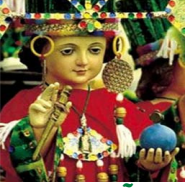


# CALENDAR OF PHILIPPINE FESTIVITIES

## JANUARY



### **STO. NIÑO FESTIVAL**

Nationwide

A grand procession of over two hundred well-dressed images of the Child Jesus.

### **BULAKLAKAN FESTIVAL**

Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila

Annual procession, parade of flowers and costumes

### **FEAST OF THE THREE KINGS**

Gasan, Marinduque

A feast honoring the three kings who are visiting houses around the Poblacion of Gasan



### **ATI-ATIHAN FESTIVAL**

Kalibo, Aklan

Scene of a yearly celebration in honor of Sto. Nino held every third week of January, popularly known worldwide as Ati-Atihan. So called because Aklanons, domestic and foreign tourists, wipe soot on their faces and done ethnic paraphernalia and masquerade around town as Negritos and make merry and dance in the streets to the beat of ambulant ethnic troubadours.



### **BAILES DE LUCES**

La Castellana, Negros Occidental

The town's celebration of Charter Day and a befitting culmination of the Christmas season, the festival is conceptualized as a festival of hope and thanksgiving. Thanksgiving for all the blessings received in the year that was and hope for a prosperous new year. Its unique feature is the use of lights or "lucos" as props and adornment and its nocturnal festivities and street dancing.

### **LINGAYEN GULF LANDING ANNIVERSARY**

Lingayen, Pangasinan

Lingayen, Pangasinan (6 hours from Manila by land) Commemoration of the liberation of Pangasinan from the Japanese invasion led by Gen. Douglas MacArthur of the US Pacific Command on Jan. 9, 1945



### **FEAST OF THE BLACK NAZARENE**

Quiapo, Manila

An intense, day-long festival highlighted by a mammoth procession through the streets.

### **BINIRAY FESTIVAL (Fluvial procession)**

Romblon

Sto. Niño-inspired revelry and fluvial procession.



### **COCONUT FESTIVAL AND FAIR**

San Pablo City, Laguna

A grand mardi-gras celebration which pays homage to Laguna Province's most ubiquitous crop.

### **ARAW NG KORONADAL "HINUGYAW FESTIVAL"**

Koronadal

Translated literally, it means "Day of Koronadal" and indeed it is. Hinugyaw Festival, dubbed as the "Festival of Festivals", is a celebration of the different cultures that has dwelled on the fertile valley of Koronadal for many years now.

### **BINANOG FESTIVAL**

Lambunao, Iloilo

Binanog is a yearly festivities celebrated by the Lambunaonos every January in honor of infant Jesus. Binanog means a pool of dance by the people in hinterland of Lambunao. The following are the Binanugan, the dance depicting the movement of the birds, the Inagong sayaw-sayaw, a celebration dances and the Dinagmay, the courtship dance. The dance movement is accompanied by lively drum beatings.

### **SINULOG (KABANKALAN) FESTIVAL**

Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental

Revelers garbed in distinctively colorful costumes with bare bodies painted in black soot take to the streets to the riotous and frenzied beats of drums celebrating the feast of El Señor Sto. Niño.

### **MAKATO STO. NIÑO FESTIVAL**

Poblacion Makato, Aklan

The ati-atihan festival of Makato dates back before the Spaniards came to sow the seeds of Christianity into this land. During the celebration, thousands of Catholic devotees from all over the country and those from abroad felt the urge to come and join in the wholesome, frolic and religious fervor of thanksgiving to the Holy Child, Sto. Niño.

### **PASUNGAY FESTIVAL**

San Joaquin, Iloilo

Celebrated every 3rd Saturday of January. This spectacular & exciting event find its origin on a hillside in one of the inland barangays of the municipality when resting farmers witness for the first time the fight between the two raging bulls, set loose by their herdsman. It caught the fancy of the barangay folks and soon it became a popular entertainment in most barangay fiestas. During the municipal fiesta, the best bulls from different barangays are pitted against each other by weight category in a "Bull Derby".

### **KAHIMUNAN FESTIVAL**

Libertad, Butuan City

Butuan's version of the Sinulog of Cebu which has an equally lively and spectacular street dancing.

### **PANGISDAAN FESTIVAL**

Brgy. Tangos, Navotas

One of the highlights of the Navotas Day celebration featuring a street dancing and float competition focusing on the fishing industry.

### **KINARADTO FESTIVAL**

Buenavista, Guimaras

This cultural festival makes maximum use of the rich cultural tradition of the oldest municipality of the province. The presentation of songs, dances and musical tableau depicts the various influences Buenavista has been subjected to. Celebrated in honor of the town's patron saint, Sr. Sto. Niño, Kinaradto promises the participant loads of unforgettable positive experiences.

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### **BATAN ATI-ATI MALAKARA FESTIVAL**

Poblacion Batan, Aklan

The participants celebrating this festival wear masks made up of paper mache and prepared costumes. The festival is celebrated in honor of the Sto. Niño with merry making for a bountiful harvest, peace and prosperity, street dancing along the streets and plaza of the poblacion.

A holy mass is celebrated before the start of the contest on Sunday morning proceeded with a parade of participating tribes.

### **FIRE WORKS DISPLAY & CONTEST**

Arevalo, Iloilo City

Highlights of this District Fiesta of Arevalo are the multicolor fireworks. The skyline becomes a celebration with the dazzling display of sparkles and blazing lights.

### **CARACOL FESTIVAL**

Glorietta 4 Park Makati City, Metro Manila

Official Festival of the City of Makati by virtue of resolution No. 251 of Jan. 21, 1991 displaying the call of the local Government for the protection and conservation of our ecology.

### **BANSUDANI FESTIVAL/FEAST OF THE DIVINE SAVIOR**

Bansud, Mindoro Oriental

A thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest which coincides with town fiesta. It features dances and cultural presentations by schools and barangay communities.

### **SADSAD SA KALYE**

Janiuay, Iloilo

“Sadsad Sa Kalye” is a dynamic mass presentation expressing the beliefs, views, visions and aspirations of the Janiuaynons based upon tradition, historical experiences, and culture of the people of Janiuay. It is a street-dancing affair buoyed by the kaleidoscopic prism of cultured grace and fineness that reflects the embodiment of all that are beautiful in man’s body and soul. “Sadsad” is a native word meaning dance.



### **SINULOG FESTIVAL**

Cebu City

Celebrated every 3rd Sunday of January, is Cebu's biggest and most popular festival. The feast is in honor of the Holy Image of Senyor Santo Niño de Cebu. Fiesta Senyor, as it is widely known, is the most celebrated among Cebu's festival where people converge along the routes of a grand solemn procession and partake in the gaiety amidst a mardi gras parade immersed in wild colors and the constant beating of drums.

### **PANDOT SA BACOLOD**

Bacolod City, Negros Occidental

A true to life dramatization depicting the life of Bacoleños during the Spanish times and the life of being a Catholic

### **BINULIGAY FESTIVAL**

Jamindan, Capiz

A cultural and fiesta celebration.

### **ALTAVAS STO. NIÑO FESTIVAL**

Poblacion Altavas, Aklan

This day marked the end of the Fil-American war in Altavas. Since then, January 22 is being celebrated as an Annual Thanksgiving and Armistice Day in Altavas. Later, the date was adopted as its municipal town fiesta. This is the continuation of the joyous celebration of peace when Fil-American war ended in this municipality.



### **DINAGYANG FESTIVAL**

Iloilo City

A spectacular street merrymaking in honor of the Holy Child Jesus.

### **CHINESE NEW YEAR**

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### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PEACE AND GOOD VOYAGE**

La Carlota City

These features cultural shows and traditional fiesta activities like procession, traditional games and cultural presentation.

### **IBAJAY ATI-ATI MUNICIPAL AND DEVOTIONAL FIESTA**

Ibajay, Aklan

A religious feast in honor of its patron saint Sto. Niño, held by transferring the holy image of the patron from Ibajay Cathedral Rectory and enthronement at St. Peter Parish Church, by way of amusing the image from where it was originally discovered and brought to the church.

### **DINAGSA ATI-ATIHAN FESTIVAL**

Cadiz City, Negros Occidental

A revelry from sunrise to sunset, with ceaseless and rhythmic beating of drums. A sea of humanity in cadence with black soot “ati” performing rituals, all in honor of El Señor Sto. Niño. A spectacular fluvial parade where the Infant Jesus is carried aboard a fishing boat around the river, out to sea and back. “Dinagsa” connotes the sudden surge of good things washed ashore, such as the generous catch of fish and other sea foods, which Cadiz is famous for. Throw all cares to the wind as you street dance with gaily-costumed ati-tribes. Be game however if you find your own face painted black by playful ATIS.

### **SANA-AW FESTIVAL**

Jordan, Guimaras

Primarily a celebration of the economic endeavor that made Jordan what it is today. Sana-aw also pays tribute to the skillful artisans and the enduring workers in an endearing characterization through dance drama.

### **HINIRUGYAW FESTIVAL**

Calinog, Iloilo

An annual festivity of Calinog's devotion to Sr. Sto. Niño. It is a nine day event and its activities consist of an opening salvo, food fest, live Sto. Niño contest among young boys not older than seven years old, Search for Lin-ay Kang Hinirugyaw and the contest proper for all participating tribes in three judging areas.

### **STO. NIÑO FESTIVAL**

Malolos, Bulacan

The Malolos Sto. Niño featuring a week long exhibits, a month procession featuring more than a hundred caros of drivers Sto. Niño images.

### **BALOT SA PUTI FESTIVAL**

Pateros

One of the highlights of the Pateros Town Fiesta celebration

### **THE BORACAY INT'L FUN BOARD CUP**

Bulabog Beach, Boracay, Malay, Aklan

The country's biggest windsurfing event drawing participants from all over Asia.

## **FEBRUARY**



### **SALAKAYAN FESTIVAL**

Miag-ao, Iloilo

The festival is a week-long cultural presentation of Miag-ao shown through various activities like food fair, agro-industrial, and trade fair, photo exhibit literary and musical program, beauty pageant, street and ballroom dancing, sports events and many others.

### **PABIRIK FESTIVAL**

Paracale, Camarines Norte

Held in the town of Paracale, the festival is highlighted by "pabirik" street dancing, depicting the gold mining industry in the province.

### **BICOL ARTS FESTIVAL**

Legazpi City

A week-long festival showcasing the region's arts and culture, crafts and agro-industrial products coming from the six (6) provinces and three (3) cities of Bicol. It coincides with the celebration of the National Arts Month every February.

### **FESTIVAL OF HEARTS**

Tanjay City, Negros Oriental

In celebration of Valentines, the city tourism council of Tanjay is coming up with a festival of romance showcasing a nightly Harana, Baile ng Bayan, Mass Wedding/Renewal of Vows and coronation of SK's search for Miss Valentines.

### **NATIONAL ARTS MONTH**

Nationwide

A tribute to the talent and creativity of the Filipino artists, highlights world-renowned Filipino masters, as well as the new generations influencing the local arts scene.

### **LAVANDERO FESTIVAL**

Mandaluyong

As part of the week-long Mandaluyong Day celebration, the unique festival focused on the city's ancient tradition of washing clothes in the once clean and clear waters of the Pasig River. Amusingly, focal point of the festival is the men participants washing clothes instead of women.

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### **SUROY SA SURIGAO**

Surigao City

An activity initiated by the City Tourism Office that provides opportunities for participating groups to explore Surigao's best thru island-hopping adventure, cave exploration and canoeing to the lush mangrove areas and other interesting sites.

### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF CANDLES**

Jaro, Iloilo City

The biggest and most opulent religious pageantry in Western Visayas with the blessing of candles and a procession of the Nuestra Señora de Candelaria and the Fiesta Queen and her court.

### **PAMULINAWEN**

Laoag City, Ilocos Norte

The word means "Ilocano Maiden"; a festival showing Ilocano Customs and Virtues.

### **THE INTERNATIONAL BAMBOO ORGAN FESTIVAL**

Las Piñas

A ten-day series of cultural events, with a focus on the unique bamboo-made organ made by Fray Diego de la Cera found only in Las Piñas.

### **GULING-GULING FESTIVAL (STREET DANCING)**

Paoay, Ilocos Norte

Exciting and calendrical rites in Paoay where townsfolk and their guests participate in singing and dancing in the street, dressed in their native costume, the antique and attractive "Abel paoay Kimona" with matching tapis or pandiling, adorned with century old jewelries

### **KALI-KALIHAN HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Don Salvador Benedicto, Negros Occidental

A harvest festival with a street dance showing their cultural heritage the art of "kali" otherwise known as "arnis" or "escrima", the traditional martial arts of the Filipino people since the 7th century.



### **TINAPAY FESTIVAL**

Cuenca, Batangas

An annual activity conceived by the town as thanksgiving to their patron saint, Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage for a bountiful life.

### **FISTAHAN**

Davao City

A culinary festival that features Davao's grilled tuna specialties such as "panga and buntot".

### **BULANG-BULANG FESTIVAL**

San Enrique, Negros Occidental

A cultural identity moving high spirited, resilient, an interlude with the life of a cock or rooster, in unity with the nature, an icon of the sportive game of chance and arguably not as a gambling promotion, but basically Filipino Tinobaganon.

### **PABALHAS SA TABLAS**

Candoni, Negros Occidental

The concept of "Pabalhas sa Tablas" originated from the actual history of Candoni, where a group of settlers (composed of Isabeleños, Hinigaranon, Ilonggo, etc.) decided to look for a land in which they can call their own.

## **SPRING FESTIVAL (CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR)**

Baguio City

The Chinese community in Baguio usher in 2005 as the Year of the Wooden Rooster with fireworks and funfare including a parade along the city's major thoroughfares



## **TINAGBA FESTIVAL (BOUNTIFUL HARVEST)**

Iriga City, Camarines Sur

A tradition of the first harvest offering coinciding on the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Derived from the early rituals of the ancient Bicolanos offering their harvest to their own gods as a form of thanksgiving and to seek favor for a more bountiful harvest throughout the year. A long parade of colorfully and grandiosely decorated bull and carabao carts, carrying newly harvested crops, ending with a mass before the Emerald Grotto at Calvary Hills. Here all the offerings are blessed, then distributed to indigent families.

## **TIBURIN HORSE RACE**

Libertad, Pasay City, Metro Manila

One of the highlights of the Sta. Clara Feast Day, about 100 horses have been trained to participate in this exciting and thrilling horse race.



## **PAMAYPAY NG CALOOCAN FESTIVAL**

Caloocan City

One of the highlights of the city's Foundation Day, showcasing the use of teh "Pamaypay"/fan as traditional tool to the surging heat as exhibited in techno-modern folk street dancing competition.

## **“SAMBALILO” HAT FESTIVAL**

Paranaque City, Metro Manila

## **FEAST DAY OF STA. CLARA**

Pasay City

Different activities are lined up in celebration of Sta. Clara's Feast Day. Some of the highlights include the Serenata and The Tiburin Race. Serenata is a series of rondalla and brass band concerts and a revival of open-air musical performances held at the Sta. Clara patio, while the Tiburin Race is an exciting and thrilling horse-racing at Cementina and Libertad streets. About 100 horses have been trained solely for this event.

## **LOCAL MEDIA FAMILIARIZATION TOUR**

Cagayan de Oro

A one day excursion to media design to update on the new adventure of Cagayan de Oro.

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### **SERENATA**

Pasay City

A series of rondalla and brass band concerts. A revival of open-air concerts held at the patio of Sta. Clara Church.

### **ANNUAL "HARANA: KARANTAHAN NIN PAGRANGA" (A MUSIC FESTIVAL)**

San Jose, Camarines Sur

The festival feature local talents and young artists in its effortsa to promote cultural awareness, tourism development and youth empowerment in the District of partido. Highlighted by the Bicol Love Song Choral Competition. Other activities are lined up to drumbeat the affair.

### **BLOOMING HEARTS DAY**

Baguio City

Mass Wedding with longest kissing scene to be held in Baguio City in celebration of Valentine's Day

### **AURORA DAY AND SUMAN FESTIVAL**

Baler, Aurora

Celebration of the foundation of the province of Aurora which celebrated on the very day of birth of the Late Lady Aurora Quezon that coincide with the grandest festival, the Suman Festival.

### **APAYAO PROVINCE FOUNDATION**

Apayao

A provincial celebration marking the creation of Apayao as a separate province with cultural activities and the trade fairs.

### **KALINGA PROVINCE 6TH FOUNDATION**

Kalinga

A provincial celebration marking the creation of Kalinga as a separate province with cultural activities and trade fairs featuring the Ulalim.

### **PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI HOMECOMING**

PMA, Baguio City

Annual gathering of military officers and their families in Baguio who graduated from PMA, the premier military school which trains the elite corps of the Armed Forces of the Philippines

### **KAP'YAAN FESTIVAL**

Jose Abad Santos, Davao del Sur

Founding Anniversary of the creation of the municipality; agri-trade fair and civic military parade

### **BICOL REGIONAL TOURISM COUNCILS ASSEMBLY**

Naga City

A gathering of all tourism stakeholders to agree on a cooperative program and synchronized efforts that would trigger the response towards a unified and sustainable regional tourism development.

