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The Philippines' capital is one of Asia's best-kept secrets. The capital of the Orient's only catholic country seems somehow out of place, vibrant with Latin American and Caribbean undertones. Music and dancing are everywhere, and the smiles and laughter rival Bangkok's in their warmth and enthusiasm. Manila's rich history, shaped by Spanish religion and American consumerism, has led to the saying that the city spent "400 years in a convent and 50 in Hollywood." This blend of diverse cultural influences has resulted in a city of extremes that is sure to pleasantly surprise any unsuspecting traveller.

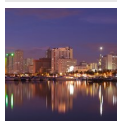


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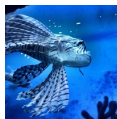
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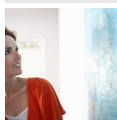
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THE CITY



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Metro Manila is an urban sprawl that has swallowed up 11 cities and five towns in the past two centuries. It's a place of opposites: old and new wealth and poverty grandiosity and decay. Smog, traffic jams and a general air of decay make a less than favourable first impression, but just beneath the surface lies a fascinating and pulsating place to enjoy. Filipinos call it "The City of Our Affections" where the people's love affairs with fashion, music, entertainment and sheer fun are on bright and beautiful display.

By day, the original, medieval walled city of Intramuros delights with its history and elegant Latin architecture. By night - and it can be a very long night - the bright lights of Ermita and Makati beckon with jazz pubs, clubs, karaoke lounges, 24-hour diners and trendy bars. The Filipino people's zest for life, natural friendliness and ease with the English language make them the perfect hosts, always ready to invite you to their daily party. This is a fun city where your shoulders loosen in relaxation and only the muscles you use to smile are seriously stressed.

DO & SEE



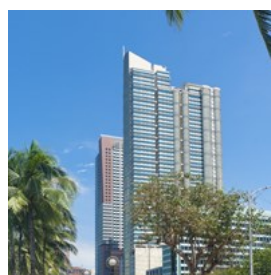
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Manila's colourful history has bequeathed an interesting range of attractions to keep the energetic sightseer busy for several days. There are plenty of historical sites to admire and museums where you can learn more about the city and its culture.

Take a stroll along the Roxas Boulevard and witness the famous Manila sunset after exploring the UNESCO World Heritage-listed San Agustin Church and one of the oldest churches in Manila, the Manila Cathedral. And don't forget the stunning nature the city has on offer like the beautiful Taal Volcano with a breath-taking view or take a guided tour to the a small rocky island of Corregidor.

For sure, there are plenty to explore including shiny gems in a city with a bustling, sprawling and unique atmosphere. The cosmopolitan city of Manila is Asia's best-kept secret and it is just waiting to get explored.

Roxas Boulevard



The 10 km long Roxas Boulevard is a popular waterfront promenade on Manila Bay and famous for its beautiful sunsets and its well-lined stretch

of coconut trees. The area is not only a good place to take walk, but also where to find restaurants, parks, and government buildings including a huge shopping mall.

Photo: hans engbers/Shutterstock.com

Address: Roxas Boulevard, Manila

More Info: Be aware, traffic can be heavy in peak times.

Fort Santiago



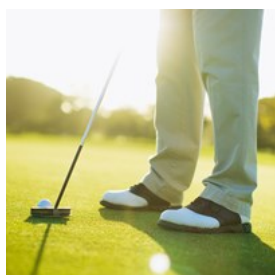
This Spanish fortress, with cannons trained on the sea to deter pirates and invaders, is more than striking medieval architecture. It is also the "Shrine of Freedom," to Filipinos tortured and killed here during the Spanish and Japanese eras. It is now a park with a resident theatre company for traditional and modern plays.

Photo: Jon Bilous/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gen Luna Street, Manila

Phone: +63 2 527 1572

Club Intramuros Golf Course



Club Intramuros Golf Course is an amazing, but somewhat short, 18-hole course in the heart of the city and surrounding Fort Santiago. You can

completed the course in less than two hours.

Enjoy a good game while admiring the excellent scenery and if the hunger kicks in, there is a restaurant in the area.

