.santoninodecebubasilica.org)

Email: [bmsn.decebu@gmail.com](mailto:bmsn.decebu@gmail.com)

### Fort San Pedro



Built in 1740 as a nucleus for Spanish settlers, this is the smallest and oldest tri-bastion fort in the country. The green setting makes this fine little fort a good place to take a breather from Cebu City's chaotic streets. Within the bastion is the Regional National Museum, which from Wednesday to Sunday, exhibits artifacts from the San Diego ship wreck.

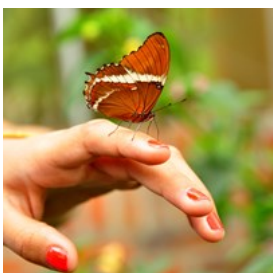
Photo: Kuz'min Pavel/Shutterstock.com

Address: A. Pigafetta Street, Cebu City

Opening hours: Every day 8am - 7pm

Phone: +63 32 256 2284

### Jumalon Butterfly Sanctuary



Jumalon Butterfly Sanctuary is a large collection of moth and butterfly species, kept in a lush botanical garden. The artist J.N. Jumalon uses the discarded wings and other everyday

objects to create the eye-catching mosaics on display in the attached gallery.

Photo: unmillonedeelefantes/Shutterstock.com

Address: J. N. Jumalon St., Basak, Pardo, Cebu City

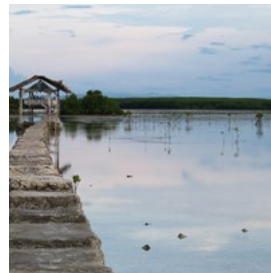
Opening hours: Every day 9am - 5pm

Phone: +63 32 261 6884

Internet: [www.jumalonbutterflysanctuary.com](http://www.jumalonbutterflysanctuary.com)

Email: [humaidajumalon@yahoo.com.ph](mailto:humaidajumalon@yahoo.com.ph)

### Olango

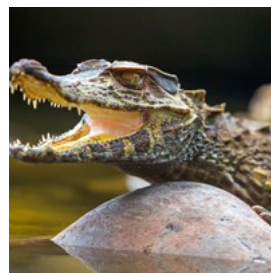


Twice a year during winter and spring, on one of the most important migratory flyways in the world, tens of thousands of birds touch down on this small island to rest their weary bodies. Plovers, red shanks, egrets and sandpipers are just some of the winged visitors that can be seen here.

Photo: Kristina Vackova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Olango Island, Lapu-Lapu City

### Crocolandia



This is a nature park and a smallish zoo hosting crocodiles, birds, lizards and other such creatures that will make the children squeal. In addition on display are some protected plant species. There is also a gift shop and café.

Photo: Ammit Jack/Shutterstock.com

Address: Biasong, Talisay City

Opening hours: Every day 9am - 5pm

Phone: +63 32 273 1842

Internet: [www.crocolandia.weebly.com](http://www.crocolandia.weebly.com)

Email: [crocolandia\\_foundation@yahoo.com](mailto:crocolandia_foundation@yahoo.com)

### Cebu Country Club



Cebu Country Club is a tranquil oasis and popular golf course situated just a few minutes from the heart of the city. It is spread over

an area of 52 hectares of former sugar plantations.

Photo: Mikael Damkier/Shutterstock.com  
Address: M. J. Cuenco Avenue, Cebu City  
Phone: +63 32 231 0345  
Internet: [www.golfingphilippines.com](http://www.golfingphilippines.com)

### Cebu Taoist Temple

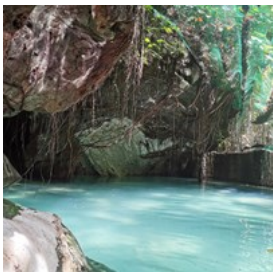


Your city tour would not be complete without visiting this beautiful temple. Cebu Taoist Temple was built in 1972 and is located in the

upscale area of Beverly Hills Subdivision in Cebu. The place is extremely peaceful and offers amazing photo opportunities since it is approx. 300 meter above sea level.

