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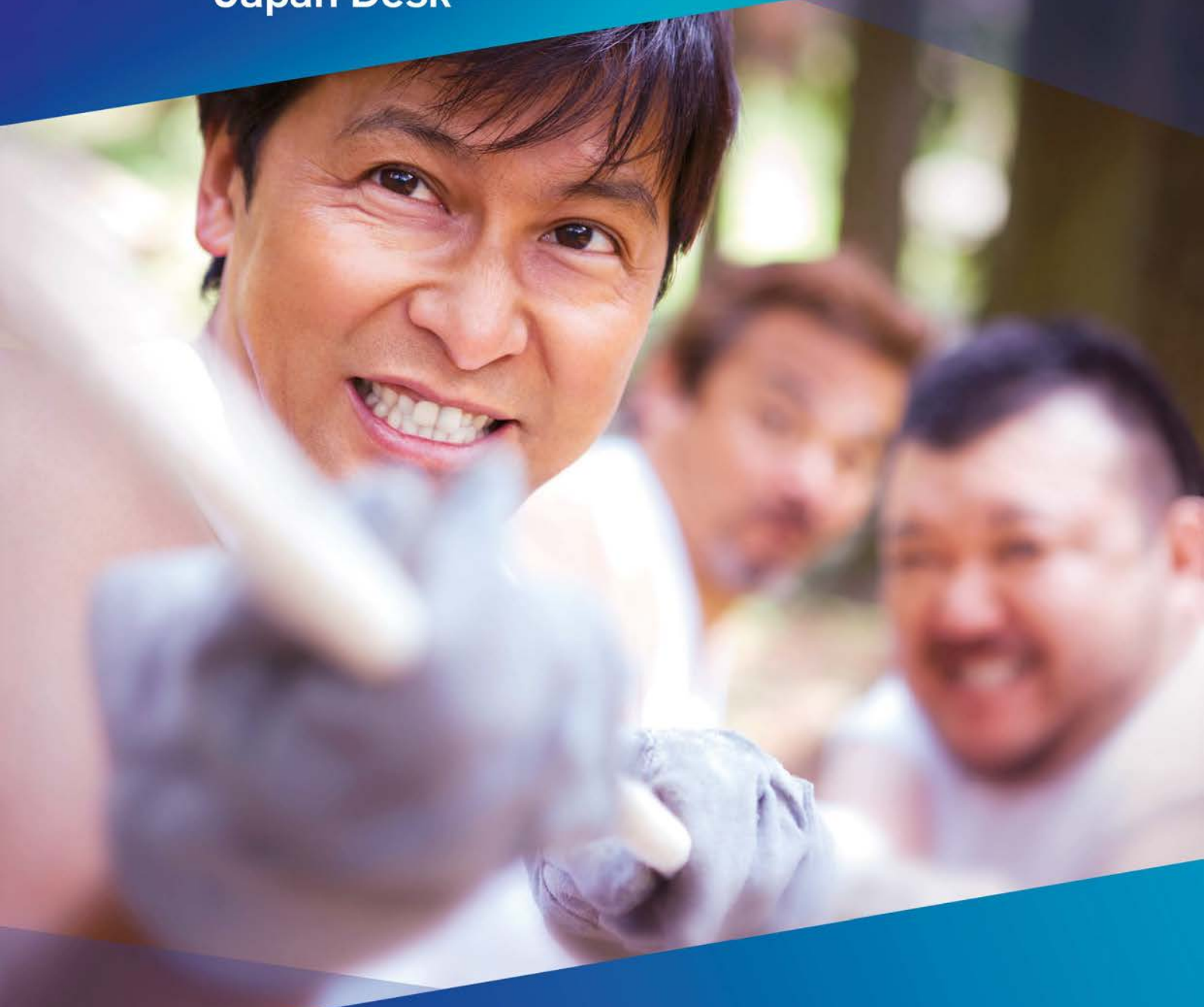
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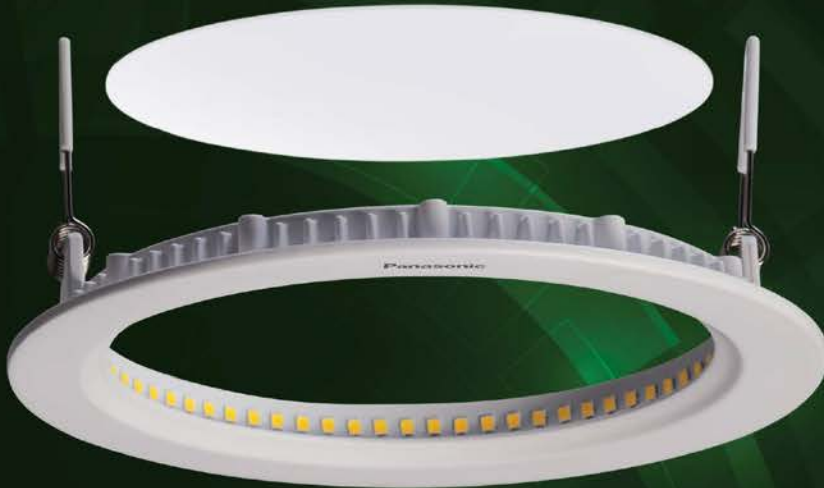
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Erratum

This is to inform you that there were errors in Philippine Primer Magazine's December 2017 issue.

In the Amakusa Feature, the hotel name on page 21 should be Gosoku-no-Kutsu and not Gosoku-no-Kutsu (*Promenade of Poets*). The standard rate for a stay is ¥25,000 per person including breakfast and dinner. Villa C's accommodation rate is ¥44,000 per person.



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In the Street Feature: Best New Restaurants of 2017, the dishes featured from Marugame Udon are Beef Ontama Bukkake Udon and Kake Udon and not Tonkatsu Ramen and Gyoza. There was also an error in the Tagaytay Travel Guide feature. One of the dishes featured for Il Gallo Nero was Spaghetti Marinara and not Tom Yum Goong and the restaurant address should be #4 Washington Ave., Royale Tagaytay Estates, Alfonso, Cavite not 1640 Maglave Dr., Brgy. Guinhawa South, Tagaytay City.

The publication apologizes to Gosoku-no-Kutsu, Marugame, and Il Gallo Nero for these mistakes.



Feature of the Issue

Welcome 2018!

COVER – Recently, the number of restaurants from our neighboring countries such as Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, and Singapore has been steadily increasing. Now, anyone can easily enjoy Asian authentic Southeast Asian cuisine. From high-end restaurants to cozy street food joints, here are some of the best places to eat Southeast Asian cuisine.

TRAVEL – As the holiday and long-vacation season closes in, an exciting trip to the province of Western Visayas would be a terrific way to spend the time. In this issue, Philippine Primer will take you on an inter-island expedition in this part of Visayas—from exploring the blooming historic streets and food heritage of Iloilo City to living the island life in the little "mango country," Guimaras Island, and then to escaping into the immaculate tropical beauty of the beaches in Gigantes islands.

SPECIAL FEATURES – Philippine Primer is flying you out once more to Hakodate, Japan. Follow us on our adventure as we discover the religious tracks in Hakodate along with other attractions and spots to visit. Plus! We are visiting Hokkaido's hot spring capital – Noboribetsu, a place rich in natural wonders and interesting attractions! Check out the places and activities you can do while visiting Hakodate and Noboribetsu in Japan. Here's to a bright and buoyant 2018 to you from Philippine Primer!



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Asian Cuisine

Whether your palate was cultivated in the East or the West, everyone loves an aromatic bowl of noodles or a platter of flavorful fried rice. For this month's feature, Philippine Primer has set off on a palatable journey through the diverse and complex flavors of Southeast Asian cuisine right here in Metro Manila. Read on as we introduce some of the best Southeast Asian restaurants in the city!





Azuthai

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Located in the MilkyWay building along Arnaiz Ave., Azuthai is from the same group that brought us Cirkulo, Tsukiji and Milky Way. Azuthai was the first restaurant in the Philippines to be awarded with the prestigious Thai Select award. The refined interiors adorned with artifacts from Thailand are perfect for a casual lunch or an important meeting. They have a large selection of home-cooked Thai cuisine, all cooked under the watchful eye of Chef Watee from Bangkok. We recommend the Crispy Pork with Stirfried Kale, a soy sauce-based dish with crispy pork lying on a bed of steamed kale. Another favorite is the Pandan Chicken, small portions of chicken wrapped in a pandan leaves.

- 1/F Milkyway Bldg., 900 Arnaiz Ave., cor. Paseo de Roxas, Makati City
- 02-813-0671 / 02-817-6252
- 11:30 am to 2:30 pm, 5:30 pm to 10 pm
- Azuthai



Just Thai

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Just Thai in Alabang would probably be the best place to get your Thai food fix in the South. With their traditional recipes inherited from a chef at a famous restaurant in Bangkok, you're sure to have a great time exploring Thai's beautiful cuisine through the food they serve here.

By using imported ingredients and organic herbs at their vegetable garden, Just Thai's food easily stands out as it offers flavorful dishes to its guests. The exotic flavors of their food, from its classic soup dish up to the much-loved pad thai, make this restaurant a must-visit. If you're a vegetarian, Just Thai also has vegetarian-friendly meals so you can still try your other favorite dishes such as their best-selling salads.

- Madrigal cor. Zapote-Alabang Rd., Molito Lifestyle Bldg., Alabang, Muntinlupa
- 02-403-8718
- Lunch: 11 am to 3 pm, Dinner: 6 pm to 10 pm
- Just Thai



Bawai's Vietnamese Kitchen

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Bawai's Vietnamese Kitchen has this distinct ambiance that makes you feel at home with their delectable home-cooked Vietnamese meals. It has become a favorite family dining destination in the South, and now that it's here in Manila, Asian comfort food has gotten better when it comes to the Metro's dining scene.

Bawai, which translates to "maternal grandmother," is a restaurant which serves authentic Vietnamese favorites made from healthy ingredients. Traditional dishes such as goi cuon (fresh spring roll), pho bo (beef noodle soup), and even the popular iced Vietnamese coffee are offered here for a sumptuous treat.

- G/F Uptown Parade, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City
- 0917-152-2924
- 11 am to 10 pm
- Bawai's Vietnamese Kitchen Uptown



Restoran Garuda

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The food at Restoran Garuda is something every expat and local should try: a mix of heat and spice is found in every bite. Their best sellers include their famous Beef Rendang (P435) and Chicken Satey Ayam (P290). The Satey Ayam is tender skewered chicken meat dipped into their savory peanut sauce. For a punch of heat, their Beef Rendang is the way to go, with options of beef sirloin, chicken, boneless chicken, and vegetarian. The tender and flavorful beef is cooked for eight hours in traditional Indonesian spices and simmered in coconut milk with a side of sambal.

