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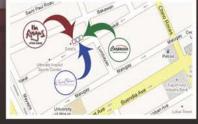
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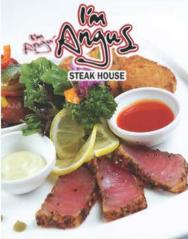
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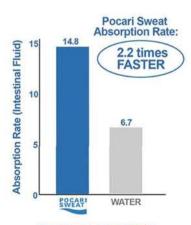






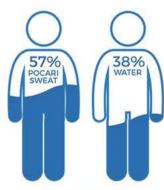
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It is a special month for all travellers and lovers! To make it more meaningful, see what we've got in store for you this February. STREET — Philippine Primer featured some of our

favourite Filipino food. Discover the rich and vast culinary scene this country has to offer. Be an expert on what to eat and where to get them by stashing this issue for whenever you feel like eating Filipino food. TRAVEL – Vigan, Ilocos Sur never fails to amaze visitors thanks to its timeless wonder. From restaurants that serve authentic Ilocandia dishes to churches that have stood the test of time, the city of Vigan will astound and amaze anyone who walks on its cobbled steps. Get to know the best places to stay in Vigan and its centers of culture in this month's travel special.

Plus! Since February is considered as the Month of Love, Primer has also created a special list of wonderful Valentine's gift ideas not only for your special someone but also for your friends and colleagues! This is the perfect time to show how much you appreciate them. Spread love and joy this coming Valentine's Day! Happy Reading!

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With branches in Taguig, Makati, Pasay, and Pasig, XO46 Heritage Bistro is a showroom of Filipino cuisine and is the place to go if you want to see, taste, and feel the Filipino culture and heritage through the dining scene. The interior design of the restaurant transports you back to the Spanish colonial period, as everything you see inside speaks the best of the Philippines - from locally-made tables, chairs, accents, and decorations to the food and even the staff who wears traditional costumes. The owners' effort to uphold and enhance Filipino cuisine hasn't gone unnoticed as they have been recognized by many publications and critics. Indeed, XO46 is one of the best Filipino restaurants in the country.

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Poblacion

⊙ 6:00 pm - 11:30 pm

Toyo Eatery

Established in April, this Filipino restaurant called Poblacion is known for its sumptuous Filipino dishes. Poblacion is the kind of restaurant where you will want to go to after a long time of not being able to taste all-time favorite Filipino dishes. Poblacion serves various Filipino comfort food such as rice bowls, perfectly paired with favorite viands such as chicken adobo, inihaw na liempo (grilled meat), and, of course, vegetable dishes such as ginisang (stir-fried) monggo, okra, salted egg, and noodles as well. Seafood dishes are available in their menu, too.

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6 Purple Yam Malate

BBBBB

Purple Yam is an ancestral home turned restaurant that is a local branch of the popular Filipino restaurant Purple Yam in New York City. Only accepting reservations, Purple Yam is described as something different compared to the usual Filipino restaurants in Manila. When it comes to food, they don't just serve ordinary local food; what they serve here are "reimagined," meaning that they make their dishes more interesting, flavorful, and uniquely Filipino. Lunch costs P2000 per head and P2500 per head for dinner. The place is decorated with traditional Filipino decors for its interior.

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SINIGANG NA CORNED BEEF (P595). Their bestselling sinigang with a twist.



VEGETABLE SPRING ROLLS (P260). Combination of Baguio beans, cabbage, carrots, sweet potato, onions, and squash.



The wooden tables and chairs make it truly a Filipino restaurant.



BINAWANG AT SOTANGHON AT MANOK (P235). A dish made of KARE KARENG CRISPY TADYANG (P550). The all-time favorite sotanghon noodles, garlic, chicken bits, and mixed vegetables.



peanut-flavored beef stew reinvented with a crispy twist.



Travel back to the Spanish period with classic and Spanish-style interior in the restaurant.



TOYO EATERY THREE-CUT BBQ (P380). It consists of three pieces of barbecued pork leg, shoulder, and belly.



OYSTERS WITH PICKLED CUCUMBERS, LIME AND BASI (P380). Made with local Basi vinegar and served on a bed of corals.



The minimalist interior makes you think it's not a Filipino restaurant.



LENGUA ESTOFADO (P385). This ox toungue dish is a popular Filipino dish.



PORK ADOBO, SALTED EGG RELISH, GARLIC RICE (P285). A meal with the all-time favorite pork adobo and salted egg relish.



Their interior is much like local restaurants but with more decorations.



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SWEETS. Of course, who wouldn't want Halo-Halo and homemade ice cream to end the meal?



The place can sit around 20 people.

BINUKADKAD NA PLA PLA (P399) Wrap the meat in leaves for a light and refreshing treat



SININGANG SA UBE (P395) Don't let the color surprise you - the soup is very mild and perfect for everyone's tastebuds



Clean, high-end interior are great for business meetings or private gatherings

Abè

Abe Restaurant serves traditional Filipino food which are delicacies of Pampanga province. The restuarant is named after Larry Cruz's nickname, "Abe," which also means "friend" in Kapampangan, the dialect spoken in Pampanga. Since a lot of the dishes in Abè are inspired by Pampanga's cuisine, you can expect a variety of dishes that are not usually found in other Filipino restaurants.

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Aracama

Aracama Manila is a restaurant handled by Chef Fernando Aracama. He makes use of the culinary experience he obtained overseas to enhance the traditional taste of dishes representing each region in the Philippines, mainly in the Negros region where he came from. The chef's original menu is composed of the classic Sinigang (Tamarind-base soup) and Kare-Kare (beef stew in peanut sauce), as well as pasta dishes using local ingredients. There is also a bar where guests can enjoy local and seasonal fruit cocktails.

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MANOK SA TANGLAD (P390) Grilled chicken steak, lemongrass made marinade, cool sweet, sour cucumber, cilantro dip



Warm, bright and cheery interior with natural-toned wood pannels



BEEF KARE-KARE (P520). Ox tail and tripe, peanut-flavored stew, vegetable rolls, homemade bagoong

CRISPY PUSIT IN SQUID INK (P280) Crispy and chewy squid covered with ink and garnished with spices



SALMON BELLY SA SAMPALOK AT PINYA (P260) Tickle your taste buds with this sweet and sour salmon belly



Decorated with photographs of the owner's ancestors and antique accessories

Bistro Pamana

The Bistro Pamana owner opened the restaurant after inheriting a traditional recipe from her father, who became famous for his Filipino home cooked recipes, Crispy Pata and Kare-Kare. The owner then decided to apply her ideas to the inherited recipe to provide a menu that can be enjoyed by all generations from young to elderly. Bistro Pamana, with its local and traditional Filipino dishes, is also loved by foreigners. Due to its success, the restaurant opened more branches in popular tourist spots like Tagaytay, Baguio, and Boracay. It also has branches in the metro located in Makati City and Quezon City.

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LOLA VIRGINIA'S CHICKEN RELLENO (P630). Half of a roasted chicken that's stuffed with ground pork, raisins, chorizo, and peas

BONELESS CRISPY PATA BINAGOONGAN (P665). A deboned deep-fried pig trotter or knuckle that's served with eggplantand-tomato shrimp paste sauce



This restaurant is a good choice for business meetings or private occassions.

