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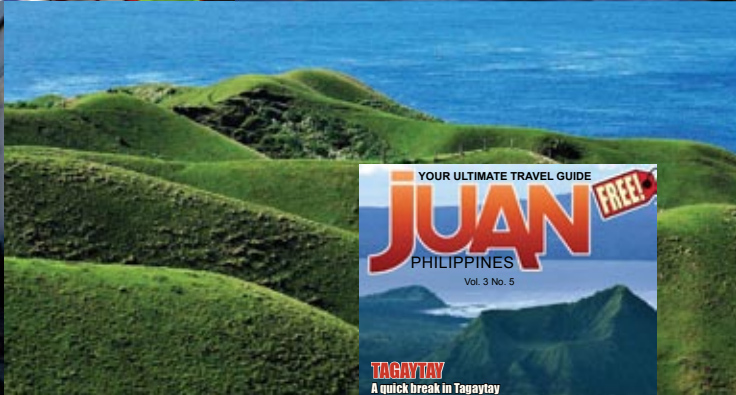
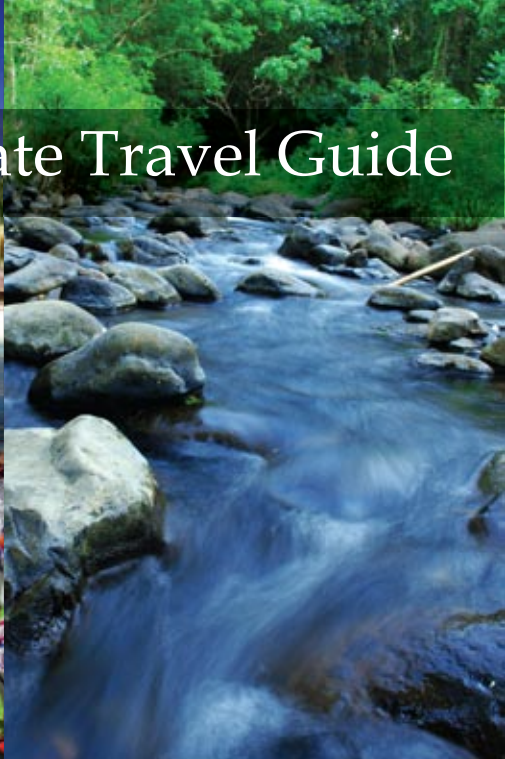
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After relishing the cool breeze of Tagaytay, we go up north to Zambales to discover Potipot Island. Experience its tranquility as the waves lull you to sleep.

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In the Philippines, it is always advised to bring clothes for hot weather. Bring light clothes. It's always safe to have those handy white shirts around. Like in any foreign country, be careful of pickpockets. Always bring that handy insect-repellant. When shopping, always haggle. Mingle with the locals. They always give the best tips. Be adventurous!

Pack light. Bring only essentials like sunscreen, medicine, at least two swimsuits, extra plastic bags, a pair of slippers, one formal clothing (just in case), toiletries, camera and extra money. Plan your outfits prior to leaving to avoid packing too much or too little. Write down all you intend to do to be more organized.

Keep your cash hidden in different places just in case you lose something. Make sure you leave some room in your luggage for souvenirs or other purchases.

Research about the place before traveling. It's best to be informed about weather conditions, local customs, hangouts, etc.

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Hello?	Kumusta?
Goodbye	Paalam
Thank You	Salamat
You're Welcome	Walang Anuman
Yes / No	Oo / Hindi
How much?	Magkano?
Sorry	Paumanhin po
Good Morning	Magandang Umaga
Good afternoon	Magandang tanghali
Good evening	Magandang gabi
Hot	Mainit
Cold	Malamig
Rain	Ulan
Sun	Araw

Breakfast	Almusal
Lunch	Tanghalian
Dinner	Hapunan
Bread	Tinapay
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Chicken	Manok
Meat	Karne
Egg	Itlog
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Pork	Baboy
Ice Cream	Sorbetes
Rice	Kanin
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A Quick Break In Tagaytay

By Shirley de Guzman

Every year, I go on a short and peaceful drive to a breathtaking place embraced by cool breeze and delightful sunshine. Every year, I spend my mornings admiring the spectacular view of a sparkling lake from my hotel room with a warm cup in hand. This year, I am going to travel with company. Come and join me on a quick tour of the country's second summer capital – the city of Tagaytay.