- G/F Beneficial Life Bldg., 166 Salcedo St., Legazpi Village, Makati City
- 02-824-3440
- 11 am to 10 pm
- Garuda Philippines



🇹🇼 Thai Original BBQ PP

Feast on the generous and affordable for-sharing House Specials that are perfect for big groups and families. Delight in the smoky flavors of Kaiyang, the restaurant's most loved BBQ chicken, which brings together the perfect balance of sweet and spicy. Hearty helpings of another favorite, the meaty BBQ Spare Ribs are sure to satisfy big appetites. Completing the house specials are the Chicken Sate and Beef Sate: 7 skewers of meats, each marinated in Thai spices and served with a side of cucumber salad. Dip these in the yummy signature peanut sauce to add a new dimension of deliciousness.

- 📍 The Fort Entertainment Complex, 5th Ave. cor 28th st. Fort Bonifacio, BGC, Taguig City
- ☎ 02-846-0000
- 🕒 11 am to 11 pm
- 📘 BBQ Original Restaurant



🇸🇬 Toast Box PP

Toast Box is a casual and homey restaurant from Singapore, known for its Kaya Toast, Singapore's popular breakfast staple. They can be found in several locations such as Greenbelt 5 and SM Aura. They may be a breakfast place, but their savory dishes are definitely worth the try, especially their signature Hainanese Chicken. The tender, moist chicken goes perfectly with their aromatic Hainanese rice which is mildly flavored with ginger and chicken soup. They also offer popular Singapore dishes like Laksa, Char Kway Teow, and Nasi Goreng among others. We also recommend their Traditional Kaya Toast set which comes with Singapore-style sweet coffee, Kaya toast and two half-boiled eggs. Spice up the eggs with some soy sauce and pepper, and try dipping the toast in the eggs for a real delight.

- 📍 Unit 106, 1/F New Promenade Bldg., Greenhills Shopping Center, San Juan City
- ☎ 0925-300-8351
- 🕒 (Mon to Fri) 11 am to 10 pm, (Sat to Sun) 8 am to 10 pm
- 📘 Toast Box Philippines



🇵🇭 Banana Leaf PP

Explore the best of Southeast Asian cuisine through Banana Leaf! With 11 branches in the Philippines, Banana Leaf is one of the popular restaurants which serve Asian cuisine favorites. From the Singaporean favorites such as the Hainanese Chicken, Indonesia's best-tasting fried rice, and Pad Thai of Thailand, to the Philippines' very own stir-fried kangkong (water spinach), Banana Leaf offers a diverse culinary treat that you'll love if you're a fan of Southeast Asian cuisine.

They've got Malaysian, Singaporean, Indonesian, Vietnamese, and Indian food here; perfect for those foodies who want to try several things in just one place. The place exudes a casual yet sleek vibe perfect for dining with families.

- 📍 Concourse Level, Power Plant Mall Rockwell Center, Makati City
- ☎ 02-896-1828
- 🕒 (Mon to Thurs, Sun) 11 am to 9 pm, (Fri to Sat) 11 am to 10 pm
- 📘 Banana Leaf Philippines



🇻🇳 Pho Hoa PP

Pho Hoa is one of the most well-known Vietnamese restaurants in the Philippines. With 29 branches all over the country, it's undoubtedly a popular go-to place when it comes to Vietnamese cuisine. One of the reasons why Pho Hoa has become a mainstay in the Asian dining scene in the country would be its healthy and flavorful meals for everyone.

Pho Hoa's Vietnamese fare lets you taste different dishes composed of fresh and flavorful herbs and spices, leaning towards the healthier side of the cuisine. Their soup dish, from its flavorful stock to its nutritious filling of meat and vegetables, is really a must-try for health-conscious foodies out there.

- 📍 Ayala Malls The 30th, Meralco Ave., Pasig City
- ☎ 02-703-5035
- 🕒 11 am to 10 pm
- 📘 Pho hoa

Traditional Banhmi (P99-medium, P119-large)



★ Bon Banhmi

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Situated inside a compound a short distance away from The Linear Makati, Bon Banhmi lets you enjoy different kinds of banh mi that will fill your cravings at any time of the day. Bon Banhmi has six types of banh mi to choose from. The Traditional Banhmi is filled with a mouth-filling combination of three traditional Vietnamese hams (cha lua, cha thu, and cha gia heo) with Bon Banhmi’s special paste, mayonnaise, vegetables, and sauces.

- 📍 8390 Mayapis St., San Antonio Village, Makati City
- ☎ 02-808-7979
- 🕒 7:30 am to 8 pm
- 📱 BONBanhmi

Bon House Special (P250), Summer Rolls (P120)



★ Bon Pho & Roll

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As a response to the call for pho and other authentic flavors from Vietnam by Vietnamese food cravers, Bon Pho & Roll was opened a few years after the owners’ first store, Bon Banhmi, started serving banh mi. Bon Pho & Roll boasts of its freshest servings because the herbs that they use come from their own backyard. Their best-selling Bon House Special has tender beef that can be loosened with chopsticks, homemade meatballs and plenty of vegetables.

- 📍 8390 Mayapis St., San Antonio Village, Makati City
- ☎ 02-808-7979
- 🕒 10 am to 10 pm

Pho Dac Biet (P385)



★ Vina Trang

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What was once a home to a Vietnamese family, who also runs a restaurant in their home country, is now officially a restaurant that offers healthy and budget-friendly Vietnamese treats.

Staying true to the promise of quality, freshness, and authenticity, Vina Trang makes their own patties, sausages, sauces, and bread every morning. Taste the freshness of Vietnamese flavors in dishes like the highly-recommended Pho Dac Biet for noodle lovers or Banh Mi for sandwich fans!

- 📍 8836 Rooftop, Sampaloc St., San Antonio Village, Makati City
- ☎ 0995-178-0676
- 🕒 (Mon to Sun) 9 am to 11 pm
- 📱 Vina Trang Cuisine

Thai BBQ Set (P390)



🇹🇭 Siam Thai BBQ & Sports Bar

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This restaurant serves cold meat slices, salt, and pepper crablets, and Siamese sausages to name a few, something you can only try here at Siam Thai.

Don’t forget to try their hot pot and grilled meats for their best sellers. Good news: they offer a number of toppings you can put in your hot pot. That way, you can customize your hot pot the way you want it to be.

- 📍 Pioneer Center, 8006 Pioneer St. cor. United and Brixton St., Kapitolyo, Pasig City
- ☎ 02-239-2866
- 🕒 (Mon to Thurs, Sun) 11 am to 11 pm, (Fri to Sat) 11 am to 12 mn
- 📱 Siam Thai BBQ and Sports Bar



Benjarong

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Benjarong is located at the luxurious Dusit Thani Hotel in Makati. They offer authentic Thai food combining the four flavors: salty, sweet, spicy and sour which produce rich aromas and scrumptious Thai dishes. The interior of the restaurant is very elegant with a combination of gold, white, and black shades around the room, like the traditional Benjarong in Thailand.

📍 Dusit Thani Manila, Ayala Center, Makati City
 ☎ 02-238-8888
 🕒 Lunch: 12 nn to 2:30 pm, Dinner: 6 pm to 10 pm



Wee Nam Kee

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Wee Nam Kee may be a hole-in-the-wall restaurant in Singapore, but its Philippine branches are known to be sit-down restaurants where your family can share a whole Hainanese chicken, or two.

In Wee Nam Kee Singapore, the soy chicken has always been part of their Hainanese chicken family. Here in the Philippines, their soy chicken is slightly sweet and doused in sauce, perfect for pouring over your Hainanese chicken rice.

📍 Ayala Triangle Walkways, Makati City
 ☎ 02-846-8925
 🕒 (Mon to Sun) 11 am to 9:30 pm
 📱 Wee Nam Kee Philippines



People's Palace

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Located in Greenbelt 3, Makati, People's Palace serves modern Thai cuisines. What's unique about Thai dishes is that at least 3 of the 5 major sensations of taste are always present – salty, sweet, sour, bitter, and spicy. The flavors burst in the mouth on the first bite. Thai cuisines are never boring. They always pay attention not only to the flavor but also to the texture, colour, and ingredients.

The restaurant's interior is modern and bright, good for business meetings. They also have a garden dining area for customers who prefer fresh air and alfresco for those who like to have cocktails.

📍 G/F, Garden side, Greenbelt 3, Ayala Center, Makati City
 ☎ 02-729-2888
 🕒 (Sun to Thurs) 11 am to 12 am, (Fri and Sat) 11 am to 2 am



Empress Jade

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Empress Jade is a modern Chinese restaurant tucked away on the ground floor of I'M Hotel in Poblacion, Makati that specializes in fresh seafood and savory meat dishes.

Their popular Signature Crab Bee Hoon is cooked and served fresh from the aquarium, letting you enjoy its rich meaty and juicy flavor. A great must-try is Singapore's classic, Hainanese Chicken, which is steamed to succulent perfection and then served on fragrant rice with dips of soy sauce, grated ginger in sesame oil, and garlic-chili.

📍 Ground Floor, I'M Hotel, 7862 Makati Ave., Poblacion, Makati City
 ☎ 02-755-7888
 🕒 Lunch: 11 am to 2 pm, Dinner: 6 pm to 10 pm
 📱 Empress Jade



Ba Noi's

PP

Ba Noi's has undoubtedly become the talk of the town when it comes to Vietnamese cuisine because of its no-nonsense preparations in serving their dishes: just the right amount of flavor but still gives off that appeal to everyone's palate. Here, they serve food from appetizers to salads, noodles, entrees, vegetables, baguettes, desserts, and iced blended drinks.

You don't even need condiments because the simplicity of the flavors already make a great impression for their dish.

📍 G/F, Tropical Palms, Perea St., Legazpi Village, Makati City
 ☎ 02-843-4770
 🕒 11 am to 10 pm



Zao Vietnamese Bistro

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One of the things you need to know about Vietnamese cuisine is that they are most famous for their distinct noodle soups which boasts a rich broth. If you are thinking of trying one, ZAO Vietnamese Bistro should be in your list of must-eat Vietnamese restaurants located at Serendra, Bonifacio Global City.