Romulo Café

This Filipino restaurant got its name from the family patriarch, the late Carlos P. Romulo. The man known to his colleagues as "Mr. United Nations" was seen as the most important figure in international relations for the Philippines. Romulo Café's interiors are very elegant and sophisticated, so one should dress appropriately whenever they go into the café. Apart from the classy interior, Romulo Café doubles as a mini-museum, with photographs and memorabilia

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that can be seen on the restaurant's walls.

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LASA Bistro

People from the South will definitely love how LASA Bistro gives new flavor to popular Filipino dishes. Their menu parades a long list of unique formula of food popularly known in the Philippines, like Kare-Kare (beef stew in peanut sauce), Sinigang (pork stew in tamarind sauce), Crispy Pata (deep fried pig trotters or knuckles), Empanada (stuffed bread), and many more. They offer dishes that are perfect for gatherings or celebrations with family or friends.

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THAI-INSPIRED CRISPY TILAPIA (P320). Quite abundant in the Philippines, the tilapia is fried to a crisp and topped with coconut and herb salad



Feel even more delighted while dining with its well-lit interiors



KARE-KARE KRISPY TADYANG (P380). This is not your ordinary peanut butter beef stew because the vegetables are fried like tempura

PAELLA NEGRA (P300). This is the chef's take on the classic paella. done with squid and pork adobo mixed with pineapples



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Elias' interior is a cross between Spanish colonial fittings and turn of the century Filipino dining

Elias

Elias is the best representation of what it would have felt like to eat in an elegant Spanish colonial home, while still enjoying Filipino dishes made by Chef Florabel. Guests are greeted by warm smiles and an atmosphere suitable for family dinners and dinner dates. They have an all-Filipino menu prepared with a 21st century twist. Food is presented in a way that is pleasing to the eyes, setting the stage for a good meal.

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OTHER FILIPINO CUISINE

Arroz Caldo

Arroz Caldo is a popular Filipino congee. It is usually made of two kinds of rice (Jasponica and Miponica), chicken, and onions. It closely resembles rice porridge but with a chicken topping. It's normally served during breakfast and usually served for the sick.



Bicol Express

Bicol Express is a dish that originated from Bicol Region. It is a pork dish cooked with coconut milk, chili, and shrimp paste. It is a spicy dish which is a favorite viand in Filipino eateries. A lot of Filipino restaurants make their own version of Bicol Express as well.



Bulalo

If you're a fan of soup dishes, you should try bulalo. It is a popular Filipino dish composed of beef shank, corn, and vegetables. It is a flavorful stewed dish, perfect for cold weather; the reason why bulalohan (bulalo places) are popular in Tagaytay.



Crispy Pata

This succulent pork dish uses a pig's leg. It is usually cooked by rubbing seasonings and then deep fried to get the crunchy taste. To make it more flavorful, Filipinos usually pair it with sauces such as ketchup, soy sauce, atchara (pickled green papaya), or Finadene sauce.



Dinuguan

If you're the type who eats despite the look of the food, you should try dinuguan. It is a dark-colored stew composed of pig's blood, vinegar, and spices. Once you try it, you'll definitely love the saucy texture. This dish is usually served in a lot of Filipino eateries.



Ensaladang Talong

Ensaladang talong is a Filipino salad made up of grilled eggplant, tomatoes, and onions. This is usually paired with fried dishes. Shrimp paste is usually added to make it more flavorful.



Ginataan

Ginataan comes from its root word "gata" which means coconut milk. The ingredients mat include ginataang sitaw (string beans), mais (corn), or shrimp. There's also a sweet kind of ginataan which is composed of sticky rice balls, tapioca pearls, and jackfruit usually served during snack time.



Gising-Gising

Gising-gising is a dish made of ground pork and green bean dish cooked in coconut milk. It is usually made with shrimp paste and spices, if you like spicy food. According to some, it resembles Bicol Express. Gising-gising is best partnered with rice!



Inasal

Ingsal is a grilled skewered chicken recipe. It's a tasty dish best paired with java rice. It's a favorite Filipino dish especially that it's easily cooked and its tastes very flavorful!



Kaldereta

It is made of cubed pork ham or belly, tomato sauce, and liver spread. This saucy and meaty dish is also a favorite meat stew because of its flavor. Aside from pork, beef and goat meat are also used to make



Kare-kare

It is being served in local restaurants because of its flavor. Kare-kare is a Filipino stew composed of thick savory peanut sauce, with a base of stewed oxtail, calves or pig's feet, or even beef. It can also contain vegetables to enhance the flavor of the dish.



Kinilaw

Kinilaw is a raw dish made of meat or seafood. It is somehow similar to ceviche. The main ingredient of kinilaw is vinegar or calamansi that makes its sour taste. Other ingredients being used in kinilaw are celery, garlic, onions, tomatoes, and ginger.



Another coconut milk dish, laing, is a favorite Filipino viand. It is a spicy dish with a base of dried taro leaves. Laing is popular in the Bicol region where it originated. It is topped with Thai chili to add up to its spiciness.



Lengua in Mushroom Sauce

Lengua, which means "tongue" in Spanish, is a Filipino dish made up of beef tongue in creamy mushroom sauce. Some people use pork or ox tongue when cooking Lengua. Its rich creamy sauce makes it interestingly flavorful.



Lumpiang Sariwa

For snacks, you should try the Filipino-style of fresh spring roll. It's a vegetable dish with a soft wrapper garnished with sweet sauce and crushed peanuts. It's a favorite Filipino snack which can be bought in several snack kiosks in the country.



Nilaga

Nilaga, or "boiled" in English, is a stew. It is usually composed of pork, potatoes, and other vegetables such as cabbage. It is paired with hot piping white rice and fish sauce to add flavor. It can be easily cooked which is



why it is a usual Filipino viand.



Pancit

Pancit, or noodles, is a staple snack in the Philippines, normally seen in Filipino birthday celebrations. There are many kinds of pancit: pancit canton, bihon, molo, miki, palabok, sotanghon, etc. Some are dry topped with pork or shrimp and some are served with soup.



Pinakbet

Pinakbet is made of mixed vegetables steamed in fish or shrimp sauce. Some of the vegetables you can use when cooking this dish are eggplant, bittermelon (ampalaya), string beans, and squash.



Pochero

Pochero is a Filipino stew made of pork belly, tomatoes, chick peas, cabbage, and tomato sauce. It is usually added with ripe banana to add more flavor. Pochero is a viand best served with white rice.



Sinigang

Sinigang is a Filipino stew characterized by its sour and savoury taste. Sinigang can be made of seafood or meat. Its sour taste is made by tamarind, calamansi, or guava. It's also best served with white rice and fish sauce for added flavor.



Tinola

Tinola is a soup-based dish made of its main ingredient: chicken. Tinola is also an easy dish which is composed of malunggay leaves, papaya, or chayote. It is usually served to people who are sick because of its hot soup broth that can make people feel better.



For fish lovers, you should try tuyo. It is a dried fish salted then air-dried. It's a favorite Filipino viand especially that it's cheap and can be bought from local stores. It is best paired with steamed rice and drizzled with calamansi to get the best flavor.