### **PASAYAW FESTIVAL**

Canlaon City, Negros Oriental

A combined word of "Pasalamat Pinaagi sa Sayaw" (a thanksgiving through dance). This Pasayaw expresses the joys and jubilations in praise and thanksgiving to the Almighty God

### **BABAYLAN FESTIVAL (RITUALS)**

Bago City, Negros Occidental

A festival newly conceptualized by the City of Bago and celebrated during the Charter Anniversary every 19th of February. Babaylan Festival is based on the rituals performed by the Babaylans, like rituals on marriage, baptism, healing, harvest and others. Babaylans get their healing powers from the unseen spirits.

### **ILOILO PARAW REGATTA**

Iloilo City

An exciting race among outriggers in the strait between Guimaras and Iloilo City

### **MUTYA NG CARAGA**

Urios College Gym, Butuan City

This beauty search is one of the highlights of the annual celebration of the founding of the Caraga Region.

### **BALSAHAN FESTIVAL**

Sibunag, Guimaras

Balsahan is Sibunag's way of immortalizing the mystical Sibunag river which snakes its way through most of the town's barangays. A major geographical feature of the town, the river holds many interesting myths and legends that are sure to tickle one's imagination, and whet one's appetite to unravel its secrets. Use the balsa in your trek for some satisfying discoveries – you will be pleasantly rewarded.

### **ASINAN FESTIVAL**

San Lorenzo, Guimaras

Marvel at how the ordinary salt has gravitated the people of San Lorenzo into an annual gathering with all the delicious trimmings of specialty products. Not everything in the Asinan festival is salty though, as there are the spicy seafoods, the juicy citrus, the crispy nuts. With the proper blend of the unique hospitality and the natural smiles of the people and one will hunger for more of the Asinan spectacle.

### **CEBU X INTERNATIONAL FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS EXHIBITION**

Cebu City, Cebu

With Cebu X promoting Cebu as the Design Destination in Asia, an exhibition is scheduled by the end of February showcasing Asia's best furniture designs expertly executed by master craftsmen.

### **KALILANGAN FESTIVAL**

General Santos City

Celebrates the "friendly co-existence with all the people of General Santos City". Activities include agro-industrial trade fair, cultural presentation, culinary arts contest, Pagana, Kulintangan, ethnic musical instrument competition and Kidig-Kidig sa Dalan.

### **TRAVEL TOUR EXPO**

SM Megamall

Annual exhibition of travel and tourism destinations, products and services.

### **CARAGA ANNIVERSARY**

CARAGA

A grand celebration of the creation of CARAGA Region

### **ANNIVERSARY WORLD WAR II**

WW II Sites

Anniversary of WW II "A Salute to Valor"

### **SIBUG-SIBUG FESTIVAL**

Zamboanga Sibugay

Highlighted by colorful ethnic street dancing with rituals depicting good harvest, wedding and healing rituals.

### **ARAW NG ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY**

Zamboanga Sibugay

A civic-military parade kicks off the celebration. Agri-trade fair, sports competition, cultural presentation and selection of Bb. Zamboanga Sibugay are also held.

### **CEBU CITY CHARTER DAY**

Cebu City

In celebration of Cebu City's Charter Day, related activities like civic parade, cultural presentations attended by Cebu Officials and guests at the Cebu city hall.

### **MINDANAO DIVE CONGRESS/FIESTA**

Davao City Samal

A gathering of diving enthusiasts, promotion of dive areas, exhibits, fun dives, aqua sports competition, scubasura; discovery dive; scuba lessons; concert for a cause; dive safari

### **ADIVAY**

La Trinidad, Bengued

The maiden launching of an annual Agri Tourism Trade Fair featuring the various products of the BLIST area which will complement the activity highlights of Panagbenga 2005. Adivay which means "fun" will be held in La Trinidad Benguet.



### **PANAGBENGA - BAGUIO FLOWER FESTIVAL**

Baguio City

Also known as the Baguio Flower Festival, will showcase the City of Baguio as a City of Flowers. The Floral Street Parade

### **DIA DELA CIUDAD DE ZAMBOANGA**

Zamboanga City

A celebration to honor the historical event when Zamboanga was converted into chartered city. Activities include street dancing, cultural dance festival and a regatta.

### **HIL-O - HIL-O FESTIVAL**

Maayon, Capiz

A cultural and fiesta celebration.

### **ITIK-ITIK FESTIVAL**

Pasig City, Metro Manila

The Itik-Itik Festival is held every last Sunday of February in

Brgy. Kalawaan. Men, women and children take part in the activities and merrymaking. The significant event is not only limited to colorful activities, sumptuous food, revelry and fun, but also draws people closer to God and to one another. It is a rich showcase of Filipino culture and tradition usually celebrated on the Feasts of the barangay's beloved patroness, St. Martha.



### **MANIAMBUS FESTIVAL**

Negros Occidental

"Maniambus" is a Visayan term meaning to strike with a club because its coastal waters were then beaming with fish that catching could be done simply by clubbing.

### **SAMBAYAN FESTIVAL**

Tobias Fornier, Antique

A celebration of rites called samba/paned. This describe two kinds of rituals, one held on the hills (or mountains) and other held along the seacoast perform to ask for rain, to thank the ancestral spirit for good harvest.

## **MARCH**

### **KAAMULAN TRIBAL FESTIVAL**

Malaybalay City, Bukidnon

A spectacular yearly gathering of the seven (7) hilltribes featuring their traditional songs, dances, sports, crafts and rituals, clad in their traditional vibrant costumes and heirloom jewelry

### **RODEO MASBATEÑO (LOCAL COWBOYS)**

Masbate City

Hold on to your horses, caballeros, its rodeo time in Masbate once again! Feel the excitement as our local cowboys pit their brains against bovine brawn in western style rodeo events like bull riding and sterr wrestling, apart from our local games like the good old carabao race. So put on them boots and saddle up – its gonna be a rope-slingin', dust-kickin', cowpunchibn' affair.

### **ARAW NG ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL (IGACOS)**

Island Garden City of Samal

Festival to showcase the natural bounty of the Island Garden City of Samal, includes water sports competition, horse fight, sand castle contest, cultural shows, etc.

### **PASIG SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Pasig City

Participants vary from singers, pianists & violinists, bandleaders and music teachers whose common goal is to keep classical music and "kundimans" alive. On this event, artists, and music lovers gather at the Pasig City Museum to listen and appreciate the music of classical artists as performed by their fellow Pasigueños. In all, the Summer Music Festival aims to revive the great musical tradition of Pasig.

### **PARADE OF FESTIVALS**

Muntinlupa City

One of the highlights of Muntinlupa City's Cityhood Anniversary.

### **PAYVANUVANUAN FESTIVAL**

Sitio Jura, Racujaide, Mahatao

The festival marks the start of the fishing season in Batanes where the fisherfolks perform a ritual to pray for good fishing season and safety.

### **ZP SUMMER**

Zamboanga City

This event, which cover the Zamboanga City, and the provinces of Zamboanga Sibugay, del Norte and del Sur, promotes domestic tourism in the Peninsula.

### **SUGBAHAN**

Davao City

A culinary festival that features Davao's grilled specialties such as tuna.

### **PACTO DE SANGRE OR BLOOD COMPACT OF NEW WASHINGTON, AKLAN**

New Washington, Aklan

Katipuneros respectively wounded their wrists and used their blood to sign a document that formally expressed their grievances symbolizing their revolt against the Spanish authorities, which happened at Sitio Kuntang, Ochando, New Washington. From then on it is remembered as one of the historical places in the country.

### **COUNCIL OF BALABAGO REENACTMENT**

Culasi, Antique

It is a reenactment of the gathering of the Malayan Datus headed by Sumakwel after their settlement in Malandog for thanksgiving and renewal. The site of the reenactment overlooks the island of Mararison and the Majestic Mt. Madia-as home of Bulalakaw, their acclaimed God.

### **PUERTO PRINCESA FOUNDATION DAY**

Puerto Princesa City

A celebration of the founding anniversary of the City highlighted by the crowning of Ms. Puerto Princesa.

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### **BANGKERO FESTIVAL**

Pagsanjan, Laguna

Pagsanjan, the tourist capital of Laguna will hold its "Bangkero Festival" on March 10 until March 14 with the theme: "Mamamayan Makilahok! Bayan Ko, Tutulungan Ko!"

### **ARYA! ABRA FESTIVAL (Bamboo rafting)**

Bangued, Abra

Abra's biggest festival highlights of which are "Karerakit" bamboo rafting along Calaba River and Tinguan Festival of the tribal natives of Abra.

### **PANAGTAGBO FESTIVAL**

Tagum City

Coincides with the city of Tagum's founding anniversary. It aptly describes a celebration in the city where Tagumeños met Tagumeños from all walks of life in one occasion and setting since the city of Tagum is a crossroad business center in the northern part of Southern Mindanao.

### **VIS-MIN TRAVEL & LIFESTYLE SHOW**

SM Cebu Trade Hall

This 4th International Visayas Mindanao Travel, Tours, Leisure and Lifestyle Exposition and Conference, is a festive capsulized presentation of the different tourism attractions, destination and facilities, tour activities, mode of transportation and information in the Visayas and Mindanao clusters, showcasing its respective unique historical and cultural assets as well as in helping create awareness and promoting various tourist destinations found the VIS-MIN region.

### **NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION EXHIBIT**

Clamshell I, Intramuros, Manila

A weeklong exhibit organized by the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) showcasing numerous products and services in celebration of the National Women's Month.

### **BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF LATE PRESIDENT JOSE P. LAUREL**

Tanauan, Batangas

A yearly celebration commemorating the birth of President Jose P. Laurel.

### **HOLISTIC FESTIVAL**

Villa Jireh, Labrador, Pangasinan

Projects Pangasinan as a health tourism destination with focus on wellness & lifestyle change from the holistic approach. Converging multi-sectoral groups: Eco-Defense Movement, Fishermen/Farmers Association, Tourism.

## **BANTAYAN FESTIVAL**

Guimbal, Iloilo

A celebration of the birth of a new history and culture of the people of Guimbal as a tribute and reverence to the triumphant struggle of its ancestors for meaningful existence. The magic of the Gimba (drum) and the Bantayan (watchtower) are the major features of the festival. The festival also features dance drama, drum, float & street dancing competition, cultural shows, beauty pageant, paraw & boat racing, fluvial parade, musical concerts and many other presentations.

## **ARAW NG DABAW CELEBRATION**

Davao City

Davao celebrates its birthday in a grand gala fashion befitting the largest city in Mindanao. The Araw ng Dabaw festivities come complete with a jam-packed, seven-day schedule of trade fairs and cultural presentations. There's also a colorful civic-military parade and a citywide beauty pageant, featuring the smartest, most charming ladies this side of the islands.

## **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

La Trinidad, Benguet

The municipality of La Trinidad in Benguet, known as the Strawberry Capital of the Philippines, will feature the baking of the largest strawberry cake including a trade fair on strawberry products and cutflowers.

## **PINTADOS DE PASI FESTIVAL**

Passi City, Iloilo

A festival depicting the history of Passi through “pintados” as a colorful celebration of how Passi got its name, as influenced by the Spanish regime. It also coincides with their Foundation Day commemorating the conversion of Passi as a component city. The festival’s main features include the parade and competition of Tribes, Carosa Parada, Pinta Carabao, Search for Bb. Pintados de Pasi, Laro ng Lahi, Binayle sa Kalye, Drum & Lyre Competition, Food Festival

## **HOMONHON LANDING**

Homonhon, Eastern Samar

Commemoration of the discovery of the Philippines by Ferdinand Magellan.



## **SEMANA SANTA AT IGUIG CALVARY HILLS**

Iguig, Cagayan

Traditional presentation of the passion and death of Christ on an 11 hectare rolling terrain of the larger than life size 14 Stations of the Cross.

## **LUGAHAIT FESTIVAL**

Lugait, Misamis Oriental

A local festival celebrating the rich history and the founding of the municipality of Lugait through native street dancing, showcase of agricultural products, and other colorful cultural performances

### **BUTUAN-CHINA TRADE MISSION**

Butuan City

Commemoration of the first Butuan-China Trade Mission

### **SOLI-SOLI FESTIVAL**

San Francisco, Camotes Island, Cebu

Named after the Soli-Soli plant which abounds around Lake Danao, its freestyle street dancing competition uses soli-soli plant as its dominant material.

### **BANANA FESTIVAL**

Baco, Mindoro Oriental

A celebration of its abundance of banana. It features banana cook fest and a banana (saba) inspired street dancing competition and beauty pageant. This coincides with the town fiesta in honor of St. Joseph.

### **MAYON CONQUEST**

Albay

A mountain expedition to the country's most popular volcano, MT. MAYON to be participated in by mountain-climbing enthusiasts aimed to develop mountain climbing as a safe, enjoyable and environment-friendly activity.

### **SULYOG FESTIVAL**

Bongabong, Mindoro Oriental

A religious festival in honor of St. Joseph celebrated by way of a Sulyog (Suli and Niyog) Festival done through dances, flats and cultural shows.



### **TABAK FESTIVAL**

Tabaco City, Albay

Held in conjunction with the celebration of the City's 1st Foundation Anniversary. The festival derived its name from a local word "tabak", meaning bolo, where the name of the City (Tabaco) was taken from. Its highlight is a street presentation where participants showcase the legend of the City. Numerous other activities are lined up to drum beat the affair.

### **SINIGAYAN FESTIVAL**

Sagay City

An annual celebration & thanksgiving in honor of their patron, St. Joseph, showcasing the best of Sagay - - the arts, culture, products, and its people. Sinigayan concocted from the spherical shell "sigay" which abounds many islets and shores of the city.

### **PASKO SA KASAKIT (SEMANA SANTA SA BANTAYAN)**

Bantayan, Cebu

A unique mixture of solemn religious rites and local celebration in Bantayan Island where friends of the residents and tourists experience the scenic rites and cool off the summer heat in beautiful white

sandy beaches.

### **SEMANA SANTA SA BIKOL**

Calabanga, Camarines Sur

A week-long observance of Bicolanos unique religiosity and a pilgrimage to "Amang Hinulid"

### **PANAAD**

Camiguin

A yearly trek of devotees coming from the neighboring municipalities, cities and provinces in Visayas and Mindanao to Camiguin's walkway considered the Region's famous Holy Week site

### **SENAKULO / HOLY WEEK RITUALS & PROCESSIONS**

Nationwide

A nationwide celebration of Lenten Season

### **SEMANA SANTA AT BALINTOKATOK LA SALETTE SHRINE**

Santiago City

Traditional presentation of the passion and death of Christ on a hill and ends at the top where a chapel stands.

### **LENTEN WEEK/ "PAGPAPAKO"**

Baler and Casiguran, Aurora

Highlighted in every Good Friday at a hilltop of Ermita hill "Pagpapako" celebration. Simultaneous at poblacion procession of different patron saints.

### **CENAKULO (CAINTA, RIZAL)**

Cainta, Rizal

Passion plays called cenaculo are held in various places sll over the Philippines during Holy Week. However in Cainta, Rizal, people take to the streets to witness passion plays participated in by the town folks.

### **LENTEN OBSERVANCE (SAN PABLO CITY)**

Sn Pablo City, Laguna

An impressive array of centuries old religious images owned by Don Escudero. These images are borne by their silver carrozas as an expression of faith of the citizens of San Pablo.

### **BUHING KALBARYO**

Cebu City, Cebu

During the Lenten season, the Buhing Kalbaryo Foundation Inc. will have Lenten presentations

### **SEMANA SANTA (DIPOLOG CITY)**

Dapitan City

Experience spiritual cleansing through sacrifices, i.e. religious rites (reenactment Passion of Jesus) at St. James the Greater Church, procession alongside life-size images of saints on carriages on selected city streets.

### **AGOO SEMANA SANTA**

Agoo, La Union

The Holy week celebration, particularly Good Friday, is a display of devoutness and traditional pomp.



## **MORIONES FESTIVAL**

Marinduque

A festival of the moriones, colorfully garbed and masked soldiers and centurions; culminates in the reenactment of the beheading of Longinus. The entire towns of Boac, Mogpog and Gasan are virtually converted into huge stages as the story of Longinus unfolds.

## **TURUMBA**

Pakil, Laguna

The largest religious activity consisting of 7 fiestas or lupi to commemorate the seven sorrows of Our Lady of Turumba, starting before the Holy Week every nine days thereafter and ends in the month of June and is celebrated with dancing procession.

## **PAGTALTAL SA GUIMARAS**

Jordan, Guimaras

Lenten Presentation on the hillside of Jordan with locals as actors. This ala-Oberrammergau Passion Play has been attracting locals and tourists whose visit usually culminates in the trek to "Balaan Bukid".

## **CUTUD LENTEN RITES**

San Pedro Cutud, San Fernando, Pampanga

A re-enactment of Christ's passion and death.

## **PAMALANDONG HA PALO**

Palo, Leyte

Dramatic re-enactment of Christ's sufferings on the cross.

## **ALIMANGO FESTIVAL**

Lala, Lanao del Norte

A festival to celebrate "Araw ng Lala" featuring displays of different sizes of alimango (crab). Also features native costumes, dances and contests depicting and promoting local culture and tradition and fluvial parade passing through unspoiled mangroves.