Inside Zao is most-cozy bistro with lavish red interiors that blends well with one another.

📍 G/F Serendra, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City
 ☎ 02-856-2819
 🕒 (Mon to Sun) 11 am to 11 pm
 📱 Zao



🇹🇭 Simply Thai

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Thai restaurants are a dime a dozen in Makati, yet Simply Thai is a place in Greenbelt that is often filled with people craving for Thai food. They are quite known for their Pad Thai, Tom Yukun, Green Curry, Chicken Satay, and Catfish salad.

Their desserts, however, are a bit different compared to other Thai restaurants. Their Thap Tim Krawp (P185), made with ruby-colored water chestnuts on top of shaved ice, is one thing you shouldn't miss out on. There's also the Khao Naw Mamuang (P220), a combination of steamed glutinous rice, mango, and coconut cream.

📍 G/F, Greenbelt 5, Ayala Center, Makati City
 ☎ 02-729-6860
 ⌚ 11 am - 11 pm



🇹🇭 Songkran

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Songkran is often considered as a "go-to restaurant," especially when someone is craving for authentic Pad Thai and Thai milk tea. Thai street food reigns supreme in the restaurant's menu. However, aside from local Thai street food, the Pad Thai is always a safe bet for anyone unfamiliar with the distinct taste of Thai food. Their flat rice noodles goes well with your choice of chicken or shrimp.

📍 G/F Valero Car Park II, 149 Valero St. Salcedo Village, Makati City
 ☎ 02-893-7551
 ⌚ (Mon to Fri) 11 am to 10 pm



🇸🇬 Tao Yuan Restaurant

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Aside from their seafood dishes, some of their house specialties include their Peking Duck, Beef Tenderloin with special sauce and of course their signature Singaporean Hainanese Chicken. Boneless and generously served, the Hainanese Chicken is savory and mild which is why it comes with three different sauces: ginger oil paste, chili sauce, and oyster sauce. You can combine them based on your personal taste although we recommend mixing all three sauces together for a unique flavor.

📍 508-512 General Malvar St. cor. A. Mabini St., Malate, Manila
 ☎ 02-522-7009 to 10, 02-526-8858
 ⌚ Lunch: 11 am to 3 pm, Dinner: 6 pm to 10 pm
 📌 TAO YUAN RESTAURANT



🇻🇳 Bánh Nặm

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Bánh Nặm or baguette in Vietnamese was brought by the French during the colonial period. Since then, it has become one of the popular foods of Vietnam. Banh Nam, a franchise from Vietnam, offers four kinds of Banh Mi, which includes traditional ham, chicken, and their Bánh Nặm original with a meatball. They also offer Vietnamese style coffee with condensed milk that can be enjoyed hot or iced.

📍 1/F Paseo Center, 8757 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City
 ☎ 0936-514-8268
 ⌚ (Mon to Fri) 7 am to 8 pm
 📌 Bánh Nặm Philippines



🇸🇬 101 Hawker Food House

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Open since 2010, 101 Hawker Food House serves great tasting Singaporean hawker inspired dishes at the most affordable prices. Though the restaurant is small and simple from its façade to interior, it is a favorite amongst the surrounding offices because of the quality of food and its affordability — nothing fancy or complicated, just pure quality and goodness.

In 2014, the restaurant began serving vegan versions of some of their best selling dishes like the vegan curry pastes, which contain no meat or seafood products, and veggie meat or soy protein as a substitute for meat.

📍 1 / F, The Beacon, Chino Roces Ave., Makati City
 ☎ 02-886-7329
 ⌚ (Mon – Fri) 6 am to 10 pm, (Sat) 12 pm to 2 pm
 🌐 www.101hawkerfoodhouse.weebly.com 📌 101 Hawker Food House



🇹🇭 Mango Tree

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One of the most ordered dishes is the Classic Tom Yum Goong (P450). It's a spicy and sour soup, and is the most famous dish in Thailand. They also have beers from Thailand and Spanish wine which fits most Thai food. They have live bands every weekend night to liven up the customers' moods. While listening, you can also try the chili Deep Fried Fresh Sea Bass (P850) and the Stir Fried Noodles in Soy Sauce (P450). Also try the steak salad (P450) and the leaf-wrapped salad nibbles Miang Kham (P300).

📍 Bonifacio High Street Central, 7th Avenue, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City
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Japanese Dining

"Fukudaya" is a Japanese term that means "House of Fukuda."

Fukudaya targets to bring to the country innovative interpretations of ancient and modern Japanese dining experience. It serves a variety of authentic Japanese dishes with most of the ingredients imported from the Land of the Rising Sun.

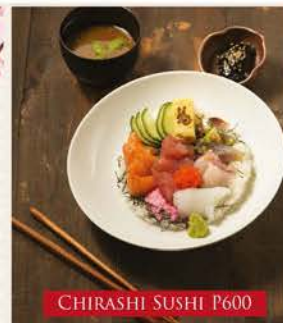
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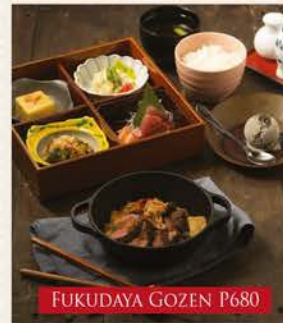
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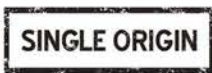
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How to get here: Hakodate is a one-hour plane ride from the capital city of Tokyo, and about 4 hours via Shinkansen (bullet train). Japan Airlines (JAL) flies twice daily from Manila to Tokyo (Narita Airport).

Hakodate

Step into the city of Hakodate, where Japanese and Western cultures coexist.

Considered as the gateway to Hokkaido, Hakodate is located in the southern tip of Hokkaido prefecture. Hakodate was one of the first city ports in the 19th century to open up to international traders. This resulted in its rapid industrialization, which brought in different cultures and religion.

Today, Hakodate is a lively city that encapsulates the traditions of Japanese and Western cultures.

Choosing the best spots to visit in Hakodate is no easy task. The city is bursting with remnants of the past that include historical buildings, beautiful landscapes, fresh food, and one of the most beautiful night views in all of Japan. Follow us on our adventure as we discover the religious tracks in Hakodate along with other attractions and spots to visit.

📍 Motomachi Church

It was in the year 1549 when Christianity arrived in Japan after the arrival of Saint Francis Xavier at Kyushu Island. Since then, many churches were built, one of which is Motomachi Church. Built in 1877, this church has already been rebuilt five times after being engulfed by fire.

The existing building was reconstructed in 1924 with all the stations and altars used coming from Italy. These were sent even before the church was built and were donated by Pope Benedict XV. Make sure you keep your shoes on and your camera kept inside your bag when inside the church. This church is open daily from 10 am to 4 pm. Drop by the church at 12 noon on a Sunday to attend a Mass.

📍 15-30 Motomachi, Hakodate 040-0054, Hokkaido, Japan



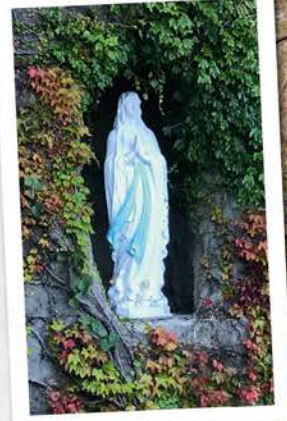


📍 Tobetsu Trappist Monastery and the Lourdes Grotto

In the midst of a serene forest lies a red-brick monastery that can be seen at the end of rows of beautiful poplar trees. Known as Japan's first Catholic monastery, Tobetsu Trappist Monastery was established in 1908 by nine French priests from the Citeaux Order. Get glimpses of the lives of Japanese monks, who follow the rule according to strict precept. They are mostly dedicated to seeking union with God through Jesus Christ. Only males are allowed inside the monastery. Although majority of the places are restricted, the public can still attend the Sunday service at the monastery.

The cave of Lourdes is located at the back of the monastery. From there you have to hike for 10 minutes to reach the Grotto of Lourdes. The hike going up is worth the view. Upon reaching the top, you will be rewarded with the view of Hakodate port from afar, nestled between the mountains and the forest. The Tobetsu Trappist Monastery is less than an hour away from the town of Hakodate. To get here, you can rent a small car from ¥4,000 to ¥5,000 a day and just pay for the fuel, or take the train from Goryokaku Station to Oshima-toubetsu Station.

📍 Mitsubishi, Hokuto, Hokkaido, Japan



📍 Goryokaku Park

In 1854, Hakodate was one of the first ports to open to international traders. As part of the treaty, the Goryokaku Park, a star-shaped fort, was built in 1866 to protect the office and its people from other adversaries. It was Japan's first and largest Western-style fort and was modeled after European citadels. The traditional fortress shape of the park was designed so that attack from any direction could be met with more firepower while minimizing blind spots.

During the Meiji Restoration in 1868, Goryokaku Fort became the last battlefield in the war between the Shogunate rebels and the Imperial forces. You can learn more about the war's history in the Hakodate Magistrate's Office located inside the park.

Today, Goryokaku is open to the public as a park and is famous for cherry blossom viewing. The best time to visit Goryokaku Park is during spring (April to May), especially during the cherry blossom period. Over 1,600 *Someiyoshino* cherry blossom trees come into full bloom and cover the whole park. Walk along the tracks full of cherry blossoms petals or eat traditional Japanese food under the fully blooming cherry blossom trees.

Beside the park is an observation tower where you can fully appreciate the star-shaped fortress.

📍 Goryokaku Tower, 43-9, Goryokaku-cho, Hakodate, Hokkaido, Japan



📍 Mt. Hakodate

Mt. Hakodate is a 334-meter-high mountain in Japan which can be reached via ropeway, car or bus. It is located between two seas and is cited as having one of the best night views in Japan. City lights that adorn Mt. Hakodate show off its breathtaking view to every tourist visiting the said place.

The observation tower that allows the guests to catch a glimpse of the beautiful place gets crowded easily during peak season. Make sure you arrive at least one hour before sunset. During the winter season, the weather can be extremely cold; we advise guests to dress warm during their visit.

Mt. Hakodate Ropeway
📍 19-7, Motomachi, Hakodate, Hokkaido 040-0054 Japan



Tramcar

Aside from taxi, bus, and private car, using the streetcar or tramcar is another option to get around the city. It runs every 10 minutes during the day and can take you to most of the main tourist spots. The fare for the tramcar costs between ¥200 and ¥250 per ride, or ¥600 for a whole day pass.