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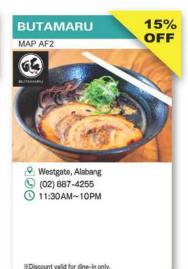
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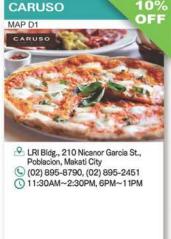
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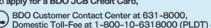




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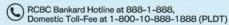
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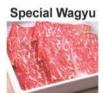
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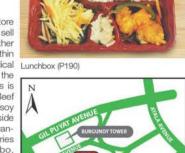
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Chef Jerome Lim

Growing up in a family of restaurateurs, Chef Jerome Lim always had a passion for food since he was a child. In college, he took up culinary studies at O.B. Montessori College of Food Service. In 2013, he went to Japan to study the art of noodle-making. During his training, he was able to learn all the components of Kyushustyle ramen, including the Tonkotsu (pork bone) broth, the Chashu (BBQ pork), and the Ajitamago (boiled egg with runny volk). He co-opened the first branch of Butamaru in Westgate, Alabang in September 2014 and will be opening its second branch at Technopoint, MC Home Depot, Ortigas, Pasig City in May 2017.

For inquiries, please call 02-887-4255

...Ingredients:

2 cups rice

2 thsp oil

1 egg, beaten

20 g leeks

20 g takana

50 g ground pork

1 tbsp sov sauce

1 tbsp mirin

1 tbsp cooking sake

1 tsp sesame oil

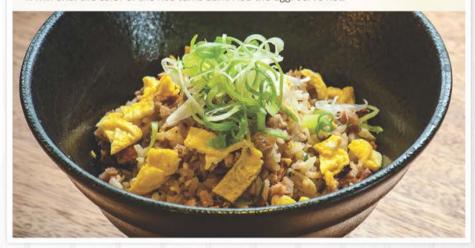
1/2 tsp dashi

1/8 tsp white pepper



Procedure:

- 1. Heat oil and season the egg with 1/4 tsp dashi and pepper. Cook the egg and set aside.
- 2. Cook the leeks, takana and the ground pork.
- 3. Add the rice and season with soy sauce, mirin, sake, sesame oil, and the remaining dashi.
- 4. Mix until the color of the rice turns dark. Add the egg. Serve hot.



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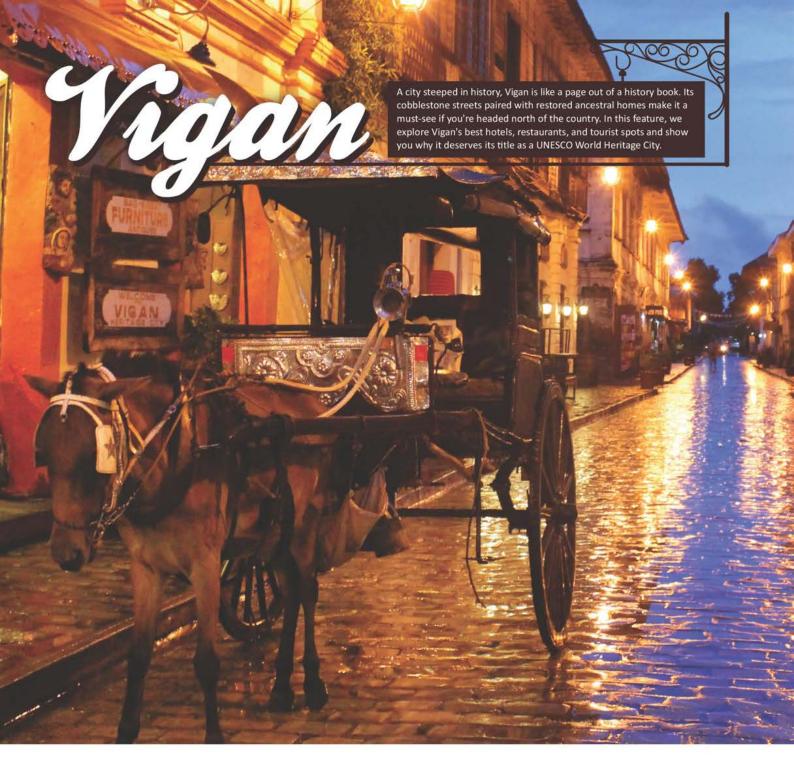
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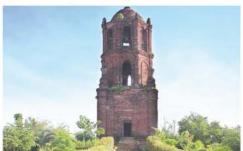
St. Paul Metropolitan Cathedral



One of the country's oldest Augustinian churches, St. Paul Metropolitan Cathedral started out as a chapel made of wood and thatch in 1578. It was established by order of Juan de Salcedo, the conquistador and founder of Villa Ferdinandina, which later became the town of Vigan. The original chapel was damaged by an earthquake in 1619 and 1627. The church itself was built in 1641 to replace the chapel and became a cathedral when the seat of the Diocese of Nueva Segovia was transferred here from Lal-lo, Cagayan in 1758, but not before being ravaged by a fire in 1739.

🗷 St. Paul Metropolitan Cathedral Burgos St., Vigan City, Ilocos Sur

Bantay Belfry







One of Vigan's most iconic symbols is the Bantay Belfry. First built in 1591, it served as the town's watchtower before being turned into a bell tower of the nearby church in 1857. Located roughly 10 minutes from the town of Vigan, it's located in the town of Bantay, Ilocos Sur.

It has looked over the town of both Bantay and Vigan for centuries. The bell tower is situated on a hill, making it the best vantage point for those who were assigned to watch over the towns of Vigan and Bantay.

A Bantay Belfry, St. Augustine Church, Bantay, Ilocos Sur



Calle Crisologo



Walk through the ancient times as you visit Calle Crisologo in Vigan City! When you mention Vigan here in the Philippines, the first thing that comes to mind would be its famed street that is lined up of old architectural structures built in the Spanish era. That famous location is the Calle Crisologo. The bricked walls of Calle Crisologo are a perfect spot to take photos because of its scenic background. The houses, reminiscent of those you see in history books, have survived many calamities that have struck the region because of its strong walls. Its architectural style was built not only for splendor but also for survival. What you can mostly see here in Calle Crisologo are souvenir shops, cafes, bars, and hotels which are previously ancestral homes of well-known figures in the past. It is also where you can find the best products to buy in Vigan, ranging from food, snacks, up to hand-woven items.

- A Crisologo St., Meztizo District, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur
- ② 24 hours (although some establishments close early) No entrance fee

Plaza Burgos



The smaller of the two major plazas in Vigan, it was build to commemorate Father Jose P. Burgos, one part of GomBurZa, the martyr priests who died for our country during Spanish rule. It's best known for its *empanadahan* and other vendors selling street food like *okoy* (shrimp patty) and ice cream. It's also the best place to talk to locals about their town and some of its hidden gems.

🕰 Plaza Burgos, Florentino St., Vigan City, Ilocos Sur

O Plaza Salcedo



Named after the Spanish conquistador Juan de Salcedo, Plaza Salcedo is both the city's central attraction and town center. Much like any old Spanish settlement, Plaza Salcedo is surrounded by all of the places you'll need to visit in Vigan: the town hall, regional hall, local shopping center, and the church.

Ilocos Regional Museum Complex





Ilocos Regional Museum Complex is a set of museums all located beside the provincial capitol building in Vigan. The complex is managed by the National Museum, meaning entrance is free for any of the museums within the complex. Burgos Museum used to be the home of Padre Jose Burgos, one of the three martyr priests. It houses memorabilia associated with Padre Jose Burgos along with other artifacts that you can identify with the city of Vigan.