Photo: Curioso/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Beverly Hills, Cebu City  
Phone: +63 32 948 574 2549

### Esoy Hot Springs



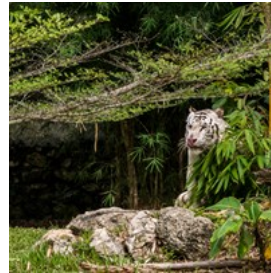
If your looking for relaxation, the hot springs in Catmon are a fantastic place to go. Moreover, does the area provide river trekking

possibilities, viewing of rock formations, fish feeding and more. The place is a mix of recreation and adventure, a 2 hours drive north of Cebu City. Please not that the location is privately owned and follows a strict 'No booking,

no entry' policy, so make sure to book your visit 1-2 days in advance.

Photo: Charlie\_Palmares/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Brgy. Duyan, Catmon  
Phone: +63 921 813 3296

### Cebu Safari & Adventure Park



In this park you can marvel a beautiful flora, bird shows, animal feeding events, reptiles, lions, tigers and more.

There is also the

opportunity to stay in the safari camp for the night, where cabins are ready for rent. The park lies around 2 hours north from Cebu City.

Photo: reek\_world/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Barangay Corte, Carmen  
Phone: +63 917 839 6758  
Internet: [www.cebusesafari.ph/](http://www.cebusesafari.ph/)  
Email: [sales@cebusesafari.ph](mailto:sales@cebusesafari.ph)

### Colon Street

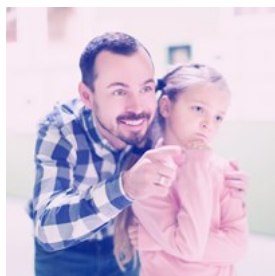


The oldest street in Cebu was constructed by the Spanish and named after Christopher Columbus, marked by an obelisk at its northern end. Today,

it's the heart of the city's downtown district and teems with shopping and entertainment discoveries. The street is glittering during the evening.

Photo: Razvan Iosif/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Colon Street, Cebu City

### Rizal Memorial Library & Museum



At the Rizal Memorial Library & Museum, the first floor showcases a collection of antiques donated by the local, famous and rich Cebuano

families. Also on display is a collection of classical and contemporary artworks by Cebuano painters and artists. The upper floor is used as a performing arts hall.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Osmeña Boulevard, Cebu City

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm

Phone: +63 32 416 4579

Internet: [www.jose-rizal-memorial-library-museum-building.business.site](http://www.jose-rizal-memorial-library-museum-building.business.site)

### Casa Gorordo



A tour inside this residence is a brief journey into a Filipino lifestyle from 1860-1920. The historic former bishop's home features

noted paintings, museum relics, a courtyard, antique household items and furniture.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: 35 Eduardo Aboitiz Street, Cebu City

Opening hours: Every day 10am - 6pm

Phone: +63 32 411 1767

Email: [casagorordomuseum@rafi.org.ph](mailto:casagorordomuseum@rafi.org.ph)

### University of San Carlos Museum



Housed in the country's oldest school, the museum divides its artefacts into four sections, each offering a fascinating insight into

life before, during and after the Spanish

conquests. You find the museum just right of the main entrance to the University.

Photo: Caftor/Shutterstock.com

Address: Pelaez Street, Cebu City

Phone: +63 32 253 1000

Internet: [www.usc.edu.ph](http://www.usc.edu.ph)

Email: [uscmuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:uscmuseum@yahoo.com)

### EXCURSIONS



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With its location in the heart of the Philippine archipelago it is easy to go for an excursion outside the city. Visit another island or discover the nearby surroundings of the main island of Cebu.

### Busay



Situated 2,000 feet above sea level, this excellent sight-seeing spot offers breathtaking views of Cebu and islands.

Arbours are available for daytime picnics and instant evening parties, and arriving in time for sunset is worthwhile for romantics. To reveal your intentions with a partner, ring the legendary iron bell. Once for a firm partnership, twice for lasting friendship or three times for love that never ends. It is located 10 minute walk from the car park.

Photo: Akhenaton Images/Shutterstock.com



Address: Busay, Cebu

### Bantayan Island



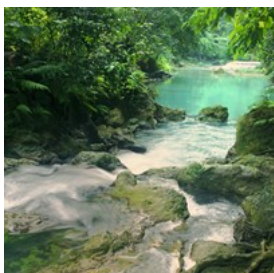
Located in the northwestern tip of Cebu, Bantayan is just one of many serene and tranquil locations that boast fine white sandy beaches. The

island is a favourite local holiday hangout, particularly during the Lenten (Easter) season with celebrations that boast one of the most elaborate processions in the country.