## **TORUGPO**

Carigara, Leyte

Carabao and horse fights.

## **BIRTHDAY OF GENERAL EMILIO AGUINALDO**

Cavite

A celebration commemorating the birth of the First President of the Philippine Republic.

## **19 MARTYRS OF AKLAN**

Kalibo, Aklan

Celebration dedicated to the 19 martyrs of Aklan who consecrated their lives in the cause of freedom

against the colonizers.

### **SUNDUAN HA CARIGARA**

Carigara, Leyte

Cultural/social activities and float parade held on Easter Sunday.

### **KABANHAWAN FESTIVAL**

Minglanilla, Cebu

Showcases the "SUGAT" in which the town is known for many years since. This year, the celebration will be more grand followed by a day long games and entertainment tht highlights the endowment of Minglanilla in history, trade and arts.

### **LUCKY SUMMER VISITOR/S**

Baguio City

A special feature of Summer in Baguio Project, this annual event spearheaded by the Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club, will choose the lucky visitors to the Summer Capital of the Philippines and will be afforded prizes that include hosted meals, tours, free accommodations, and other souvenir items

### **SEMANA SANTA AT SILAY CITY**

**Silay City**

Highlights of activities fall on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Black Saturday and Easter Sunday. The Christian Community Theater in coordination with the Silay City Government presents contemporized and stylized version of the sacrifices, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Good Friday procession of the images of Saints made in Italy and crafted by the local artists attract believers and tourists alike.

### **MALIBAY CENACULO**

Tanghalang Malibay, Malibay Plaza, Pasay City

A 10-day activity commencing with daily performances of particular scenes from the Bible stories. Different scenes are to be performed by Cenaculistas of Pasay.

### **KATKAT SAKRIPISYO SA 3003 STEPS**

Dipolog City

A mountain climbing/trekking activity and via cruces participated in by the Catholic community of Zamboanga del Norte and the neighboring municipalities.

### **LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT SAN CARLOS CITY**

San Carlos City, Negros Occidental

A live reenactment of the 14 Stations of the Cross along the main thoroughfares of the city.

### **PAGTALTAL IN BAROTAC VIEJO**

Barotac Viejo, Iloilo

A yearly depiction of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

### **KALBARYO**

San Vicente Ferrer Parish Bgy. La Granja, La Carlota City

Live re-enactment of the 7 last words held on Good Friday at the Hills of Bgy. La Granja. The Kalbaryo, being a community based and multi-sectoral theatrical showcase makes a total distinction

in translating the promise of Christ's most liberating resurrection.

### **PAGHUKOM**

Calinog, Iloilo

Lenten presentation depicting the judgment, crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### **KAPIYA DISPLAY AND PASYON SINGING CONTEST**

Santa Barbara, Iloilo

A Kapiya or tableau of the 14 Stations of the Cross is set-up in strategic places all over the town where the procession would pass through. This tableau would either be composed of human characters or art works. On Good Friday, people would go around the town to witness the judging of the most unique and beautiful Kapiya along with the most authentic Pasyon (Passions of Christ) Singing.

### **ANG HATOL . . . .(THE WAY OF THE CROSS)**

Cainta, Rizal

A stage presentation that highlighted the judgement of Jesus Christ

### **GIWANG-GIWANG**

Binangonan, Rizal

It is a play executed every Good Friday by replaying the funeral of Jesus Christ through a procession. Due to the influx of tourists, devotees and other people trying to touch the "Sepulkro", it sways, hence, Giwang-giwang. People searching for an amulet or anting-anting to join this religious activity.

### **SALUBONG (ANGONO, RIZAL)**

Angono, Rizal

Black Saturday is highlighted by 3-hour presentation of "Vigilia na Muling Pagkabuhay" at the patio of the church. On Easter Sunday, a celebration is held of the reunion of the Risen Christ with Virgin Mary is reenacted. It is facilitated by young girl inside an inverted giant paper flower suspended the removal of the mourning veil from Mary's head by a from bamboo trellis. The petals are mechanically opened by giant toy birds to reveal the girl inside. It is then followed by a religious dancing of young ladies called "Kapitana" and "Tenyenta", to the tune of "Bati".

### **LENTEN FESTIVAL OF HERBAL PREPARATION**

San Antonio, Siquijor

A time when herbalists from all over Visayas and Mindanao participate in a ritual known as "Tang-Alap".

### **CUARESMA**

San Jose, Antique

The center celebration is replete with theater practice: from Domingo de Ramos (Palm Sunday) to Paskwa kang Pagkabanhaw (Easter Sunday). It is a one week theatrical events where there is a street pageantry where the dramatic persons are composed of antiquated life-sized images of saints on pasos decorated with flower.

### **SUGAT**

San Carlos, Negros Occ.

A religious procession that depicts the meeting of the resurrected Jesus Christ and His mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is usually celebrated every dawn of Easter Sunday.

### **HUDAS-HUDAS**

San Jose, Antique

Initiated by the Aglipayan Church since the seventies. The people gather in the town plaza to hang Judas and burned the effigy done on Black Saturday. In this spectacle, the people are reminded of Judas' treachery and they all participate in "executing" him.

### **SALUBONG (EASTER VIGIL) AND PASKO NG PAGKABUHAY (FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION**

Barangay San Dionisio, Parañaque City

The Easter festivity unfolds at dawn around five o'clock with a procession heralding the resurrection of Christ and his reunion with Mary. While the molded images of Mother and Son are placed side by side, a little girl dressed up like an angel replace the Blessed Virgin's black veil of grief and mourning with a white one as the Osana, a hymn of praise and adoration endemic to Parañaque, is sung.

### **KISI-KISI FESTIVAL**

Negros Occidental

Kisi Kisi Dance Parade is a dance parade which stands for the way fishes flip-flops and twitches as they are hauled during the bountiful harvest. It starts at 1:00 in the afternoon where participating groups wear costumes and headdresses adorned with multi-colored shells & fish nets while props include bamboo poles and baskets used for fishing. Before the dance parade a re-enactment of the Sinulod is being shown wherein the town's patron Sr. Sto. Niño saved the village from the moro raids.

### **MANOK NI SAN PEDRO FESTIVAL**

San Pedro, Laguna

Grand parade of various and colorful floats participated in by both government and private sectors while the tribal groups aggressively partakes on street dancing with numerous tribal participants lined-up alternately with floats.

### **HALADAYA FESTIVAL**

Daan Bantayan, Cebu

Is celebrated every Easter Sunday and ends with a streetdancing on the seventh day after Easter. Haladaya means "Halad kang Datu Daya", the leader of the first Malayan settlers in Daan Bantayan.

### **SIARGAO INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKE CUP**

General Luna, Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte

An annual international competition which is open for all local and foreign bikers.

### **TABACCO FESTIVAL**

Candon City, Ilocos Sur

Annual festival to promote major industry of the city "Tobacco."

### **KATKAT SA DIPOLOG**

Dipolog City

An annual activity at the mountain ranges of Dipolog City's Linabo Peak and the Sungkilaw Falls area. This is participated in by mountaineers and nature trekkers, which is to be held every summer season in Dipolog City.

### **GAWAGAWAY-YAN FESTIVAL**

Cauayan City

Celebrates the cityhood of the City of Canayan in Isabela Province; activities include cultural shows, trade shows, parades and street dancing and variety shows, etc.

**SINUGDAN/COMMEMORATION OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MASS**

Limasawa Island, Southern Leyte

Commemoration of the first mass in the Philippines held by the Spaniards.

**FIRST EASTER MASS CELEBRATION**

Butuan City

A re-enactment of Magellan's landing and planting of the cross on March 21, 1521 at Mazaua, Butuan City.

## APRIL

### **BUTANDING FESTIVAL**

Donsol, Sorsogon

A festival which uses the “Butanding” (whaleshark) season and a thanksgiving for its blessings to the people of Donsol. The festival is highlighted by a street parade.

### **SUROY TA**

Davao City

Initiated by the City Tourism Office, this activity offers affordable tours around Davao City.

### **ENCHANTED KINGDOM ANNIVERSARY FIREWORKS COMPETITION**

Enchanted Kingdom, Laguna

The competition is an annual tradition that features the best fireworks suppliers in a contest to out-do each other in presenting supreme-quality pyrotechnics. EK is celebrating 10 years of providing magic and enchantment to the public. As a treat to their patrons, guests to the park will witness at least 4 fireworks presentations for all weekend of April and May.

### **FIESTA PASIKLAB**

Commonwealth Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

It is a multi-lateral Trade Exposition highlighting 12 renowned provincial festivals: Ati-Atihan of Aklan, Higantes of Angono, Iloilo's Dinagyang Festival, Lucban's Pahiyas, Davao's Kadayawan, Ilocos Sur's Viva Vigan, Bacolod's Masskara, Zamboanga's Hermosa, Naga's Peñafrancia, Batangas' Parada ng Lechon, Tacloban's Pintados, and Cebu's Sinulog.

### **HUMAN CANVAS BODY PAINTING COMPETITION**

SM Megamall, Building B, Open Parking Space C, Mandaluyong City

It is a competition that aims to open the minds of Filipinos to a whole new perspective on body art through body art works sporting the theme: FESTIVALS OF THE ISLANDS promoting the many beautiful and exciting places our country has to offer. It hopes to make Filipinos realize that this kind of art is not pornography but a new and exciting art form.

### **BANANA FESTIVAL**

La Castellana, Negros Occidental

A harvest festival that opens on the first day of April, showcasing the different varieties of banana which is abundant in the municipality.

### **KESONG PUTI FESTIVAL**

Sta Cruz, Laguna

Different activities lined up in this celebration that include trade fair, food festival, cultural shows, street dancing, painting contest, beauty pageant and with highlight on the kesongputi, made from carabao milk, fermented and wrapped in banana leaves.

### **LILIW GAT TAYAW FOOTWEAR FESTIVAL**

Liliw, Laguna

A colorful event highlighted by a parade of floats featuring the agricultural and industrial products of Liliw.

### **ALLAW TA APO SANDAWA (TRIBES HONOR MT. APO)**

Kidapawan City, North Cotabato

A gathering of all highland tribes in honor of Mt. Apo as the country's highest peak, it comes as no surprise that Mt. Apo is considered sacred ground. Join the highland tribes of Mindanao to the mountain in this annual gathering.

### **ASEAN PARAGAMES VISMIN ELIMINATION GAMES”**

Zamboanga City

Paraethics from Visayas and Mindanao will converge in Zamboanga City for a three-day sports competition. Champions in this event will then compete in the 3rd ASEAN Paragames to be held in Manila in December 2005.

### **NATIONAL INVITATIONAL SKIMBOARDING COMPETITION**

Misamis Oriental

A showcase of skills, courage and agility of skimboarders coming from various parts of the country.

### **GEMS OF THE PHILIPPINES (YAMAN NG PILIPINAS)**

Maharlika Hall of Casino Filipino, Parañaque City

A dinner/cultural show presented by the Asian Gem Tourism Foundation, Inc. in cooperation with DOT and PAGCOR. It is an authentic cultural extravaganza showcasing the rich heritage of Filipino culture, fashion, traditions and festivities through dances, music and songs.

### **MT. HAMIGUITAN JOURNEY**

La Unino, San Isidro, Davao Oriental

A trek to Mt. Hamiguitan where one finds the 600 hectares Bonsai Field or the so called "Pgymy Forest".

### **ARAW NG KAGITINGAN**

Mt Samat, Bataan

The fall of Bataan is commemorated every year. Top government officials, Japanese and American WW II veterans including their Filipino counterparts and visitors go to Mt. Samat to participate at the annual rites held to honor the bravery of the soldiers who fought for the defense of Bataan.

### **PANA-AD SA NEGROS (GRAND CELEBRATION)**

Bacolod City, Negros Occidental

Is the "festival of all festivals" in the province. It is a week-long summer event that brings together the towns and cities in Negros Occidental in one big showcase of handicrafts, products, tourism attractions, and local festivals. Festivities include trade and food fairs, garden show, golf tournament, singing and songwriting competitions, beauty pageant, and a fiesta presentation featuring the festival of each town and city in a colorful and jubilant presentation at the Pana-ad Park and Stadium



### **CONQUER MT. APO**

Mt. Apo, Davao City

An annual summer climb to Mt. Apo, the country's highest peak.

### **NATIONAL CAVING CONGRESS**

San Miguel, Baggao, Cagayan

The Congress aims to foster relationship among cavers in the country and to help develop the knowledge and attitude of the community on the Tourism Industry. The Sierra Madre Outdoor Club and Sang-at Salug Outdoor Club are pioneering outdoor groups in region 02 are collaborating for the event.

### **BANCATHON SA MAGNAGA**

Pantukan, Comval

An annual motorized banca race among fisherman of the region within waters of Magnaga offering huge cash prizes

### **PAHIMIS FESTIVAL**

Amadeo, Cavite

A Festival that revives the coffee industry

### **SINABALU FESTIVAL**

Rizal, Cagayan

Celebrates the town fiesta of Rizal highlighting the Malaweg ancestry and cooking of glutinous rice on bamboos; showcasing the culture in songs and dances.

### **MANGGAHAN SA GUIMARAS**

Guimaras

A commemorative celebration of the anniversary of Guimaras as a province and to showcase the premier product of the province (mango) and the various local attractions.

### **ANGKAN-ANGKAN**

Marikina City, Metro Manila

Ka-angkan is the Feast of Clans being celebrated during the Cityhood Anniversary of Marikina. The feast is being celebrated as a tribute to the native residents of the city since they were the ones who formed the community and shaped the city's own culture and tradition.

### **TAMPISAW FESTIVAL (EARTH DAY CELEBRATION)**

Concepcion, Iloilo

A 3-day annual festivity to commemorate the Earth Day Celebration which features fluvial parade, tree-planting and other environment educational activities.

### **SUNDUAN**

Pasig City, Metro Manila

A colorful procession of 2 barangays which hold their respective fiestas every other year, sharing one patron saint - Sta. Rosa de Lima. The image is fetched by the celebrating barangay from the other barangay.

### **BANGUS FESTIVAL**

Dagupan City, Pangasinan

Part of Dagupan's Pista'y Dayat celebration, highlight of which is the longest bangus grill, 101 ways to cook bangus, Bangus Harvest Dance parade, sports competition/exhibition.

### **OBANDO FERTILITY RITES**

Obando, Bulacan

Childless couples, praying that they bear children, do the "fertility dance" on the streets of Obando. The fiesta is observed in honor of Sta. Clara, San Pascual and Virgen de Salambao.

### **TANDUYONG FESTIVAL**

San Jose City, Bulacan

A parade to give thanks for a good harvest participated by various barangays and establishments in colorful costumes and instead of marching, dance in the street.

### **TUNGOH AD HUNGDUAN**

Hungduan, Ifugao

A cultural fiesta of the Ifugaos of Hungduan which features ethnic games, rituals, arts and crafts-oriented activities.



### **MANGO-BAMBOO FESTIVAL AND TRADE FAIR**

San Carlos, Pangasinan

A festival promoting San Carlos City as major trading center of bamboo based products/furniture and best producer of "carabao" mangoes and other mango variety in the country.

### **COCOWAYAN FESTIVAL**

Isabela City

Beauty pageant, street dances and trade fair of coconut and bamboo products which abound in Isabela, characterize this festival.

### **GOTAD AD HINGYON**

Hingyon Municipality, Ifugao

Ethnic thanksgiving with cultural fair by Ifugaos in Hingyon.

### **BANGKARERA (Boat-rowing race)**

Penablanca, Cagayan

A boat-rowing race at the clear waters of the Pinacanan River within the Callao Caves Tourist Zone.

### **SANDUGUAN FESTIVAL**

Calapan, Mindoro Oriental

Reviving the barter trade between the Mait native and the Chinese traders. This weeklong festivity features agro-trade, historical parade, reenactment of the barter trading and Indakan sa Sanduguan (a street dancing competition).

### **BAGABAS ECO-FEST**

Daet, Camarines Norte

### **KINULOB FESTIVAL**

Mabini, Batangas

Kinulob Festival gives recognition to the local native chicken raisers. Kinulob is one way of cooking the whole chicken with unique presentation. Street dance competition, mini band exhibition, cultural presentation and Mutya ng Mabini pageant are some of the highlights of the festival.

### **KADAUGAN SA MACTAN FESTIVAL**

Bgy. Mactan, Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu

A week-long commemoration of the historic battle of Mactan between the Spanish Conquistador Fernando Magallanes and Mactan Chieftain Lapu-Lapu.

### **HINUGYAW SA HINIGARAN FESTIVAL**

Hinigaran, Negros Occidental

"Hinugyaw" a local dialect that means rejoice/revelry is celebrated every 25th to 30th of April every year. The six day festivities will culminate on April 30 with a grand parade in the afternoon featuring street dancing performers in their colorful costumes.

### **GOTAD AD KIANGAN**

Kiangan, Ifugao

An Ifugao cultural celebration featuring Kiangan's ethnic customs and traditions

### **PISTA SA KINAIYAHAN**

Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur

A tree-planting activity done at the foot of Mt. Apo and clean-up program at the peak.