📍 Trappistine Convent

When Christianity was spreading throughout Japan, eight nuns from France decided to strengthen the religion by founding the oldest and the very first convent in Japan in 1898 through the Trappistine Convent. It is a peaceful sanctuary of the nuns in Hakodate.

Tourists are not allowed inside the convent but can freely roam outside to take photos of the public designated areas. There is also a gift shop where guests can avail of the products made by the nuns themselves. Roaming around the Trappistine Convent is free of charge. It is open from 8 am to 5 pm in summer, and from 8 am to 4:30 pm in winter.

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🏠 Sharestar Hakodate

This modern mall is located in the heart of Hakodate. It is a five-storey mall that houses the biggest Muji shop in Japan, occupying levels 1 to 3. Here, you can buy coffee and shop for clothes and furniture. They also have a mini bookstore inside. Various activities such as exhibitions and workshops are regularly held here.

Located on the fourth level is a community plaza named G SQUARE, dedicated to the people of Hakodate. It's a place where students can freely study and office workers can finish their work.

In addition, located on the basement floor is the Sharestar Kitchen. It is a classy and spacious area offering different kinds of local food and drinks.

📍 040-0011, 24-1 Hon-cho,
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📍 Hakodate Morning Market

The Morning Market (Hakodate Asaichi) is three blocks of seafood goodness. Walk along the streets and have a taste of fresh produce and various kinds of seafood. There are more than 250 stores that sell different kinds of local products like seafood, vegetables, fruits, and souvenir items. Enjoy shopping at the market and experience activities like squid fishing.

The Morning Market is open as early as 5 am from Monday to Saturday and is located near the JR Hakodate Station. It is better to visit the market in the morning because almost half of the stores will be closed by 1 pm.

📍 9-19 Wakamatsu-cho- Hakodate-shi,
Hokkaido, Japan



📍 Onuma Park

Lake Onuma is a quasi-national park surrounded by mountains and lakes. It came about as a result of an eruption that took place 30,000 years ago.

A 40-minute drive from Hakodate, the lake is surrounded by 126 islets connected by 18 bridges which will allow you to walk across them while sightseeing.

Tourists can choose from four different trails when going around the area. The park offers a variety of activities such as strolling around lakes, biking, and camping. We recommend you get on the pleasure boat (priced at ¥1,100) for a better view of the lake.

Come winter, the lake turns into a snow-covered paradise that's perfect for winter activities such as skiing, snowmobiling, and sledding.

📍 Onuma-cho, Nanae-cho, Kameda-gun, Hokkaido, Japan

📍 Miyago Fruit Farm

Japanese fruits are sweet and delicious, especially apples. If you happen to like apple as much as we do, then a detour to Miyago Fruit Farm is a must.

There are 30 kinds of apples and 3,000 trees planted in this farm. Some of the popular ones are the Ourin apple and the Red Gold Apple. They don't use too much fertilizer to preserve the sweetness of the apple. For two weeks in October, you can also find prune trees at the Miyago Fruit Farm.

You can smell the scent of the apples as you walk around the farm. For fruit picking, tourists can harvest two apples straight from the branch for ¥500, or buy four apples for ¥500 at their store. You can even rent a tree and grow your own apples for ¥12,000. A tree here can produce 100 apples in one season. Apple season is from October to November.

📍 3-10-1 Narukawa, Nanae-cho, Kameda-gun, Hokkaido, Japan 041-1112



🍴 Ton-etsu

Tonkatsu dish represents the carnivorous culture of the Japanese people. Its origin can be traced during the Meiji Restoration (1868-1912). This unpretentious Japanese dish is a deep-fried breaded pork cutlet cooked in traditional Japanese style. Ton-etsu is a tonkatsu restaurant that has been using two ways of cooking tonkatsu. One is the modern Japanese style tonkatsu, a deep-fried pork cutlet cooked in 160-degree oil. The other is the old style of cooking tonkatsu, in which the pork cutlet gets fried slowly in minimal amount of oil.

Visitors can pick the *rosu* (pork loin, ¥1,240 for 170g) or *hire* (fillet, ¥1,440 for 160g).

📍 22-2 Houraicho, Hakodate, Hokkaido, 040-0043 Japan



🍴 Lucky Pierrot

Lucky Pierrot has been one of the best local burger chains in Japan with over 17 outlets in Hakodate alone. Each outlet has its own unique themes like Christmas, circus, angels, and many more.

We highly recommend the Chinese burger with fries and drinks (¥650 ala carte). Their serving is notably big for one person, yet the price point is fairly inexpensive compared to other Western restaurants in Hakodate.



🍴 Hasegawa Store

This convenience store in Hakodate is popular with the locals of Hakodate for selling the tastiest Yakitori Bento.

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📍 Hell Valley (Jigokudani)

Ever wonder why it is called Hell Valley? It's because this place is rumored to be occupied by *oni* or Japanese demons!

Hell Valley is part of Shikotsu-Toya National Park. Visitors of the park are able to witness wide range volcanic activity. You can smell the sulfuric acid from various areas of the park. Hot spring vents can be seen steaming throughout the place.

From the main view deck, there are different wooden walking trails you can take; you can either choose the 10-minute or 15-minute walk. The walk isn't that hard, and there are plenty of spots to entertain you while walking. Marvel at different volcanic activity fizzing just below the surface! The best part: there's no entrance fee!

📍 Noboribetsu Onsen-cho, Noboribetsu 059-0551, Hokkaido, Japan



📍 Oyunuma River Natural Foot bath

One way to cap off a long day of touring is to soak your feet in a natural hot spring. This free foot bath is about 20 minutes away from the Jigokudani viewing point on foot. The hot spring river flows from Lake Oyunuma, where the high-temperature onsen wells up. What gives the water the right temperature is the combination of natural river water and spring water.

Tip: Bring a towel to dry your feet if you're wearing closed shoes.



📍 Noboribetsu Enma Yakisoba

While in the resort onsen area of Noboribetsu, you might want to eat local food. Noboribetsu Enma Yakisoba serves spicy hot dishes. Make sure you order the Yakisoba set menu with kimchi and miso soup (¥1,360). It's a mix of vegetables, seafood, flat noodles, and spicy sauce. It has a subtle sweetness from the sesame seed and the amount of spiciness is just perfect.

📍 Onsen Ichiba, 50 Noboribetsu Onsen-cho, Noboribetsu, Hokkaido, Japan





Takinoya

A highly luxurious *ryokan* (Japanese hotel) in Noboribetsu, Hotel Takinoya is located in the *onsen* (Japanese hot spring) resort area in Southern Hokkaido.

Upon entering the *ryokan*, guests will be greeted by a breathtaking view of the Japanese garden. The mistress who fluently speaks English graciously welcomes the guests with traditional matcha (green tea) and Japanese desserts.

Inside, Takinoya is elegant and classy; the interior is very minimalist and depicts true Japanese simplicity. The Japanese staff are courteous without being intrusive and will show you around with great care and attention to detail. There are only 30 rooms inside Takinoya so there's no chance of overcrowding in the hallways or the dining area. Although modern in appearance, this is definitely a formal and established *ryokan* in terms of experience.

We suggest you stay in a Type D room. It comes complete with a private dining room, living room, and your own open-air *onsen* next to the balcony. The view outside the room is otherworldly; it overlooks a lush forest that you can stare at for a long while.

Like other Japanese *ryokans*, the floor is covered with tatami mats. The room comes with dinner and breakfast as well as free use of the facilities inside the hotel. The *kaiseki* meals are tastefully done and truly an art on a plate; even the simplest of dishes balance out the taste, look, texture, and colors of the food. Looking at the beauty on your plate only proves that Japanese eat with their eyes and cook with their heart.

All the standard niceties of staying at a high-end *ryokan* are available. There are two public baths, one at the 5th floor overlooking the woods and a larger one located at the B1 floor. It has 4 standard-sized pools and a small pond-like outdoor pool with an awesome view of nature.

This 100-year-old *ryokan* is by no means cheap; it exudes class and sophistication. If you're looking for a once-in-a-lifetime splurge in Noboribetsu, you should definitely stay at Takinoya.

📍 162 Noboribetsu Onsen Machi, Noboribetsu Hokkaido, Japan





Noboribetsu Date Jidaimura Village

One of the highlights of a trip to Hokkaido is visiting the historical theme park – Noboribetsu Date Jidaimura Village or Edo Wonderland.

Step back into the past and visit this village showcasing the splendor of Edo Period, the most beautiful era in Japanese history. Every detail inside the park feels like you went back in time: the attendants wear traditional Japanese attire, the pathway is covered with cobblestones, and even the buildings look like you're inside a movie set.

Before exploring the place, make sure to change into a Japanese attire to truly feel like you're in an old Japanese village. Rental costume costs from ¥2,100 to ¥4,500 (adults).

Here are some of the must-visit attractions inside Noboribetsu Date Jidaimura:

Nagaya

Learn about the people's daily lives during Edo Period at Nagaya area. It looks like apartment houses built next to each other with life-size Japanese mannequins inside, re-enacting their daily lives.

Taiken Dojo

Learn how to throw ninja stars, knives, or arrows at Taiken Dojo. You will have to pay for ¥500 for every round but hit the bullseye and you'll get a prize.

Ninja Maze

This attraction is for those who would like to test their inner ninja. Learning how to escape the tricks and traps inside while fighting dizziness against a variety of optical illusions is truly a challenge.

Ninja Show

There are ninja fight sequences and drama with some slapstick comedy thrown in. The show is in Japanese so make sure to get the information sheet in English handed before the show. It will help you understand the flow of the story.

Other attractions include the Goblin Cat Temple, House of Monster, Outdoor Ninja Action Show, and Nyanmage Comedy. There are restaurants in the village, so you don't need to worry if you feel hungry. If you're looking for a snack, get the Dango Dumplings at Waraji-Ya. You can also get rice cake in flavors like black sesame, sweet soy sauce, and sweet bean. They are filling and sticky, perfect for the little ones in your group.

Edo Wonderland is an entertaining way to spend the morning or afternoon while in Hokkaido.

To get here, you have to take a 10-15 minute car or taxi ride from Noboribetsu Onsen area. If you're coming back to the onsen area, ask the reception to call you a cab or for directions to the train. If you prefer to take the bus, you may check the bus schedule at either the Onsen Terminal or JR Noboribetsu Station.

General admission for adults is ¥2,900, ¥1,500 for kids (ages 6 to 12) and ¥600 for toddlers. It's open from 9 am to 4 pm from November to March and 9am to 5pm from April to October.