Photo: Nicolesa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bonifacio Drive, Intramuros, Manila

Opening hours: Daily 06:00-14:30

Phone: +63 2 527 6613

Internet:

www.golfingphilippines.com/GOLFclubintramuros.shtml

Email: cigreservations@yahoo.com

Rizal Park



Located along the famous Roxas Boulevard, this oasis of green features the 19th-century national hero, Jose Rizal. Rizal Park is a great place to relax and here you will find beautiful gardens, historical markers, an open-air concert hall, playgrounds and restaurants.

Photo: aldarinho/Shutterstock.com

Address: Roxas Blvd Ermita, Barangay 666 Zone 72, Manila, 1000 Metro Manila, Philippines

Manila Cathedral



The sixth cathedral on Intramuros site since 1571, was completed in the 1950s. Outstanding sculpture and artwork from Europe and Asia including coloured windows. It is a beautiful church and one of the oldest in Manila and it truly has a peaceful atmosphere.

Photo: saiko3p/Shutterstock.com

Address: Santo Tomas, Intramuros, Manila, 1002 Metro Manila, Philippines

Phone: +63 2 527 3093

Internet: www.manilacathedral.ph

Email: mlacathedral@yahoo.com

More Info: Intramuros

San Agustin Church



The oldest surviving church in the Philippines completed in 1604 was the only building intact in Intramuros after the battles of World War II.

San Agustin Church, originally known as "inglesia de San Pablo" is a Roman Catholic

Church. Check out the large collection of historic artefacts presented here and don't forget this is a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

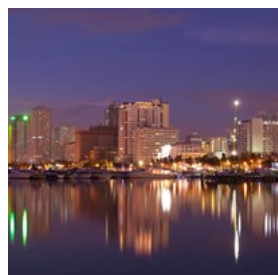
Photo: Jomar Aplaon/Shutterstock.com

Address: General Luna Street, Manila, Philippines

Phone: +63 2 527 2746

More Info: Intramuros

The Manila Hotel



One of Asia's greatest hotels and a Philippine landmark built in 1909.

The Manila Hotel is a five star hotel and has played a pivotal role in the

nation's history, and was US General MacArthur's headquarters in World War II. The hotel is located along the Manila Bay.

Photo: Jomar Aplaon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Rizal Park, Roxas Boulevard, Manila

Phone: +63 2 527 0011

Internet: www.manila-hotel.com.ph

Email: reception@themanilahotel.com

National Museum Of The Philippines



Enjoy the Filipino people's cultural and historical treasures from the 17th century and onwards. The museum consist of two buildings,

one housing most of the paintings and one that features Filipino artefacts. You can easily spend a few hours here and it is truly a good place to learn about the country's culture and history. Don't miss out the "The Story of the Filipino People" movie and the largest painting in the Philippines (4.22 meters x 7.675 meters), called the Spoliarium by Juan Luna.

Photo: Elmer B. Domingo/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: Padre Burgos Drive, Manila

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00-17:00

Phone: +63 2 527 1215

Internet: www.nationalmuseum.gov.ph

Email: culturalprop@nationalmuseum.gov.ph

Corregidor Island



Corregidor is a small rocky island with a location about 48 kilometres west of Manila. Because of its strategic location, the

island was defending the entrance of Manila city. Today it stands as a memorial for those fighting against the invasion of the Japanese during World War II. There are tours to this historical site with Sun Cruises.

Photo: yeowatzup/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Corregidor Island, Manila

Phone: +632 834 6857

Internet: www.corregidorphilippines.com

Email: suncruises@magsaysay.com.ph

Taal Volcano



For a breath-taking view, head over to this beautiful volcano. The volcano is located about 70 kilometers south of Manila on the "volcano

island" and surrounded by a lake called Taal Lake, or Lake Taal. Called as the smallest active volcano, but in fact, this is one of the largest volcanoes in the world. This is a very popular tourist attraction and for sure deserves a visit.