Photo: And-One/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bantayan Island

### Kawasan Falls



Despite the three hour drive and 25 minute walk along rocky paths, the panoramic waterfalls steeped in lush greenery on Cebu island's south

western coastline is well worth the journey; it's a place where the heat, dust and grime of the city can be washed away beneath the cascading water. Bamboo rafts, swings and calm pools are also available for those wanting to stay dry. A great place to have a picnic but try to avoid the weekends.

Photo: Litvinova Olga/Shutterstock.com

Address: Matutinao, Badian

Internet: [www.kawasanfalls.net](http://www.kawasanfalls.net)

### Mactan Island



Necessities of trade, industry and the airport, unfortunately, take up some of the space on Mactan. However, much of its coastline it is left to

the abundant beauty of nature, and its dazzling white sandy beaches and resorts are a serious draw to tourists. The crystal clear waters attract snorkelling and diving enthusiasts.

Photo: SimonHS/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mactan Island

### Osmeña Peak Hike



The Osmeña Peak is said to be one of the highest in the island of Cebu with an altitude of 1013 m.

Reaching the peak takes only a 20-30 minute hike,

also suitable for beginners. Nonetheless, the views you will have are truly mesmerising. There are different starting points for the trek, from Badian (which is close to Kawasan Falls and the trips can easily be connected) or from Mantalongon.

Photo: Nikolay Karasev/Shutterstock.com

Public Transport: Take a bus from south bus terminal to Oslob or Santander/Li-Loan and jump off in Dalaguete.

More Info: The bus ride from Cebu City to Dalaguete takes about 3 hours.

### Mt. Naupa



Mount Naupa is the nearby option for travellers who would like to go on a short but beautiful trekking trip close to the city. The trail

takes approximately an hour and offers

magnificent scenery and little shops, selling snacks or chai among the hilly paths of the trek. The hike starts from Naga, which is a city worth exploring before heading to the peak of Mount Naupa.

Photo: Blazej Lyjak/Shutterstock.com

Address: Naga City

Public Transport: A bus ride from south bus terminal to Naga City.

## DINING



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Eating in Cebu is an experience with a multinational choice of restaurants, particularly around the Ayala district. The undecided should try a Filipino turo-turo—literally "point-point" restaurant, where patrons point at whatever they fancy from a spread of dishes.

Street-food abounds in Cebu and is amazingly cheap, sugba or sinugba (barbecue) is particularly popular and include marinated sweet pork, chicken, and seafood on sticks. For dessert, "Halo-Halo", is a refreshing mix of grated ice, sweet beans, tropical fruits and ice cream.

Below are the best places to eat in Cebu, Philippines:

### Anzani



and the food are great here. Their focus is Mediterranean cuisine.

Anzani is a lovely place, where you can see the beautiful sunset and have a drink on the balcony while you are waiting for your meal. The ambiance

Photo: AlessandroBiascioli/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lahug Nivel Hills Panorama Height, Cebu City

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 11.30am - 2.30, 5.30pm - 12am

Phone: +63 32 2327375

Internet: [www.anzani.com.ph](http://www.anzani.com.ph)

Email: [info@anzani.com.ph](mailto:info@anzani.com.ph)

### Yakski Barbecue



the "must" number two - the signature Yakski sauce.

What's in a name? Everything, in this case. Yakski Barbecue is a must-do for any meat-lover travelling to Cebu, and don't forget

Photo: Suphachai Sinsuebphon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 268 Don Mariano Cui St, Cebu City

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 11am - 2.30pm, 5pm - 12am, Sun 5pm - 12am

Phone: +63 32 254 3977

Internet: [www.yakskibarbecue.com](http://www.yakskibarbecue.com)

Email: [mail@yakskibarbecue.com](mailto:mail@yakskibarbecue.com)

### Maya Mexican Restaurant & Tequila Lounge



establishment for an evening drink as well as a full meal.

Combining the dedication to serving restaurant-quality food and the relaxing ambiance of a lounge, Maya is an enticing

Photo: Xan/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Crossroads, Cebu City  
Phone: +63 32 238 9552  
Internet: [www.theabacagroup.com](http://www.theabacagroup.com)  
Email: [maya@theabacagroup.com](mailto:maya@theabacagroup.com)

### Wakamatsu Yakiniku



This Japanese/Korean inspired restaurant is always packed with customers enjoying its delicious Yakiniku and extensive buffet, so make

sure to book a table at Wakamatsu Yakiniku in advance. The all-you-can-eat option is great value for money and you will certainly leave happy and stuffed.

