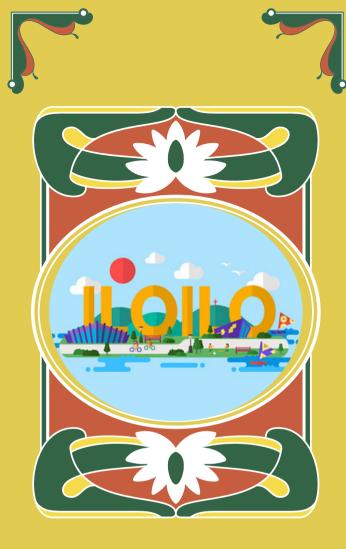


**ILUILU** 101

**"THE HEART OF THE PHILIPPINES"** 





WELCOME TO ILOILO CITY





ILOILO CITY, LOCATED IN THE WESTERN VISAYAS REGION OF THE PHILIPPINES, IS A CHARMING TRAVEL DESTINATION KNOWN FOR ITS RICH HISTORY, VIBRANT CULTURE, AND MODERN ATTRACTIONS. THE CITY BOASTS A BLEND OF SPANISH COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE AND CONTEMPORARY URBAN DEVELOPMENT, MAKING IT A PICTURESQUE SPOT FOR HISTORY BUFFS AND MODERN TRAVELERS ALIKE.

**BEYOND ITS HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS, ILOILO** CITY IS A FOOD LOVER'S PARADISE. HAILED BY "CITY OF GASTRONOMY" IN 2023. UNESCA AS А ILAILA IS KNOWN AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF LA PAZ BATCHOY. THE **CITY OFFERS** A **NIVERSE** ARRAY OF LOCAL DELICACIES AND SEAFOOD DISHES THAT WILL SATISFY ANY PALATE. ILOILO'S FOOD SCENE NEVER FAILS TO ENCHANT VISITORS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

WITH ITS BLEND OF CULTURAL HERITAGE, SCENIC BEAUTY, AND CULINARY DELIGHTS, ILOILO CITY OFFERS AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE FOR TRAVELERS LOOKING TO EXPLORE THE HEART OF THE PHILIPPINES.





I. REQUIREMENTS FOR INBOUND FOREIGN TOURISTS/TEMPORARY VISITORS:

1. PASSPORTS VALID FOR AT LEAST SIX (6) MONTHS AT THE TIME OF ENTRY, SUBJECT TO EXISTING STATE RECIPROCITY RULES AND/OR AGREEMENTS;

2. VALID VISA, IF APPLICABLE (FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT ENTITLED TO A VISA-FREE ENTRY TO THE PHILIPPINES, AS WELL AS THOSE WITH IMMIGRANT OR NON-IMMIGRANT STATUS); AND/OR

3. VALID ONWARD/RETURN TICKET TO PORT OF ORIGIN OR NEXT PORT DESTINATION CORRESPONDING TO THEIR ALLOWABLE PERIOD OF STAY.

II. FOREIGN IMMIGRANTS/NON-IMMIGRANTS EXCEPT TOURISTS:

- FOR ACR I-CARD HOLDERS, EXCEPT 9A: VALID VISA IMPLEMENTATION, ACR I-CARD OR ACRI-CARD WAIVER, RETURN PERMIT (RP), AND/OR SPECIAL RETURN CERTIFICATE (SCR) SHALL BE PRESENTED DURING ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE INSPECTION.

# E-TRAVEL REGISTRATION.

THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER/UPDATE WITH THE TRAVEL SYSTEM (ETRAVEL.GOV.PH), EXCEPT FOR FOREIGN DIPLOMATS, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, FOREIGN DIGNITARIES, AND MEMBERS OF THEIR DELEGATION, 9€ VISA HOLDERS, AND HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL/SERVICE PASSPORT:

1. ARRIVING FILIPINO AND FOREIGN PASSENGERS; 2. ARRIVING CREW MEMBERS, AND 3. DEPARTING FILIPINO PASSENGERS.

ALL OF THE FOREGOING IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS IN IMMIGRATION FORMALITIES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