### **PINAKBET FESTIVAL**

Sta. Maria, Ilocos Sur

A festival celebrating a favorite dish of the Ilocanos, "pinakbet" featuring street dances, cooking competitions

### **CANGMATING SIBULAN, NEGROS ORIENTAL**

Yagyag Festival

Yagyag is the vernacular for spawning, to lay eggs or spread, propagate and grow. The process refers in particular to the crabs and other marine creatures that gather during the

months of October to December in Sapa, one of two springs found in Barangay Cangmating of Sibulan.

### **KAROSAHAN FESTIVAL**

Nueva Valencia, Guimaras

This is a proud tradition where beautiful maidens compete for attention with the gaily-decorated Karosas with their load of goodies.

### **BAHAG-HARI FESTIVAL**

Pinamalayan, Mindoro Oriental

A colorful celebration highlighted by street dancing, a parade of float and a different Moriones Festival.

### **PISTA'Y DAYAT (THANKSGIVING)**

Lingayen, Pangasinan

Thanksgiving festival for the year's bountiful harvest from the sea celebrated every 1st of May.

### **BANGUS FESTIVAL**

Dagupan City, Pangasinan

Part of Dagupan's Pista'y Dayat celebration, highlight of which is the longest bangus grill, 101 ways to cook bangus, Bangus Harvest Dance parade, sports competition/exhibition.

### **THE SABUTAN FESTIVAL AND MINI-TRADE FAIR**

Mabitac, Mindoro Oriental

Exhibit of different products mainly from Sabutan.

### **AKLAN DAY CELEBRATION**

Aklan

An annual celebration commemorating the province's founding anniversary when it formally declared independence for its mother province of Capiz on April 25, 1958.

### **PANAGAT "FISH" TIVAL**

Estancia, Iloilo

This is a tribute to fishermen of Estancia. It is a celebration that calls for ultimate cooperation and soul of "Bayanihan" among their neighboring town.

### **KUTSITSA FESTIVAL**

Molave, Zamboanga del Sur

This is a thanksgiving event for a bountiful harvest, with festivities like street dancing competition and agri-trade fair.

### **AWESOME DIVES PHILIPPINES: AN ADVENTURE LIFESTYLE**

April 26- April 28 | Glorietta Activity Center, Makati City

The 1st Dive Show in the Philippines

### **KAFAGWAY 2005**

April 27 | Baguio City

A commemorative event reliving the liberation of Baguio City from the control of Japanese

Forces through a moving pageant along Session Road

### **PASALAMAT FESTIVAL**

La Carlota City, Negros Occidental

Held every Sunday nearest the first of May or Labor Day. It is a harvest thanksgiving celebration by the people of La Carlota City. The festival is based on an age-old practice of offering thanksgiving to the god of agriculture living inside Kanlaon Volcano.

### **MANGO-BAMBOO FESTIVAL AND TRADE FAIR**

San Carlos, Pangasinan

A festival promoting San Carlos City as major trading center of bamboo based products/furniture and best producer of "carabao" mangoes and other mango variety in the country.

### **SAKNUNGAN FESTIVAL**

San Jose, Mindoro Occidental

Festival incorporating the exhibition of the cultural heritage of Mindoro's ethnic communities.

### **TINAPAHAN FESTIVAL**

Lemery, Batangas

A 3-day festivities that will showcase a trade fair of agro-industrial products, lectures on livestock raising and food processing as well as food demo competition

### **PISTA'Y DAYAT (THANKSGIVING)**

Lingayen, Pangasinan

Thanksgiving festival for the year's bountiful harvest from the sea celebrated every 1st of May.

### **IMBAYAH**

Banaue, Ifugao

Ethnic Sports Festival and thanksgiving rites featuring Ifugao's traditional practices showcased in their songs, dances, arts & crafts

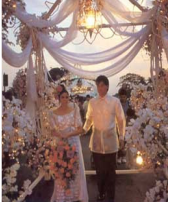


### **ANTIPOLO PILGRIMAGE**

Antipolo, Rizal

Every May, many pilgrims are seen taking the mudtrodden path leading to Antipolo. It is in this small town that one can find the religious shrine of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage, popularly known as the Virgin of Antipolo.

## MAY



### **FLORES DE MAYO / SANTACRUZAN**

Nationwide

A parade of the town's loveliest ladies depicting the search and discovery of Christ's Cross by Queen Helena and Constantine.

### **DAVAO GULF REGATTA**

Davao Oriental

A regionwide float parade representing all municipalities along the gulf, converge in one place featuring decorated bancas and vintas of different designs for competition.

### **VIVA VIGAN FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

Vigan, Ilocos Sur

A festival in a setting replete with history, heritage and cultural treasures and reminiscences.

### **PISTA NG PRODUKTONG PILIPINO**

Boardwalk Beach Resort (Subic, Olongapo City)

Pista ng Produktong Pilipino Manufacturers & Exporters Association, Inc. (PPPMEA) together with ATMACS/Events On Line in cooperation with SBMA,

### **BOA-BOAHAN "ALINSANGAN" FESTIVAL**

Nabua, Camarines Sur

A colorful cultural festival of pagan origin. Derived from the dialect "Alinsangan"

### **SUMMER FESTIVAL: PILIPINYAHAN**

Tagaytay City

The Pilipinyahan Fest is conceptualized by Tagaytay tourism council in coordination with the Local Government unit to promote the pineapple as the most appealing agricultural product in the locality.

### **SUMMER FESTIVAL: SANTACRUZAN**

Tagaytay City

Parade of beauties from Tourism Oriented and related Establishments of the city.

### **100 ISLANDS FESTIVAL**

Lucap, Alaminos, Pangasinan

A merry making and festivity in Western Pangasinan featuring thanksgiving Mass at the seashore of Lucap

### **PATTARADAY FESTIVAL: ARAW NG SANTIAGO**

Santiago City

Pattaraday which means unity is celebrated on the occasion of the founding anniversary of

Santiago. It celebrates the unity of the ethno-linguistic groups that have merged in the city to make it the melting pot of culture of Region 02 and contributed to the city's progress and development-unity in action.

### **PAHINUNGOD FESTIVAL**

Calape, Bohol

A 10-day fiesta commemorating the town's rich ancestry and devotion to the San Vicente Ferrer - its town saint and the Calapenhons "pahinungod" (offer) to come home annually.

### **BALANGAY FESTIVAL**

Butuan City

A month-long fiesta celebration of Butuan City

### **JOURNEY TO MT. HAMIGUITAN**

Isidro, Davao Oriental

A trek to Mt. Hamiguitan which is the site of the 600 hectare Bonsai field: Pygmy Forest

### **SALUBONG (HOLY CROSS FESTIVAL)**

Alitagtag and Bauan, Batangas

A festive celebration of meeting the Holy Cross of Bauan and Holy cross of Alitagtag and Binuhalan shrine at 8:00 am.

### **DAYAW DALAN FESTIVAL**

San Jacinto, Ticao

Dayaw is an old Tigaonon term which means "to show off, parade or display". In its strictest meaning, dayaw is to present with pride what is distinctly and essentially inherent in a person. Dalan on the other hand, means in olden times, a mountain trail which now includes path, street and highway. Dayaw Dalan Festival symbolizes the best of what the municipality of San Jacinto have as a town and as a people. The festival is held in honor of its patron saint, Santo Cristo de Burgos.

### **CARABAO-CARROZA FESTIVAL**

Pavia, Iloilo

Established since 1973 and considered as one of Iloilo's oldest festival, visitors are treated with an extensive showcase of 18 gaily-decorated carrozas with painted carabaos and their muses

### **SUBLIAN FESTIVAL**

Batangas City, Batangas

An annual celebration to pay homage to the Holy Cross for a bountiful harvest.



### **BAWANG (GARLIC) FESTIVAL**

Sinait, Ilocos Sur

Competitions and exhibits include biggest garlic, longest and most creative twined garlic bulbs.

### **FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Sta. Cruz, Marinduque

Fiesta of Sta. Cruz in honor of the Holy Cross religious, cultural, and civic activities are lined up.

### **ISABELA DAY: BAMBANTI FESTIVAL**

Isabela

Anniversary of the establishment of the civil government of Isabela in honor of Queen Isabela II. Activities like agro-industrial trade and tourism fairs, parades, sports events, beauty pageant and others are conducted to entertain visitors.

### **MANTAWI FESTIVAL**

Mandaue City, Cebu

A showcase of the city's historical heritage and identity promoting the city as industrial and tourist hub, that involves the Spanish regime through street dancing, dioramas, floats, heroes and great personages as gigantes, food festival and sports events.

### **BASI FESTIVAL**

Naguilian, La Union

Objective of the event is to promote "basi", a wine made from sugarcane. Activities include street dancing, sport events, agri-trade fair & other amusement games.

### **FLORES DE MAYO SA MAKATI**

Glorietta, Makati City

One of the biggest processions in Metro Manila participated in by young ladies representing the 33 barangays of Makati, tourism-related establishments, local and government offices corporations based in Makati.

### **PUJADA BAY FESTIVAL**

Mati, Davao Oriental

Fluvial festival to showcase the bounty of coastal resources, lectures on coastal protection/management; cultural presentation and parade.

### **GLOBAL BALIK-BUTUAN PROGRAM**

Butuan City

A grand reunion for all Butuanons residing abroad and other parts of the country to come home and reunite with old friends, classmates, and relatives especially during the Balangay Festival and Adlaw Hong Butuan.

### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF BIGLANG AWA\_(MARINDUQUE)**

Boac, Marinduque

A celebration in honor of the Patroness of Marinduque

### **MAKALAWAN "PINYA FESTIVAL"**

Calauan, Laguna

Promotes the juicy and sweetest pineapple or "pinya" as main agricultural product of the town of Calauan.

### **AGAWAN SA SARIAYA**

Sariaya, Quezon

A thanksgiving celebration of the Lord for the good harvest and abundance of agricultural production.

### **MAYOHAN SA TAYABAS**

Tayabas, Quezon

A thanksgiving event marked with agro-trade fair and the famous agawan ng suman in honor of San Isidro Labrador, patron saint of farmers, for the good harvest and abundance of agricultural product.

### **MAGAYON FESTIVAL (HONORING MT. MAYON)**

Albay

A festival in the merry month of May, showcasing Albay as it comes to age, its cultural heritage, trade, travel and tourism beyond Majestic Mount Mayon. The festival includes various activity such as beauty pageant, photo/art exhibit, street parade, trade fair, sports fest, guided tours, etc.

### **PAHIYAS FESTIVAL**

Lucban, Quezon

An annual celebration to usher in a bountiful harvest; where homes are decorated with the town's best agricultural products.

### **BALWARTE SA GUMACA**

Gumaca, Quezon

Huge arches placed on the strategic locations are lavishly decorated with the most colorful farm produce, local delicacies, horticultural products, palm fronds etc.

### **PAUKYABAN FESTIVAL**

Butuan City

It is an agro-industrial show that featured species of plants and flowers in a display of unique landscapes.

### **SUNDUAN**

Brgy. La Huerta, Parañaque City

The traditional rites means literally "to pick up the girl at the house".

### **MANO PO SAN ROQUE FESTIVAL**

Valenzuela City

Street dancing and procession along the city's major thoroughfares in commemoration of the feast of San Roque, highlighting the customs and traditional celebration of the festival.

### **SANTA CRUZAN IN BAGUIO "SABSABONG TI MAYO"**

Baguio City

A fashion show featuring beauties and designers from North Philippines

### **ALBAY DAY**

Albay

The Provincial Government of Albay has declared May 14 as "Albay Day" starting May 14,

2004 and every year after. The celebration which falls in May during the annual month-long Magayon Festival

### **PULILAN CARABAO FESTIVAL**

Pulilan, Bulacan

A thanksgiving fiesta that features oiled, perfumed carabaos paying homage to Pulilan's patron saint by kneeling in front of his statue.

### **FIESTA BICOLANDIA CRUISE "PEÑAFRANCIA PILGRIMAGE"**

Cebu City

Bringing the best of the Bicol region showcasing its products, festivals, arts and crafts, among others highlighted by the procession of Our Lady of Peñafrancia joined by the Bicol Association of Cebu and Marianne devotees.

### **FEAST OF SAN ISIDRO LABRADOR/CARABAO FESTIVAL**

Angono, Rizal

A tribute to San Isidro Labrador with colorful/joyous procession of carabao carts carrying a myriad of local products

### **SAN ISIDRO FESTIVAL (PANDANAN)**

Luisiana, Laguna

An annual celebration in honor of farmer's patron saint San Isidro Labrador.

### **FEAST IN THE HONOR ST. VINCENT FERRER**

Dipolog City

Dipolog City fiesta celebrated with motocross, concerts and beauty pageants

### **ONGGOYAN FESTIVAL**

Malimono, Surigao del Norte

Celebrated with much gaiety and funfare. It features agro-Industrial fair, beauty contest, sports festival and street dancing depicting movement of monkeys.

### **IKALAHAN/KALANGUYA FESTIVAL**

Imugan and Malico, Pangasinan

It aims to preserve and develop cultural tradition and better understand indigenous peoples and their cultural practices including how they protect the forest.

### **PAGSALABUK FESTIVAL**

Dipolog City

Pagsalubok Festival is a Subano term that means "get together" or "togetherness," which aims to showcase the myriad interplay of culture among the Muslims, the Lumads and the varied and diverse culture of the settlers from all over the Philippines to include the Spanish, Chinese, American and other Asian culture that have meticulously woven and shaped into what is now the unique Mindanao tri-people culture

### **OBANDO FERTILITY RITES**

Obando, Bulacan

Childless couples, praying that they bear children, do the "fertility dance" on the streets of Obando. The fiesta is observed in honor of Sta. Clara, San Pascual and Virgen de Salambao.

### **SARUNG BANGGI FESTIVAL**

Sto. domingo, Albay

A fun-filled 8-day summer activity to immortalize the song Sarung Banggi and pay tribute to its composer Potenciano Gregorio. It showcases a variety of cultural and religious activities, food and sports fest, Beauty Search, folksong fest, agro-industrial fair and many more.

### **SANGGUTAN FESTIVAL**

Barugo, Leyte

A dance of the drinkers honoring the age-old process of wine-making.

### **FARMERS FESTIVAL**

Bacarra, Ilocos Norte

A festival that highlights a street dance parade participated in by cressed up framers; agro-industrial trade fair; contest of the biggest farm harvest and livestock.

### **BANWAHON FESTIVAL**

Barangay Mat-i, Surigao City

An ethnic dance competition depicting customs and traditions as well as the culture of early inhabitants of Barangay Mat-i Surigao City

### **KAOGMA FESTIVAL**

Camarines Sur

A week-long celebration of the of the foundation anniversary of the Province of Camarines Sur. The festival features numerous activities such as cultural expositions, sports events, beauty pageant, procession and Grand Parade.

### **LUBI-LUBI (Coconut) FESTIVAL**

Gingog City, Misamis Oriental

A cultural presentation using parts of the coconut palm and other indigenous materials as props and costumes.

### **PANAGYAMAN FESTIVAL**

Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya

The 165th Anniversary of the establishment of the civil government of Nueva Vizcaya. Activities include street parades, street dancing, cultural shows, float parades and contest, sports events by municipality, agro-industrial fairs, others.

### **BOLOBONG KINGKING FESTIVAL**

Loboc, Bohol

A music and dance festivity depicting the history, folklore and traditions of the Lobocanons. Bolibong Kingking is a term applied to the drums and gongs and their rhythm used to accompany the supplication dance ritual in frong of the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the 2nd Patron of Loboc.

### **PAHOY-PAHOY FESTIVAL (SCARECROW)**

Western Samar

A grand parade and street dancing of people in scarecrow costumes.

### **SANTACRUZAN WITH KUMBIRA**

Rizal Blvd., Dumaguete City

Procession of biblical characters and the traditional sagalas representing the Blessed Virgin's attributes. On this festivity one can also witness the city's prettiest promenade in their finery parading followed by performing contingents.

### **MALUMAGPAK CHALLENGE**

New Bataan, Compostela Valley

A trek to Mt. Manurigao-Malumagpak, one of the region's newly discovered eco-tourism destinations.

### **SANTACRUZAN SA INTRAMUROS**

Intramuros, Manila

Department of Tourism together with Intramuros Administration will bring back the glamour of the 1900s Manila Carnival Queen in this year's Santacruzán sa Intramuros.

### **PADARAW FESTIVAL**

Bulan, Sorsogon

A festival showcasing colorful costumes fashioned from the abaca fiber. It is highlighted by a grand street presentation wherein the participants are clad in colorful costumes using the abaca fibers.

### **TAPUSAN**

May 31 | Alitagtag, Batangas

Tapusan honors the Holy Cross on the last day of May

### **SANTACRUZAN (ZAMBOANGA CITY)**

May 31 | Zamboanga City

Parade of beauties with Reyna Elena carrying the Holy Cross.

## **JUNE**

### **BILANG-BILANG ABAYAN FESTIVAL**

Balangay Taft, Surigao City, Surigao del Norte

A showcase of religious heritage of the Surigaonons in honor of St. Virgen de la Paz Y de Buen Viaje.