📍 53-1 Naka-Noboribetsu-cho, Noboribetsu, Hokkaido, Japan 059-0463
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📍 Ainu Village (Porotokotan)

If you still have time and would like to know the indigenous people of Hokkaido, it's best to make a stop at Ainu Village. The replica village consists of 5 thatched buildings facing Lake Poroto. The houses at Porotokotan exhibit a different facet of Ainu culture. The first two houses hold a free traditional show every hour where you can see the practices of the Ainu way of life. General admission is ¥800.

📍 2-3-4 Wakusacho, Shiraoi-cho, Shiraoi-gun 059-0902, Hokkaido, Japan





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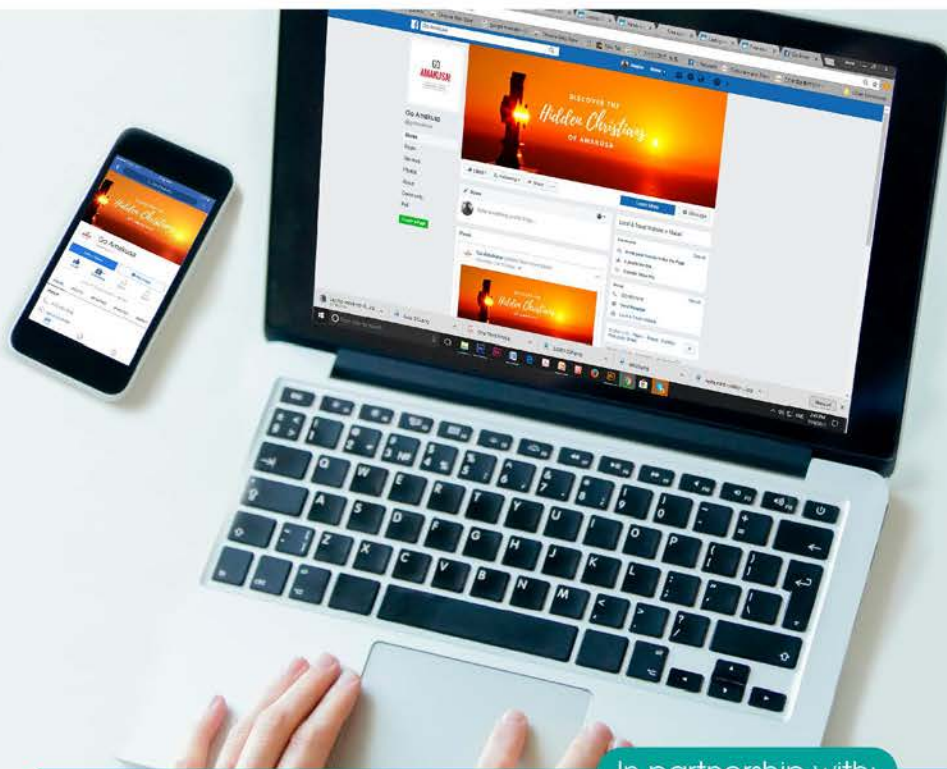
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- ▶ Trappistine Convent,
- ▶ Lunch at Lucky Pierrott
- ▶ Visit Goryokaku Park, and Sharestar
- ▶ Tobetsu Trappist Monastery
- ▶ Mt. Hakodate night viewing

DAY 2

- ▶ Morning Market
 - ▶ Visit Onuma Park and Fruit picking
 - ▶ Eat at Ton-etsu
 - ▶ Transfer to Noboribetsu via train or private car
- Stay: Takinoya Hotel

DAY 3

- ▶ Jigokudani (Hell Valley) and foot bath
- ▶ Visit Date Jidaimura Theme Park

DAY 4

- ▶ Chitose Airport – Narita Airport – Manila



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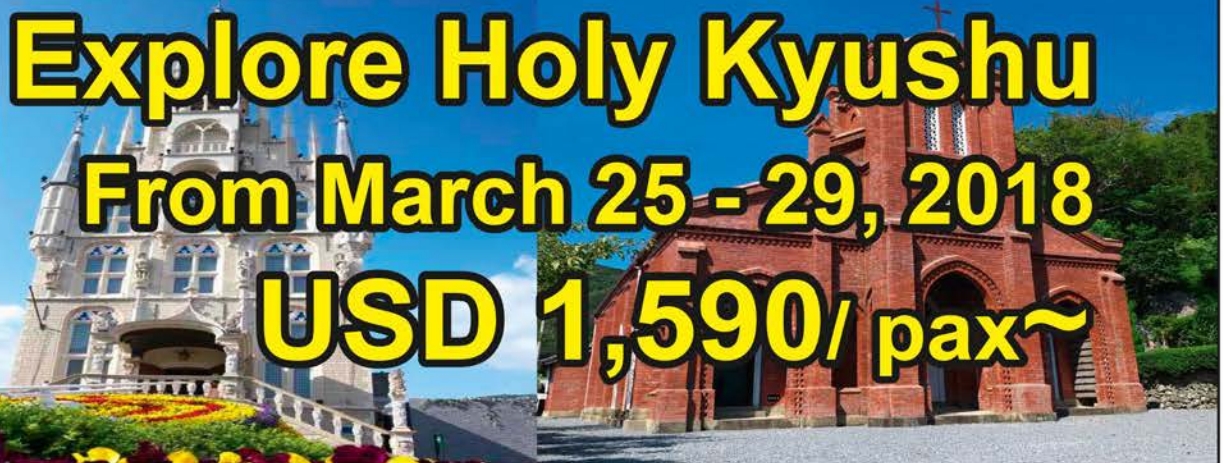
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Iloilo - Guimaras - Gigantes



Dinagyang Festival

Photo by Robbie Robles

The “City of Love,” the “Emerging Museum City,” the “Most Livable City,” and the olden days’ “Queen City of the South”—Iloilo City has been glorified with the sweetest of names. The old Spanish homes along Calle Real, streets with American names, and the century-old churches that are the city’s skyscrapers are living proof of the long eventful past of Iloilo. Now, Iloilo blooms as one of the most beautiful cities with the most passionate people in the country.

The city’s economy, greatly driven by tourism, is very promising and presents a big opportunity for new businesses to grow. An estimated 300,000 tourists visited the city in the third quarter of 2017 alone. People go to Iloilo City to experience time travel on its old streets, go on a gourmet quest for local heritage dishes, and feel the vibrance of the city’s festivities and entertainment hubs.

Now, it’s time to experience it all for yourself.

Itinerary



The Dinagyang Festival is one of the most gaily celebrated versions of the Ati-Atihan while also being one of the youngest. It dates back to 1967, when a replica of the image of Señor Santo Niño was brought in from Cebu by the San Jose Parish of Iloilo City.

“Dinagyang,” an Ilonggo term for revelry or merrymaking, was coined by Ilonggo writer/broadcaster Pacifico Sudario as a way of describing the celebration. It is celebrated either on the fourth Sunday of January, or the Sunday following the Sinulog Festival in Cebu and Ati-Atihan in Aklan.

Tips:

- Taxi fare from Iloilo Airport to the city is fixed. Be wise and don’t take any taxi that offers you any rate higher than P400. The cheapest rate you can get is P300.
- If you are a group and staying at Seda Atria, the hotel can offer airport pickup for P500 with a sedan or P900 with a van.
- Rates for rental cars range from P2,500 to P3,500 and is good for 10 hours.
- The main mode of transport in the city is the jeepney.
- It is generally safe to walk around the city all day and at night. Exploring Iloilo when night falls is also a different experience.
- The Iloilo City Tourism Office can assist you before you start your expedition around the city. Their office is located at Elizalde Building, J.M. Basa St., Plaza Libertad, Iloilo City, open from 8 am to 5 pm on weekdays. You can contact them at (033)-509-6213.



HOW TO GO



The most convenient and fastest way to go to Iloilo from Manila is by plane, which only takes about an hour.

From the airport, you can ride a van or taxi going to the city with a fixed rate that ranges from P 300 to P 400. Iloilo airport is about 30 minutes away from Iloilo city.

1 Original Biscocho Haus P



There's no question about the quality of biscocho at Original Biscocho Haus. Patrons have been coming and coming back to Original Biscocho Haus for more than four decades already. It has even branched out to other parts of the country.

- 📍 8 Lopez Jaena St., Jaro, Iloilo City
- 🕒 6 am to 8 pm
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- 🌐 <https://www.facebook.com/OriginalBiscochoHaus/>

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La Paz Batchoy



Pancit Molo

Where to go



2 Museo Iloilo P

Established on May 28, 1971, Museo Iloilo shows you the culture of Iloilo with well-preserved artifacts, canvases, fabrics, chiseled molds, relics, and paintings with a history worth revisiting. Their logo is inspired by the golden masked skull found and preserved from Oton, San Antonio in Iloilo City.

- 📍 Iloilo Cultural Research Foundation Inc., Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City
- 🕒 9 am to 5 pm
- ☎ (033) 337-2986
- 📧 [museo.iloilo.9@museoiloilo_icofficial@yahoo.com](mailto:museo.iloilo.9@museoiloilo.icofficial@yahoo.com)



3 Calle Real P

Now named as JM Basa Street, Calle Real is known as Iloilo City's heritage street. It's home to multiple Commonwealth and Spanish-era buildings, with the area serving as the city's shopping and entertainment district as far back as the Spanish era. These buildings were once home to Iloilo's elites, most of whom lived on the second floor of these buildings.

- 📍 J.M. Basa Street, Iloilo City



4 Iloilo Esplanade P

Iloilo Esplanade opened in 2012 and is now dominated by feet rather than wheels. The best activities to do here are jogging, sunset walking, and boating. 30-minute boat rides are available from 6 am to 9 am and from 4 pm to 9 pm for only P85 per person (minimum of 2).

- 📍 Mandurriao, Iloilo City
- 🕒 4 am to 10 pm



5 Jaro Cathedral P

This old Baroque cathedral has many names: the "National Shrine of Our Lady of the Candles" and "Church of St. Elizabeth of Hungary," but it is more commonly known as Jaro Cathedral. Built only three decades after the Molo Church, Jaro Cathedral is one of the oldest churches in Iloilo and is also a great spot for people fond of architecture, history, and sightseeing.

- 📍 Plaza Rizal St., Jaro, Iloilo City



6 Molo Church P

Molo Church, also known as Saint Anne's Parish, would be a good starting point to your church-hopping. It is considered as one of the most beautiful churches in Western Visayas and the only Gothic church outside Manila. It can be unmistakably identified through its most prominent architectural feature, the red spires on top of the two bell towers.