Located in the province of Cavite (which is just an hour's drive from Manila), the city of Tagaytay is one of the most visited tourist attractions in the Philippines because of the fine, little treasures it possesses. Its cool weather and beautiful atmosphere is what makes it one of the favorite getaways of those who seek respite from the daily pressures of life in the metropolis.



A BRIEF HISTORY

According to legend, the name Tagaytay came from two words: Taga, which means, "to cut" and itay, which means, "father". It has been said that there was once a father and a son who were out on a wild, boar hunt when an animal unexpectedly attacked them. Petrified, the boy cried, "Taga, Itay!". The residents heard the cry, which became the subject of conversation for several days in the countryside. After a time, the place where the screams were once heard from became what is now called Tagaytay.

Today, this city is a popular weekend residential for both local and foreign visitors who seek leisure and relaxation.

TAAL VOLCANO FOR A DAY

One of my favorite sights to visit whenever I'm in Tagaytay is the popular, must-see tourist attraction which is the majestic Taal Volcano, a volcano within a lake, which is reputed to be the world's smallest, yet, most active.

The perfect place to get a great view of this exhilarating sight is at the Taal Vista Lodge Hotel, where you can also visit the nearby gardens for free and enjoy an appetizing Filipino lunch buffet after. If that isn't enough to savor, I recommend you arrange a trip to the volcano island at the Taal Lake Yacht Club. There, you can rent a banca (native outrigger boat) to take you on

an unforgettable, volcanic ride or you can rent an escape sailboat for a lesser price and still get a full adrenaline blast.

For an even thrilling adventure, try volcano climbing. Oh, yes. The chills don't stop at the base of Taal Island's natural creation. Travellers may climb either the new crater or the old one. The jump-off point is in the small town of Talisay on the shore of the Taal Lake. This experience is a must try for it is one of its kind. I suggest you make an early start so that you can be back in Talisay just in time for a hearty fish lunch at one of the many native-cuisine restaurants there.

If you are up for some water fun, kayaks and windsurfers are available at the Taal Lake Yacht Club. Camping is also allowed there. At nightfall, many campers can be found enjoying their ice-cold beer under the stars. And by daylight, they are seen heading off to another tourist destination. Perhaps, Picnic Grove.

BASKING AT PICNIC GROVE

Picnic Grove is a lively playground where there is always something exciting for everyone to do. It is the perfect spot for families, friends and even colleagues to enjoy numerous activities such as picnics, horseback riding and sightseeing. It has a mini park filled with loads of laughter and it provides a fine view of the volcano far below. Rental cottages are also available for those who would like to stay overnight.





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A VIEW FROM THE SKY

People's Park in the Sky carries some history along with its name. Located in Mt. Gonzales, this used to be called "Palace in the Sky" during former President Ferdinand Marcos' regime. This tourist attraction is the unfinished mansion of the late president, which was built for the official state visit of former US President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan. Today, it is a mixture of both natural and man-made attractions, situated on the highest point of Tagaytay. I have seen the Taal Volcano from different locations in the city and it is without doubt that it is in People's Park in the Sky that the most spectacular view is found.

WANTING FOR MORE

With its cool climate, balmy winds and foggy mists, Tagaytay City is, indeed, one of the perfect choices for a quick break. Not only is it a place with numerous outdoor activities to choose from, but it is also a place close to beaches, golf courses, casinos and theme parks.

Casino Filipino Tagaytay offers gaming pleasure as well as great entertainment. Just a quick 15 minutes away from the casino is the Banyan Tree Evercrest Hotel and Country Club designed by golf legend Arnold Palmer. Situated in Nasugbu, Batangas, it boasts of an 18-hole par 72 championship golf course and offers first-class amenities, including a five-star hotel. The course measures 6,702 yards and plays to a par of 72.

For amusement park lovers, Enchanted Kingdom in Santa Rosa, Laguna is just half an hour away. This Filipino version of Disneyland is definitely a wholesome treat that families and friends will surely enjoy checking out.

