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Bohol & the Chocolate Hills

Full Day Tour

Overview

Bohol, east of Cebu is an island province that is naturally beautiful and historically rich. The province is probably best known for the Chocolate Hills, a mystifying geographical formation of cone-shaped hills spread out across a natural open plateau. It is also home to the endemic Philippine Tarsier, said to be one of the smallest primates in the world.

Almost every one of the 47 towns on the island have massive, old stone churches with frescoes, carvings and other relics from the Spanish presence providing the island with one of its most attractive heritage characteristics. Tagbilaran, the capital of Bohol, has tree-lined plazas and stone buildings, including a church built by the Jesuits in the 18th century.

Highlights

- Tarsier Encounter;
- Blood Compact Shrine;
- Santa Monica Church;
- Chocolate Hills
- Loboc River Cruise with Lunch on Board;



Tour Details

- Pickup from hotels located within Mactan/Cebu City;
- Private Tour; Daily
- Tour Duration: 9-10 Hours
- Ferry departure from Cebu at 08:20 / 10:20
- Ferry departure from Bohol at 17:40 / 19:40

Upon arrival at Tagbilaran Pier, you will depart immediately for the Bohol Countryside Tour.

The first stop is the Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary in the town of Corella, which serves as a refuge for the smallest primate in the world, the tarsier. Observe these rare, nocturnal creatures in their natural habitat and be amazed by their agility as they move about, leaping from one tree to the other, and swivel their heads nearly 360 degrees.



From Corella the tour proceeds to Baclayon, making a short stop at the historical Blood Compact site where Spain's Miguel Lopez de Legazpi and Datu Sikatuna, a native chieftain, sealed their friendship with a symbolic drink in 1565 so forming what is considered to be the first 'Treaty of Friendship' between Europe and Asia.

In Baclayon, the Church of Immaculada Concepcion is considered to be one of the oldest stone churches in the Philippines, and one of the best preserved Jesuit built churches in the region. Next door is the old convent which houses a small museum with religious relics and antiquities dating back to the 16th Century. Nearby is the Spanish era, Roman Catholic Santa Monica Church, also commonly known as Alburqueque Church, declared 'an Important Cultural Property' by the National Museum of the Philippines in 2013.

The tour then proceeds inland through the Bilar Man-made forest, a two-kilometre stretch of densely planted Mahogany trees located between Loboc and Bilar towns. Before and after this man-made forest are naturally grown dense forests with a wide variety of green foliage, different species of trees and giant ferns lining the road which leads to the Chocolate Hills.



Stop at the drop off area to admire the view of the 1,268+ cone-shaped hills which change colour with the seasons. Spread across an area of more than 50 km², and ranging in height from 30m - 120 metres, over the summer months the grasses covering the hills turn deep brown, making them resemble chocolate candy drops, hence their name, 'Chocolate Hills.'

The last leg of the tour takes you on a relaxing cruise along the Loboc River with lunch served aboard a floating restaurant. After the river cruise you will be dropped off at Tagbilaran Pier to take the ferry back to Cebu.

2022 / 2023 Prices:

1 pax: 395 USD

2 pax: 240 USD per person

3-6 pax: 245 USD per person

Inclusions

- Roundtrip transfers
- Ferry tickets (CEB-TAG; TAG-CEB)
- Air-conditioned transportation
- Entrance fees
- Lunch
- Professional guide

For more information, or to make a reservation, please contact our reservations team at: dive@masterliveaboards.com.