- 📍 Molo Plaza, Molo, Iloilo City



7 Molo Mansion P

Once a beat-up mansion that was thought to be gone for good and couldn't be restored, the Molo Mansion is one example of an imperishable architectural beauty that has stood the test of time. Originally built in the 1920's, the mansion now stands in all its glory facing the Molo district plaza and the Molo Church.

- 📍 Locsin St., Plaza Molo, Molo, Iloilo City
- 🕒 10 am to 8 pm (Mon to Sat), 9 am to 8 pm (Sun)
- ☎ (033)320-9602
- 🏠 The Molo Mansion

Price Range: P P300 & below

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Where to eat



8 Punot P

Located at Boardwalk right by the Esplanade, Punot is the brainchild restaurant of Chef Tope together with his sister, Andrea who is an international marketing executive.

What makes this restaurant different is that the owners inject a fresh and modern take on everything that comes out of this restaurant. They are guided by the promise of continuously showcasing the best of modern Ilonggo cuisine and bring exciting creations not only to their local patrons but to foreigners as well.

One of their best-sellers is the Baked Imbao (P220), a mangrove clam seasoned in secret sauce infused with bell pepper, onion, garlic, ginger, and lemon. There's also the Seafood ala Punot (P300), Corned Beef Kansil (P295), and even their own version of Pancit Molo (P140).

📍 6 Rizalina B. Pison Avenue, San Rafael, Mandurriao Iloilo City
 ⌚ 11 am to 10 pm (Mon to Thurs)
 11 am to 11 pm (Fri to Sun)
 ☎ (033) 320-9893
 📍 punotrestaurant



9 Mojave Grill & Steak House P P

A Tex-Mex-inspired restaurant, Mojave was the very first steakhouse in Iloilo City when it opened in 2008. What makes this restaurant different from other restaurants present in the city of Iloilo is that it is the first restaurant to serve authentic imported Angus beef. In addition, all its staff are Ilonggo thus giving their guests a glimpse of Ilonggo hospitality.

📍 The Avenue Complex, Pacencia T. Pison Street, Mandurriao, Iloilo City
 ⌚ 11:30 am to 2:30 pm (lunch), 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm (dinner)
 ☎ (033) 329-5616
 📍 Mojave Grill and steakhouse

10 Dova Brunch P P

Dova Brunch may be new to the market, but it promises its clients a worthwhile experience. They do not focus on serving Americanized cuisine; instead, they give diners an "old soul" menu that honors the present while still giving everyone a taste of the past. Make sure you get their Pan-seared Salmon (P445) or their Back Ribs (P480 for half slab, P950 for whole slab).

📍 Megaworld Business Park, Mandurriao, Iloilo City
 ⌚ 11 am to 10 pm
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 📍 Dova Brunch Cafe ✉ verjuanleonardo@gmail.com / migscordova@yahoo.com



11 Molo Mansion Café P

The Molo Mansion Café, an al fresco dining place at the back of Molo Mansion, first opened in 2015 as Table Matters. They serve delicious Ilonggo delicacies and unique concoctions of refreshing drinks and desserts made with fresh coconut, dragon fruit, and a flower called Blue Ternate. A must-try is their Pancit Molo with Kinihad (local toasted bread), best enjoyed with their Buco Ternate Shake, a healthy blend of coconut meat and Blue Ternate flower served in a coconut shell.

📍 Molo Mansion, Locsin St., Molo, Iloilo City
 ⌚ 10 am to 7 pm (Mon to Sun)
 ☎ 0917-316-0439
 📍 The Molo Mansion Café

12 Camiña Balay Nga Bato P P

If you want to taste the best of Ilonggo delicacies, Camiña Balay nga Bato is the place to be. It is not just a dining place; it is also a living museum and a great place to grab souvenirs for home. Built in the 1860s, Camiña Balay nga Bato is one of the best heritage attractions in Iloilo City. You can enjoy the heavenly combination of their Pancit Molo and Chocolate E for P200 (minimum of 5 guests). They require reservation at least one day in advance.

📍 20 Osmeña St., Arevalo, Iloilo City
 ⌚ 8 am to 9 pm (Mon to Sun)
 ☎ (033)336-3858 / (033)336-5075
 📍 Camiña Balay nga Bato in Iloilo

Where to stay



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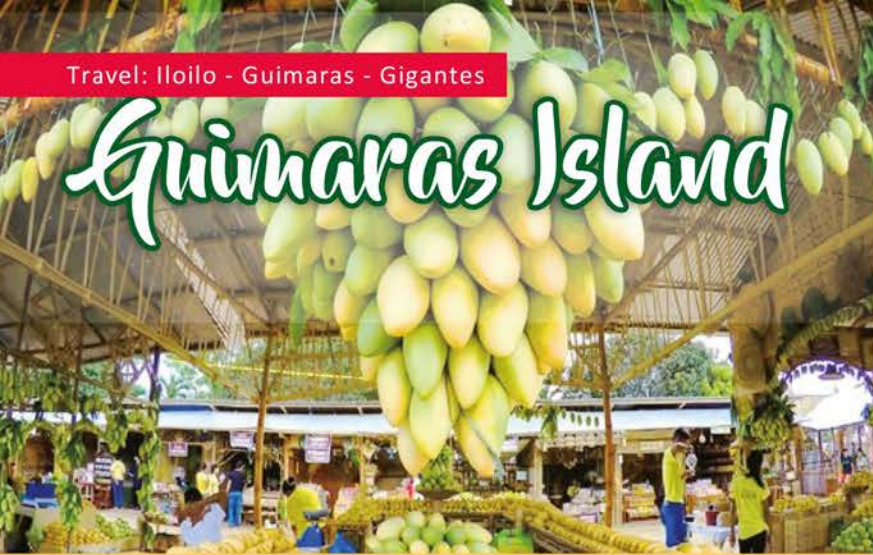
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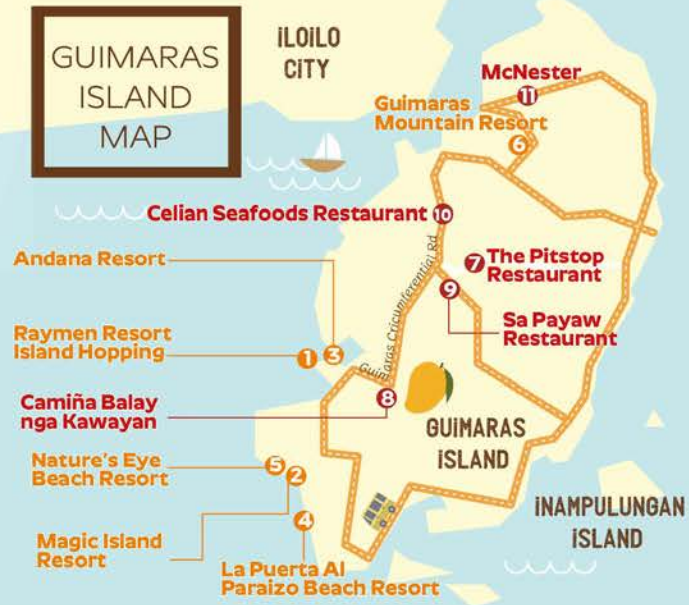
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Guimaras Island



In this little "Mango Country," you can find interesting restaurants that showcase the island's world-class mango in various delicacies. Being an island surrounded by abundant marine life, Guimaras is also home to exceptional and economical seafood restaurants.

GUIMARAS ISLAND MAP



Island hopping tours



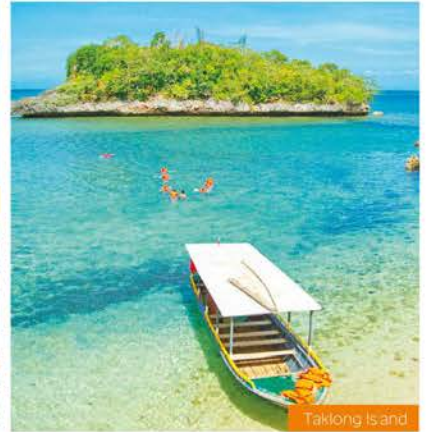
Guimaras Islands



Nueva Valencia



Floating Cottage



Taklong Island

1 Raymen Resort Island Hopping

Raymen Beach Resort, based in Alibuhod beach in the southern part of the island, is one of the most popular providers of island hopping tours. The lineup of islands is diverse and will excite your curiosity, especially if you are a beach lover.

📍 Poblacion, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras

2 Magic Island Resort

Guimaras may be known for its delicious mangoes, but the islands surrounding it are no slouch. The Taklong Island National Marine Reserve, or TINMR to the locals, is one of two places that you can visit for island hopping. TINMR was declared a marine reserve by virtue of Proclamation No. 525, s. 1990.

📍 Dungcaan, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras

Where to stay



3 Andana Resort

Nestled within a secret cove southwest of Guimaras sits Andana Resort. A 70-room luxury resort with white sand beaches, serene waters and mesmerizing scenery. It had its soft opening last December 2017. Bookings will soon be accepted. You can check their Facebook page for updates.

📍 8 Lopez Jaena St., Iloilo City
 📞 andanaresort
 ✉ andanaresort.guimaras@gmail.com



4 La Puerta Al Paraizo Beach Resort

What makes this place stand out from other resorts in Guimaras is that it has its own restaurant, a number of cottages that surround the beach, and the owners themselves are the ones who fetch and send off their guests at Jordan Port and makes sure that the guests are okay and having fun.

📍 San Roque, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras
 📞 (033) 857 6630 / 0927-507-9024 / 0905-230-9910
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5 Nature's Eye Beach Resort

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6 Guimaras Mountain Resort PP

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- 📍 Pina-Daragan, Buenavista, Guimaras
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- 📞 Guimarasmountain Resort



Where to eat



Mango Pizza



Pork Bintuog (P160)



7 The Pitstop Restaurant PP

The Pitstop Restaurant is one of the first few that saw beyond mango as a fruit. Opened in 2005, this local diner started as a place for people to grab some quick grub and recharge, just as car racers make a pit stop. With its bright and casual atmosphere and extraordinary menu offerings, The Pitstop eventually became a favorite stomping ground where people take their time to savor every bite and every spoonful of their meals.