I. REQUIREMENTS FOR INBOUND FOREIGN TOURISTS/TEMPORARY VISITORS:

# CONFERENCE VENUE

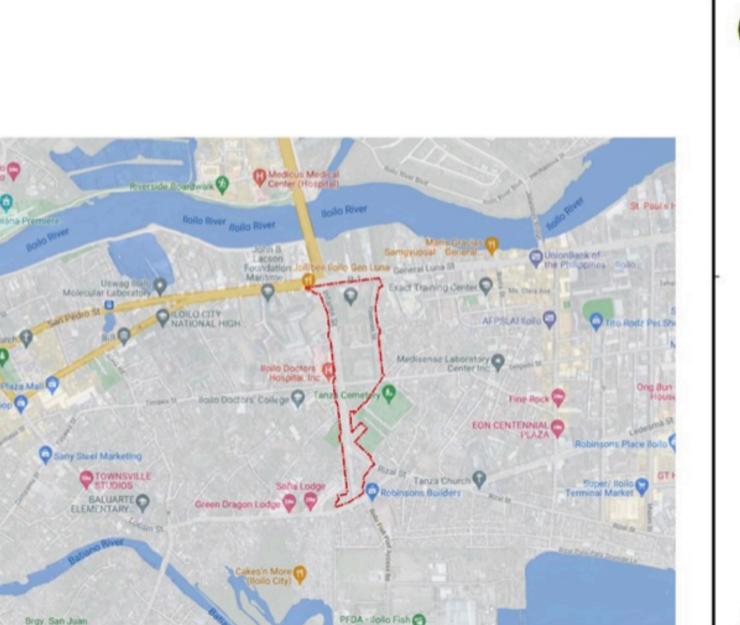
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES VISAYAS (UPV) IS ONE OF THE CONSTITUENT UNIVERSITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM, KNOWN FOR ITS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND PUBLIC SERVICE. ESTABLISHED IN 1947, UP VISAYAS HAS GROWN INTO A PROMINENT INSTITUTION, PARTICULARLY RECOGNIZED FOR ITS FOCUS ON FISHERIES, MARINE SCIENCES, AND AQUACULTURE.

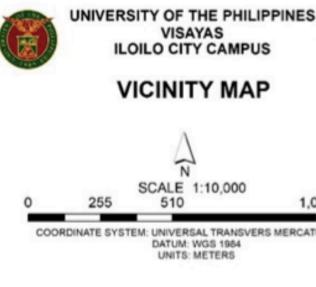
BEYOND ITS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, UP VISAYAS IS DEEPLY ENGAGED WITH THE VISAYAN REGION'S CULTURAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROWTH. IT ALSO PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN PRESERVING THE REGION'S RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE, PARTICULARLY THROUGH ITS STRONG FOCUS ON RESEARCH IN INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS.

THE UP VISAYAS COMMUNITY IS KNOWN FOR ITS ACTIVISM, ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY, AND COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE, EMBODYING THE UNIVERSITY'S TRADITION OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND PUBLIC SERVICE.



### VICINITY MAP OF UPV ILOILO CITY CAMPUS





LEGEND:

----- UPV Campus Boundary

Sources: R. Sirian Surveying Services, CDMO-UPV, OVCPD-UPV





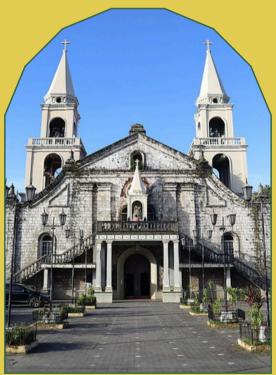




THIS HISTORIC STREET IS LINED WITH OLD SPANISH-ERA BUILDINGS THAT EVOKE THE COLONIAL PAST OF ILOILO. THIS AREA IS PERFECT FOR A LEISURELY STROLL, GIVING VISITORS A GLIMPSE OF THE CITY'S GOLDEN AGE WHEN IT WAS CONSIDERED THE

"QUEEN CITY OF THE SOUTH."