Photo: Sthaporn Kamlanghan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tagaytay, Manila

Internet: www.taalvolcano.org

Email: laketaal@filipinotravel.com.ph

Bahay Tsinoy



Bahay Tsinoy display wide selections of pictures and artefacts that explain the history and cultural heritage of Filipino and the Chinese society in the Philippines. This museum will give you a better understanding about Filipino-Chinese community from the first migrants, to the colonial period and to the present time.

Photo: Ramon FVelasquez/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: Cabildo Streets, Manila

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday: 13:00-17:00

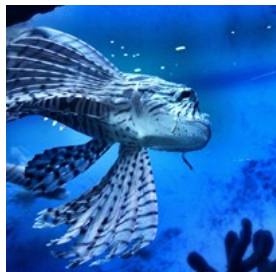
Phone: +63 2 527 6083

Internet: www.bahaytsinoy.org

Email: info@bahaytsinoy.org

More Info: 32 Anda Corner Cabildo Streets

Manila Ocean Park



Manila Ocean Park is the ultimate attraction for individuals, couples, groups and families who are seeking for marina life adventure. Here you can visit the penguin park, admire 5,000 marine creatures or get closer to the sharks in the safety of a metal cage. Other attractions you should not miss are the jellyfish exhibit or why not discover the underwater world as you navigate in a glass bottom boat.

This park is a very popular tourist attraction and it is located right in the city centre.

Photo: jelynnC/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Manila Ocean Park, Manilla

Opening hours: Open all year round

Phone: +63 2 567 7777

Internet: www.manilaoceanpark.com

Email: inquiry@manilaoceanpark.com

More Info: Behind Quirino Grandstand

City Tour With A Segway



Take a fun and an exciting tour around the city on the electric chariot (Chinese copy of a segway). The tour starts with an introduction on how to ride the chariot. This is a great way to explore Manila and to learn about its history.

Photo: Labrador Photo Video/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1232 United Nations Ave. Manila

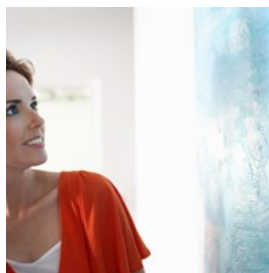
Phone: +632 523 1856

Internet: www.segway.com.ph

Email: segwayphil@gmail.com

More Info: Also located at the Club Intramuros Golf Course.

Metropolitan Museum Of Art



If you like art, you have come to the right place. Metropolitan Museum of Art is full of cultural treasures, artifacts and pre-colonial, modern and contemporary Philippine art. When the hunger kicks in, there is a café inside where you can have a drink or eat some food.

Photo: bikeriderlondon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Roxas Boulevard, Manila

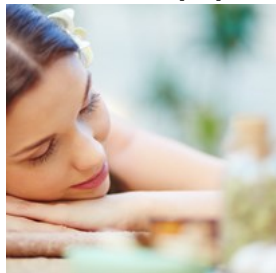
Opening hours: Monday to Saturday: 10:00-17:30

Phone: +63 2 708 7828

Internet: www.metmuseum.ph

Email: info@metmuseum.ph

Manila Luxury Spa



Pamper yourself with a spa treatment at this beautiful spa. It offers a tranquil retreat where you can relax and escape from the daily stress. This

modern spa provides treatments such as sea salt body scrub, warm stone massage, golden caviar facial and much more.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1226 Makati, City Metro, Manila

Opening hours: Daily 07:00-22:00

Phone: +63 2 887 2888

Internet: manila.peninsula.com/en/spa-wellness/luxury-spa

Email: spapmn@peninsula.com

More Info: The Peninsula Hotel - Corner of Ayala and Makati Avenues

DINING



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Few would claim Philippine food was among Asia's best. However, Filipinos love food, especially a long lunch, eaten with their hands off a banana leaf. Manila is one of the most affordable places to enjoy Thai, Chinese, Japanese, French, and Italian food to international standards. Excellent service and beautiful settings make Manila a happy place to wine and dine.

So here are the top restaurants in Manila, Philippines:

Via Mare



Via Mare has great views and even better fresh seafood, including an oyster bar. This is a must for oyster lovers! There are several locations

across the city, the first outlet opened in 1982, and over the years, Via Mare has become one of Manila's most celebrated seafood restaurants.

