

Cordillera Program

27 JAN '16 **MANILA – CAUAYAN – BANAUE**

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Manila is one of the largest metropolises in Southeast Asia and is the political and economic center of the Philippines. Manila is paramount since the Spaniards have made this counter, located at the mouth of the Pasig River, deep in a protected overlooking the South China Sea and backed by a rich agricultural hinterland, a plaque Bay revolving trade galleons between China and Mexico. The Metropolitan Area Manila now has sixteen cities and surrounding municipalities in an area of 638 square kilometers.

Inside the vehicle, participants are given a bottle of water and cold towels, and a welcome pack which includes: **map of the Philippines, pack of dried mangoes, bottle of tanduay rhum and welcome mango leis.**



Check-out.

- 07h00 Pick up at the holly of the hotel, transfer to domestic airport for flight to Cauayan.
- 09h20 **Flight: Manila to Cauayan on 5J 196.**
- 10h20 Arrival in Cauayan airport.

You will be boarded on your private vehicle for drive to Banaue for 3-4 hrs. En route, lunch at the local restaurant. Continue drive to Banaue.

- 15h00 Estimated time of arrival in the town of Banaue.

The Banaue Rice Terraces are 2000-year old terraces that were carved into the mountains of Ifugao in the Philippines by ancestors of the Batad indigenous people. It is commonly thought that the terraces were built with minimal equipment's, largely by hand. The terraces are located approximately 1500 meters (5000 feet) above sea level and cover 10,360 square kilometres (about 4000 square miles) of the mountainside. They are fed by an ancient irrigation system located from the rainforests above the

mountains. The Banaue terraces are part of the Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras, ancient sprawling man-made structures dating from 2,000 to 6,000 years old. They are found in the provinces of Mountain Province and Ifugao, and this area is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Check-in at the hotel.



Dinner and overnight at **Banaue Hotel**.

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BANAUE

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Breakfast at the hotel.

08h00

Departure by private local jeepney for the tour of the RICE TERRACES and its villages.

Proceed to Batad junction, take the trek going to the villages, a traditional village nestled in a panoramic valley of terraces. Here, you can see a typical Ifugao Village. People here still live the lifestyle of their ancestors long gone. Have your lunch at the local restaurant in Batad, this will be prepared by the locals. Trek back to the junction, then, visit the Banga-an Villages.



Back to Banaue in the afternoon.
If time permits, visit the local markets.
Dinner and overnight at **Banaue Hotel**.

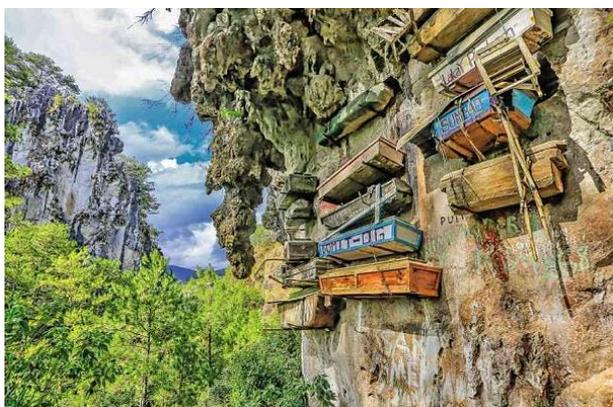
29 JAN '16 **BANAUE - SAGADA** **[B/L/D]**

Breakfast at the hotel.
Check-out.

07h00 Depart Banaue to Sagada for 3hrs land drive.

Leave the hotel at 0700 for Sagada. Sagada's attraction includes a beautiful landscape, excellent hiking amid pine trees, stone-walled rice terraces, cave-studded limestone outcrops, a cool climate, friendly local people and vestiges of the Igorot culture, including burial caves and occasionally some colorful ceremonies. Sagada is situated at the upper end of the limestone valley which accounts for its unusual landscape. Several burial caves can be found in Sagada. The oldest "kuongs" (pine coffins) are estimated to be about 400 years old. Traditional funerals at which coffins are placed in caves are still held occasionally.

Lunch at local Restaurant. Visit Bontoc museum, the mountain province's capital and crossroads. Its location in the Chico River Valley is spectacular, but Bontoc itself is not particularly attractive. Visit the Bontoc Museum which was founded by the Belgian sisters who have been active in the area for decades. It consists of 4 well laid out rooms and old photos plus a group of traditional houses. Visit the Hanging Coffins and do the caving tour.



After tour, drive back to Banaue.
Dinner and overnight at **Banaue Hotel**.

30 JAN '16 **DRIVE BACK TO MANILA** **[B/L/-]**

Early check-out at the lodge.

07h00 Departure Banaue – Solano – Manila for approximately 9 hrs. land drive.

Lunch en route at a local restaurant.

16h00 Estimated time of arrival in Manila.

Drop to hotel.

*****END OF PROGRAM****

PRICING

The total costing for the above itinerary is found below.

Single Occupancy:	USD 1,795.00
Twin-sharing:	USD 1,986.00

INCLUSIONS

- Welcome gift upon departing Manila. (1 pack of dried mango, 1 bottle of local rum and map of the Philippines)
- Travel Kit (Travel Itinerary, canister)
- Mineral water and cold towels upon departing.
- Essential tours and entrance fees.
- Private transfer via Van.
- English-speaking guide or Tour Coordinator.
- One (01) bottle of Mineral water per person per day.
- Accommodations as stated in above itinerary.
- Full board meals as stated.
- Government taxes and VAT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Minor program changes are sometimes necessary, depending on road and weather conditions.

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