JARO CATHEDRAL IS ONE OF ILOILO'S MOST SIGNIFICANT RELIGIOUS SITES. IT IS THE SEAT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF JARO AND IS KNOWN FOR THE MIRACULOUS STATUE OF THE LADY OF THE CANDLES, WHICH WAS CROWNED BY POPE JOHN PAUL II DURING HIS VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES IN 1981.



## MOLO CHURCH

ALSO KNOWN AS THE "FEMINIST CHURCH" DUE TO THE STATUES OF FEMALE SAINTS LINING THE AISLE. MOLO CHURCH IS A STUNNING GOTHIC RENAISSANCE-STYLE STRUCTURE. IT'S A NATIONAL HISTORICAL LANDMARK AND ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

## **NELLY'S GARDEN**

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A HERITAGE MANSION BUILT IN THE 1920S, NELLY'S GARDEN IS ONE OF THE BEST-PRESERVED COLONIAL HOMES IN ILOILO. VISITORS CAN TOUR THE HOUSE AND ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL GARDENS THAT SURROUND IT.

## ILOILO ESPLANADE

THE ILOILO RIVER ESPLANADE IS A SCENIC RIVERFRONT PROMENADE THAT RUNS ALONG THE ILOILO RIVER. PERFECT FOR WALKING, JOGGING, OR RELAXING, IT OFFERS BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF THE RIVER AND THE CITY SKYLINE.



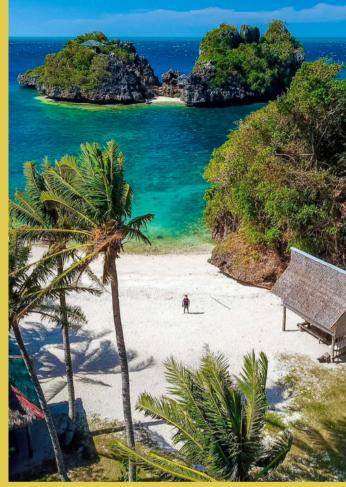
### <u>MEGAWORLD</u>

THE HEART OF MODERN ILOILO, THIS MAJOR REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT IS HOME TO MANY RESTAURANTS, CONDOMINIUMS AND COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES. MUST SEE DESTINATIONS IN THE AREA ARE FESTIVE WALK, THE ILOILO CONVENTION CENTER, AND THE ILOILO MUSEUM OF MODERN ARTS (ILOMOCA).

## MIAGAO CHURCH



(45 MINUTES FROM THE CITY) A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, MIAGAO CHURCH IS ONE OF THE MOST ICONIC LANDMARKS IN ILOILO. THIS BAROQUE CHURCH, BUILT IN 1787, SHOWCASES INTRICATE DESIGNS WITH INFLUENCES OF LOCAL CULTURE AND FLORA, MAKING IT A MASTERPIECE OF FILIPINO COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE. THE SANDSTONE FAÇADE AND DETAILED CARVINGS ARE IMPRESSIVE SYMBOLS OF THE COUNTRY'S RICH HISTORICAL AND RELIGIOUS HERITAGE.



### **GUINARAS**

(15-MINUTE BOAT RIDE FROM THE CITY)

GUIMARAS ISLAND IS A TROPICAL PARADISE FAMOUS FOR ITS UNSPOILED BEACHES, CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATERS, AND THE WORLD'S SWEETEST MANGOES. IT'S AN IDEAL DAY TRIP DESTINATION FROM ILOILO CITY, OFFERING A PEACEFUL ESCAPE INTO NATURE.





# CITY OF GASTRONOMY

ILOILO CITY IS RENOWNED AS A CITY OF GASTRONOMY, CELEBRATED FOR ITS RICH CULINARY HERITAGE THAT BLENDS LOCAL FLAVORS WITH SPANISH, CHINESE, AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN INFLUENCES. KNOWN FOR ICONIC DISHES LIKE LA PAZ BATCHOY AND PANCIT MOLO,

ILOILO OFFERS A UNIQUE GASTRONOMIC EXPERIENCE. THE CITY'S VIBRANT FOOD SCENE IS ALSO MARKED BY FRESH SEAFOOD, DELECTABLE DESSERTS, AND A VARIETY OF TRADITIONAL DELICACIES, MAKING ILOILO A TRUE CULINARY DESTINATION IN THE PHILIPPINES.



