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The travel-time to the Philippines from the UK is approx 14hrs using a number of airline services:

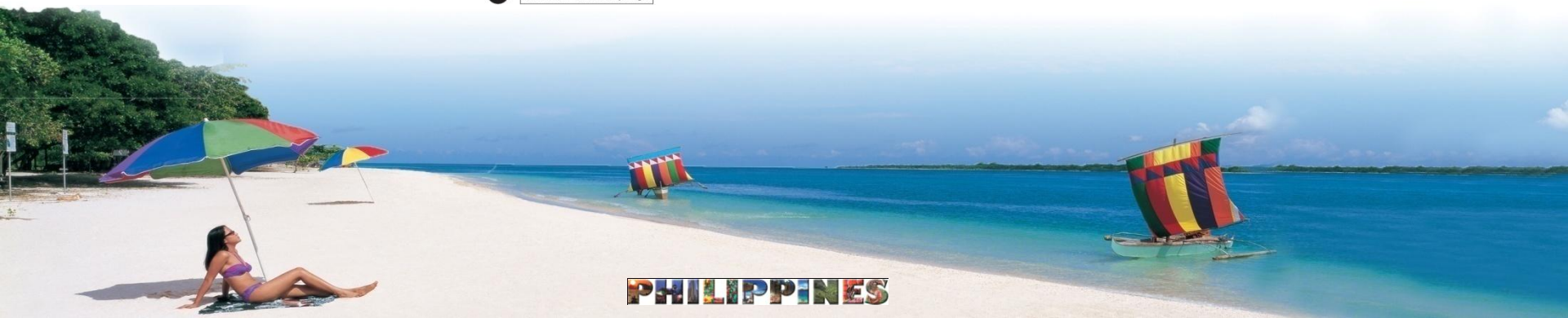
- Cathay Pacific Airways
- Singapore Airlines
- Malaysia Airlines
- Korean Air
- Thai Airways
- Asiana Airlines
- Air Asia
- KLM Royal Dutch Airlines
- Lufthansa
- Kuwait Airways
- Qatar Airways
- Gulf Air
- Etihad

Manila and Cebu are the primary international gateways





- 7,107 islands (during high tide...)
- Tropical island environment (25 - 32 degrees Centigrade year-round) with Humidity at 77%
- Best period - November to June
- Resort Activities, Diving, Sports and Leisure, Special Interest and Adventure Programs, Island get-aways, Cultural Exploration and Interaction, Nightlife and Entertainment, Shopping, Others
- 92 million people (approx)
- 91.5% of Population is Christian
- Western (Spanish and American) influences very evident, but culture unquestionably Asian
- English is widely spoken – medium for education and business; Filipino is the local language
- Local Monetary Currency - Philippine Pesos 70 = £1.00





- Time Zone - GMT plus 8 hours
- Major Gateways - Manila, Cebu/Mactan, Clark, Subic, Laoag and Davao have international airport terminals
- Entry Regulations - all visitors may enter the country without a visa and stay for 21 days (exceptions apply)
- Business and Banking Hours - 9am - 6pm
- Credit Cards - all international credit cards accepted
- Electricity - 220 volts, 60 cycles. Most hotels have 110 volt outlets
- Domestic Airlines - Philippine Airlines, Air Philippines, Cebu Pacific Air, Asian Spirit, Sea Air, Laoag International Airlines, etc.
- Communications - NDD, IDD, 3 mobile phone companies, internet, satellite, postal services, Cable TV, majority of dailies and magazines in English
- Convention Facilities - PICC, World Trade Center, hotels and resorts





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## Destinations

- Manila
- Cebu
- Bohol
- Cordillera
- Boracay
- Palawan
- Puerto Galera
- CALABARZON
- Davao



## MANILA

- Entertainment Capital of Southeast Asia
- Highly Urbanized Metropolis composed of 13 cities and 4 municipalities, with 13 million inhabitants spread over 636 square kilometers of land
- Highest concentration of luxury hotels, shopping malls and entertainment facilities in the Philippines, with a vibrant nighttime entertainment scene (theaters, discos, casinos, restaurants, videoke/karaoke bars, etc.)
- The main transportation hub of the country, with land, air and sea connections to almost all corners of the Philippines

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## CEBU

- Queen City of the South”
- Located in the Central Visayas region, at the very heart of the Philippine archipelago
- First contact with Western civilization thru Ferdinand Magellan
- Spanish influence still very evident to date
- Very popular tourist destination – perfect combination of urban and island attractions
- Perfect for resort activities, diving and other aqua-marine activities; nightlife, shopping and other urban entertainment activities
- Home to the musical, hospitable and friendly Cebuano people