There are several nearby beaches and resorts that you must visit before heading on home. The White Cove Resort in Nasugbu, Batangas is just 45 minutes away from the Royal Tagaytay Inn. This beach resort boasts of its white sand and clear waters. Truly, a great place to stop over for a few hours to get a nice, warm bronze. Among the other beaches to see are Caylabne Beach and Puerto Azul Resort in Cavite.

SEE YOU THERE!

For our foreign and local friends who are thinking about visiting, Tagaytay City is just an hour's drive from Manila's Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA).

The fastest way to get to there is to take the South Luzon Expressway (SLEX). Make an exit at Santa Rosa, and then turn right on the main road. In about 15 minutes tops you will be in Tagaytay. When you begin to feel the cool wind brush through your hair from outside your window, you know you have finally arrived. The next thing to do is to just simply chill.

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Sa pagsisikap, natutupad ang maraming pangarap. Alam ng San Miguel ito. Kaya naman sinisikap ng San Miguel na gawing mas masarap, mas maginhawa ang bawat araw. Itinataguyod ang mga programang makatutulong sa pagpapaunlad ng buhay at kabuhayan. Ang Community Scholarship Program ng San Miguel ay nakapagpatapos na ng maraming scholars sa kursong science and technology, engineering, education at agriculture. At siyempre, patuloy sa mahusay na paggawa ng mga de-kalidad at abot-kayang mga produkto ang San Miguel Corporation, ang matatag na kasama natin sa bawat araw.



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Kadayawan Festival: Mindanao's Festival of Festivals

Every third week of August, Dabawenños come out to celebrate the annual Kadayawan Festival - a more than weeklong celebration of thanksgiving for nature's bountiful harvest and a tribute to its indigenous peoples.

Dubbed as Mindanao's Festival of Festivals, this internationally renowned festival features fruits and flowers parade, trade fairs, traditional songs, dances, and games, and other activities. The Kadayawan sa Dabaw parade has generated much excitement with its lavishly decorated, fruit and flower floats and the Indak-Indak sa Kadalanan street dance competition. Davao's creative artists, folklorists, businessmen, and other sectors of society band together to show that a concerted effort will result in Davao's prosperity, an inspiring thought for all Mindanaoans.

The festival coincides with the harvest time of Davao's various fruits and the blooming of the waling-waling. It is a bountiful month with much agricultural produce, in particular, the durian. And orchids, chrysanthemums, dendrobiums, roses and anthuriums are literally overflowing Davao's streets at this time of year.

The Kadayawan was first institutionalized in 1986 to unite the Davaoenños right after



the turbulent Martial Law years. Christened then as "Apo Duwaling", after the city's famous icons - Mt. Apo, Durian and Waling-waling, the festival was later renamed to "Kadayawan" - from the word "dayaw" meaning anything that is good, valuable, superior or beautiful - to better reflect the merry spirit and indigenous theme of the celebration.

Today, the Kadayawan is more than just a celebration of agricultural harvest. It is also thanksgiving for the gifts and bounties of nature, the wealth of culture, and serenity of living. It is also during this time when Davaoenños and Mindanaoans manifest their committed effort in the nurturing of culture, understanding of history and appreciating art as part of the city's total development.

This year, the festivities will kick-off on August 8, the day the city government will also inaugurate and open to the public the renovated PTA Grounds Park, and end on August 19.

While this year, the festival will not have the search for the Hiyas ng Kadayawan, the festival's beauty pageant, and the



Indak-Indak street dancing competition, the festival will not be wanting in attractions that would focus more on the culture and tradition of tribal natives.

The festival will feature dance presentations depicting the history of Mindanao. The daily cultural showcase of the city's eight tribal groups will dominate the 12-day scheduled festivities. From August 10 to 17, the tribes will take turns in showcasing their culture through food, dances, rituals, and other presentations at the Rizal Park.

The eight tribes are the Manobo-Ubo, Ata-Matigsalog, Bagobo-Tagabawa, Bago-bo-Guiangan, Kalagan, Maguindanao, Maranao and Tausug.

Join the indigenous tribes of Davao in their annual thanksgiving feast and take part in a celebration of food, festivities, street dancing and revelry, culminating in a colorful parade that captures the region's rich cultural heritage.