# TATOYS

**VILLA BEACH, ILOILO** 

FAMOUS FOR THEIR LECHON MANOK (ROAST CHICKEN) AND FRESH SEAFOOD, TATOY'S IS AN ICONIC RESTAURANT BY THE BEACH, SERVING AUTHENTIC ILONGGO DISHES IN A CASUAL, FAMILY-FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. WHERE TO EAT??





#### **Q** LA PAZ MARKET

THIS IS THE GO-TO PLACE FOR THE ICONIC LA PAZ BATCHOY, A FLAVORFUL NOODLE SOUP WITH PORK, LIVER, AND CHICHARRÓN. IT'S A MUST-TRY FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO TASTE ILOILO'S MOST FAMOUS DISH.



## ROBERTO'S

#### **P** DOWNTOWN ILOILO

A LOCAL FAVORITE, ROBERTO'S IS BEST KNOWN FOR ITS QUEEN SIOPAO (STEAMED BUNS FILLED WITH PORK AND CHICKEN ADOBO, EGG, CHINESE HAM, AND BACON). THE RESTAURANT IS A BUDGET-FRIENDLY SPOT IN ILOILO'S CALLE REAL AREA.

## **BISCOCHO HAUS**



#### 🖓 JARO, ILOILO

FAMOUS FOR ITS BAKED GOODS, ESPECIALLY BISCOCHO (TOASTED BREAD WITH BUTTER AND SUGAR), THIS IS A GREAT SPOT FOR SNACKS, PASALUBONG (GIFTS FOR HOME), AND TRADITIONAL ILONGGO TREATS LIKE BARQUILLOS AND BUTTERSCOTCH.



### BREAKTHROUGH

VILLA BEACH, ILOILO

KNOWN FOR ITS PICTURESQUE BEACHFRONT SETTING, BREAKTHROUGH SERVES AN EXTENSIVE RANGE OF FRESH SEAFOOD AND ILONGGO SPECIALTIES. IT'S A PERFECT PLACE FOR BIG GROUPS AND FAMILY DINING.



### **MADGE CAFE V** la paz market

ESTABLISHED IN 1940, THIS ICONIC CAFÉ HAS BEEN SERVING TRADITIONAL FILIPINO COFFEE FOR GENERATIONS. THE CAFÉ OFFERS A RANGE OF COFFEE OPTIONS, FROM STRONG KAPE BARAKO TO SWEETENED BLENDS, ALL SERVED IN CHARMING, PERSONALIZED MUGS.

### KAP ISING PANCIT MOLO

💡 THE SHOPS AT ATRIA

IS A BELOVED LOCAL EATERY RENOWNED FOR ITS AUTHENTIC AND FLAVORFUL PANCIT MOLO, A TRADITIONAL ILONGGO SOUP DISH FEATURING DUMPLINGS MADE FROM GROUND PORK WRAPPED IN WONTON SKINS, SERVED IN A RICH, SAVORY BROTH.

### CAMIÑA BALAY NGA BATO V AREVALO, ILOILO

A HERITAGE HOUSE THAT OFFERS VISITORS A GLIMPSE INTO THE SPANISH COLONIAL ERA WHILE SHOWCASING ILONGGO CULTURE AND HISTORY. GUESTS CAN EXPLORE THE FAMILY'S HEIRLOOM COLLECTIONS AND ENJOY TRADITIONAL ILONGGO DISHES, SUCH AS TSOKOLATE É (THICK HOT CHOCOLATE) AND PANCIT MOLO.





>>>BEST TIME TO VISIT

THE COOLER MONTHS FROM NOVEMBER TO FEBRUARY ARE IDEAL, WITH VIBRANT FESTIVALS DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

>>>LANGUAGE

HILIGAYNON IS THE LOCAL LANGUAGE, BUT FILIPINO AND ENGLISH ARE WIDELY SPOKEN.