!locos Regional Museum Complex Burgos, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur
 8:00 am- 4:00 pm (Tuesday - Sunday)

O Crisologo Museum





Crisologo Museum is one of the most popular tourist attractions where you can see the old look of Vigan. This huge house is owned by a prominent congressman in the 1970s named Floro S. Crisologo. He is well-known for he authored laws such as the creation of the North's first state university, the University of the Northern Philippines, and the establishment of the Social Security System (SSS).

- 🕰 Liberation Boulevard, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur
- © 0927-832-7524 (Remy, museum curator)
- 8:30 am to 11: 30 am; 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm (Monday Sunday)
 Price range: free of charge (Monetary donation is much appreciated for the maintenance of the museum)



Vigan Heritage River Cruise



The Vigan Heritage River Cruise is one trip you shouldn't miss if you want to explore more of Vigan. The cruise starts at the Celedonia Garden in Brgy. Beddeng Laud where the dock is located. The boat can accommodate a maximum of 15 passengers depending on their weight.

A Brgy. Beddeng Laud, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur

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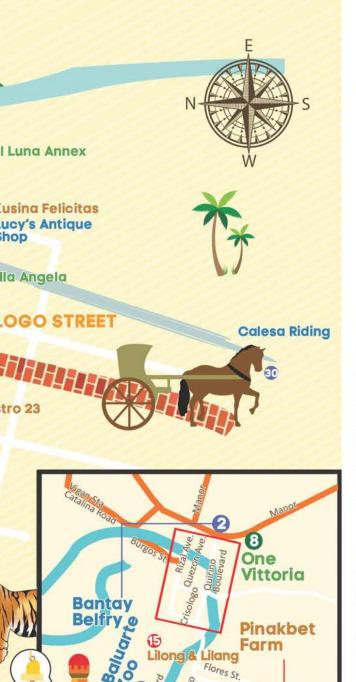
3:00 am - 5:00 pm

1 Lucy's Antique Shop



Lucy's Antique Shop is located in the antique house of Don Renato Peña. Known as a camarin, it was built in the late 18th century and used as a shop for horse drawn carriages, as shown by the four doors you can find at the front and rear of the house. Located along Calle Crisologo, it's the only standing antique shop in Vigan, and one of the largest souvenir shops in town. Prices for their antiques start at around P1,000, while their souvenirs can be purchased for anywhere between P50 - P300, depending on which souvenir you get.

414 Calle Crisologo, Brgy. II, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur () 8:00 am - 8:00 pm



Empanada

The empanada is Vigan's bestselling taco-like delicacy filled with vegetables (grated green papaya, mung bean sprouts, and shredded carrots). For its meat filling, it consists of egg and skinless Vigan longganisa. It costs around P30 to P50 depending if it's a special or a regular one. You can find empanadas almost anywhere, but locals say the best ones are found at Calle Crisologo.



1 Calesa Riding

When in Vigan, one should definitely not miss the experience to try the Calesa Ride! The best way to see the historical spots in Vigan would be through this ride. The calesa (or kalesa), a horse drawn carriage, is a mode of transportation in Manila in the ancient times but is still being used here in Vigan because of its suitability in the place as the streets are made of cobblestones and are just near one another.

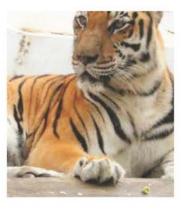
Price range: P150 per hour Cash only



Baluarte Zoo

Baluarte Zoo, found within Baluarte Vigan, is a mini-zoo that houses animals from other countries as well as those endemic to the Philippines. It's a free-roaming animal sanctuary owned by former Ilocos Governor Luis Chavit Singson. You can go around the zoo aboard a rickshaw drawn by a *tiburin* or miniature horse, watch a live animal show, or visit their petting zoo and butterfly garden.

- 🕰 Brgy. Salindeg, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur
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- 3 7:00 am 6:00 pm
- BaluarteZoo



Rowilda's Handloom Weaving



Rowilda's Loom Weaving is one of the popular looming factories in Vigan, which specializes in making cloth through manual weaving. Found in Brgy. Camanggaan, this *abel*-weaving factory is composed of several century-old and young weavers who make abel for their livelihood. Abel is a traditional woven product found in Vigan known for its strong and colorful material that produces beautiful fabrics which are being exported to Manila.

7:00 am - 5:00 pm (Monday to Sunday)
 Price range: P70 and up

Pagburnayan Pottery Making







Brgy. Pagburnayan in Vigan is popular for its earthenware shops. It is the home of a known pottery maker, and his shop, Rose Pottery, which still stands as one of the best places to both buy and experience pottery making in Vigan. Tourists can try out pottery making for free as well as take home the clay pot they made free of charge, although it's best to pay the potter for his/her efforts. A pot usually takes 3 weeks to cure in their workshop before being fired in a kiln for at least a week to let the clay harden. They make sure not to expose it to sunlight because that would harden the clay too fast, leading to unsightly cracks.

♣ Brgy. Pagburnayan, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur

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People visit Vigan for its near-perfect preservation of a Spanish-style city, including the many ancestral homes. If you've ever dreamed of staying in an ancestral home, look no further than our list of hotels within the city of Vigan.







Villa Angela Heritage House

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Villa Angela Heritage House, located along Quirino Boulevard, looks like a typical house in Vigan during the 1800s. Owned by the prominent Versoza family, it was built in 1870 by then gobernadorcillo Agapito B. Florendo. It was restored by descendants of the Versoza clan in the 1980s, and has become a depository of mementos acquired by the family, some of which date back to their early years in Vigan. It's one of Vigan's most popular accommodations because of its current state. Among the many hotels and inns in the city, it's the only one that has retained its 1800s luster, complete with four poster beds in each room and capiz or windowglass shells for its huge windows. Antiques line the living room, from the table down to the jars.

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10 Hotel Luna

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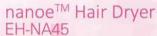
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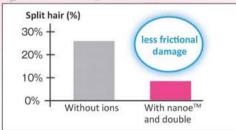
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Yuka Shimodaira

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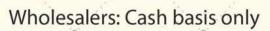








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To make your house a place you'd want to come home to, getting tips to decorate and personalize your abode are necessary. Let's take a look on how Liza, a homeowner in Alabang, conceptualized her home design through colors, furniture pieces, and a penchant for native and inherited items.

"I want everything clean," said Liza, owner of the three-storey house we visited in a posh village in Alabang one December night. Liza's standard of cleanliness is a different kind of cleanliness—and truly, what we saw proves her right. Upon entering her humble abode, you would really believe that there is no place for disarray in her place. Everything is kept in place: no clutter, no dusty furniture, no dirt in sight— a place you'd certainly want to come home to. Liza then tells the story on how she and her husband built their home. "This house was built when we moved in 2004. This was the very first house that we built here in the Philippines," said Liza as she took us to a tour on the ground floor of her three-storey house. You can easily notice how spacious the house is because of how it was designed. Bedecked with mostly big furniture pieces, hues of brown and nude, and high ceilings, Liza's house definitely speaks of sophistication and style. "We just wanted an open space; that was our thing," recalled Liza while she was telling us the history of her home. "Basically, the idea was the zen or Asian tropical look, and we hired our good friend and interior designer to help us. We (Liza and her husband) wanted the look to be warm also," added Liza. Liza's idea is never too far from what most luxury homes in the Philippines look like. More and more houses are now pandering to the minimalist look, making it look simple yet sleek. As for Liza, she says that in more than a decade of living here, she has not changed themes quite often.