Kadayawan Festival will be held in Davao City from August 18 to 24, 2008.



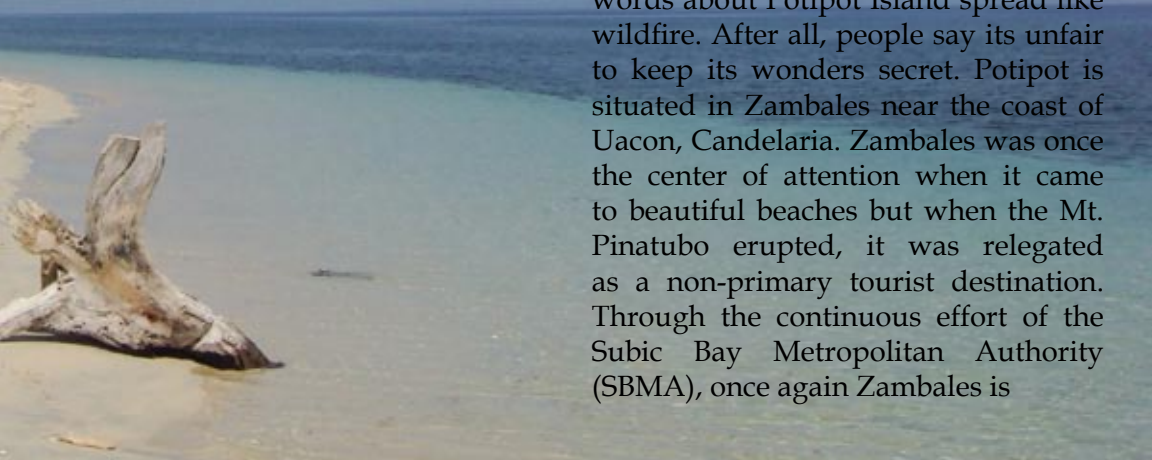
Potipot: Island of Tranquility

By Raselle Denilla



Potipot Island was not part of the well-beaten path. Leonardo Di Caprio's "The Beach" comes to my mind when talking about this discovery. It was not a place known by many, but was simply a whispered word, a carefully guarded secret among the circles of adventurers and sea lovers. As such, this pristine and unspoilt piece of Philippine beach front remained hidden from the assaults of commercial tourism, until one day, a tongue slipped, to an eavesdropper's delight. And as they say, the rest is history.

Thanks to the wonders of the internet, words about Potipot Island spread like wildfire. After all, people say its unfair to keep its wonders secret. Potipot is situated in Zambales near the coast of Uacon, Candelaria. Zambales was once the center of attention when it came to beautiful beaches but when the Mt. Pinatubo erupted, it was relegated as a non-primary tourist destination. Through the continuous effort of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), once again Zambales is





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emerging as one of the favorite destinations of the adventurous souls.

You can reach Zambales, particularly Uacon, Candelaria through buses coming from Caloocan City. Travel time usually takes 7 hours from Manila. If it will be your first time and plan to go there through private transport, just be sure to leave Manila early so you may reach Zambales before sunset. This may help you in asking directions in case you are lost and need to confirm that you are still on the right track. As well seasoned travelers know, you will find it hard to find people to ask directions from when the night sets in.

From Manila, take the North Luzon Expressway and exit at San Fernando. From there, just follow the road all the way toward Olongapo City. Just before the city boundary of Olongapo, there is an alternate route via the Subic Base Metropolitan Authority (SBMA). Take this route if you want to avoid passing through the city. Exit at its Kalaklan gate then head northwestward to Subic town, Castillejos, San Marcelino, up to the junction near San Narciso. From the junction, turn right and head towards and pass thru the towns of San Narciso, San Felipe, Cabangan, Boto-





lan, up to Iba. From Iba, drive for Masinloc then enter Candelaria. Do not follow the signs entering the Candelaria town proper. Instead, continue along the National Road. By now you should be passing signs pointing towards the Dawal Beach Resort, which is your primary objective. We discovered that this resort serves as the gateway for most tourists towards the island.