>>>CURRENCY

PHILIPPINE PESO (PHP). MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED IN MOST HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS, BUT IT'S GOOD TO CARRY CASH FOR LOCAL MARKETS AND SMALLER ESTABLISHMENTS. MONEY EXCHANGE CENTERS CAN BE FOUND IN MAJOR MALLS LIKE SM CITY AND ROBINSONS ILOILO.

>>>**SAFETY** 

ILOILO CITY IS GENERALLY SAFE, BUT LIKE IN ANY DESTINATION, STAY ALERT IN CROWDED AREAS AND TAKE CARE OF YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS.



>>>BY AIR: ILOILO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (20 KM FROM THE CITY CENTER) HAS DAILY FLIGHTS FROM MANILA, CEBU, AND OTHER MAJOR CITIES.

>>>BY SEA: ILOILO HAS FERRY CONNECTIONS WITH BACOLOD, CEBU, AND MANILA. THE ILOILO RIVER WHARF AND THE FAST CRAFT TERMINAL ARE CENTRALLY LOCATED.

**GETTING AROUND:** 

>>>JEEPNEYS: THE MOST AFFORDABLE WAY TO TRAVEL WITHIN THE CITY. COLOR-CODED ROUTES MAKE IT EASY TO NAVIGATE. AIR CONDITIONED MODERN JEEPNEYS ALSO PLY THE CITY'S MAJOR ROADS.

>>>TAXIS/GRAB: FOR MORE CONVENIENCE, TAXIS AND GRAB (RIDE-HAILING APP) ARE WIDELY AVAILABLE.

>>>BIKE RENTALS: ECO-FRIENDLY AND A FUN WAY TO EXPLORE THE ILOILO RIVER ESPLANADE AND NEARBY AREAS.



ILOILO CITY OFFERS A VARIETY OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS THAT CATER TO DIFFERENT PREFERENCES AND BUDGETS, FROM LUXURY HOTELS TO COZY INNS. RESERVATIONS CAN BE PLACED VIA <u>AGODA.COM</u> OR <u>BOOKING.COM</u> HERE ARE SOME OF THE TOP HOTEL OPTIONS IN THE CITY:

**UPSCALE OPTIONS** 

1.COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT ILOILO LOCATION: ILOILO BUSINESS PARK, MANDURRIAO APPROX.15-20 MINS FROM CONFERENCE VENUE