### **RIZAL ARTIST FESTIVAL**

Angono, Rizal

The festival aims to create awareness and appreciation of Philippine Art and Culture; and promoting arts and culture as vital attraction for local and foreign tourist. Rizal has the potential of becoming a tourist destination particularly in the field of arts and crafts. It is known as the home of various national artists, musicians and other equally creative artist

### **SAKAY-SAKAY ABAYAN (FLUVIAL PROCESSION)**

Barangay Taft, Surigao City

A procession at sea led by the Patron Saint of Bilang-Bilang, Virgen dela Paz Y Buen Viaje, the patroness of good voyage aboard a beautifully adorned vessel followed by colourful motor launches and bancas passing through the Surigao Strait and back to the City wharf.

### **LINGGO NG ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE & "SARDINES AND MANGO FESTIVAL"**

Dipolog City

A week's celebration featuring agro-industrial fairs, sports, beauty pageants, concerts, cultural shows and street dancing.

### **PHILIPPINE EAGLE WEEK**

Davao City

Various activities in support of the Philippine Eagle Conservation Program.

### **SUROY SA SURIGAO (GUIDED FAMILIARIZATION TOURS)**

Dinagat and Siargao Island

To promote domestic tourism, the Provincial Government is sponsoring guided tours to elementary and secondary students. The tour includes visits to important kind marks and scenic spots.

### **CAMOTES CASSAVA FESTIVAL**

Tudela, Camotes Island

A yearly celebration of a bountiful harvest. A time where farmers display their various cassava-based products, share their varied technical experiences in producing and processing cassava products. Among the activities are the Best Booth Contest, Poster Making contest, Search for new cassava food products, cultural night and the search for Miss Camotes Tourism.

### **CARRERA HABAGAT**

Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte

The toughest four-day adventure race and the biggest in the Philippines. It involves trekking and trail running, kayaking, mountain biking, swimming, rappelling, orienteering, land navigation and special skills section.

### **ARAW NG AGUSAN DEL NORTE**

Agusan del Norte

Anniversary of Agusan Del Norte. It is highlighted with civic parade, sports fest, and agro-industrial fair.

### **ARAW NG AGUSAN DEL SUR**

Agusan del Sur

In celebration of the R.A. 4969 enacted on June 17, 1967 dividing Agusan province into two: Agusan del Norte and del Sur

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Cavite, Manila, and other historical site, (nationwide)

Re-enactment of the historic proclamation of the Philippine Independence is done at the mansion of Gen Emilio Aguinaldo, the first president of the Philippine Republic.

### **ARAW NG COTABATO**

Cotabato City

Charter Anniversary of Cotabato City.

### **LA TRINIDAD FOUNDATION DAY**

La Trinidad, Benguet

General cleaning and tree planting activity along with cultural shows and sports fest.

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY (BAGUIO CITY)**

Baguio City

A parade along the city's main road celebrating the 107th Independence from foreign control.

### **BATTLE OF BESANG PASS**

Cervantes, Ilocos Sur

Commemoration of the historical victory of the Filipino guerillas in Northern Luzon which led to the surrender of Gen. Yamashita and the end of the Japanese occupation in the Philippines.



### **PINEAPPLE/PINYASAN FESTIVAL**

Camarines Norte

A festival featuring the sweet, succulent pineapple thru art exhibits, trade fairs, cultural performances and sports events.

### **30K BAOTO MARATHON**

Agusan del Norte

An annual contest held during the celebration of Araw ng Agusan.

### **NALIYAGAN FESTIVAL**

Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur

In celebration of the Foundation anniversary of Agusan del Sur. It is a six-day socio-cultural and arts exposition of the indigenous tribes in the entire Agusan Valley.

### **BARAGATAN SA PALAWAN (FOUNDATION DAY)**

Provincial Capitol Compound, Puerto Princesa City

A celebration of the centennial of the founding of the civil government of Palawan. Highlights are LGU Trade and Food Fair, colorful parade with participation from the different municipalities and private sectors featuring the ethnic groups residing in the province

### **PISTA Y ANG KAGUEBAN**

Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

A festive reforestation dine by practically all people from different walks of life with activities such as performance of the environmental artists of Puerto Princesa through songs dances.

### **ADLAW NAN SURIGAO**

Surigao del Norte and Surigao del Sur

The provinces of Surigao del Norte and Surigao del Sur Simultaneously commemorate their

charter anniversary.

### **RIZAL DAY**

Calamba, Laguna

In memory of the birthday of the Philippine National Hero, Jose P. Rizal, the townfolks of Calamba offer flowers to Rizal Shrine.

### **PISTA NG KALIKASAN**

Provincewide, Palawan

A massive tree planting activity to help alleviate global warming.

### **LINGGANAY FESTIVAL**

Alang-alang, Leyte

Street Pageant depicting the legendary and mythical story of the bells.

### **DAPITAN'S CHARTER**

Dapitan City

Festivity starts on the birth anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal and culminates on the city's charter day. The celebration is highlighted by a sportsfest alongside cultural presentations

### **"OYANGE KAUGMAN" FESTIVAL**

Polangui, Albay

A merrymaking held in conjunction with the town fiesta. The festival whose name was derived from a tree which is abundant in the area features various exciting events including street presentation, beauty pageant, trade fair, among others.

### **ZAMBULAWAN FESTIVAL (Street pageantry)**

Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur

Street dancing and colorful parade highlighting native Subanen costumes and rituals.



### **PILI FESTIVAL**

Sorsogon, Sorsogon

Pili is an indigenous crop of Bicol region, particularly Sorsogon. This festival showcases the Pili, the primary purpose of which is to emphasize its importance and to increase the awareness of the public on its various economic uses.



### **MUDPACK FESTIVAL**

June 21 22 | Murcia, Negros Occidental

The festival is a symbolic celebration of man's return to primitive time when he was closer to nature

### **DIWATA FESTIVAL**

June 21 | San Francisco, Agusan del Sur

A festival highlighted with street dancing in honor of their patron saint.

### **PAGADIAN CITY CHARTER DAY**

June 21 | Pagadian City

Commemorates Pagadian City's ascendancy into chartered This is marked annually with festivities like agro-trade fair, civic military parade, nightly program at Plaza Luz, sportsfest, search for Mutya ng Pagadian, clean-up drives, cultural and variety shows.

### **KALIGUAN FLUVIAL FESTIVAL**

Cagwait, Surigao del Sur

A yearly festivities in honor of St. John the Baptist highlighted by Search for Perlas ng Kaliguan beauty pageant, beach dancing and other beach-fun activities.

### **CALUMPIT "LIBAD" FESTIVAL**

Calumpit, Bulacan

A celebration in honor of the patron saint St. John the Baptist.

### **PIAT SAMBALI FESTIVAL (RELIGIOUS)**

Piat, Cagayan

A religious and cultural revival in commemoration of the Christianization of the Itawes region of Cagayan.

### **AGGAW NAK CAGAYAN (CAGAYAN FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY)**

Province of Cagayan

The 422nd anniversary of the founding of the civil government of Cagayan. Activities include lectures, exhibits, games, beauty pageant, agro-trade and tourism fair.

### **TOURISM CONGRESS**

Cebu City

To convene collaborative partners in a Tourism Congress to tackle priorities in implementing a 5-year master plan crafted by the Core Tourism Group using the McKinsey Framework. The forum aims to address the challenge: Catalyzing Tourism Growth through Multi-sectoral Initiatives and Coordinated Leadership.

### **FEAST OF SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA**

Pilia. Laguna

The town of Pilia celebrates the feast of San Antonio de Padua through a procession, merry making and festive dining in most of the beautiful ancestral homes

### **FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST / LECHON FESTIVAL**

Mindoro Oriental

Dressed in creative costumes and disguises, lechins are paraded around the town accompanied by gay chanting and buhusan a customary practice during the San Juan Bautista Feast.

### **REGADA WATER FESTIVAL**

Cavite City

A celebration in honor of Nuestra Señora de Porta Vaga.

### **ARAW NG MAYNILA**

Manila City

A yearly celebration of Manila Day featuring various activities like the Manila Film Festival, Fireworks Display, etc.

### **TAONG-PUTIK FESTIVAL**

Aliaga, Nueva Ecija

A religious event where town folks wear vines, banana leaves or dried coconut leaves on their mud-covered bodies as St. John the Baptist was said to have done in his lifetime.



### **PARADA NG LECHON**

Balayan, Batangas

A grand parade of succulent roasted pigs.

### **WATTAH! WATTAH! SAN JUAN FIESTA**

San Juan City

This is a fiesta in honor of the town's patron saint - Saint John the Baptist which is characterized by vigorous and boisterous streetdancing with "Basaan (dousing of water) and "Santong Tao" (live saints) parade. Includes also numerous free concert s featuring various local artists and celebrities.

### **FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

San Juan, Metro Manila

A regular celebration of the town's patron saint, St. John the Baptist

### **PALO PALO FESTIVAL**

Batanes

The 219th Anniversary of the establishment of the civil Government of Batanes

### **TAEPHAG FESTIVAL**

Tagbina, Sutigao del Sur

A common Manobo ritual used for opening a kaingin, rice planting, harvesting and other activities.

### **SIRONG-SIRONG FESTIVAL**

Cagdianao, Surigao del Norte

A fiesta celebration in honor of Saints Peter and Paul highlighted by ethnic mardigras contests, agro-industrial fair and public dancing.

### **KALILANG SA RANAO**

Marawi City, Lanao del Sur  
Celebrates the legendary Lake Lanao.



### **SUBIRAN REGATTA**

Tacloban City, Leyte  
Annual race of native sailboats with outriggers displaying seamanship.

### **APUNG IRU FLUVIAL FESTIVAL**

Apalit, Pampanga  
The most awaited activity of this festival procession where the image of St. Peter is brought down from Capalangan to Calumpit River where a colorfully decorated mini pagoda awaits the image.



### **PINTADOS FESTIVAL**

Tacloban City, Leyte  
A body-painting festival in honor of the courageous "pintados" (warrior ancestors).

### **BALYUAN RITES**

Taclobay City, Leyte  
Ceremonial exchange of images of the Holy Child between Leyte and Samar.

### **BAILES DE ARCOS**

Makati City  
Performed during the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul by daughters of past participants with impeccable reputations as homage to the Virgen dela Rosa" for her kindness.

### **BINIRAY FESTIVAL**

Bulalacao, Mindoro Oriental  
A grand pagoda show on the day of thanksgiving for the blessings from sea.

## JULY

### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUIBANG**

Gamu, Isabela

Annual feast day of the Miraculous Lady of Guibang.

### **FESTIVAL OF OUR LADY OF PIAT**

Piat, Cagayan

Annual feast day of Our Lady of Piat highlighted by the procession of the Marian Image being venerated for centuries.

### **SANDUGO FESTIVAL**

Tagbilaran City, Bohol

Bohol's annual commemoration of the Blood compact (mardi gras parade) between Rajah Sikatuna and Miguel Lopez de Legazpi.

### **SAN CARLOS CHARTER ANNIVERSARY**

San Carlos, Negros Occidental

Usually celebrated with a Thanksgiving Mass, sports activities, concerts, parade, beauty pageant and awarding to the city's achiever of the year.

### **BANANA FESTIVAL**

Tagum, Davao del Norte

Street dancing, agri trade fair to highlight Davao del Norte as "banana country".

### **ARAW NG DAVAO DEL SUR, DAVAO DEL NORTE, DAVAO ORIENTAL**

Digos City, Tagum City, Mati, Davao Oriental

Celebration of the division of Davao into three provinces. Consist of agri trade fair, civic military parade, sports competition, horsefight, tribal dances, beauty pageants, etc.

### **ARAW NG PASIG**

Pasig City

A grand celebration of the Pasig day highlighted by different activities like the Mutya ng Pasig Pageant, Dancing Parade, Outstanding Pasiguenos Night, Arts & Literary Competition, Palarong Pinoy, Kusina Pasigueno, etc.



### **SAGAYAN FESTIVAL (MARANAO WAR DANCE)**

Tubod, Lanao del Norte

This festival depicts the rich Maranao culture pageantry war dance performed by warriors & fan dance by the Maranao maidens held during Araw ng

Lanao del Norte.

### **PHIL-AM FRIENDSHIP DAY**

Baguio City

Revival of friendship among Filipinos, Americans & other Nationalities accented with the sale exposition of variety products.

### **BANIG FESTIVAL**

Badian, Cebu

In celebration of Badian's Annual Fiesta, the festival showcases the Cebuano & Badianganon culture, tradition, delicacies & local products especially its famous "mats" (banig).

### **ALEGRIA DE ISABELA**

Isabela City

A festival based on a legend that tells how the early townfolk survived a raging storm, where St. Isabela was seen blocking a giant wave. Celebrated with a regatta & procession of the image and merry-making beside the cathedral

### **HUDYAKA FESTIVAL**

Laguindingan, Misamis Oriental

Street dancing competition which depicts the historical events of how Laguindingan become one of the municipalities of Misamis Oriental

### **SUBAYAN KEG SUBANEN FESTIVAL**

Ozamiz City, Misamis Occidental

A week-long trade fair/ street dancing depict songs, dances and other forms of simulated social expression of the rich Subanon cultural heritage

### **TINALAK FESTIVAL**

Koronadal City, South Cotabato

An annual celebration in South Cotabato which demonstrates the importance and significance of t'nalak cloth as the cultural image of South Cotabato.

### **PAHINUNGOD FESTIVAL**

Carrascal, Surigao del Sur

This is a Mardi gras performed around the streets of Carrascal in honor of their patroness, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

### **EARTHQUAKE MEMORIAL DAY**

Baguio City

Memorial services for the victims of the 1990 killer earthquake.

### **DURIAN FESTIVAL**

Freedom Park, Bonifacio St., Tagum City

Celebrates the abundance of Durian Fruits in the city. It serves as a venue for the students to enhance their talents in culinary arts through competition and broaden their knowledge on Durian fruit through farm tours, forums and trainings.

### **KALIGA FESTIVAL (STREET PAGEANTRY)**

Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental

Street dancing, trade fair & culutural presentations in observance of the City Charter day.

### **LIBON PAROY FESTIVAL**

Libon, Albay

Katalingkasan which means freedom and rebirth, is held in conjunction with the Libon Town Fiesta and the feast of its Patron Saint, St. James the Greater. The festival aims to revive the rich cultural heritage of the town and at the same time promote local tourism

### **BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF APOLINARIO MABINI**

Talaga, Tanauan , Batangas City

An annual celebration commemorating the birth anniversary of our Sublime Paralytic.

### **SUBILAN FESTIVAL**

Batangas City

An annual celebration wherein a ritual dance is being done pay homage to the Holy Cross as a sort of thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest.



### **KINABAYO FESTIVAL (BATTLE OF COVADONGA)**

Dapitan City, Zamboanga del Norte

A re-enactment of the Spanish-Moorish wars particularly the battle of Covadonga.

### **PAKAPYA-AGTIKE**

Socorro, Mindoro Oriental

This festivity features cultural shows, parade of floats and a street dancing on last day showcasing its agricultural bounty performed by schools, barangays and tribal communities. The festival is a thanksgiving offering to its patron, the Holy Family.

### **KADAGATAN FESTIVAL**

Cortes, Surigao del Sur

It is a yearly thanksgiving of Cortesanons done through street dancing. Costumes and props of dancers symbolize marine life.

### **BALIKCARCANMADCARLAN CELEBRATION**

Cantillan, Surigao del Sur

A week-long activities participated by all Balikbayans.

### **TOURISM CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK**

Butuan City

Several tourism-related activities are line-up for the week such as Nightly Cultural show, Palagsing Festival, Laro ng Lahi, Photo Exhibit, Speech Contest, Quiz bowl, Sining contest in Butuanon Competition; Mountainbike, Motocross and BMX exhibitions.

### **STA. ANANG BANAK TAGUIG RIVER FESTIVAL**

Municipality of Taguig

A fluvial parade in honor of the town patroness St. Anne. The thrills and excitement of the fishers are replayed after year by the “pasubo” where fluvial parade participants in colorful boats and spectators by the riverbanks toss goodies of fruits and native delicacies to each other.

### **SINULOG DE TANJAY**

Tanjay, Negros Oriental

Street dancing with mock battles between Moros and Christians followed by reconciliation through the intercession of the patron Señor Santiago.

### **UDYAKAN SA KABANKALAN/CHARTER ANNIVERSARY**

Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental

A weeklong celebration by an agro-industrial fair showcasing the indigenous products of the farmers and the cooperatives. Creative booths that display these products are constructed by the different barangays at the city plaza.

### **ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF PAYE**

Balimbing, Boac

An encounter over by Filipino soldier during the Fil-Am War.

### **ABAYAN FESTIVAL**

Butuan City

A day-long festivity of barato race, fluvial procession, and parlor games in honor of St. Anne, patroness of Agusan River

## **AUGUST**

### **MERCEDES FISHTIVAL/MERCEDES KADAGATAN FESTIVAL**

Mercedes, Camarines Norte

It is a fishermen's celebration of thanksgiving for the blessings and bounty during the seafaring, fishing expeditions and fish farming endeavor.