HOME SPOT

The living room is just a few steps away from the dining area, and in front of their lanai. Asked what their favorite spot is, Liza showed us their TV room. "This and the lanai are our favorite places. This is where we watch films and where the kids play games in their Play Station."





FROM THE DOOR OUTSIDE

The house's high ceilinged interior gives it an overall spacious look.



KITCHEN AREA

Liza's kitchen area is as clean as it can be —making it look neat and orderly - a place where cooking can truly be an enjoyable activity.

Her dining area is an entirely different story. Since she likes to keep everything clean, she's not your usual homeowner who displays a lot in her kitchen. Similar to typical Filipino homes, there is a 'dirty kitchen' (outdoor kitchen) where most of the cooking takes place. Outdoor kitchens are common in the Philippines both in the provinces and in the city because of its convenience in keeping unwanted odor from the cooking away from the insides of the house.



DINING AREA

This 8-seater dining table is a definition of modern-meets-classic design. The table – an old, recycled one – is paired with a set of modern chairs which makes a visually aesthetic look.

In their dining area, a huge table makes for their dining setup. Liza recollects the story of how she wanted to get rid of this table but eventually loved it in the long run. "This was an office table of my husband's grandfather. I was initially reluctant to have it here but our interior designer insisted for it to stay. I got convinced and then I eventually liked it. The chairs, though, were changed into modern ones to keep up with the theme."

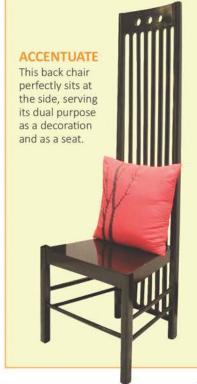


COMFY AND CONVENIENT

This guestroom located at the ground floor is where Liza's parents stay when they visit. The colors are in an Earth tone scheme, perfect for a relaxing feel. To end our tour in Liza's house, we asked her what tip she could give for those who would like to build their own house someday. "You don't have to buy everything," said Liza. True enough, the things that adorn her house give her plenty of stories to share. From her great finds for home accents to restored furniture which they have kept for a long time, that's when you can totally say that the best things in life are free.



This jar which stands at her living room makes for a great accent piece in the area. "It came from Negros Occidental, and this jar is what my mom used to make vinegar out of coconut sap. One time, when we visited the province, I saw it and just fell in love with it, so I asked my mom to ship it," recalls Liza.







Mr. Hiroaki Naruse KARADA PHILIPPINES

degree in Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine from Nihon University. After graduating, he entered Nippon Pet Food where worked as a part-time therapist. After that he served as an transferred to the International Division from 2012. He was appointed to the Philippines in May of the same year.

KARADA believes in Setai or Body Maintenance, combining massage and chiropractic techniques to not only relieve stress but improve overall health. Thanks to this approach, their services have earned a steady following both in Japan and in countries like the Philippines. We talked to KARADA Philippines' Master Trainer and Regional Manager, Hiroaki Naruse, to know more about how KARADA has been successful in offering its one-of-a-kind

What did you do before working for KARADA? Why did you choose to work in KARADA?

I worked as a salesman for a pet food maker for 13 years. I would often go on business meetings with managers to sell pet food. I drove a car everyday during business trips, sometimes driving for 2-3 hours straight. I developed lower back pain because of those long hours, which forced me to resign.

I would often get a massage during those business trips. The massages cost me more than what I make, so I tried looking for places that provide body maintenance. One of my friends, a chiropractor, encouraged me to learn chiropractics instead and that's how I started with KARADA.

What is the story of KARADA? When and where did it start?

KARADA was founded in Japan by Koyasu Yuki. He got into a car accident as a college student. His injuries were healed through time, but he experienced recurring neck pain. He went to several doctors who all said he was fine, but he knew he was not. He later consulted his uncle, a chiropractor, and was cured by chiropractic treatment.

After his experience, he learned chiropractics along with other massage techniques. He combined these to open KARADA Factory in Yokohama, Japan.

What makes KARADA different from other spas or massage clinics?

Massage parlors in the country specialize in relaxing massages or reflexology. Ours is different: we focus more on body maintenance. Our services are therapeutic, not for relaxation.

We also communicate more than other places that specialize in reflexology. For us, consultation is the most important part of our service. We profile our clients and give them suggestions based on their medical history. We're not experts, so we recommend you get a check-up before you go to KARADA.

We follow a step-by-step process to determine what treatment will best suit your needs: consultation, assessment, treatments (skull, muscles, bones), and rationalization. Every treatment we do is tailor-made to the client's needs and what they want to achieve.

What made you decide to open a branch in the Philippines?

When we opened our branch in Taiwan 5 or 6 years ago, we had a client who loved our services. This client eventually recommended us to their Filipino friends. They, in turn, tried and loved our services, so they asked us if they can start KARADA in the Philippines. They thought that the unique service we provided (body maintenance) would do well in the Philippines since no one has done it before.

At that time, we were already looking for someone to talk to and expand our business outside of our branches in Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand. These countries had KARADA branches, but the one here is a franchise.

KARADA Factory was the original name of the company. However, when we opened our first branch in Glorietta, we thought of removing "Factory" from the name because it didn't carry the same meaning in the Philippines. This is why it's just KARADA, which means body. We now have 13 branches in the Philippines.

KARADA is set-up as a franchise in the Philippines. The franchise is under Technolux Holdings, so they are the ones who manage KARADA in the country. As a representative of KARADA from Japan, we assist them in training the staff.

What problems did you run into while running KARADA Philippines?

I've encountered two problems with KARADA Philippines: one is that applicants leave the company too easily. The techniques needed to be a KARADA Body Trainer (or therapist) take a long time to learn. It takes about two to three months to learn the basics. Training is hard, so they tend to give up early.

This is a problem for us because training to be a therapist takes time and costs a lot of money. If they leave before or shortly after they complete their training, all of that goes to waste. If they do complete the training, they experience difficulty in adjusting to the Japanese work culture, especially when it comes to attendance.

Another problem I've encountered both here and other countries in South East Asia is the many delays we experience during construction. We get a lot of offers to franchise, but the places where we can put them in (malls, commercial centers, etc.), take a long time before they are completed.

What plans does KARADA have for the future?

We plan to expand to other parts of metro manila, hopefully getting to 100 branches in 10 years. We're also looking to expand to the Middle East, as Technolux has offices in Dubai and Kuwait.

As master trainer, what is your approach to training KARADA's therapists?

Everyone at KARADA starts from zero, even if you're a licensed physical therapist. All of our trainers are Filipino, including the head trainer. Strictness is needed because it's dangerous to make mistakes when you're dealing with the body. We also encourage our applicants to train even after work hours [so that they can continue to

I don't focus on training applicants right now, though I did train the first batch of KARADA therapists. We sent them to Japan, where they received strict training for KARADA's techniques. I still have the final say if they will qualify as therapists, though.

What has made the most impact in your role as KARADA's Master Trainer and Regional Manager?

For me, it's having responsibility and pride as a mentor for KARADA. We started with nothing in the Philippines [and built it up to what it is now]. I may not be the owner, but I feel like I am because I was part of the team that started KARADA in the

Ichigo ichie (one time, one meeting). I want to give clients the best service they can get right from the start."

What's a typical day like working for KARADA as its Master Trainer?