Experiencing Potipot can be accomplished in two ways. Some visitors stay in the resorts at the shores of Uacon while others camp at Potipot and spend the night sleeping in tents. Since we arrived late into the night, we decided to book a room at the Dawal Beach Resort and just head on to the island next morning. According to the hotel reception officer, bancas are available to take you to the island as early as 7am.

We woke up at 6am, and went to the market to buy some foodstuffs. At the reception desk also they sell ripe mangoes. Aside from food, lotion and the all-important camera, don't forget to bring trash bags with you. It is definitely wrong to leave your trash on the island. At precisely 7am, we met the banca. You can rent a banca for 400php for 2 to 3 passengers from Uacon to the island. Just 15 minutes and you are already there. Be ready to pay 50php to the caretaker for the entrance fee to the island. The banca will head back to shore to ferry more passengers, so be sure to make arrangements as to what time you want to be picked up.

Potipot is an interestingly small island. In fact, one can go around the island in less than an hour. It is not a public beach but privately owned. There are



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no resorts on the island, and it rests separated from the mainland by a wide yet calm body of water. Potipot is like an oasis, because while it is near enough from shores of Zambales that one is not really in the middle of nowhere, it is far enough that one feels peaceful and content to be away from the fast paced city life. Since there are quite a number of people who already know about the place, you cannot play “castaway” during the peak months. We did arrive a little early, so for a brief moment we had the island to ourselves. I suggest you do the same. There are also no stalls or vendors in the area so you have to bring everything you need while you are there. Some people might find this absence of stores inconvenient. I find it refreshing because it's really just you, the sand and the ocean conversing about peace and tranquility.

If you want calm waters and almost no waves, choose the part of the island facing the Zambales shores and set up your cozy beach mat under the big aratilles tree. On the other hand, if you want to hear the sound of crashing waves enjoy the feeling of water lapping at your feet while you walk on sand, choose the part of the island facing the open sea. The pristine waters of Potipot encourages everyone to dip and enjoy the cool sea. Go snorkeling if you wish

or play in the powdery white sand. Watch the sunset while walking down on the shore. Set up a tent and camp or watch the moon and count the stars at night. You may also opt to go there early just after the sun rise so you can secure the good spot to spend and enjoy the rest of your day.

At the end of the day what Potipot offers is a blank slate. Unlike well-trodden beaches where you feel somewhat compelled to go through the same beach experience over and over again, Potipot gives you the essence of what life at beach is all about. It's not binge drinking, riding jet skis or hard partying, but however cheesy it may sound, it's being one with nature. It's about removing one's self from the fast-paced city life and trying to rediscover the natural rhythm of life among the constant sound of the waves. Trust me you have to be there to know what I mean.







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	TIGER AIRWAYS	TR902/TR507	MFM-CRK-SIN	1530H	1600H
	SEAIR	DG216	MPH-CRK	1500H	*
	AIR ASIA	AK502/AK503	BKI-CRK-BKI	1620H	1645H
TUESDAY	ASIANA	0Z707/OZ708	ICN-CRK-ICN	2355H	0115H
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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Philippines is made up of 7,107 islands covering a land area of 115,739 sq. m. (299,764 sq. km.). Main island groups are Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. Capital is Manila. Time Zone is GMT + 8 hours.

CLIMATE

March to May is hot and dry. June to October is rainy, November to February is cool. Average temperatures: 78°F / 25°C to 90°F / 32°C; humidity is 77%.

POPULATION

There are a total of 88.6 million Filipinos as of the latest national census in 2007. Population growth is estimated at 2.36 percent annually. Luzon, the largest island group, accounts for more than half of the entire population.

LANGUAGES

Two official languages -- Filipino and English. Filipino which is based on Tagalog, is the national language. English is also widely used and is the medium of instruction in higher education. Eight (8) major dialects spoken by majority of the Filipinos: Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Hiligaynon or Ilonggo, Bicol, Waray, Pampango, and Pangasinense.

Filipino is that native language which is used nationally as the language of communication among ethnic groups. Like any living language,

Filipino is in a process of development through loans from Philippine languages and non-native languages for various situations, among speakers of different social backgrounds, and for topics for conversation and scholarly discourse. There are about 76 to 78 major language groups, with more than 500 dialects.