### **PADAGYAW FESTIVAL**

Dumarao, Capiz

A cultural and fiesta celebration in honor of Nuestra Señora de las Nieves.

### **PANGAPOG FESTIVAL**

Island Garden City of Samal

A thanksgiving festival celebration bountiful harvest features parade, indak-indak sa dalan, cultural presentation etc.

### **CABIBI FESTIVAL**

Lal-lo, Cagayan

The patron town fiesta of Lallo, formerly Ciudad Nueva Segovia is highlighted by an agro-industrial trade fair and street dancing.

### **SELEBRASYON NG BUWAN NG WIKA**

Batangas

A month long activity celebrating "Buwan ng Wika". The activities undertaken are campaign for using Pilipino as a medium of instruction, hanging of streamer and short program.

### **KASUOTANG PILIPINO EXHIBIT & FASHION SHOW**

Museo ng Makati, Makati City

A yearly exhibit mounted at the city's museum featuring the evolution of Filipino costumes per region in celebration of the month of Filipino Costumes.

### **ADLAW HONG BUTUAN**

Butuan City

It's the charter day celebration of Butuan City. It is highlighted by the thanksgiving mass, motorcade recognition of outstanding Butuanons & City employees night.

### **PALAGSING FESTIVAL**

Butuan City

A competition for the longest and the best tasting palagsing



### **PALU-PALU FESTIVAL (GRAND CELEBRATION)**

Basco, Batanes

A cultural presentation of the different municipalities of Batanes, showcasing their ethnic group's rugged yet storied existence.

### **STA. CLARA FESTIVAL**

Tigaon, Camarines Sur

A celebration held in honor of Patron Saint, St. Claire of Assisi. Various activities are lined up including cultural shows, job fair, concert, fairworks display, beauty pageant, fireworks display, battle of the bands and the highlight activity which is the Sta. Clara devotional dance.

### **SIPONG**

Bais City, Negros Oriental

A colorful and lively mardi gras festival participated in by the different barangays, local and national offices in a choreographed street dancing. Magnificent floats and spectacular head dresses can also be viewed during this event. This biggest annual merry making marks the Charter Day celebration of Bais City.

### **MINDANAO TRADE EXPO**

Davao City

An Agro industrial trade fair with business matching for the promotion of Mindanao's world class product.

### **MINDANAO TRAVEL & TOUR EXPO (MITTE)**

SM City Davao, Events Center, Davao City

Features exhibits and tour packages to various adventures and scenic destinations in Mindanao.

### **BONGA**

Sibonga, Cebu

The celebration is in honor of the town's patron saint, Our Lady of Pilar and Santa Filomena. Among its highlights is the street dancing and ritual/showdown competition. "Bunga" is a Cebuano word which means fruit in English. This festival is a form of thanksgiving for all the blessings and graces the Sibonganhons have received for the abundant fruits found in their town.

### **CORDOVA DINAGAT FESTIVAL (FISHING RITUALS)**

Cordova, Cebu

The celebration honors the town's most prized source of livelihood-fishing. "Dinagat" means "anything" pertaining to the sea". It showcases Cordova's distinctive cultural heritage through authentic traditional rituals and dances.

### **PAVVU RULUN FESTIVAL & PADDA NA LIMA (GRAND CELEBRATION)**

Tuguegarao, Cagayan

The patron fiesta of Tuguegarao City. It is being celebrated yearly in honor of St. Hyacinth

### **DINAGAT (BAKASI)**

Cordova, Cebu

The festival is a unique reinvention of the Dinagat Festival. The exotic eel locally known as "Bakasi" is peculiar and abundant in Cordova. The dance replicates the gliding movement of the Bakasi. Other related activities include a Bakasi race and cooking contest to show off the many ways in preparing Bakasi which is the main livelihood of the people.

### **KAADLAWAN HAN SAMAR**

Catbalogan Samar

Festivities to commemorate the foundation day of Samar

### **SANTONES FESTIVAL**

Barangay Calumpang, Liliw, Laguna

A five day festivity featuring the sweet santol and lanzones fruits raised in the locality.

### **"KUMBIRA" (FOOD FESTIVAL)**

Cagayan de Oro City

Food & culinary competitions sponsored by the Cagayan de Oro Hotel and Restaurant Association (COHARA).

### **KALIBONGAN FESTIVAL (HORSE FIGHT & BLOOD COMPACT)**

Kidapawan City, N. Cotabato

August 14 marks the celebration of the Kalibongan Festival. Kalibongan is a manobo term for a Grand Festival which is celebrated yearly in Kidapawan, Cotabato. The Manobos, Bagobos, and other highland tribes from the different parts of the province go down to Kidapawan to show off and proudly display their tradition and cultural heritage. The natives display their own version of "party" with a traditional horsefight, a "blood compact"

peace ceremony, etc.

### **LUBI-LUBI (COCONUT) FESTIVAL**

Calubian, Leyte

The humble coconut tree gets its day in the spotlight as the town celebrates its Lubi-Lubi Festival.

### **CORON FESTIVAL**

Tiwi, Albay

“Coron” is a Bicol dialect meaning clay-pot or potteries of which the town of Tiwi is popularly known for. Thus, the festival’s main feature is the municipalities pottery industry which is done with skills passed from parents to children and perfected through long years of practice without the benefit of written manuals.

### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

Boac, Marinduque

A celebration in honor of Our Lady of the Assumption.

### **PASAKA**

Tanauan, Leyte

Religious homage/ cultural dance parade in honor of Our Lady of the Assumption

### **SIRONG FESTIVAL**

Cantilan, Surigao del Sur

A war dance between Muslims and Christians, reflecting the Christianization of the early Cantillanons

### **SUMAYAJAW FESTIVAL**

Jabonga, Agusan del Norte

Held during the town fiesta of Jabonga. It is a thanksgiving celebration for the bounties showered by the Heavenly Father through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Lady of Assumption

### **PILGRIMAGE TO JOROAN**

Joroan, Tiwi, Albay

Held every 3rd Saturday of August to pay homage to the miraculous image of Our Lady of Salvation, Patroness of Albay

### **KADAYAWAN SA DABAW**

Davao City

A festival celebrating the city's bountiful harvest in a form of grand colorful parade of orchid-bedecked floats and tribal street dancing.

### **SUNDAYAG**

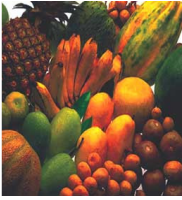
Cagayan de Oro City

A showcase of the Best of Northern Mindanao featuring Agriculture, Trade, & Tourism destinations.

## **BUYOGAN FESTIVAL**

Abuyog, Leyte

“Buyog” (bees) dancer depict the origin of the town’s name in a well choreographed dance.



## **FRUIT FESTIVAL**

Kidapawan City, North Cotabato

Kidapawan takes its fruit growing industry to the streets literally as the city celebrates its annual fruit festival. There are cultural shows, a parade of local fruit products, a bevy of exhibits, street dancing competition and selected lectures on fruit preparation.

## **QUEZON DAY/ANGONO DAY**

Angono, Rizal

Anniversary of Independence , the residents of Angono led by the Municipal Tourism Office, prepare a weeklong celebration characterized by trade fairs, arts exhibits, symphonic band concerts, cultural presentations, etc. Flower offering to the statue of President Quezon is being observed, as it is also his birthday.

## **SABUTAN FESTIVAL**

San Luis, Aurora

The festival highlights the importance of growing palm trees locally called Sabutan on the communities economic well being.

## **BANKATON**

Lavezares, N. Samar

**Exciting motorboat race in honor of the town’s patron saint**

## **KALUBIHAN FESTIVAL**

Jordan, Guimaras

A festivity in support of the National Coconut Week Celebration which recognizes the efforts of the coconut farmers and other stakeholders of the province.

## **ANNIVERSARY OF CRY OF PUGADLAWIN**

Pugad lawin shrine, Brgy. Bahay Toro, Quezon City

Another historical event celebrated yearly with a civic parade at 6:00 am followed by a flag-raising and a wreath-laying Ceremony.

## **24-HOUR MOUNTAIN BIKE ENDURANCE**

National Bilibid Prison Land Reserve Area, Muntinlupa City

A competition among the elite and amateur mountain bike outdoor sports athlete from across the country. The event will test the competitor's mountain biking skills in the varied crisscrossed paths of the NBP Land Reserve Area.

### **LAMBAGOHAN FESTIVAL**

Cagayan de Oro

A fluvial parade and a river festival with fully decorated outrigger boats complete with live band musician & ethnic dancers usually participated by various barangays of the city; this is also held to honor St. Augustine, the Patron Saint of the City.

### **TSINELAS FESTIVAL**

City of Gapan, Nueva Ecija

To mark the anniversary of the town's cityhood, Gapan City holds its annual Tsinelas Festival, with street dancing, parade of floats decorated with regular to gigantic 7 ft. slippers the famous slippers bazaar. The festival is aimed at bolstering the new city's claim as the North Slippers Capital.

### **ALCALA TOWN FIESTA**

Alcala, Cagayan

The local government unit of Alcala has highlighted the agricultural products of Alcala town like corn and rice presented a local street dancing versino and the colonial past of the town depicted in its centuries-old church - St. Philomene Church.

### **BAHANDI FESTIVAL**

Alcantara, Cebu

A street dancing celebrated during the town's fiesta honoring the town's patron saint, Señor San Augustine. The dance expresses the town people's joy for the Bahandi (Treasure from the environment) that were given to the municipality.

### **CAGAYAN DE ORO GOLDEN FLOAT FESTIVAL**

Cagayan de Oro

A float parade and competition highlighting the historical and cultural interpreted into colorful and unique floats. The event is participated by government organizations, civic organizations and various academic institutions in the city.

### **JINAWA FESTIVAL**

Gigaquit, Surigao del Norte

A local rendition of the classic Christian-moro conflict interpreted through songs and dances.

### **KAGAY-AN FESTIVAL**

Cagayan de Oro City

A celebration of the annual fiesta in honor of its Patron, Saint Augustine; with a mardigras type of street dancing participated in by contingents from school & civic organizations

### **NATIONAL HEROES DAY**

San Carlos City, Negros Occidental

A celebration paying homage to people who fought for freedom, usually held with a cultural program and flower offering at the foot of the Unknown Soldier Monument.

### **NAGSABADO FESTIVAL**

Pasig City

A re-enactment of the revolutionary action against the Spaniards led by Valentin Cruz and Andres Bonifacio in 1896. The historic revolution happens to fall on a Saturday that's

why the event is called "Nagsabado".

### **29 DE AGOSTO**

Brgy. Hagdang Bato Itaas, Mandaluyong City

Travel back to history as the city observes its First Cry of Revolution against Spaniards in 1896. A commemorative program and an evening of Kundiman are special activities for the occasion.

### **SILOY FESTIVAL**

Alcoy, Cebu

The festival promotes the Mag-abo forest with its famous Black or Siloy, the town's scenic white sand beaches and dive spots and in honor of the town's patroness Saint Rose of Lima.

### **KAYABA: GUIMARAS – ILOILO CROSS CHANNEL SWIM**

Iloilo City

A cross channel swim to create awareness to preserve the Iloilo river, promote tourism in Guimaras and Iloilo and encourage endurance swimming as a competitive sport.

### **MANDAUE CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION**

Mandaue, Cebu

The Mandauehanons celebrates this eventful anniversary with parades, games and variety shows. The Mandaue Chamber of Commerce and Industry spearhead the holding of the Mandaue that will start off on this day.

### **TURUMBA**

Teresa, Rizal

This is done every year during the feast of Saint Rose of Lima called "Turumba sa Birhen", which means a unique dance dedicated to Saint Rose of Lima, the patron saint of Teresa

### **BATTLE OF PINAGLABANAN**

Pinaglaban Shrine, Municipality of San Juan

National / local celebration of the Battle of Pinaglabanan, a Battle which sparked the Philippine Revolution of 1896. There will be mass at 7:00 am followed by wreath-laying ceremony

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **SARAKIKI-HADANG FESTIVAL**

Calbayog City, Western Samar

SARAKIKI is a local term apparently referring to premeditated or frenzied movements which means to allure, to draw with, to attract or exercise attraction, to entice or to win. By its pre-colonial denotation, it means to praise, extol or eulogize spirits of gods. The word does not only ascribe to the ritual or hadang as an activity to gratify the gods, but likewise hadang as the offering or the sacrifice.

## **BAGUIO CHARTER DAY/ BAGUIO TOURISM MONTH**

Baguio City

Founding celebration with street parade, food feast, exhibits and other fun activities

## **HUNDRED ISLANDS TRIATHLON**

Alaminos City, Pangasinan

Involves completing three sporting disciplines – swimming, biking and running done in immediate succession. The event aims to revive the Hundred Islands not just as a beach destination but also as excellent venue for adventure sports.

## **HANDURAW FESTIVAL**

Leon, Iloilo

Harvest and tribe competition.

## **HINIRUGYAW FESTIVAL**

Cabatuan, Iloilo

Hirinugyaw, a street dancing festivity participated by various agencies and non-governmental organizations in the Municipality of Cabatuan. This activity serves as the opening salvo of the 10-day celebration of the Feast of San Nicolas de Tolentino on September 1-10 of every year.

## **DARAGANG MAGAYON**

Daraga, Albay

A historical and religious celebration in honor of the town's patron saint, Our Lady of the Gate. It aims to showcase the cultural life of Daragueños. Various colorful activities are lined up for this celebration.

## **VICTORY DAY**

Kiangan, Ifugao

Annual peace commemoration of the end of the WW II.

## **TILAW SA PAGKAONG NAN SURIGAONON FOOD FESTIVAL**

Surigao City, Surigao del Norte

A sumptuous, delicious celebration of the native Surigaonon palate.

## **TUNA FESTIVAL SA GENSAN**

General Santos City

The festival is about revelry and gaiety giving back the glory to the ocean for the abundance and bounty of tuna.

## **SINAB'BADAN TRIBAL FESTIVAL**

Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur

A festival of oneness among the different tribes of the municipality showcasing indigenous art, music and dances.

## **SIPONG FESTIVAL**

Bais City, Negros Oriental

A colorful and lively mardi gras festival participated in by the different barangays, local and national offices in a choreographed street dancing.

**PADUL-ONG**

Borongan, E. Samar

Pageant relating how the Lady of Nativity became the patroness of Borongan.

**TAMBOBO FESTIVAL**

Ajuy, Iloilo

Tribe competition.

**MINULUAN FESTIVAL**

Talisay City, Negros Occidental

A three-day celebration in commemoration of the death anniversary of the city's patron saint San Nicholas de Tolentino and in connection with the city's arts and culture week celebration.

**PANAGDADAPUN FESTIVAL (ARAW NG QUIRINO)**

Cabarroguis, Quirino

The 28th Anniversary of the establishment of the civil government of Quirino

**LINGGO NG BULAKAN**

Malolos, Bulacan

A one week celebration featuring the history of Bulacan, exhibits of Bulacan products. Cooking contest, on the spot painting contest, and many others.

**PARADA NG KAKANIN / FESTIVAL OF NUESTRA SENORA DE ARANZAZU**

San Mateo, Rizal

Celebration of the foundation day of Nuestra Señora de Aranzazu, afterwhich, delicacies are given to all for free.

**BANOK-BANOK MARADJAO KARADJAO FESTIVAL (STREET PAGEANTRY)**

Surigao City, Surigao del Norte

A day-long Mardi Gras marked by street dancing festivity featuring the ethnic Mamanwa dance.

**SAYAW LAHI FESTIVAL**

Naujan, Mindoro Oriental

A festival of entertainment featuring all native dances performed on the streets by schools and barangay communities.

**BUYLOGANAY**

Ivisan, Capiz

A cultural and fiesta celebration.

**SURIGAO CITY FIESTA (SAN NICOLAS DE TOLENTINO-PATRON SAINT)**

Surigao City

Surigao City Fiesta celebration in honor of San Nicolas de Tolentino. Different activities are lined for this celebration.

### **ANNIVERSARY – BATTLE OF PULANG LUPA**

Torrijos, Marinduque

Battle won by Filipino soldiers during the Fil-Am War over the Americans.

### **ARAW NG SIQUIJOR WITH SOLILI**

Siquijor, Siquijor

Araw ng Siquijor is the province's charter day celebration with week long activities that starts on the 12th of the month

### **BISLIG CITY CHARTER DAY**

Bislig City

A week-long activities to commemorate the charter day of Bislig.

### **SIARGAO NATIONAL SURFING CUP**

Cloud 9, General Luna, Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte

Once again surfers from all over the country will converge for the National Surfing Competition. Winners will compete together with foreign surfers for the International Surfing Competition. Other activities are also lined up to make this big event more exciting and colorful.

### **INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY**

Regionwide

Coastal clean up activities in support the World Clean up Day

### **VOYADORES FESTIVAL**

Daraga, Albay

Borne on the shoulders of her male devotees and her voyage back in a fluvial procession along the Bicol River.

### **PENAFRANCIA FESTIVAL**

Naga City, Camarines Sur

A religious festival honoring the feast day of Our Lady of Peñafrancia, Patroness of the Bicol Region.

