

BASCO - SABTANG - BATAN BATANES BECKONS

March 14 - 17, 2019

PHP 28,000/person on
twin or triple sharing

DAY 01 MAR 14 / 21 MANILA • BASCO - B/L/D

Feel the cool air as you arrive in **Batanes**! You will be met by our guide and transferred to tour hotel for briefing, check-in and relax a bit until lunch then start your tour by going to Vayang Hills, Naidi Hills and light House. Pass by the **Sto. Domingo Cathedral** to pay homage for safe travel. Marvel at the magnificent panorama of the Ivatans ridges and hedgerows similar to the pasturelands of Holland. Then on to Japanese Tunnel, Radar Tukon and Idjang viewing. Final stop is the beautiful **Fundacion Pacita**, once the home studio of internationally acclaimed artist Pacita Abad, now a nature lodge. Head back to your hotel for dinner.

DAY 02 MAR 15 / 22 SABTANG TOUR - B/L/D

Your adventure starts early today as you head to **Ivana Port** after breakfast and take a 45-minute **ferry adventure** to remote **Sabtang** - an island frozen in time. View their abode made of limestone with a rough exterior furnish. Meet women wearing their native "soot" or "vacul", special head gears locally woven to withstand the harsh weather. Explore nearby towns where you can mingle and experience the warmth of the **Ivatans**. Although isolated, these people have managed to maintain a collective gentleness of character and politeness bordering on innocence. Enjoy a picnic-style lunch under the shade of a stone arch surrounded by massive cliffs with option to swim at **Nakabuang Beach**. Proceed to Barrio **Savidug** and **Idjang**, both old settlements where local wine is made and where people take refuge during the olden times. Pass by **Tinian Cliff** facing the Pacific Ocean and enjoy its tranquil beauty. Finally, explore another preserved sanctuary in **Chavayan** before heading back to your hotel after an awesome day.

DAY 03 MAR 16 / 23 BATAN ISLAND TOUR - B/L/D

Another full day awaits as you explore **Batan Island**. One of its attractions is a 5 km, stretch of winding well-paved national highway jutting-off from the sea. View rolling hills used as communal pastures where one could get a panoramic view of both the East (Pacific Ocean) and West (West Philippine Sea) coast of the islands. Lunch at **Racuh a Payaman**, a communal pastureland. Passby the **wind turbine at Mahatao**, also known as the **Mahatao Idjang**. Visit another fishing village in **Diura**. See the local version of **Marlboro Country** with a breath-taking view of the velvet green grass and the tamed farm animals. See the old Spanish bridge built in 1850, the Dakays, **St. Joseph the Worker Church** in **Ivana**, and the **San Carlos Borromeo Church** dating back to the 17th century. A visit to **Honesty Coffee Shop** is not to be missed! Then back to your hotel for dinner and to savor your last night in Batanes.

DAY 04 MAR 17 / 24 BASCO • MANILA - B

After experiencing the rustic charm of this far away land, it's time to say good-bye and fly back to bustling Manila. Until our next travel bounty!

INCLUSIONS:

- Tours as specified
- Ivatan Tour Guide
- Roundtrip Airfare (Cebu Pacific)
- Hotel Accommodation @ Amboy's Homotel
- Daily Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Tour Escort
- Travel Souvenir
- TIPS to driver & guide

EXCLUSIONS

Beverage (softdrink/juice/bottled water) during meals

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A non-refundable / non-transferable PHP 6,000
1ST deposit due on September 15, 2018
- PHP 6,000 2ND deposit due on December 15, 2018

Cancellation Charges:

- 50% of tour cost (30 -22 days prior to departure)
- 75 % of tour cost (21 -15 days prior to departure)
- 100 % of the tour cost (14 days and below prior to departure)



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