2.RICHMONDE HOTEL ILOILO LOCATION: ILOILO BUSINESS PARK, MANDURRIAO APPROX.15-20 MINS FROM CONFERENCE VENUE







#### 3. SEDA HOTEL, ILOILO LOCATION: ATRIA PARK DISTRICT, ILOILO APPROX.10-15 MINS FROM CONFERENCE VENUE



#### 4.ZURI HOTEL ILOILO LOCATION: MANDURRIAO, ILOILO APPROX.10-15 MINS FROM CONFERENCE VENUE





#### **MID-RANGE OPTIONS**

#### 1.DIVERSION 21 HOTEL LOCATION: DIVERSION ROAD, ILOILO CITY APPROX.10-15 MINS FROM CONFERENCE VENUE

#### 2.DISTRICT 21 HOTEL ILOILO LOCATION: DONATO PISON AVENUE, ILOILO APPROX.10-15MINS FROM CONFERENCE VENUE







#### **MID-RANGE OPTIONS**

#### 3. HOTEL DEL RIO LOCATION: GEN. LUNA STREET ILOILO CITY APPROX.5-10 MINS FROM CONFERENCE VENUE



#### 4.INJAP TOWER HOTEL LOCATION: DIVERSION ROAD MANDURRIAO ILOILO APPROX.10-15 MINS FROM CONFERENCE VENUE





#### **BUDGET OPTIONS**

1.0NG BUN PENSION HOUSE LOCATION: ILOILO CITY PROPER APPROX.10-15 MINS FROM CONFERENCE VENUE



#### 2.AIRBNB ACCOMMODATIONS

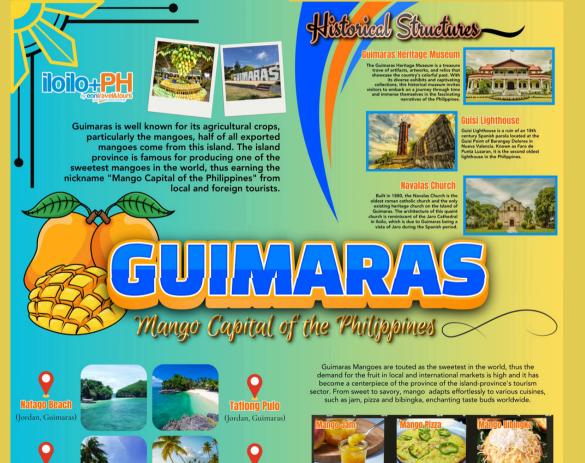
AIRBNB OFFERS NUMEROUS BUDGET-FRIENDLY OPTIONS IN ILOILO CITY, INCLUDING PRIVATE ROOMS, CONDOMINIUM UNITS, APARTMENTS, AND ENTIRE HOMES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: <u>https://www.airbnb.com/</u>



IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF ILOILO AND ITS NEIGHBORING DESTINATIONS, HERE ARE SOME TOUR PACKAGE/ TOUR AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS:

### 1.GUIMARAS PACKAGE BY EON TRAVEL & TOURS



(Nueva Valencia, Guimaras)

Famous Beaches

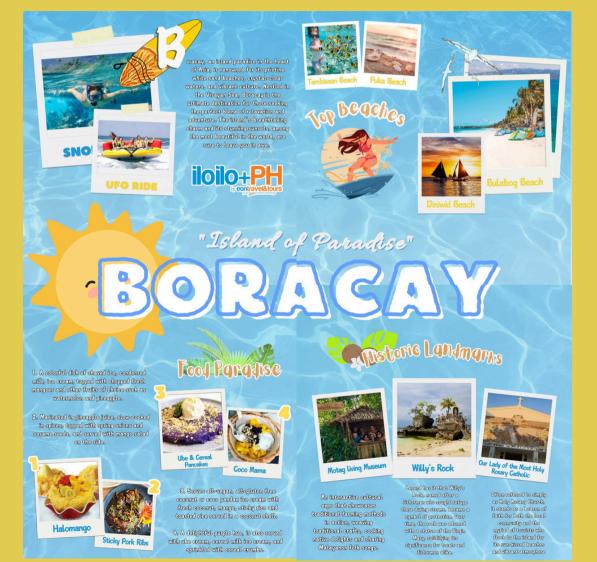
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### 2. BORACAY PACKAGE BY EON TRAVEL & TOURS



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### **3, GIGANTES ISLANDS PACKAGE BY GIGANTES ISLANDS TOURS**



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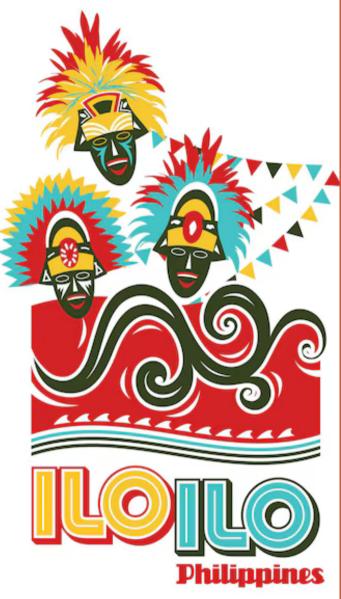
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### 4. SICOGON ISLAND TOUR BY HUNI AND BALAY KOGON



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: WWW.SICOGON.PH





## SEE YOU IN ILOILO!

#### DISCOVER ILOILO CITY: WHERE HERITAGE AND MODERNITY MEET!

PLAN YOUR VISIT TODAY AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN ILOILO'S RICH CULTURE, DELIGHTFUL CUISINE, AND WARM HOSPITALITY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: <u>https://iloilocity.gov.ph/main/attractions/</u>

SEE YOU AT SHORELINE SHAKESPEARES:

THE 6TH ASA CONFERENCE!

# KITAAY TA SA ILUILU!