### **TALAKUDONG FESTIVAL (STREET DANCING)**

Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat

A neo-ethnic cultural spectacle show in hilarious street dancing that mainly features exhibition of "Talakudong" accompanied by exotic sound of percussion instruments.

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### **SEMANA SANG TURISMO (SILAY TOURISM WEEK)**

Silay City

A week-long celebration featuring Lakbay-Silay para sa kabataan; tourism photo exhibit; food discount in restaurants, museums, and pension houses; lecture series on environment care and tourist attractions . . .

### **PATABANG FESTIVAL**

Tapaz, Capiz

A cultural and fiesta celebration.

### **DUMALONDONG FESTIVAL (Tribal rituals)**

Salug, Esperanza, Agusan del Sur

Yearly convergence of all tribal leaders in the province highlighted with the performance of authentic tribal rituals by the tribal priests.

### **ANIHAN FESTIVAL**

Dueñas, Iloilo

The weeklong celebration is one way of thanksgiving for having a good harvest and surpassing the trials and crises during lean months.

### **TOURISM WEEK CELEBRATION**

Regionwide (Central Visayas)

In celebration of the National Tourism all four provinces composing the Central Visayas celebrate the event with the various tourism-related activities.

### **DALIT FESTIVAL**

Tangub City

The festival showcasing varied activities and presentations

### **DRUM AND BUGLE CORP COMPETITION**

Nasipit, Agusan del Norte

An annual drum and bugle corp competition participated by the different schools in the province.

### **BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF GEN. MIGUEL MALVAR**

Capitol Site, Batangas

A commemorative celebrative of birth anniversary of the last general to surrender to the Americans.

### **ANIHAN FESTIVAL**

Lobo, Batangas

The festival is a rendezvous of the people of Lobo represented by the barangays that showcase products being produced in their barangays.

### **MEGAYON FESTIVAL (Thanksgiving)**

Zamboanga del Sur

Thanksgiving festival of the Subanens of Zamboanga del Sur showcasing authentic songs, dances and food.

### **BANIGAN-KAWAYAN FESTIVAL**

Basey, Samar

Basey's favorite local product is highlighted in this wacky tribute to the native bamboo mat.

### **BALANGIGA ANNIVERSARY**

Balangiga, Eastern Samar

Commemorates the Balangiga Massacre, an event that drove a wedge between Filipino-American relations. Today, it now serves as a celebration of peace between the two nations.

### **ANGELS FESTIVAL**

San Rafael, Bulacan

A yearly street dancing festivity in various angel costume in honor of San Rafael, Bulacan's patron saint, Saint Rafael the Arch Angel. A week long festivity.

### **KASADYA STREET DANCE**

Anahaw Amphi-Theater

Street dancing competition in honor of St. Michael Archangel

## **OCTOBER**

### **LA NAVAL FESTIVAL**

October | Nationwide

A celebration in honor of the Nuestra Señora del Santisimo Rosario.

### **FIESTANG KULIAT**

October | Angeles City

A month-long celebration of the twin fiestas of Angeles City, namely La Naval and Fiestang Apu.

### **KASANGGAYAHAN FESTIVAL (PROSPERITY)**

Sorsogon, Sorsogon

It is a joyous celebration held primarily to commemorate the Foundation Anniversary of Sorsogon.



### **ZAMBOANGA HERMOSA FESTIVAL**

Zamboanga City

The "City of Flowers" celebrates its grand annual festival featuring the "vintas" (colorful native sailboats) in a fast-paced regatta, cultural and flower shows, art exhibits and trade fairs.

### **PISTA NG GUBAT**

Pandan, Antique

This event is an annual celebration of the biodiversity of Northwest Panay in the hope of increasing awareness and conservation in the Peninsula.

### **WOW DABAW**

Davao City

A major promotional activity showcasing the various tourist destinations/products of the Davao region.

### **KINILAW FESTIVAL**

Surigao City

A festival showcasing different styles in preparing a "Kinilaw" (raw fish delicacy). It also features the variety of fish, seafoods and other marine products in the locality.

### **SINANGGIYAW FESTIVAL**

Dumanju, Cebu

The name Sinanggi-yaw is taken from two old Cebuano words, Sinanggi meaning abundance of harvested agricultural products of our farmers and Sayaw meaning dance. Through street dancing and field presentation, performers shall dance merrily bringing all the Sinanggi-performance focused on three aspects: planting, harvesting and thanksgiving

### **PAGODA (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)**

Cardona, Rizal

An annual procession to ask the Lord Almighty for a bountiful and blessed lake through the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi.

### **KIDAPAWAN CITY FRUIT FESTIVAL**

Kidapawan City

An Agro-Tourism event never experienced before in the Philippines Festival. Lots of fascinating activities await every individual but the most thrilling and exciting of all is the Fruit Galore. Here, tons of exotic tropical fruits will be arranged on a make-shift table 800 meters long under the pine trees on the highway island for the public to eat free of charge

### **LA TORRE**

Cardona, Rizal

The traditional and colorful "La Torre" will come alive with its joyful poise in concert with the music of the brass bands.

### **HARANA SA MAKATI**

Makati City

A "harana" competition participated in by different highschool corale group from public and private school of Makati.

### **SIARGAO INTERNATIONAL HUMAN BODY BOARDERS SURFING CHALLENGE**

General Luna, Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte

A new water sports event in the country participated by international body boarders. This is a world series event organize by the International Bodyboarders Association.

### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

October 7 | Dipolog City

Dipolog City fiesta highlighted with religious and cultural shows.

### **BAGLUS FESTIVAL**

October 9 | Angeles City

Wide parade is participated in by representative by the different sector of Angeles City

### **TING'UDO FESTIVAL (Fruit harvest)**

Makilala, Cotabato

A celebration of bountiful fruit harvest highlighted by a fruit festival.

### **LA NAVAL FIESTA**

Angeles City

In commemoration of the Virgin of the Holy Rosary whose intercession saw the victory of the Spanish felt over the Dutch invaders.

### **BUGLASAN FESTIVAL**

Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental

This will be the time when established festivals in Negros Festivals Oriental will gather for a show down and street dancing to highlight the week-long fiesta.

### **LA NAVAL FESTIVAL**

Quezon City

A religious celebration in honor of the Nuestra Señora del Santisimo Rosario marked by a Holy mass.

### **KAPAKYANAN FESTIVAL**

Victoria, Mindoro Oriental

Kapakyanan (Abundance) Festival focuses on the bounteous harvest of fruits and crops.

### **INASAL/HALAD FESTIVAL**

Talisay City, Cebu

In celebration of the feast in honor of Sta. Teresa de Avila, the city comes alive with activities such trade fairs, nightly variety shows, civic parade and street dancing featuring city's famous products like lechon, cooking demonstration & food fair with tastiest lechon contest.

### **INUG-OG FESTIVAL**

Oroquieta City

A street parade and competition highlighting the Subanen culture with daily activities.



### **SAGINGAN FESTIVAL**

Tubod, Lanao del Norte

A celebration of thanksgiving and bounty featuring the banana.

### **PAMUGU-AN FESTIVAL**

Mansalay, Mindoro Oriental

A festive reunion of different “Mangyan” tribes.

### **ANA KALANG FESTIVAL (Agri Fair)**

Nagcarlan, Laguna

A roster-full of activities highlighting an agri-fair that exhibits the town's bountiful harvest.

### **LANZONES FESTIVAL**

Camiguin

A street dancing extravaganza featuring Camiguin's favorite fruit - the Lanzones.



### **MASSKARA FESTIVAL & BACOLOD CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION**

Bacolod City

Their biggest annual event that reflect the Bacoleños love for fun & gaiety. Coinciding with the city’s Charter Day celebration, the festival features carnivals, fairs and a mardi-gras style by costumed and masked street dancers. This is also a celebration of the founding anniversary of Bacolod City. There are programs, float parade and Masskara Festival.



### **LEYTE GULF LANDING ANNIVERSARY**

Dulag and Palo, Leyte

Commemorates the landing of Gen. Douglas MacArthur on the shores of Palo, Leyte to liberate the Philippines from the Japanese occupation.

### **CATANDUNGAN “PADAYAW” FESTIVAL**

Catanduanes

Celebration of the province’s founding anniversary, and a tribute to its founder, to

continuously remind the people of Catanduanes of the province's independence from the province of Albay. Main features: street dance – Pantomina, beauty pageant, agro-trade fair, sports events, guided tours, photo exhibits, and more.

### **PMA FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY**

Baguio City

Alumni homecoming of the country's premier Military school

### **BATTLE OF SURIGAO STRAIT**

Surigao City, Surigao del Norte

Commemoration of the anniversary of the battle of Surigao Strait during World War II.



### **IBALONG FESTIVAL (EPIC TALE OF SUPERHEROES)**

Legazpi City, Albay

A festival depicting Bicol's early beginning as portrayed by the characteristics in the epic entitled- IBALONG.

### **PHIL. NURSES CELEBRATION AND NURSES IN'L CONVENTION**

Zamboanga City

An estimated 800-1000 nurses from all over the Philippines and from abroad will convene in Zamboanga City

### **BANAYAN FESTIVAL**

Banaybanay, Davao Oriental

A thanksgiving celebration giving tribute to the town's main product.

### **SAMBUOKAN FESTIVAL**

Mati, Davao Oriental

Activities include agro-trade fair and civic military parade in Mati, capital town of Davao Oriental.

### **TIGITIGAN AT TARAKAN KENG DALAN**

Balibago, Angeles City

The celebration of Fiestang Kuliat culminates with the ever popular TIGITIGAN, TERAKAN KENG DALAN which features singing and dancing in the street.

### **ASWANG FESTIVAL**

Roxas City

A festival organized by Dugo Capiznon, Inc. determined to change the negative notion of Capiz being an Aswang haven and turn it into an advantage. The festival intends to eclipse the aswang impression with the world-class quality of Capiz' seafood products and warm captivating hospitality of the Capicenos.

### **HINUGYAW SA ANILAO**

Anilao, Iloilo

This is a celebration of the separation of Anilao from Banate, which also features various sports and cultural activities.

### **APO FIESTA**

October 31 | Angeles City

Celebration begin with several masses at the Holy Rosary parish church after which the faithful kiss the feet of the Image of the Reclining Christ.

## **NOVEMBER**

### **BANAAG FESTIVAL**

Anilao, Iloilo

A dance-drama competition using light and all its forms as a medium . This “dance of lights” is the first of its kind in the region.

### **BELEN SA MAKATI**

Makati City

Conceived in 1987, façade of buildings along the City business district particularly Ayala and Buendia Avenue are decorated by creches and complemented by locally made lanterns in celebration of Christmas on the birth of Jesus Christ.

### **PASKUHAN**

Luneta Park, Surigao City and Provincial Gym, Surigao del Norte

A month long Christmas bazaar display and activities which include: Light –up a tree, lanterns/Christmas tree making contest. Lantern parade, display of all winning entries of Lanterns and Christmas trees and Rondalla contest. Pinit sa Pasko is also held during the Misa de Galleon on the 16th to 24th of dec. Mass goes converge at the park to buy and eat Surigaonon delicacies.

### **SAN CARLOS CITY FIESTA**

San Carlos City, Negros Occidental

A three-day religious festivity honoring the patron saint, San Carlos Borromeo, featuring Pintaflores Festival, fluvial parade, processions, sports exhibitions, body painting contest and concerts.

### **NEGROS DAY**

Negros Occidental

A historical festival that commemorates the victory of the Negrenses’ bloodless revolt against the Spaniards in 1898.



### **PINTAFLORES FESTIVAL (HONORING ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO)**

San Carlos City, Negros Occidental

The emerging festival of San Carlos City, highlights the traditional fiesta celebration in honor of its patron Saint San Carlos Borromeo on the first week of November. It features street dancing by "tribes" dressed in colorful ethnic-inspired costumes, their bodies painted with flower designs reminiscent of the tattooed Visayans of the Pre Spanish Negros

### **EL CINCO DE NOVIEMBRE / KANSILAY FESTIVAL**

Bago City, Negros Occidental

November 5, 1898 will be remembered by the Negrenses as a day of bloodless revolts against the Spanish colonizers. This patriotic event is celebrated with an annual cultural festival.



### **ANGONO ARTS FESTIVAL**

Angono, Rizal

The festival aims at creating awareness and appreciation of Philippine Art and Culture; and promoting arts and culture as vital attraction for local and foreign tourists. Rizal has the potential of becoming a tourist destination particularly in the field of arts and crafts. It is known as the home of various national artists, musicians, and other equally creative artists.

### **SANDUROT FESTIVAL**

Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental

Is a joyful celebration of the people of Dumaguete, their innate hospitality, friendliness, and their propensity to live harmoniously with people of different race, religion, and cultural beliefs. Through the course of history and to the present time, the people of Dumaguete have always been known to welcome strangers from different shores and countries, and to live with them in complete peace and understanding.

### **HELOBONG FESTIVAL (T'BOLI)**

Lake Sebu, South Cotabato

One of the prettiest places in the Philippines becomes even more attractive this month, as its native residents celebrate a week-long cultural fiesta. See the T'Boli culture in its colorful best through the natives' traditional songs, dances and crafts.

### **VISAYAS-MINDANAO DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS**

Mindanao Area / Cagayan de Oro City

Drum and bugle competition from different schools / civic organizations from the Visayas and Mindanao.

### **TAW-ANAY GUGMA**

Dumalag, Capiz

A cultural and fiesta celebration.

### **KAHILWAYAN FESTIVAL/CRY OF STA. BARBARA**

Sta. Barbara, Iloilo

Anchored upon the Cry of Santa Barbara Celebration, Kahilwayan Festival is a cultural festival in a dance-drama form which is a reenactment of sort of the struggle for freedom by our very own local folks led by the heroic Gen. Martin G. Delgado. Aptly dubbed as Kahilwayan Festival, Kahilwayan being an Ilonggo/Hiligaynon word which means Freedom or Liberty, it highlights the quest of the Ilonggos to attain freedom through their fierce independent spirit.

### **LA UNION SURFING INVITATIONAL/SURFING FESTIVAL**

Urbiztondo, San Juan, La Union

An all Filipino managed surfing competition. A community based tourism activity where surfers from around the Philippines are invited to compete and have fun at one of the best surfing destinations in the country

### **P'YAGSAWITAN FESTIVAL (ECO-TOURISM)**

Maragusan, Compostela Valley

The municipality of Maragusan, Compostela Valley celebrates its foundation day with a trip to the outdoors—quite literally—as its residents highlight their hometown's ecotourism potential..

### **BAGUIO ARTS FESTIVAL**

Baguio City

An exhibit of the different artworks and art pieces of the various Cordillera artists in different art media.

### **URUKAY FESTIVAL**

Anini-y, Antique

It is inspired by a local custom whereby a wedding feast is observed no matter how poor or humble the bride and groom are in this celebration, there is much fun and good natured teasing.

### **INILUSAN**

Mambusao, Capiz

A cultural and fiesta celebration

### **LAPU-LAPU CITY FIESTA**

Lapu-lapu City, Cebu

Join in colorful rites to honor the Virgin of the Rule, patron of Lapu-lapu City.

## **KALIMUDAN FESTIVAL (TRIBAL FIESTA)**

Isulan, Sultan Kudarat

It is another tribal fiesta down in Mindanao, with just about every major ethnic group joining in the fun. Cultural sharing is the theme here, its message clearly displayed in the timeless songs and dances of these native folks. One need not be a Manobo, Tiruray or T'boli to take part in the fun—all you need are the right clothes, the right moves, and a genuine desire to go totally tribal!

## **CORDILLERA FESTIVAL**

Baguio City

A showcase of the various tribal dances, rituals and songs of the Cordilleras.

## **HIGANTES FESTIVAL**

Angono, Rizal

A fiesta of "gigantic" proportions highlighted by a grand procession of 10-foot high papier mache puppets, surrounded by a crowd of drenched, water-fighting revelers.



## **BENGUET FOUNDATION DAY**

Benguet

The Ethnic Igorots make their presence felt once again in Benguet as they hold a grand canao (the local word for "party") at the Benguet provincial capital grounds. Ritual sacrifices are made, followed by a series of chants and prayers made in the native language. Tribal performances come next. No touristy stuff here, just a healthy dose of traditional Cordillera culture.

## **QUEEN CITY INTERNATIONAL RUN**

Cebu

More fun and funky than Olympic in effort. Runners from all over the world join the 13-kilometer marathon. A \$1000 prize awaits the first to cross the finish line.

## **KABKABAN FESTIVAL**

Carcar, Cebu

The festival is not just a religious fanfare in honor of the town's patroness, St. Catherine of Alexandria, but a cultural catalogue of the town's historical periods and industry like shoemaking, as well as their arts that is showcased through street dancing and parade

## **BAGUIO TOSSED SALAD FESTIVAL 2005**

Baguio City

A record breaking attempt to showcase the heaviest tossed salad and served to the public

## **FEAST OF SANTA CATALINA**

Mansalay, Mindoro, Oriental

Palarong Lahi, an array of games very native to Mindoreños and Filipino, joined in by all games

enthusiasts.