Photo: Sittipong Sirichamnan/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Pacific Square Building, F. Cabahug Street, Cebu City  
Opening hours: Every day 11.30am - 2.30pm, 5.30pm - 10.30pm  
Phone: +63 32 232 5897

### Casa Verde



Casa Verde is a family-run restaurant chain and they are not hard to find since there are several around Cebu.

The menu is affordably priced and you really get good quality food for the price. They are famous for their baby back ribs, cooked to perfection. You will find one of the restaurants on:

Photo: Tatiana Volgutova/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 69 Lim Tian Teng, Cebu City  
Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm  
Phone: +63 32 253 64 72  
Internet: [www.casaverdecebu.com](http://www.casaverdecebu.com)  
Email: [info@casaverdecebu.com](mailto:info@casaverdecebu.com)

### Port Seafood



This restaurant is located in a 4-star hotel. They offer both catering and buffet. Port Seafood even features a midnight buffet where you got 40

different dishes to choose from and they also have a pasta and a crepe bar.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Waterfront Cebu City Hotel, Salinas Drive, Cebu City  
Opening hours: Every day 11am - 10pm  
Phone: +63 32 516 6018  
Email: [port.catering@yahoo.com](mailto:port.catering@yahoo.com)  
More Info: Located at Waterfront Cebu City Hotel

### CAFES



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The big city can sometimes be a bit overwhelming, and a quick energising break can be wished for. So, sit down at one of the many cafes and enjoy a cup of coffee or a refreshing drink, and maybe a small snack or a piece of cake. Some of the cafes also provide WiFi for their customers.

Below are the best cafes in Cebu, Philippines:



### Abaca Baking Company



Head over to the Abaca Baking Company for some artisan crafted breads, from-scratch baked goods and classic American food. They also have quality desserts and pastries on offer that you can enjoy with a hot cup of aromatic coffee or tea.

Photo: BlueOrange Studio/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Crossroads Banilad Road, Cebu City  
Opening hours: Every day 7am - 10pm  
Phone: +63 32 262 0969  
Internet: [www.theabacagroup.com](http://www.theabacagroup.com)  
Email: [promotions@theabacagroup.com](mailto:promotions@theabacagroup.com)

### Crate Cafe



Crate Cafe is a true hidden gem a bit further outside the city. Here you will be able to enjoy your cup of coffee surrounded by nature and with a great view of Cebu City. This is the perfect place to unwind and relax in a unique and magical atmosphere.

Photo: Sujittra Panatoop/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Cebu Transcentral Highway, Cebu City  
Opening hours: Mon 12am - 12am, Tue - Fri 11am - 10pm, Sat & Sun 7am - 10pm  
Phone: +63 995 128 7466  
Email: [cratecafeph@gmail.com](mailto:cratecafeph@gmail.com)

### Yolk



Head over to Yolk cafe if you are looking for some delicious early morning breakfast. This coffee shop is exceptionally cozy and serves the perfect

houseblend coffee to make sure you have a great start to the day. Their Chorizo and eggs in a pan are a favourite you will want to come back for.

Photo: Tono Balaguer/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Tan Kim Building, 80 Tres Borces Padres Street, Cebu City  
Opening hours: Every day 7am - 7pm  
Phone: +63 32 231 0411  
Email: [yolkcafeph@gmail.com](mailto:yolkcafeph@gmail.com)

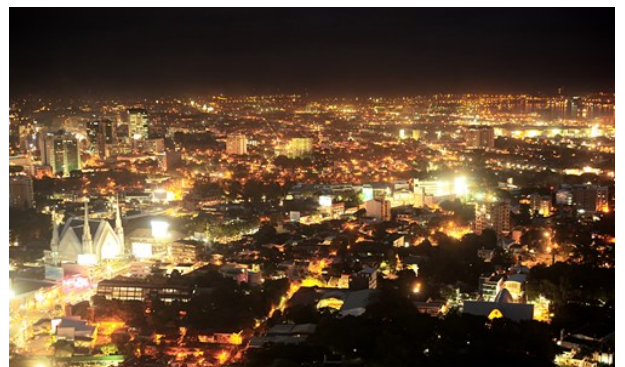
### Bintana Coffee House



Alongside some must try dishes and an excellent selection of coffee, you will be able to enjoy smooth music and a rustic atmosphere created by the unique interior design and the art displayed on the walls. If you have a sweet tooth, try their delicious cheesecake with a hot beverage of your choice.