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## BOHOL

- A little bit of Cebu – Spanish influences all over island, friendly and hospitable people, very good and inexpensive seafood!!!
  - A little bit of Boracay – beautiful white sand beaches, assortment of resorts and resort activities, favorite destination for Europeans!!!
  - A little bit of Palawan – unspoilt natural attractions, unusual and unique flora and fauna, unparalleled diving opportunities all around!!!
- ...but still, uniquely Bohol

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## CORDILLERA

- A region very rich in natural resources. It is famed for its huge gold deposits, pure stands of pine forest and rich soils and water sources that have enabled its people to sustain agriculture on mountainside rice terraces.
- The region is home to numerous indigenous tribes and offers one of the most extensive collections of cultural attractions found in the country
- Home to picturesque rice terraces, carved from the base of the mountainsides to the top, they appear to be massive green stairways reaching to the sky.

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## BORACAY

- Acclaimed as one of the world's best beaches
- One of the most popular Philippine destinations for local and international tourists
- 5 kilometer stretch of powder-fine white sand
- Multitude of Aqua-sports facilities available
- Resorts range from rustic to modern, simple to luxury 5-star
- Excellent and vibrant nightlife

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## PALAWAN

- A sub-archipelago of 1,780 islands on the western border of the Philippines
- Historically known as the “Cradle of Philippine Civilization”
- Today, Palawan is known as the “Last Ecological Frontier of the Philippines” because of its unique and well-preserved ecological balance
- Two World Heritage Sites: Saint Paul Sub-terranean River National Park and the Tubbataha Reef National Marine Park
- Home to 232 endemic species, Palawan was proclaimed as a Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary in 1967, and was declared a Mangrove Forest Reserve in 1982.

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## PUERTO GALERA

- Literally meaning “Port of Galleons,” Puerto Galera has been popular among seafarers ever since the prosperous years of the Spanish galleon trade.
- Primarily famous for its splendid beaches, coral reefs teeming with marine life and exquisite dive sites. The region was declared a Marine Reserve by the United Nations in 1974, owing to its abundance of exotic fish species seldom seen elsewhere.
- A perfect gateway to some of the most unspoilt territories and national parks in the vast island of Mindoro.

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## CALABARZON

- Comprised of the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizan and Quezon
- Situated south and east of Manila
- Rich with history relating to the country's colonial past, of heroes and revolutionaries standing up for ideals of freedom and self-rule.
- The region is blessed with an extensive selection of sport-related activities, such as golf in world-class championship courses in Cavite or volcano-trekking around Taal Lake, or diving off the magnificent coasts and islands of Batangas, among others.



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## DAVAO

- Modern metropolis bursting with life, verve and colour.
- A melting pot of cultures where diversities are appreciated and nurtured in a harmonious and peaceful environment.
- Famous as the home of colourful ethnic minorities, some of which include the Bagobo, B'laan, Mandaya, Mansaka, Manobo and T'boli.
- Serves as the gateway to explore the pristine wonders of Mindanao.

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- ## Activities
- Diving
  - Birdwatching
  - Adventure
  - Festivals
  - Weddings and Honeymoons



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## DIVING

- Rarity – research expeditions continue to discover new specimens in the Philippines classed as “rare” to “very rare”
- Diversity – the Philippines is home to the widest variety of marine species in the world. Scientists believe that Southeast Asia is where most of the Pacific’s marine organisms evolved before spreading out to colonize other oceans
- Value – the Philippines is the best value in the world if you want to learn to dive and training is available by instructors from most world-respected agencies.

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## BIRDWATCHING

- The Philippines is recognized as mega-diversity area
- 200+ endemic species of over 600 bird species in the country
- One of the newest birdwatching hotspots
- 27 Major Birdwatching sites in the country



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## Adventure

- Eco-Tourism Adventure
- Whale and Dolphin Watching
- Canopy Walk
- Sky Diving
- Sea Kayaking
- Trekking
- Rock Climbing
- Cave Exploration
- Ultralight Flying
- Mountain Biking
- Board Sports
- White Water Rafting
- Surfing
- Hot Air Ballooning



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## Festivals

• The fiesta is part and parcel of the Philippine culture, these annual rituals are filled with colour, pageantry and revelry showcasing the energies of the Filipino people.

• Prominent Festivals:

- Feast of the Black Nazarene
- Ati-Atihan
- Sinulog
- Dinagyang
- Panagbenga
- Moriones
- Cutud
- Salubong
- Flores de Mayo
- Pahiyas
- Masskara
- Higantes
- Christmas Festivals



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## Weddings and Honeymoons

- Exotic wedding and honeymoon destination – 7,107 island to choose from
- Value for money
- Convenience of language
- Well established wedding industry with internationally renowned suppliers all over the country each giving tailor-made service
- Straightforward procedure on the legislation required



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