I wake up at 7:00 am and visit a cafe to eat breakfast, check my emails, or talk to my colleagues in FJG via Skype. I go to our training center in Kamagong around 10:30 am or 11:00 am to either teach or administer final tests for the applicants. I also visit KARADA Greenbelt if there's a request from a VIP, or attend business meetings around this time. I go to KARADA Greenbelt by 8:00 pm to check my schedule, then get dinner either by myself or with the rest of the staff.

What is your motto?

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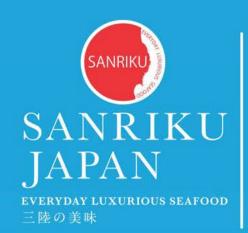




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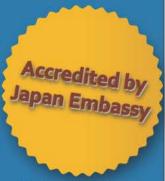
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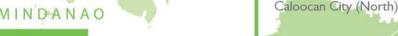
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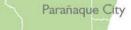
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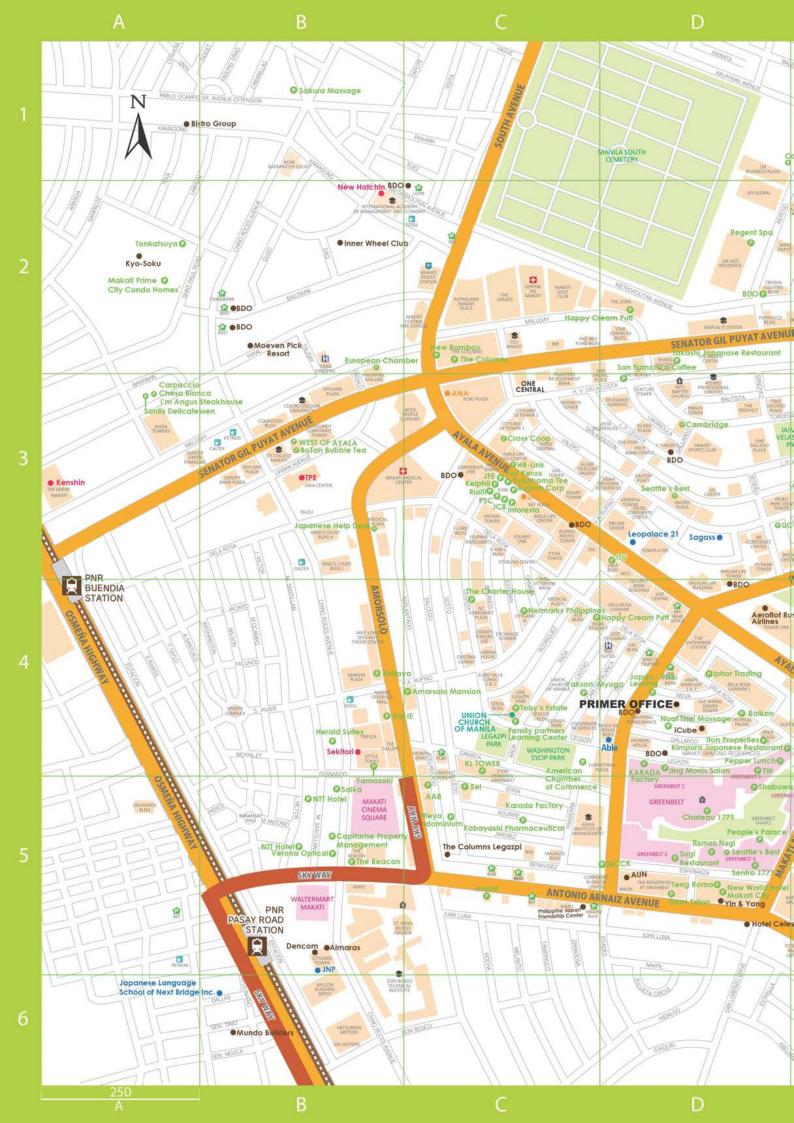
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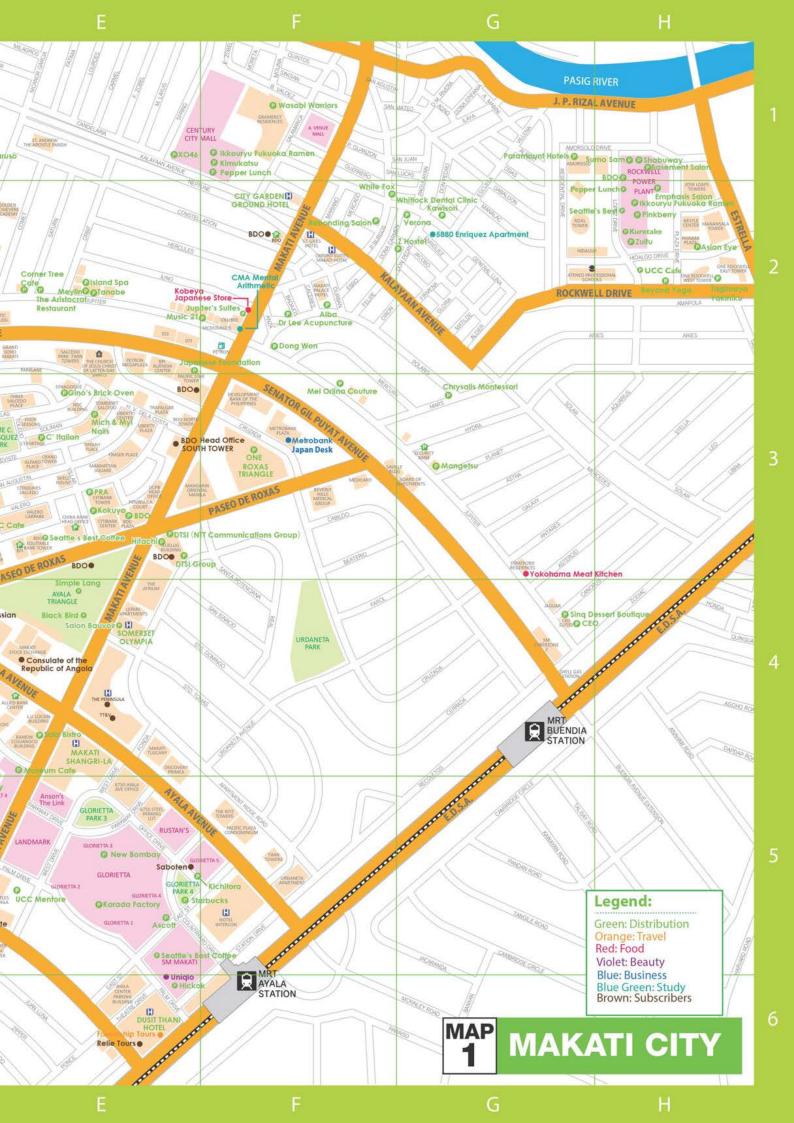
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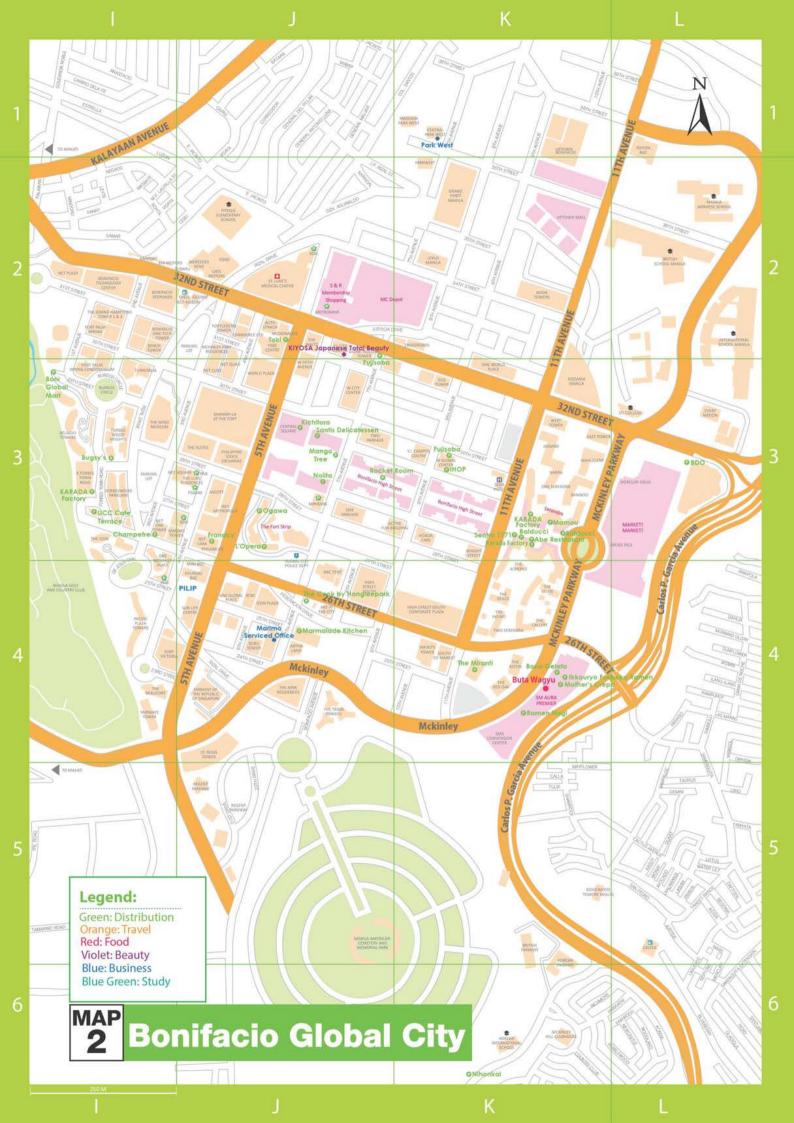