- 📍 Guimaras Circumferential Road, San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras
- 🕒 8 am to 7 pm
- ☎ 0915-532-7174 / 0950-248-4018
- 📞 The Pitstop Restaurant Guimaras Main

8 Camiña Balay nga Kawayan P

What makes Camiña Balay nga Kawayan stand out is the farm tour they have and the banquet of local Guimaras cuisine present, giving its guests a glimpse of the country side the town of Guimaras has to offer. The whole place is made of bamboo and is adorned with a number of furniture, made from narra and mahogany wood. Aside from the furniture, the place uses machuca tiles and capiz windows, giving the place an old country-side feel to its local and foreign patrons.

- 📍 Guimaras Circumferential Road, Sibunag, Guimaras
- ☎ (033) 336-3858

9 Sa Payaw Restaurant P

Sa Payaw Restaurant is a well-established restaurant that has been standing on a major road in San Miguel, Jordan, serving delicious seafood dishes for more than a decade. Its rustic open-air setup with outdoor cottages is very apt for a tropical island dining experience. Sa Payaw offers different seafood dishes, from grilled to soups and stews, that are enjoyable both for your craving tummy and your tight wallet.

- 📍 Guimaras Circumferential Road, Islanders Village, San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras
- 🕒 8 am to 11 pm
- ☎ 0910-708-0917



Tangigue (Mackerel) Kinilaw (P160)

10 Celian Seafoods Restaurant P

Celian Seafoods Restaurant is a newly opened food spot that is already generating a lot of buzz because of its fresh seafood selections and nifty food preparation. Celian Seafoods saw the need for more restaurants to cater to the growing number of tourists in Guimaras, which is now being established as the "Bike Paradise of the Philippines."

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Dried Mangoes

11 McNester P

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Gigantes Island



Gigantes Islands, also called Islas de Gigantes, is a remote group of islands in the northernmost part of Iloilo. With little trace of commercialization, Gigantes is one of the best places where you can experience the pristine charm of real island life. It only takes about 1.5 to 2 hours going to Gigantes Norte (the main arrival port) from the nearest jumpoff ports in Carles and Estancia. The white sand beaches, beautiful caves and rock formations, and abundance of marine life are impossible to miss as you approach Gigantes on a boat.



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Island Hopping

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Calubang Island



Cabugao Island



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Isla Gigantes



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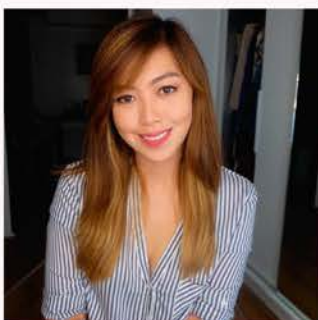
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Profile

Diane Salazar is a beauty blogger, entrepreneur, and the girl behind Itchyfeetwonders - a blog about travel, makeup, skincare and food. She enjoys writing and she loves creating FOTDs and one-minute videos on Instagram.

BeautyTips

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To help you out, here are 4 trusted medical professionals in Manila, who are highly-experienced and trained to provide the best care for their patients. Get to know them as you read their profile and each of their specializations.



Mitsy Navales-Antolin, DMD

Pediatric Dentistry and Cosmetic Dentistry

Dr. Mitsy Navales-Antolin is a certified Pediatric Dentist, or a dentist who deals with children's oral health from infancy to teenage years. She practices her profession at Navales Dental Clinic, which provides a complete line of dentistry services for children and expats including preventive and restorative procedures. Dr. Mitsy took her post graduate degree in Pediatric Dentistry at Aichi Gakuin University School of Dentistry in Nagoya, Japan and aesthetic dentistry post graduate program at University of California, Los Angeles. She also teaches postgraduate studies in Pediatric Dentistry at the Philippine Children's Medical Center. Dr. Mitsy is also a member of the Philippine Pediatric Dental Society, Philippine Academy of Aesthetic Dentistry, and the Philippine Dental Association.

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Rogelio F. Valera Jr., MD

Urology and Venereology

Dr. Rogelio Valera Jr. is a urologist and a venereologist by profession. As a urologist, he treats ailments in the kidneys, prostate cancer cases, and patients with erectile dysfunction. As a venereologist, he treats STD patients who are diagnosed with HIV or gonorrhea. When he was young, he used to have bronchial asthma and was required to see a doctor often. Because of their frequent meeting, Dr. Varela was enticed to venture the field of medicine and has been practicing for about 11 years now. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology at the University of Sto. Tomas, took his medicine proper at Our Lady of Fatima in Valenzuela City, and had his residency training for general surgery and urology at East Avenue Medical Center. Dr. Rogelio Valera Jr. was the past vice president of the residents organization at East Avenue Medical City, and is currently the medical director of St. Patrick's Health Care System Inc. His advice for aspiring doctors: "Being a doctor is really a challenging profession. To succeed in the field, your goal is to treat patients, see them as how they need the services, and be really dedicated in the profession you chose to venture to".



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June Paul Ayache Garcia, MD

Dermatology and Aesthetic Medicine

Dr. June Paul A. Garcia is a doctor of cosmetic dermatology and aesthetic medicine. He has been in the medical field for 9 years now. He took his pre-medicine degree of BS Biology at the De La Salle University in Taft Manila and his doctorate degree at the De La Salle University- Health Sciences Institute in Cavite. He completed his post-graduate training at the Cardinal Santos Medical Center and passed the Physicians Licensure Examination in 2004. In 2012, he earned a Dr. Albuquerque C. Lopez Sr. Excellence award in the field of aesthetic medicine. He also served as member of the board of the Philippine Association of Primary Skin Health Physicians Inc.

Aside from his post-graduate training at the Cardinal Santos Medical Center, he also completed his training at the Medical Skin Health Training Foundation Inc., and at the National Skin Centre in Singapore.

As a doctor that practices cosmetic dermatology and aesthetic medicine, some of his services include botox, fillers, laser skin rejuvenation, laser tattoo removal, acne treatment, chemical peel, laser hair reduction, mole and wart removal, pigmentation treatment, skin tightening and body contouring.



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Marie Rutchelle Darvin, MD

General Pediatrician

Dr. Darvin is a pediatrician by profession. For her, she did not choose the medical profession; rather, it chose her. She has been in the medical field for about 14 years. She usually starts her day by doing rounds for her in-patients, and holds her clinic for about 2-3 hours every day. She took her BS Biology degree at the University of the Philippines-Diliman, her medical degree at the De La Salle University - Health Sciences Institute, and completed her pediatric training at Makati Medical Center.

As a pediatrician, Dr. Darvin offers the following services: treatment for newborn jaundice, Chickenpox and Measles treatment, Bronchial Asthma treatment, growth & development evaluation & management, congenital disorders evaluation & treatment, and evaluation and treatment of genetic diseases.

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David Leechiu is regarded as the leading commercial real estate broker in the Philippines. With over 20 years of expertise, he has arranged the leasing of more than one million square meters of office space and sold more than USD2 billion worth of real estate.

He is the co-founder and CEO of Leechiu Property Consultants and is currently serving his second term as a Trustee of the Information Technology and Business Process Association of the Philippines (IBPAP).

David Leechiu CEO of Leechiu Property Consultants

The Philippine real estate market has changed a lot in 20 years, and one man has been there for all of it: Leechiu Property Consultant's CEO David Leechiu. He started his career during the country's real estate bubble, landed two of the biggest deals in Philippine real estate, and now runs one of the top property consulting firms in the country.

This month, we sat down with David to get to know his beginnings, his outlook on the country's real estate market, and how local firms have caught up to international competition.

Prior to Leechiu Property Consultants, we heard you were with an international property firm.

I started my career working for the Cuervo family (Cuervo Appraisers, Inc.). At that time, they had a partnership with CB Richard Ellis (CBRE). They brought in the international standard of doing business, while the Cuervo family had the local way of doing business plus all the relationships. I tried to learn from the best of the two "worlds" that were in the office.

After working for the Cuervo family, I joined the franchise of Savills in the Philippines back in 1998 and stayed there until 2003. I became the GM for their Philippine operations in 2001, though this was in the midst of the Asian Financial Crisis.

The height of all that was in 2003. We kicked out Joseph "Erap" Estrada two and a half years earlier and installed Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in 2003, who we tried to impeach almost immediately. The Peso went from P26:\$1 to P50:\$1, which prompted Savills to pull out of the country even though we were doing so well.

They liked what I did for their Philippine operations so when it came time for them to go, they asked me if I can continue to lead their franchise in the country. This led to me starting Leechiu Associates with my father-in-law Fernando Camus and Angela Padilla.

How do you handle big real estate deals?

I learned very early on to be sincere in doing business, i.e.,

for lack of a better phrase, "no B.S." We never give BS to clients; we are always sincere.

It's not enough to be honest or nice; you also have to be very competent. That earned us the reputation in the market and helped us develop relationships over the years. A lot of our friends and clients also helped us along the way, allowing us to get to that point of doing these big deals.

Apart from the Ortigas & Co. and the JP Morgan office building deals, what would you say are your biggest achievements in the real estate industry?

We provide a lot of transparency in a very opaque market; that, I think, is our biggest value. We provide clarity to what people don't see. We provide information that gives clarity and aids in decision-making.

What were some of the challenges you faced when you started your own property consultancy firm?

The biggest challenge was that I started this career when the real estate industry was very "colonial" or having bias towards foreigners.

A lot of businesses would not take you seriously if you were a local. If you were a foreigner, it didn't matter if you knew the local market or not; you would automatically have an edge over a local broker.

The gap between foreign and local firms was very wide unlike today. Foreigners dominated the market during the 90s up until recently. Nowadays, we have a lot of wealthy locals that are as competent, educated, and as conscious about compliance and transparency as foreigners. Transitioning through that was the biggest challenge in my career.

I grew Leechiu & Associates to a scale where it attracted international competitors. We were in talks with three international players who wanted to buy our business, so they can hire us.

In 2008, we chose to partner with Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL).

We sold our business to them so they can hire all of us, which led me to becoming the country manager of JLL for 8 years (2008 - 2015). After growing it to be the largest business in the Philippines, I left to put up Leechiu Property Consultants (LPC).

Can you tell us who your biggest clients are?

We have a very healthy mix of foreign and local clients. Locally, we do a lot of work with the conglomerates: SM, Ayala, Robinsons, Filinvest, and DoubleDragon, which we do a lot of business with.

For foreign companies, it's a lot more different, though we mainly deal with BPOs. Some of our international clients include Citibank, HSBC, Alorica, and Convergys.

