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4D3N Philippines *(Feb to July season)* Albay Province & Mt. Mayon



DAY 1: KL - Manila – Legazpi City (D)

Depart KLIA2 1.30am on Cebu Pacific flight to Manila, arriving 5.40am. Catch Cebu Pacific 1.10pm flight to Legazpi City, arriving at 2.20pm. **Legazpi City** is the capital of **Albay province**, it is named after Miguel Lopez de Legazpi, the Spanish conquistador who officially annexed the Philippine islands to the Spanish Empire in 1565.

Visit **Lignon Hill Nature Park**; which includes the **Japanese Tunnel**, remnant from the Japanese Army's presence in Legazpi City during World War 2.

Visit **Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine** which has life size **Stations of The Cross** all the way up the hill.



Proceed to **Legazpi Boulevard**, a scenic seaside road, with a view of Mt. Mayon and Kapuntukan hill. Enjoy your dinner at Legazpi Boulevard.

Transfer to **1st Colonial Grill restaurant** at Ayala Mall for you to sample their famous **Chilli flavoured Ice-Cream** (on your own budget; other flavours also available); followed by some free time to explore Ayala Mall. Transfer to check-in hotel to overnight.

DAY 2: Legazpi City + Tabaco & Bacacay Tour

(B/L/D)



Visit **Albay Pili Nut** to buy Pili Nuts and various items made from the nuts. Transfer to **Tiwi** to visit a **pottery factory** (you get to try DIY hands-on pottery making). Afterwards, stop over at **DJC Halo Halo original outlet** to try Albay's most famous **Halo Halo dessert** (on own budget).

Continue to **Mayon Skyline**, the viewpoint located halfway up Mt. Mayon and watch **video presentation about the Mayon Volcano**.



Then transfer to Tabaco City to visit **Tabaco Church** (The Saint John the Baptist Parish Church), a Roman Catholic Church founded by the Franciscans; established as a chapel in 1587 before becoming an independent parish in 1616. It

was declared a National Cultural Treasure of the Philippines. The stones used to build the church bear the markings of the Masons.

Then visit **Tabak (knives & cutlery) makers** to see how the traditional industry is still preserved. Next is a photo stop at **Bahay na Bato** (meaning 'Stone House') of Tabaco City, an old house built in the early 1900s with Spanish design influences. It served as a trading center for an American merchandise firm before becoming home of the Filipina poet, Angela Manalang-Gloria.



Continue to Bacacay City to visit **Bacacay Church** (St. Rose of Lima Church), that was built in the 1880s (replacing an earlier church built in 1660). Next is **Casa Simeon Ancestral House**, a heritage home turned into a

bed and breakfast place. Enjoy your dinner at Casa Simeon.

Transfer back to Legazpi City to your hotel to overnight.

DAY 3: Legazpi City & Camalig Tour

(B/L)



Transfer to visit **Hoyop-Hoyopan Cave**; "Hoyop" in the local dialect means "blowing of the wind" and this refers to the wind that passes freely through the various openings.

Next visit **Quitinday Green Hills**, which is Albay's counterpart to the Chocolate Hills of Bohol. Transfer to **Kitwinan Hill** for the 360 degrees view of Albay.



Transfer to **Sumlang Lake** to view Mt Mayon (an excellent place for a photograph with the lake and Mt Mayon in view) and also take an optional raft ride (on your own budget). You will also see how **Abaca weaved products** are made and have a go to test your creative skills.



Then lunch in Camalig town for some **local Bicol cuisine dishes** such as Pinangat (best version is from Camalig) and Bicol Express. Visit **Camalig Church** (Church of St. John the Baptist). While the first church building was established in 1605, the current building was built from 1842 to 1848. It is constructed out of solid blocks of lava rock and was considered one of the strongest, most massive and most beautiful churches in the entire region.

Walk around the **old quarter of Camalig town** passing by some heritage ancestral houses such as Anson's House, Gonzales' House, Moyo's House, etc. (These houses are private properties, so entry is not allowed)



Visit the **Cagsawa Ruins**, an 18th century Franciscan church that was destroyed by an 1814 eruption of Mt. Mayon. The stone tower still remains. **Mt. Mayon** is certainly one of the most iconic natural landmarks of the Philippines. At 2,463 meters in height, Mt. Mayon stands proud in the province of Albay, settling prominently across eight cities and towns. It is a stratovolcano (with a steep cone built from many layers of lava flows); hence its incredible symmetry. Visit **Daraga Church** (Our Lady of the Gate Parish Church); a Roman Catholic Church in Daraga municipality, built by the Franciscans in 1772. The church's eastern and western façade, belfry, and baptistry were declared as a National Cultural Treasure in 2007; highly regarded for its indigenous Baroque architecture, richly decorated façade and intricate images carved from volcanic rock.



Return back to Legazpi City. Dinner on your own budget (tour guide will offer suggestions and provide return transfer to the restaurant). Back to hotel to overnight.

DAY 4: Legazpi City – Manila – KL (B)

Transfer to Legazpi City airport for 2.50pm Cebu Pacific flight to Manila, arriving 4pm. Catch Cebu Pacific 8.50pm flight to KLIA2, arriving at 12.50am.

RATES: per person, twin sharing, group sizes as below, Feb to July 2019 travel period

4 to 5 paxs group (9 seater van): RM 1095 /pax

6 to 9 paxs group (9 seater van): RM 995 /pax

10 to 11 paxs group (2 x 9 seater van): RM 950 /pax

12 to 16 paxs group (2 x 9 seater van): RM 920 /pax

Single Supplement: RM 330

a) For group size 10 to 16 paxs upgrade to 24 seater coach, surcharge RM 1,780 /group
Including Jeepney charter for Quitinday Green Hills (not accessible by bus)

b) To upgrade to 4 star Oriental Legazpi Hotel, surcharge RM 270 /person

Rates & itinerary are subject to changes in FOREX rates, unforeseen surcharges, air ticket prices, weather, local conditions, etc.

INCLUSIVE:

a) Airport pickup and tour excursion using 9 seater tour van

b) Hotel to Airport transfer using hotel van shuttle on Day 4 (last day)

c) Accommodation with daily breakfast: La Piazza Hotel, Legazpi City (3 star)
(If rooms not available, will advise alternative hotel and room rate differences)

d) 2 lunch and 2 dinners as indicated in itinerary above

e) English speaking tour guide

f) Entrance fees for all attractions inclusive as per itinerary

g) 1 bottle drinking water per pax for Day 1 and 2 bottles for Day 2 & 3

EXCLUDING:

a) Air tickets, airport taxes and fuel surcharges

b) Travel Insurance

c) Malaysians don't require visa to visit Philippines. Other nationalities to be advised.

d) Lunch on Day 1 & Day 4

Dinner on Day 3 (tour guide can recommend restaurants and provide return transfers)

e) Travel insurance

f) Tipping to guide and driver; recommended minimum:

4 to 6 paxs group: USD9 /traveler total for guide

7 or more group: USD6 /traveler total for guide

4 to 6 paxs per van: USD6 /traveler total for driver

7 to 9 paxs per van: USD3 /traveler total for driver

g) Expenses of personal nature like activities not part of itinerary, tipping to hotel/restaurant staff, laundry charges, mini bar charges, etc.