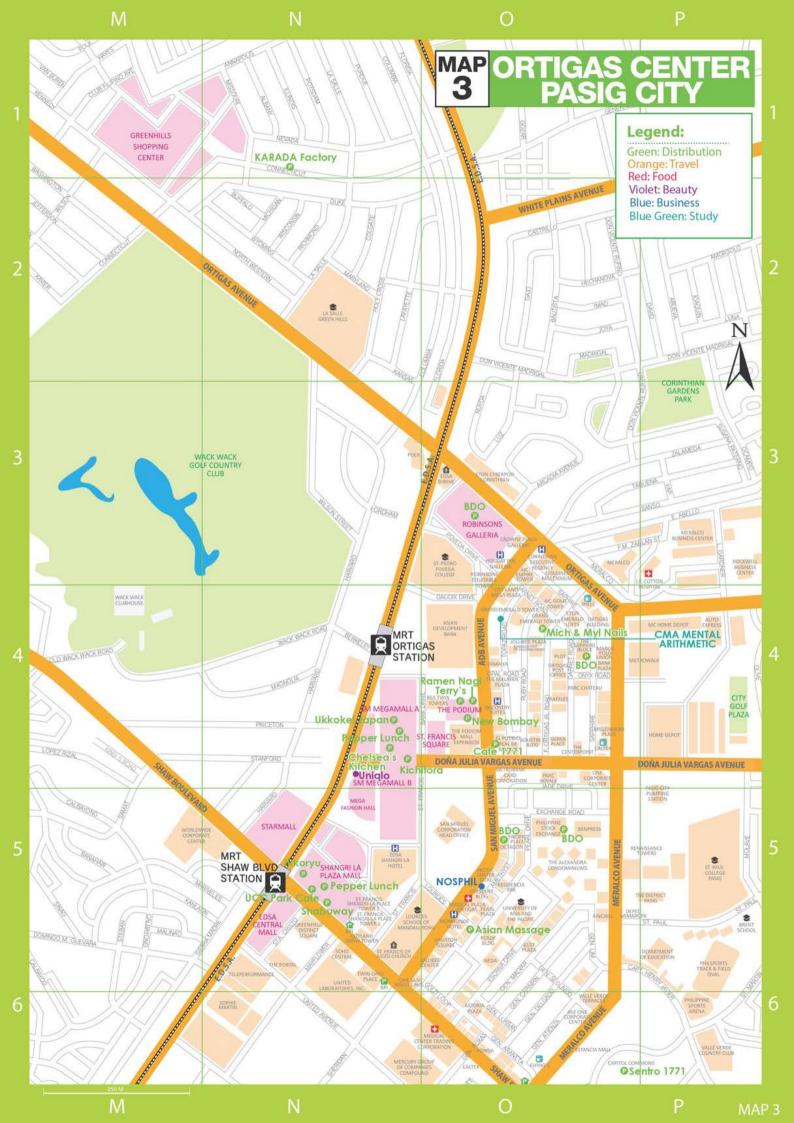


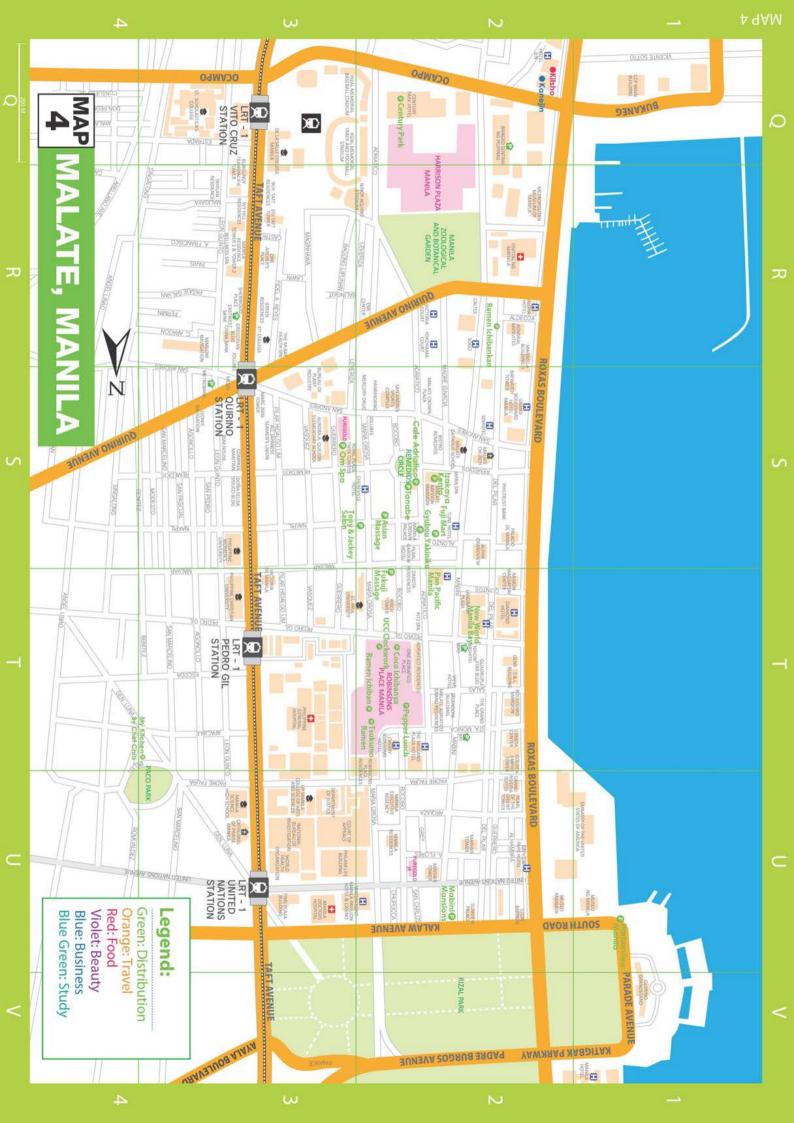


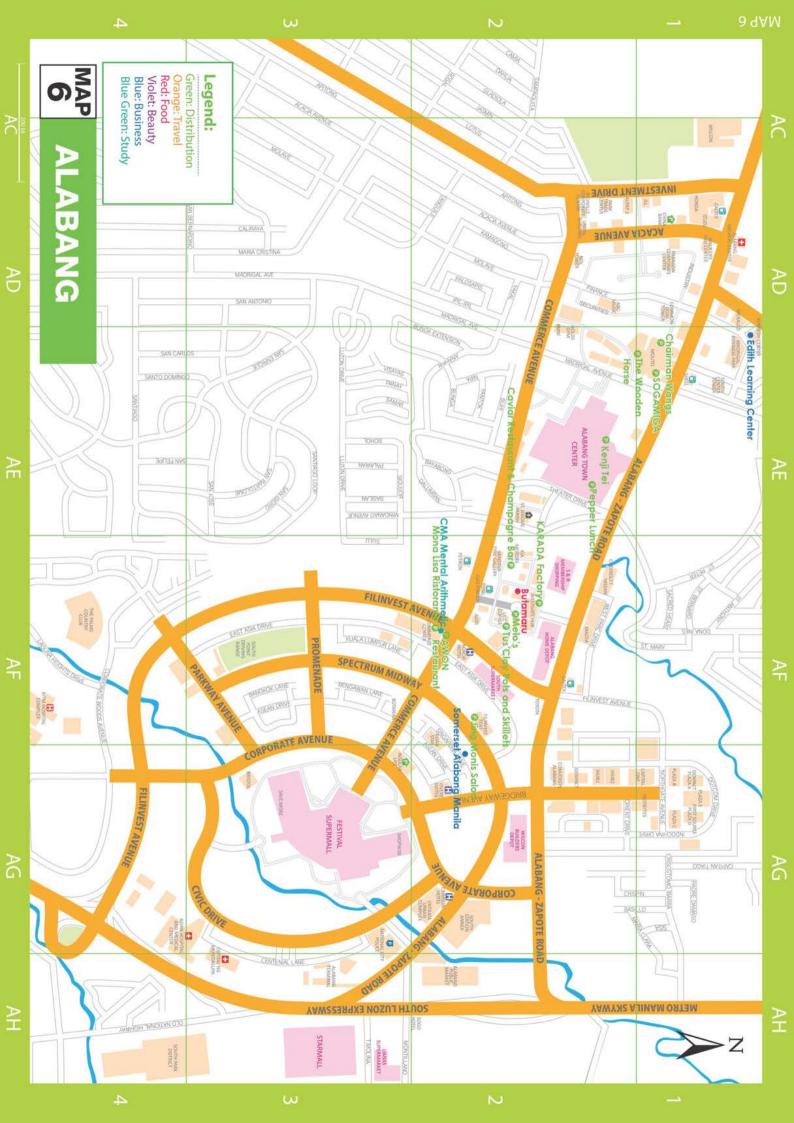


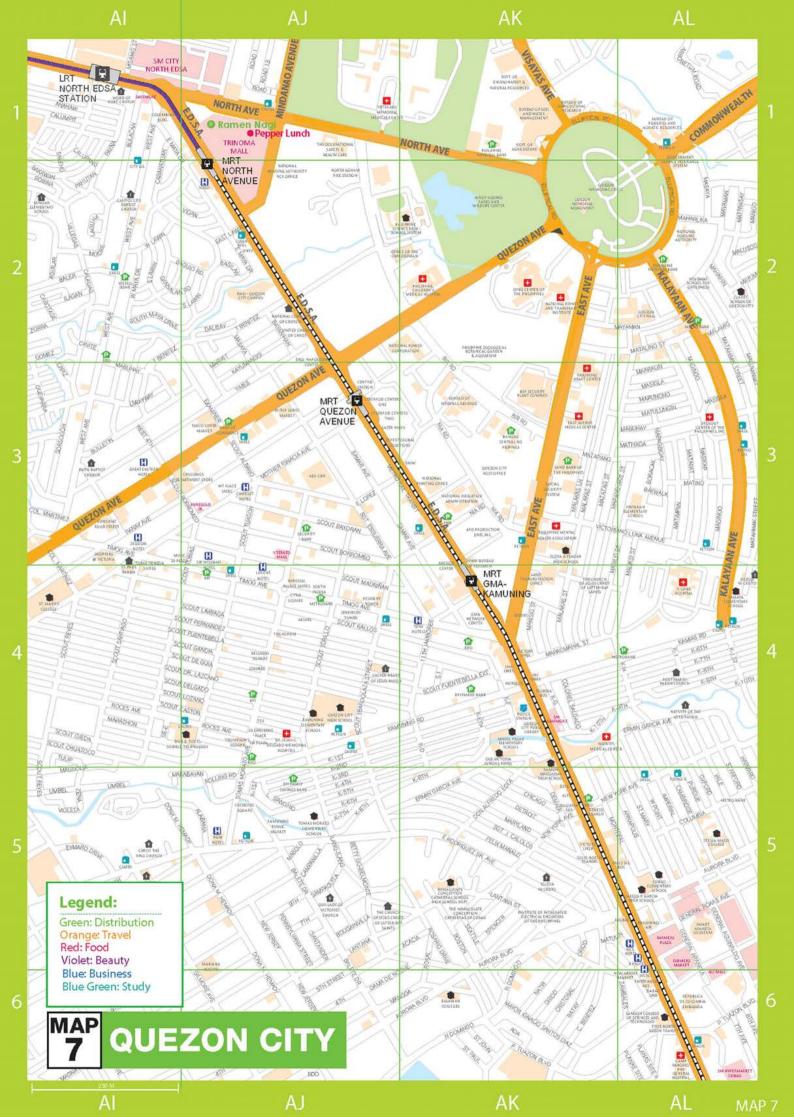












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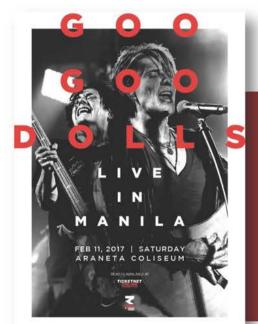
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Goo Goo Dolls is famous for their hit song "Iris," which was on the Billboard Hot 100 Airplays for a record-breaking 18 weeks and 4 weeks at No. 1 on Billboard's Pop Songs chart. They're also known for songs like "Slide," "Black Balloon," "Name," "Think about Me," and "Here is Gone" to name a few. The band is set to put on some of the most in-demand rock shows and a fusion of an intimate show this year. Tickets are available at all TicketNet outlets nationwide and online via www.ticketnet.com.ph.

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