### **PANANGEDAYEW**

Dagupan City

Panangedayew, Pangasinan word meaning to uplift. Activities include garden show beside the Dagupan Astrodome, trade fair of Pangasinan's pride like Bonuan bangus, bagoong, peanut brittle, quilted products, housewares and locally made Christmas decors.

### **ANNUAL PINATUBO TREK (A MARCH TO PEACE TRANQUILITY)**

Brgy. Sta Juliana, Capas Tarlac

An annual event to commemorate the world-famous eruption of Mt. Pinatubo heralded the world over as the biggest and geologic upheaval of the 20th century.

## **DECEMBER**



### **KAMUNDAGAN FESTIVAL**

Naga City

Bustling Naga City becomes doubly busy this month as it celebrates Christmas along with its charter anniversary day. Except the residents of this community to play, pray and party with an extended schedule of cultural shows, trade fairs and civic parades. Not to be missed: the “kiri-kiri” and “pastores” performances, both unique showcases of traditional Bicolano culture.

### **PASKO SA SUGBU**

Cebu

Christmas in Cebu is celebrated with songs, gifts, twinkling lights—and a month-long program of yuletide events. Check out the nightly cultural shows for taste of the season, Cebuano-style. There's also the various parol, Christmas tree and “daygon” competitions, participated in by students from the city's numerous schools.

### **CHRISTMAS IN BAGUIO**

Baguio City

Mardi Gras, fireworks, lantern and decor contest

### **LITTLE AND GIANT CHRISTMAS TREES AT THE PLAZA**

San Carlos City, Negros Occidental

A display of brightly illuminated Christmas Trees around the public plaza where one can see varied interesting and unique designs and colors depicting the ingenuity of the people.

### **BELEN MAKING CONTEST**

Plaza, Bago City, Negros Occidental

An annual event conducted by the City Government of Bago through the Tourism Affairs Office. This contest aims to develop creativity and ingenuity of Bagonhon artists.

### **NEGROS ANNUAL CULTURAL TOUR**

Silay/Bacolod City

A tour of Bacolod, Silay, Bago & neighboring areas showcasing Negros history & culture, arts and attractions.

### **GALICAYO FESTIVAL**

Manaoag, Pangasinan

A province-wide cultural and religious celebration in honor of Pangasinan's patroness

### **RIMAT TI AMIANAN**

San Fernando City, La Union

Treasures of the North on display. Glimmering artistry, creativity & ingenuity of Ilocanos & Pangasinense displayed in products and crafts. Glittering colors of culture & life spelled out in traditional songs and dances. Glowing charm of man-made markers complement the inviting beauty of nature flaunted in landscaping exhibits

### **SINUKWAN FESTIVAL**

San Fernando, Pampanga

The sinukwan Festival heralds the unique culture and distinct beliefs of the Kapampangans through a colorful street dancing parade

### **HUGYAWAN DALANSAYAW**

Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental

Hugyawan means "merrymaking and is the main concept of the celebration and presentation of the street dancing contingents, whose members come from all parts of the province

### **CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

Opol, Misamis Oriental

A monthlong festival of lights and christmas decors usually made of indigenous materials; participated by local offices, schools, private organizations and religious sector with colorful streetlight decors as one of the major attractions for the season.

### **CHRISTMAS SYMBOLS**

Naawan. Misamis Oriental

Giant Christmas Symbol contest participated by NGO's, academe and private organizations at the main plaza of the Municipality of Naawan

### **PASIGAHAN SA BALINGASAG**

Balingasag, Misamis Oriental

A Christmas décor contest usually participated by different barangay and zones, eith fully decorated and lighted streets as its major attractions for the month of December and early part of January.

### **BELEN IN A TREE**

Iponan, Cagayan de Oro City

Barangay Iponan version of celebrating Christmas with street decors and Belen contest in a fully lighted tree as its major attraction.

### **CAROLING AND BELEN CONTEST**

Cagayan de Oro

Cagayan de Oro merriest time when the 80 barangay's prepare their entries for the biggest and most colorful Christmas Tree & Belen. This event is also complimented with Caroling Contest participated by schools, academe, religious group and NGO's & supported by private sector.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE/CHRISTMAS SYMBOL CONTEST**

Cagayan de Oro

Provincial Capitol celebrating Christmas with huge Christmas tree Contest participated by various departments Entire are usually indigenous and recycled materials complemented with colorful and stylish Christmas lights.

### **CHRISTMAS AT GINGOOG CITY**

Gingoog City

Gingoog City celebrate Christmas with Belen and most colorful Christmas Arch Competition. The event is usually participated by local barangays, schools and private institutions.

### **LIGHT UP BUTUAN FOR CHRISTMAS**

Butuan City

A festival of lights done during Christmas season among urban and highway barangays of the city including private and government establishments.

### **MINE SAFETY WEEK**

Baguio City

A competition among country's mining industry on safety activities.

### **LUGLUGAN - PANCIT MALABON FESTIVAL**

Malabon City

to commemorate the feast of Immaculate Concepcion, Malabon's patron saint.

### **KALAMAY FESTIVAL**

San Enrique, Iloilo

This festival revolves around the culture, tradition, lifestyle and livelihood of the which is the sugar industry and its eco-tourism potentials. The festival features a dance-drama depicting the flourishing sugar (kalamay) industry in San Enrique.

### **SINADYA SA HALARA FESTIVAL (THANKSGIVING)**

Roxas City, Capiz

It means "joy in sharing and thanksgiving" in the local dialect. Previously celebrated as two separate events, the Sinadya and the Halaran now take center stage on the first weekend of December. There's a lot to share and be thankful for, say the Roxas cityfolk, and its all in this special occasion- there's a "Diana" fireworks display, a sumptuous foodfest and a grand dance festival.

### **PASKUHAN SA MARAYKIT**

San Juan, Batangas

A traditional celebration of yuletide season at Maraykit.

### **YUGYUGAN FESTIVAL**

December 3- December 12 | Pagsanjan, Laguna

The festival features the history and culture of Pagsanjan through music and dance performed by students in Pagsanjan

### **CHRISTMAS SYMBOLS FESTIVAL**

Tangub City

Display of different indigenous Christmas symbols; a most spectacular display of Christmas lights and decors including a Christmas Carol Contest.

### **KARISYOHAN HAN PASKO HA PALO**

Palo, Leyte

A festival to preserve the beautiful old-fashioned Filipino traditions of celebrating Christmas.

### **PAGODA AND CARACOL (FLUVIAL PARADE)**

Malabon City

The yearly celebrations in the honor of the patroness

### **REHIYON-REHIYON**

Marikina City

A program initiated by former mayor Bayani "BF" Fernando, with a purpose of reviving the tie that binds the clans.

### **SINADYA SA HALARAN**

Roxas City

Sinadya sa Halaran literally means "Joy in Sharing & Thanksgiving", fused two major festivals of Capiz-Sinadya and Halaran which were previously celebrated separately

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DAY**

Cotabato City

Catholics in Cotabato City celebrate the Immaculate Conception Day with a generous helping of pomp, pageantry and prayer. A grand civic-military parade highlights the festivities, complemented by cultural shows, sports competitions, and of course, lots of religious activities.



### **FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Puerto Princesa City

It is a religious festival with a dose of good-natured, fun-loving Palaweno sensibilities. Check out the nightly cultural presentations by different villagers, culminating in a grand fluvial parade along Puerto Princesa bay.

### **FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPCION**

Puerto Princesa City

A grand celebration of the city's patroness highlighted by a fluvial parade or Caracol along Puerto Princesa Bay

### **SAN TEODORO DAY AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FEAST**

San Teodoro, Mindoro Oriental

Tayakad dancing event: Stilts masters systematically march and sway with the music to the delight of the audience; a funny and very entertaining event to see.

### **COCO FESTIVAL**

San Teodoro, Mindoro Oriental

A religious festival honoring the Immaculate Conception. It features activities such as street dancing, parade of floats, etc., centered on the town's agricultural bounty: Coconut.

### **FLUVIAL PROCESSION AT TAAL**

Taal, Batangas

Two-day celebration of Taal fiesta. Residents convene at the riverbanks where bancas are anchored.

### **TAG-ANITOHAN**

Tudela, Camotes Island, Cebu

The festival is a street dancing and ritual contest participated by the community. It is history retold of the richness of the town's origin from immortals to the time of the Christianization until it was separated from its mother town of Poro in the year 1911

### **PASCOCOWAYAN**

Isabela City

Christmas carol contest, Christmas light competitions and trade fairs are among the activities.

### **BONGGAHAN SA VALENCIA**

Valencia City, Bukidnon

Display of giant lighted figure in the plaza.

### **PAMPANGA DAY**

San Fernando, Pampanga

The people of the Province of Pampanga celebrate the official founding date of Pampanga as the first province of Luzon on December 11, 1571

### **PASKONG HIMIG SA LUNGSOD NG PASIG**

Pasig City

A yearly Song and Coral Competition featuring Christmas songs and carols.

### **COFFEE FESTIVAL**

Lipa City, Batangas

The coffee festival was conceived to showcase the long reign of Lipa as the coffee granary of the Philippines

### **KASADYAAN FESTIVAL (MARDI GRAS)**

Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental

Initiated by Foundation University to add color to the local community's Christmas season. The fifty year old tradition is the longest established festival in negros Oriental. The celebration of merriment includes filed presentation, beauty pagents and frolics and culminates in Kasadyaan mardi gras.

### **PARAYAN FESTIVAL**

Pototan, Iloilo

Agro-industrial fair

### **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS & MUSIC**

La Carlota City

Featured in this festival are lighted trees in the park and private and public buildings. This also showcases various churches and school choirs in the nightly "Christmas Extravaganza and Concert in the Park".

### **KANYONG KAWAYAN FESTIVAL**

Kidapawan City, North Cotabato

A unique activity to discourage the use of dangerous pyrotechnics during the yuletide season. A citywide contest features the firing of bamboo canons using empty milk cans as projectiles.

### **SAN FERNANDO GIANT LANTERN FESTIVAL**

San Fernando, Pampanga

Giant lanterns of participating barangays measuring from 14 feet to 18 feet in diameter in multi-colored designs and patterns thrill and delight the spectator with their kaleidoscopic patterns of light danced to the music of accompanying bands.

### **BOD-BOD FESTIVAL**

Tanjay City, Negros Oriental

The festival gives emphasis to this native delicacy made of glutinous rice, coconut milk, sugar and salt. It features the Biggest Bod-bod that would weigh as much as eighty kilos and requires ten persons to prepare the delicacy, and the Smallest Bod-bod that would come served inside a matchbox

### **LANTERN FESTIVAL**

Bacolod City

Annual Lantern Festival and participated in by 61 barangays in Bacolod City.

### **SHARIFF KABUNSUAN (ISLAM)**

Cotabato City / Maguindanao

The grandest festival commemorating the arrival of Shariff Kabunsuan, an Arab Malay missionary from Johore, Malay Peninsula to bring Islam in Mainland Mindanao.

### **PANTATAN FESTIVAL**

Zarraga, Iloilo

The main purpose of this festival is to promote the town of Zarraga as one of the major producers and trading center of "pantat" in Panay Island. Among the festival activities are the ff: Grand Parade & Street Dancing, Pantat Cooking Contest, Search for Lin-ay sang

Zarraga and many more.

### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTING**

Santa Barbara, Iloilo

Christmas for every Barbaranhon is a time for homecoming and family reunions. As a gesture of welcome, the Municipal Government launched a Christmas Lighting program

### **PASKUA SILAYNON**

Silay City

16-day celebration filled with thanksgiving and Christmas rituals

### **IWAG CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FESTIVAL**

Pototan, Iloilo

A kaleidoscope of multicolored lights in a 6 ha. Plaza with dancing fountain and food festival.



### **MISA DE GALLO**

Nationwide

Misa de Gallo is a Filipino yuletide tradition that starts on the 16th of December and culminates in a midnight mass on Christmas Eve. Roman Catholics attend the daily mass at three or four in the morning. Upon exiting the church, the hungry is enticed by the sight and smell of puto bumbong and bibingka (native delicacies made of sticky and glutinous rice sold nearby).

### **PASKUHAN SA DUMAGUETE**

Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental

Dumaguete observes Christmas with that patented flavor of Negros Oriental. Expect the city streets to be lit up with millions of light bulbs, complemented by delicate ornaments made from handwoven sinamay fabric. Still not impressed? Check out the numerous art and craft exhibits and garden shows. There's also a food festival and a grand choral presentations, held, of course, in the glowing spirit of the season.

### **CLARK NIGHT MARKET/BAZAAR**

Bayanihan Park, Clark Special Economic Zone, Pampanga

The Night Market/Bazaar is a year-end activity that provides a venue for wholesaler and retailers of food, non-food and other novelty items to sell their goods at a lower price as compared to regular stores.

### **PASKO SA DAPITAN**

Dapitan City

Exciting celebration of Christmas through spectacular & elaborate sights of Christmas symbols and sounds at the City Proper.

### **PASKO SA DIPOLOG**

Dipolog City

Nightly variety shows and display of Christmas decors and lights at the City Plaza.

### **PASKUHAN**

Region wide (all Region 11 provinces)

Christmas presentation/activities such as “Pag-ilaw sa Dabaw”, Lantern Contests, dance and choral competition.

### **PASCUA NA ZAMBOANGA**

Zamboanga City

Lighting of giant Christmas tree. Most lighted barangay, best belen and the best Christmas tree competition are among the different activities.



### **PASTORES BICOL**

Legazpi City

Caroling, Bicol-style. The Pastores is a musical re-enactment of the age-old nativity story. Colorful costumes are worn by singers, in honor of the biblical shepherds who sang the first Christmas carols. The performance is done with an entourage of traditional musikers, lots of dancing, and a generous dose of Christmas cheer.

### **PALUPOK BAYONG FESTIVAL**

Bgy. Cabugao Norte, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo

A revival of an old tradition in celebrating the New Year by making loud sounds through bamboo cannons (bayong).

### **TULTUGAN FESTIVAL**

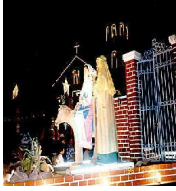
Maasin, Iloilo

Tultugan is the Hiligaynon and Kiniray-a word for the indigenous bamboo drum. It is the emerging festival of the province and the region.

### **CHRISTMAS FOOD STREET FESTIVAL**

Cebu City

Spearheaded by the Hotel, Resort and Restaurant Association of Cebu (HRRAC). For this year, the event features the Food Stalls, Midnight Market, Big Screen Movies, Christmas Carols/Concerts and Lantern Competition. Likewise, food and handicraft demonstration by certain personalities will be showcased for the public.



### **MAYTINIS FESTIVAL (GRAND CELEBRATION)**

Kawit, Cavite

A well-loved Caviteño tradition, the Maytinis is a dramatic retelling of St. Joseph's and Virgin Mary's search in Bethlehem for a place to stay. They found not a room, of course, but a stable where Christ was eventually born. Much rejoicing erupts as the play ends, culminating in a lively parade down the street of Kawit. It is a uniquely Filipino translation of this ancient biblical episode.

### **KANYON-KANYON FESTIVAL (PATUNOG-TUNOG KANYON SA NEW YEAR)**

Bgy. Cabugao Norte, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo

A revival of an old tradition. This is the residents' own way of celebrating the New Year by making loud sounds through bamboo "kanyons".

### **PASIDUNGOG**

San Miguel, Iloilo

Conceived not only to promote our local culture, history and tourism but also to showcase what San Miguel can offer as an agricultural community through an agricultural fair.

### **PUTO FESTIVAL**

Calasiao, Pangasinan

Celebration of the town's major produce, rice cake (puto).

### **PAWIL DAGUPAN**

Dagupan City

Part of City Fiesta celebration honoring Dagupeños living abroad to celebrate Christmas season with their relatives and friends thru colorful parade and dances.

### **KALIUGYON FESTIVAL**

Libacao, Aklan

Kaliugyon means, kali for kalye or streets and ugyon for unity or union in the streets. Libacaonons go out for a wild revelry of merrymaking to celebrate the coming of the New Year.

### **NIÑOS INOSENTES DAY OR YAWA-YAWA FESTIVAL**

Ibajay, Aklan

It is participated by 2-3 barangays wherein they dress in scary costumes and they go from house to house asking for Christmas gifts and goodies.

### **TULTUGAN FESTIVAL (DRUM & BAMBOO)**

Maasin, Iloilo

Tultugan is the Hiligaynon and Kiniray-a word for the indigenous bamboo drum. It is the emerging festival of the province and the region.

## **HORSE FESTIVAL**

Plaridel, Bulacan

A herd of horses with colorful tilburies parading in the streets of Plaridel in reverence to St. Apostle. It is held every 29th and 30th of December.

## **RIZAL'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY**

Dapitan City

Declared a national holiday, and Dapitan City which served as Dr. Jose Rizal's home for 4 years in exile, highlights of this occasion with activities focusing on Rizal, including lectures on his life, works and ideas by known speakers.

## **RIZAL DAY COMMEMORATION**

Silay City Plaza

The day opens with a solemn holy sacrifice of the mass at San Diego Pro-Cathedral to remember the death of a martyr and hero.

## **PAKALOG SA PASIG**

Pasig City

People contribute and lay out a feast on the main street of the barangay and everybody partakes of it.

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