Photo: Nitr/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 81K Elizabeth Pond Street, Cebu City  
Opening hours: Mon - Sat 11am - 9pm  
Phone: +63 32 416 1335  
Email: [bintanasacebu@gmail.com](mailto:bintanasacebu@gmail.com)

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Cebu is a heaven for party monsters, particularly along Colon Street and Osmeña Boulevard, with clubs pounding until daylight at weekends and

until 3 am during the week. The concept of bars here is somewhat different, and there are few places to go that offer a simple place to have a drink and quiet conversation.

Here are the best bars and nightclubs in Cebu, Philippines:

### Marshall's Irish Pub Bar & Restaurant



This Irish bar offers live music every night of the week and serves not only a great selection of beers but also a wide array of food. Come here for

breakfast, lunch, dinner or just a drink or a snack. They have Happy Hour between 16.00-19.00.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mango Square Mall, General Maxilom Avenue, Cebu City

Opening hours: Mon - Sun 10am - 3am

Phone: +63 32 412 6418

Internet: [www.marshallsirishpub.com](http://www.marshallsirishpub.com)

More Info: Cebu City Century Plaza Commercial Complex

### The Distillery



The Distillery is a popular bar and evening hang out spot that draws a young, rowdy crowd on a regular basis. The bar offers an extensive collection of

whiskies, international beers and other premium spirits.

Photo: Jag\_cz/Shutterstock.com

Address: Crossroads, Cebu City

Phone: +63 32 266 9064

Email: [thedistilleryteam@gmail.com](mailto:thedistilleryteam@gmail.com)

## SHOPPING



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Shop till you drop or until the money runs out, which in a city with so many fantastic bargains isn't a stretch to imagine. Cebu is the country's leading producer of hand-crafted products such as shell crafts, baskets and woven cloth fashion, accessories, silver and various gifts.

Highlights of mall shopping include the downtown Ayala Centre, SM-Cebu and Gaissano Country Mall in Baniland; Colon Street has both small and large department stores.

For some haggling adventure, the vibrant public market of Carbon on Briones and Calderon Streets sells just about everything over an area of seven blocks.

For that something a little different and authentic, Lapu-lapu city on Mactan Island has a long heritage of guitar making and a number of factories are open to the public for purchases.

### Ayala Center Cebu



The ultimate shopping mall experience when in Cebu, Ayala Center is where many local and international boutiques are concentrated all under one roof. Besides shops, the mall offers a



cinema, restaurants and bars including a children play area. Esprit, Guess, Levi's, Marks & Spencer, Topshop and Lacoste are some of the stores located here.

Photo: dbgg1979/Flickr.com(image cropped)  
Address: Cardinal Rosales Avenue, Cebu City  
Opening hours: Sun - Thu 10am - 9pm, Fri - Sat 10am - 10pm  
Phone: +63 32 516 3025  
Internet: [www.ayalamallcebu.com](http://www.ayalamallcebu.com)

### SM City Cebu



This giant mega mall is currently the largest in the Philippines and the 4th largest in the world, and you will surely find no shortage of shopping and entertainment options here. Shops like Claires, Adidas, Crocs, Esprit, Guess, Mango, Levi's, Nike, Sands and Quiksilver are all located here.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com  
Address: North Reclamation Area, Cebu City  
Opening hours: Mon - Sun 10am - 9pm  
Phone: +63 32 2310557

### Taboan Public Market



When heading to this market, be ready to endure - the smell of dried fish (the market's specialty) fills the air, but the reward is getting a taste of favorite local seafood snacks, such as danggit and lechon.

Photo: Sunti/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Pahina Central, Cebu City  
Opening hours: Every day 4am - 8pm

### Islands Souvenirs



Islands Souvenirs is local gift and souvenir shop chain, that can be found in several shopping hot spots around town. There is no shortage of any kind of Cebu memorabilia here.

Photo: lkpro/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Ayala Centre, Cebu City  
Opening hours: Sun - Thu 10am - 9pm, Fri - Sat 10am - 10pm  
Phone: +63 32 231 2581  
Internet: [www.theislandsgroup.com](http://www.theislandsgroup.com)  
Email: [info@theislandsgroup.com](mailto:info@theislandsgroup.com)

### Colon Street



Colon Street is a bustling, lively, busy street in the heart of Cebu City. There are plenty of shopping options left and right, so you won't find yourself at a loss whatever it might be that you're after.

