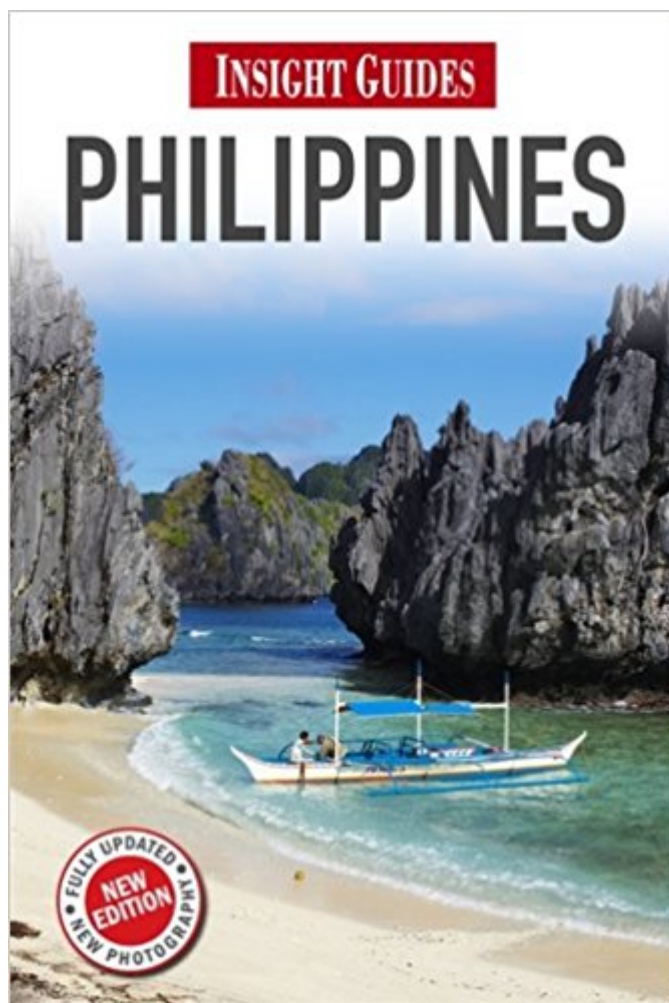


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# Philippines (Insight Guides)



## Synopsis

A little-known island nation on Asia's Pacific rim, the Philippines makes a rewarding destination for adventurous travelers. With thousands of islands fringed by a vast number of idyllic tropical beaches, plus stunning mountain scenery, colonial architecture and lively festivals, the possibilities are endless. The Insight Guide will assist travelers in finding their ideal itinerary through what can be a daunting list of options, with the inspirational Best Of the Philippines section setting out the principal highlights. In-depth information on the country's unusual history and culture is provided in a series of authoritative essays, while chapters on contemporary culture, food, festivals and architecture complete the picture. The Places chapters have been comprehensively updated for this new edition, and cover all the sights worth seeing – from the amazing landscapes of northern Luzon to the beaches of the Visayas and the jungles of Palawan. At the back of the book, the Travel Tips section contains all the practical information you'll need to plan your trip, including dozens of carefully selected hotels and restaurants.

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## Customer Reviews

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This is a great book to use to prepare for your trip to the Philippines (or, if you simply want to learn about the country). It's extremely well-written, well-organized, and has beautiful maps and photos throughout. However, if you're looking for your take-along travel guide, this may not be the best choice, because a) it's pretty large and heavy, and b) there isn't a ton of detailed information about

getting around, dining, lodging, contact info, etc. Now, in Insight's defense, the other three travel books I've read that do try to include that detailed info seem to lose their accuracy within a week or two of printing -- that's just the nature of countries like the Philippines, where everything's always in flux. And of those three, two were so poorly written and organized, they were virtually useless. The one I do like is Lonely Planet's 2012 edition. My recommendation: Get this Insight book \*and\* Lonely Planet. Read this one before you go, then take Lonely Planet with you and read it on the airplane.

I've been using Insite guides for 25+ years - they are my favourite!!! :) I'm looking at my book cabinet and have Insite guides for Egypt, Ireland, Turkey, Nepal, Spain, China and now Philippines. The history, politics, amazing pictures and information help you understand where you are going, what people believe and what is important to them. There is a language section too. I find if you can say "hello, "thank you" and "goodbye in their language people love it. The section in the back help you find great places to eat and stay and the price range. The only criticism I have is I wish it was lighter and more compact or if there was a pull out guide for day trips.

Great Pics

This guide provided me with several places to visit. The background on the history was useful in understanding the culture

Perfect - thank you!

why is this book so heavy? Needs to be lighter to carry as a travel book.

This book give more insight and stories about Philippines. Actually not the tool to planning your trip with hotels&accomodation. However, this book is better to read from first to last pages.

Very helpful. For my short time in Cebu

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