RELIGIONS

Some 83% of Filipinos are Catholic. About 5% are Moslem. The rest are made up of smaller Christian denominations and Buddhist.

UNIT OF MEASURE

The Metric System is used in most trade and legal transactions.

ELECTRICITY

220 volts a/c is the common standard. 110 volts a/c is also used, especially in major hotels.

CURRENCY

The Philippines' monetary unit is the peso, divided into 100 centavos. Foreign currency may be exchanged at any hotels, most large department stores, banks, and authorized money changing shops accredited by the Central Bank of the Philippines. International credit cards such as Visa, Diners Club, Bank Americard, Master Card, and American Express are accepted in major establishments.





Why visit the Philippines?

Tourism in the country has blossomed in recent years. And for good reason. There is so much to see and experience in our beautiful country. Here are our top 5:

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SUNDAY









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TUESDAY

		1 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUIBANG July 1- July 2 Gamu, Isabela Annual feast day of the Miraculous Lady of Guibang.
6		8 ALEGRIA DE ISABELA July 8 Isabela City A festival based on a legend that tells how the early town-folk survived a raging storm, where St. Isabela was seen blocking a giant wave.
13 T'NALAK FESTIVAL July 13 18 Koronadal City, South Cotabato. An annual celebration in South Cotabato which demonstrates the importance and significance of t'nalak cloth as the cultural image of South Cotabato.	14 PAHINUNGOD FESTIVAL July 14- July 16 Carrascal, Surigao del Sur This is a Mardi gras performed around the streets of Carrascal in honor of their patroness, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.	15 SUBAYAN KEG SUBANON FESTIVAL July 15- July 16 Ozamiz City, Misamis Occidental. A week-long trade fair/ street dancing depict songs, dances and other forms of simulated social expression of the rich Subanon cultural heritage
20	21	22 LIBON PAROY FESTIVAL July 22- July 25 Libon, Albay. Katalingkasan which means freedom and rebirth, is held in conjunction with the Libon Town Fiesta and the feast of its Patron Saint, St. James the Greater.
27	28	29 FEAST OF ST. MARTHA (OLD) July 29 Municipality of Pateros. A celebration of the Feast Day of St. Martha marked by a mass followed by a procession.



WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>2 SAGAYAN FESTIVAL (MARANAO WAR DANCE) July 2 Tubod, Lanao del Norte. This festival depicts the rich Maranao culture pag-entry war dance performed by warriors & fan dance by the Maranao maidens held during Araw ng Lanao del Norte.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 PAGODA SA WAWA July 4 Bocaue, Bulacan Held annually on the 1st Sunday of July in the town of Bocaue, the festival features a fluvial parade in honor of the miraculous "Krus sa Wawa".</p>	<p>5 BANIG FESTIVAL July 5 Badian, Cebu In celebration of Badian's Annual Fiesta, the festival showcases the Cebuano & Badianganon culture, tradition, delicacies & local products especially its famous "mats" (banig).</p>
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<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p> 
<p>23 SUBLIAN FESTIVAL July 23 Batangas City, Batangas. An annual celebration to pay homage to the Holy Cross for a bountiful harvest.</p>	<p>24 SINULOG DE TANJAY July 24 Tanjay, Negros Oriental. Street dancing with mock battles between Moros and Christians followed by reconciliation through the intercession of the patron Señor Santiago.</p>	<p>25 SAYAWAN July 25 Compostela, Cebu. A feast in honor of St. James the Apostle celebrated with a street dancing and Barangayan.</p>	<p>26 TILIBYUGAN July 26 Sapián, Capiz It is the Sapianon's way of celebrating their feast day in honor of their Patron Saint Anne every July 26</p>
<p>30 ABAYAN FESTIVAL July 30 Butuan City A riverside festivity in honor of Saint Anne, Patroness of Agusan River-highlighted with baroto races and indigenous games for men, women and children</p>	<p>31</p>		