What are some of the recent trends you've seen in the real estate industry? Has it affected how you do business at LPC?

The one firm belief I have is that the economy of the Philippines will keep growing. It is fundamentally better now than it ever has been, and I think we will do many great things with this president by the sheer political power that he has, which no other president had outside Marcos.

Marcos had a very big voting bloc and the popularity to go along with it. After Marcos, nobody had the same political capital. Because of that, they will get to do a lot of things in this administration.

That will solidify what will happen to the Philippines in the next 10 - 15 years, which is why I'm quite optimistic about how the country will fare in the future.

Any plans for LPC in the future?

We're partners with CBRE, the largest property consulting company in the world. They have about \$14-16 billion in revenue. They're publicly listed in the Dow Jones (Industrial Average) and was voted number 18 in the best companies to work for by LinkedIn a few weeks ago.

It's a great company that I'm proud to be partners with and we have their confidence and trust. I hope that relationship will grow deeper as the years go by. We're also looking to be the biggest player in this market.

What's the difference between when you started in the industry versus today?

It's more real. Back when I started, the debt levels for the government and private sector were too high. That inflated assets artificially, i.e. "hot air". That's why we had that bubble.

Today, the growth is real. It's real, more sustainable, has been going on for 17 years, and will continue in the future.

It's also life-changing. The boom in the 90s was short, lasting for only five or six years, and did not benefit as many people. Interest rates were 20-30% those years.

Today, the boom is 17 years old and has benefited the economy so much yet interest rates are only at 5%. The collapse in interest rates and the money coming from overseas Filipino workers has impacted the lives of many.

This administration is almost there with passing Tax Reform Package 1, which is all about uplifting the life of the poor.

Today, you're taxed 10-20% as a minimum wage earner. Tax Reform Package 1 says when you earn P20,000 and below, you won't get taxed. That will be transformational to millions of people.

The Tax Reform Package includes an increase in real property tax. Will that increase affect the market at all?

Yes, but it will only affect the very rich. The impact to the rest of the population will be very small.

Add to that the lowering of corporate tax in Package 2 and a lot of companies will have more money to invest in the country.

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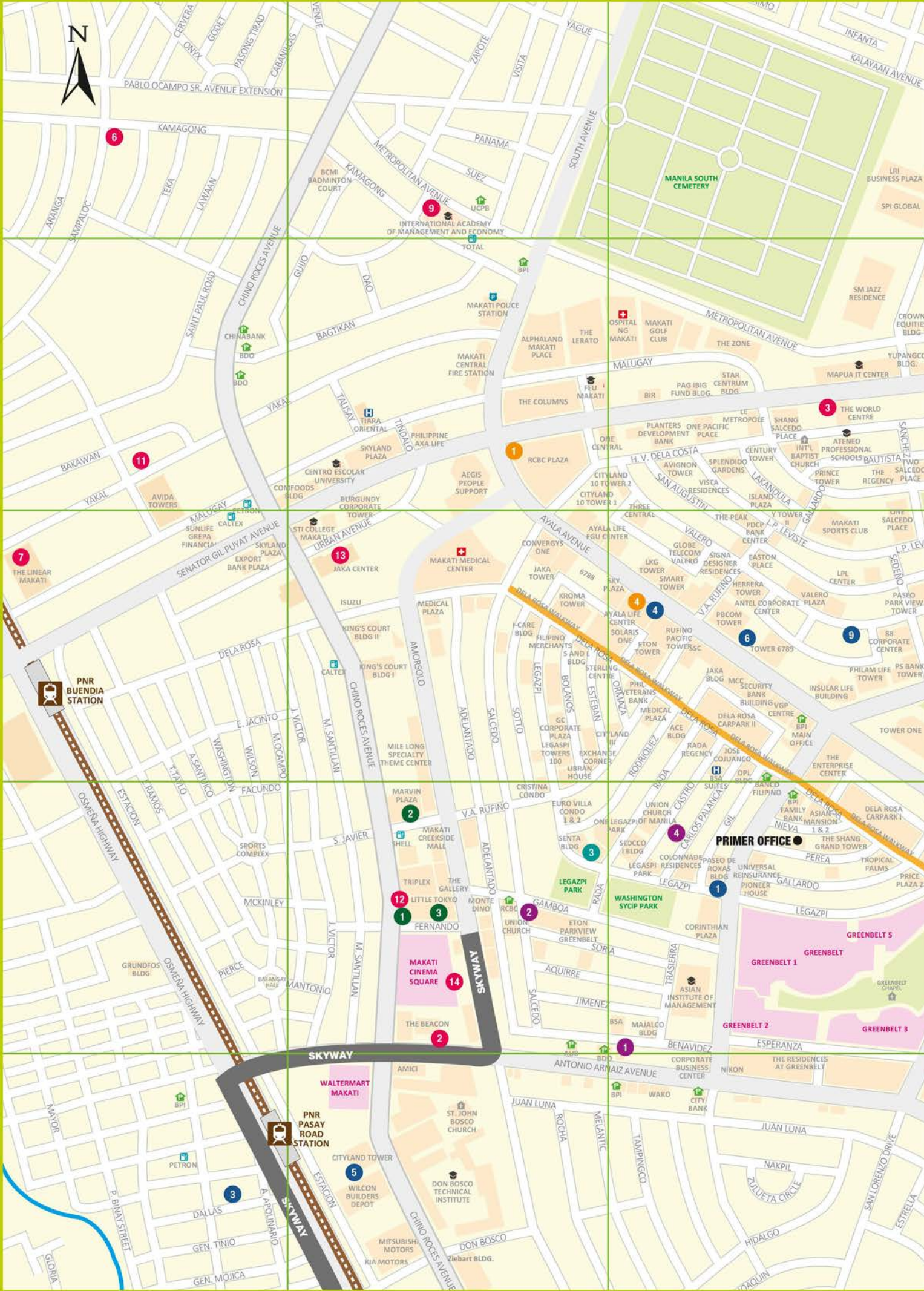
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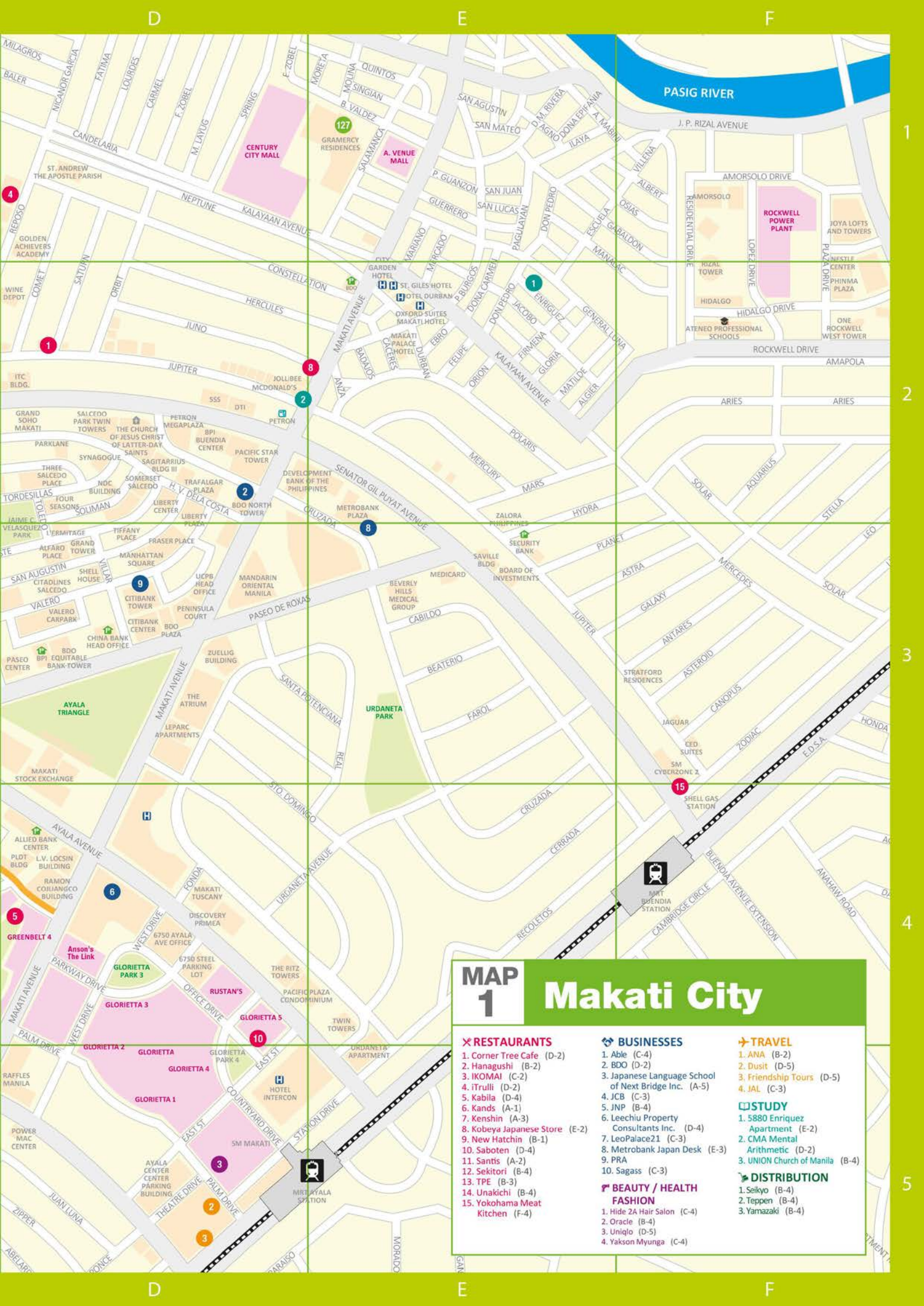
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4. iTrulli (D-2)
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10. Saboten (D-4)
11. Santis (A-2)
12. Sekitori (B-4)
13. TPE (B-3)
14. Unakichi (B-4)
15. Yokohama Meat Kitchen (F-4)

✕ BUSINESSES

1. Able (C-4)
2. BDO (D-2)
3. Japanese Language School of Next Bridge Inc. (A-5)
4. JCB (C-3)
5. JNP (B-4)
6. Leechiu Property Consultants Inc. (D-4)
7. LeoPalace21 (C-3)
8. Metrobank Japan Desk (E-3)
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10. Sagass (C-3)

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1. Hide 2A Hair Salon (C-4)
2. Oracle (B-4)
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2. Dusit (D-5)
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📍 Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Zambales

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