

Grand Lodge of Alberta – Grand Master’s Tour 2020

15 Day Tour of PHILIPPINES



April 19th - SUNDAY

Manila Founded by Spain in 1571, the capital of Philippines, comes off as a busy, noisy city on first impression, but it has plenty of attractions beyond its brusque initial appearance. The sweeping seafront promenade of high-rise hotels leads to Old Manila, which culminates in Intramuros, an old walled city that blends Spanish and American colonial influences with indigenous cultural traditions that have thrived for around 3,000 years. Aside from Intramuros, the city’s best attractions are Rizal Park, which is a great spot to relax for an afternoon, and Chinatown, which is one of the oldest and largest of its kind in the world. You’ll find excellent and inexpensive shopping here.



- San Agustin Church
- Historic Fort Santiago
- National Museum of Fine Arts (Manila)



April 20th - MONDAY

Rise of Freemasonry in the Philippines

“Primera Luz Filipina”, the first masonic lodge in the Philippines was established in 1856 by Jose Malcampo Monje, a naval captain who became the Governor General of the Philippines from June 18, 1874 to February 28, 1877. It was placed under the jurisdiction of “Gran Oriente Luisitano” and admitted only Spaniards. Other lodges for foreign-born residents soon followed.

Sometime in 1869, Jacobo Zobel Y Zangronis joined the Scottish Lodge based in Nagtahan, which had been founded by the British Consul-General. It was placed under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge of Hong Kong. Zobel was made secretary of the organization. Historian Teodoro M. Kalaw wrote that Zobel was the first Filipino mason and added considerable prestige, considering that Zobel was a highly educated man who was a member of the Spanish Academy of History.

- Wreath laying to Bro. Jose Rizal (National Hero of the Philippines) at Luneta Park/Rizal Park
- Courtesy Call to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines (GLP) Ladies encourage to attend, includes tour
- Seeing Manila's historical sites, including Intramuros



April 21st - TUESDAY

Corregidor Island This is an island within the Cavite Province. It is one of the most historic places in the Philippines. In fact, it has a great role during the World War II. This place is full of history It is located at the entrance of Manila Bay in southwestern part of Luzon Island in the Philippines. Due to this location, Corregidor has historically been fortified with coastal artillery to defend the entrance of Manila Bay and Manila from attacks by enemy warships. Located 48 kilometres inland, Manila has been the largest city and the most important seaport in the Philippines for centuries, from the colonial rule of Spain, Japan and the United States, to the establishment of the Philippines in 1946.

- All Day Tour World War II and Corregidor Island
- Ferry ride to the Island and Lunch Included

April 22nd - WEDNESDAY

- Early Check Out /Travel Manila to Olongapo City - ANCOM 2020 –Subic Bay Exhibition & Convention Center
- Visit San Guillermo Church in Bacolor, Pampanga
- Lunch at Café Fleur by Chef Sau Del Rosario - Pampanga - The Culinary Capital of the Philippines
- Check In – Segara Suites
- ANCOM Registration
- Grand Lodge of the Philippines Welcome Dinner for entire Delegates



April 23rd – THURSDAY

Las Casas Filipinas De Acuzar - Vanguard of Filipino Heritage. Be transported to Old Manila's glory days the moment you set foot at Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar. Home to Jose Acuzar's collection of restored Spanish-Filipino houses, this resort in Bagac, Bataan is a reflection of Filipino craftsmanship intricately curated into a world-class historical haven.

- ANCOM - Subic bay Exhibition & Convention Center
- LADIES - 2019 Traveler's Choice –Trip Advisor "Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar Heritage Tour"
- Mardi Gras Fellowship /LADIES DINNER – Mango's Grill



April 24th – FRIDAY

Mt. Samat is a historic mountain in the town of Pilar, Province of Bataan in the Republic of the Philippines. Located near its summit is the Mount Samat National Shrine, dedicated to the fallen Filipino and American fallen during World War II.

- ANCOM / Ladies Program
- Mount Samat National Shrine War Museum
Lunch - The Beanery, Balanga Bataan Pamulaklak Forest Trail (optional)
- Dinner – Past GM hosted by GLP with the Presentation of Token



April 25th – SATURDAY

Harbor Point - Shopping Mall in Subic Bay Freeport Zone in Olongapo. The Mall is located across the river (a foot bridge essentially connects the two locations) from its significant market competition, SM City Olongapo. The mall was named Harbor Point because of Subic's bayside location. It was opened on April 26, 2012. The mall is composed of three major levels with over 300 Shops and Restaurants.

- ANCOM / Ladies Free Morning (Shop and hang out at Harbor point)
- Installation / Delegation



April 26th to 30th – SUNDAY to THURSDAY

BOHOL Offers independent travellers a wealth of options both on and off the beaten track. This island province is promoted almost exclusively through images of cute bug-eyed tarsiers and the majestic Chocolate Hills, but there's much more to experience. Offshore there's superb diving, and when you throw in jungle-fringed rivers perfect for kayaking and paddle-boarding and pristine white-sand beaches it's easy to understand the Bohol appeal.

- Travel to Island of Bohol
- Beach Day (On Your Own)
- Bohol Countryside Tour
- Island Hopping Tour (Dolphin and Whale watching, Balicasag Island Snorkeling, Virgin Island)



May 1st – FRIDAY

Monasterio de Tarlac is a popular tourist destination in the province of Tarlac in the Philippines. It is a monastery on top of Mount Resurrection, part of the Zambales Mountain Range in San Jose, one of the municipalities in Tarlac. In the monastery can be found a relic of the True Cross. Monasterio de Tarlac is located at the Mount Resurrection Eco Park in the Barangay of Lubigan. The Monasterio de Tarlac sits on a 278-hectare eco-tourism park developed by the former congressman Jose "APING" Yap and has a 30-foot concrete statue of Jesus Christ overseeing the town.

- Lodge Building Tour / Ladies Day Tour
 - Monasterio De Tarlac
 - Isdaan Floating Restaurant – Gerona
- Organized Dinner by Isagani Lodge



May 2nd – SATURDAY

- Goshen Resort – Ocular Visit
- Capas National Shrine
- Isagani Lodge #96 Meeting at 4:00pm
- Farewell Dinner Delegates ~ Goji Kitchen + Bar



Isagani Lodge #96



May 3rd – Sunday

Unfortunately, our tour ENDS TODAY