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10	CORDOVA DINAGAT FESTIVAL (FISHING RITUALS) August 10 16 Cordova, Cebu. The celebration honors the town's most prized source of livelihood-fishing. "Dinagat" means "anything" pertaining to the sea".	11 KAADLAWAN HAN SAMAR August 11 Catbalogan Samar Festivities to commemorate the foundation day of Samar	12
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24		25 TSINELAS FESTIVAL August 25 City of Gapan, Nueva Ecija. To mark the anniversary of the town's cityhood, Gapan City holds its annual Tsinelas Festival	26
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p>1 PALU-PALO FESTIVAL (GRAND CELEBRATION) August 4- August 5 Basco, Batanes. A cultural presentation of the different municipalities of Batanes</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>6 MERCEDES FISHTIVAL August 6- August 11 Mercedes, Camarines It is a fishermen's celebration of thanksgiving for the blessings and bounty during the seafaring, fishing expeditions and fish farming</p>	<p>7 MINDANAO TRADE EXPO August 7- August 14 Davao City. An Agro industrial trade fair with business matching for the promotion of Mindanao's world class product.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14 "KUMBIRA" (FOOD FESTIVAL) August 14 16 Cagayan de Oro City Food & culinary competitions sponsored by the Cagayan de Oro Hotel and Restaurant Association (COHARA).</p>	<p>15 LUBI-LUBI (COCO-NUT) FESTIVAL August 15 Calubian, Leyte The humble coconut tree gets its day in the spotlight as the town celebrates its Lubi-Lubi Festival.</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 ANNIVERSARY OF CRY OF PUGAD-LAWIN August 23 Pugad lawin shrine, Brgy. Bahay Toro, Quezon City.</p>
<p>27 JINAWA FESTIVAL August 27- August 28 Gigaquit, Surigao del Norte A local rendition of the classic Christian-moro conflict interpreted through songs and dances</p>	<p>28 PALADONG FESTIVAL August 28 Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur. The art of performing the ritual of "ladong" conducted by a "landongan".</p>	<p>29 NATIONAL HEROES DAY August 29 San Carlos City, Negros Occidental. A celebration paying homage to people who fought for freedom, usually held with a cultural program and flower</p>	<p>30 KAYABA: GUIMARAS – ILOILO CROSS CHANNEL SWIM August 30 Iloilo City. A cross channel swim to create awareness to preserve the Iloilo river</p>



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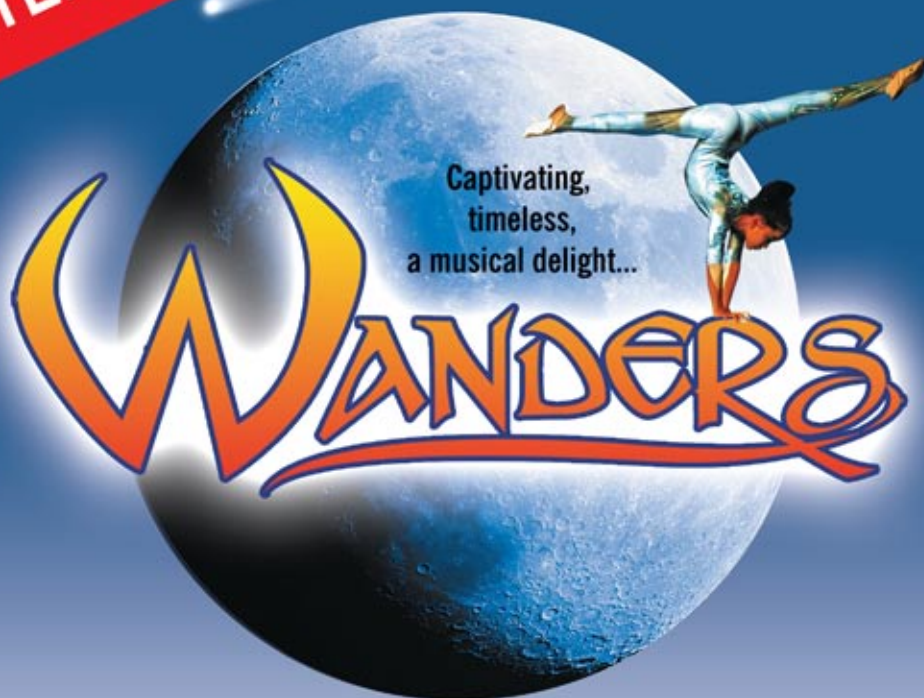
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