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Address: Colon Street, Cebu City

### Gaissano Country Mall



A large shopping mall with affordable fashion boutiques, as well as stores selling all sorts of merchandise. There is a supermarket inside, and entertainment includes a cinema with below average ticket prices.

Photo: gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Banilad Road Apas, Cebu City  
Opening hours: Every day 8am - 9pm  
Phone: +63 32 231 1481  
Email: [gaisanocountrymall@gaisanobrothers.com](mailto:gaisanocountrymall@gaisanobrothers.com)

### Carbon Market



An authentic, busy market for those looking to experience a true Asian marketplace. With its low prices and a wide array of fresh produce, it

is hard to find a place with better deals and quality-price ratio than here.

Photo: Karen H. Ilagan/Shutterstock.com

Address: MC Briones Street, Cebu

Opening hours: Every day 24 hours

Phone: +63 916 420 8559

### Carcar Public Market



This public market is the place to be if succulent lechon (suckling pig) is what you're after. The selection of foods extends well beyond this local

specialty, of course.

Photo: Anna ART/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carcar City, Cebu

Opening hours: Every day 24 hours

Phone: +63 942 971 5507

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Mactan-Cebu International Airport



Mactan-Cebu International Airport (CEB) is located on Mactan island, 9 km from the centre of Cebu city. Complaints about taxi

fares are plentiful, so do consult information on standard fares at your time of travel. The white taxis are reportedly cheaper than the yellow ones and the journey from the airport to Cebu City takes approx. 20-30 minutes.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Mactan-Cebu International Airport

Phone: +63 32 340 2486

Internet: [www.mactancebuairport.com](http://www.mactancebuairport.com)

### Passport/Visa



The Philippines can be visited visa-free for up to 30 days by citizens of Schengen countries, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South

Korea, South Africa, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. A valid return or onward ticket and a passport that is valid upon entry and for at least six months beyond the



period of stay are required to enter the Philippines. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country.

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### Best Time To Visit



The best time to visit Cebu is during the winter months, since the temperatures are pleasant and the weather is not as humid as during

the summer. You will also be able to enjoy the colorful Sinulog Festival in January and discover more about Cebu's fascinating culture.

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### Public Transport



Do as the locals and catch a colourful Jeepney (routes are posted on the front). These are available 24-hours a day, cover most of the nooks

and crannies and are the cheapest transport option.

Buses are also available, but these tend to ply exclusively along the north-south routes and can be quite baffling and arduous, particularly in the rural areas. Tricycles are common in towns and villages and with a bit of haggling they provide a convenient and cheap method of transport.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair  
Address: Cebu

### Taxi



The simplest but not always the fastest way to get around is by taxi. Always check the meter has been set or a price has been fixed. Some

taxi's are unlicensed and in a bad state of repair and these should be avoided.

#### Holiday

Tel: +63 3 2345 1621

#### Spider/Scorpion

Tel: +63 3 2254 6250

Photo: Taxi

Address: Cebu

### Post

The central Post Office is at:



Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: A. Pigafetta Street, Cebu City

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm

Phone: +63 32 416 3989

Internet: [www.phlpost.gov.ph](http://www.phlpost.gov.ph)

### Pharmacy



There are several pharmacies, both small and big, across Cebu City and you are never far from one. One of the larger chains is Rose

Pharmacy and you find one of their outlets at:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Fooda Saversmart, F. Cabahug, Kasambagan, Cebu  
City  
Opening hours: Every day 9am - 9pm  
Phone: +63 32 260 7310  
Internet: [www.rosepharmacy.com](http://www.rosepharmacy.com)

## Telephone



Country code: +63 Area  
code: 032

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity



220 volts, 60Hz AC  
current. Plugs have two  
flat-sided prongs.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

3,000,000 (Cebu province)

## Currency

Philippine peso (PHP)  
10 ~ US\$0,19

## Opening hours

Banks 9am - 3pm Mon - Fri, shops open from 10am - 8pm  
Mon - Sat, malls can stay open later and on Sundays and  
public holidays.

## Newspapers

The Cebu Daily News  
The Manila Times  
Philippine Daily Enquirer

## Emergency numbers

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