Photo: Natthawon Chaosakun/Shutterstock.com

Address: Greenbelt 1, Paseo de Roxas, Makati, Metro Manila

Opening hours: Daily 9am-9:30pm

Phone: +63 2 8815 1918

Internet: <https://viamare.com.ph>

Email: info@viamare.com.ph

Sala



Enjoy sumptuous modern Italian / European cuisine and excellent wine list at Sala. This intimate restaurant with a modern and sophisticated

ambiance serves some of the finest European food dishes in the city and the essence lies on the quality and freshness of every ingredients.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6752 Ayala Avenue, Manila

Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 11:00-14:00 (Lunch)

Monday to Sunday: 18:00-23:00 (Dinner)

Phone: +632 750 1555 / +632 893 0242

Internet: www.salarestaurant.com

Email: info@salarestaurant.com

More Info: Podium Level, LV Locsin Building, Corner Makati Avenue

Le Petit Soufflé



Being one of the popular French restaurant in Manila, it dedicates well known French Japanese cuisines in a relax and cosy ambiance. People are here to try their classic desserts as well as enjoying their nice services.

Photo: Piti Tan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Century City Mall, Kalayaan Avenue, Poblacion Makati, Manila

Opening hours: Monday to Thursday : 11:00-21:00. Friday to Saturday: 10:00-22:00. Sunday: 10:00-21:00

Phone: +63 917 841 8032

Email: lepetitsouffleph@gmail.com

Casa Armas Tapas Bar Y Restaurante



Looking for some Spanish cuisines in Manila? Order your reservations online and try the fascinating Spain's regional dishes here. With a large variety of choices in their menu, you will definitely find something that will suit your taste, or why not try their signature dish : Paella Valenciana.?

Photo: bernatets photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Location G/F Greenbelt 2, Esperanza Street, Ayala Center, Makati City, Manila

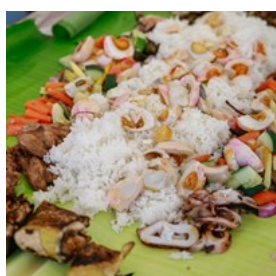
Opening hours: Monday to Thursday, Sunday: 11:00-21:00

Friday to Saturday: 11:00-22:00

Internet: www.casaarmas.com.ph

Email: support@wheretoeat-philippines.com

Trellis



Best service when it comes to authentic Filipino cuisine for affordable prices. Food that is prepared according to a family

recipe that has been passed down through several generations. With its high popularity among locals, Trellis provides local signature cuisines, like "sisig" and "burong hipon" for you to enjoy in a joyful and casual environment.

Photo: ARTRAN/Shutterstock.com

Address: 40 Matalino St, Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila

Phone: +63 2 924 1057

Email: trellisrestaurant@yahoo.com

Harbor View Restaurant



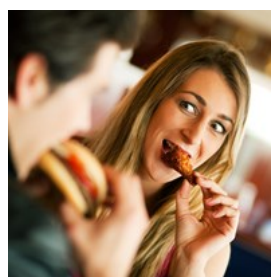
This restaurant has been in the business for more than 18 years and due to its location on Manila Bay, it offers an amazing harbour view. The menu has a very wide variety of Filipino favourites. House specialties are seafood cooked in chili and deep fried shrimps.

Photo: fotorich01/Shutterstock.com

Address: South Dr, Ermita, Manila

Phone: +63 2 710 0060

G Point Smörgåsbord & Bar



At this restaurant, you can enjoy a large 'all you can eat' buffet (called smörgåsbord in Swedish) with various Swedish, European and Filipino food. You should come here with an empty stomach and be ready to dig into the yummy food. Also serving pizza, steaks and vegetarian food.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 510 Padre Faura, Manila

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday: 11:00-15:00. Sunday: 13:00-03:00

Phone: +63 2 302 2174

Internet: www.gpointbar.com

Email: view@gpoint.manila

Casa Roces



At this hidden gem, you can eat Filipino and Spanish cuisine in a sophisticated but yet a casual ambience. Casa Roces is a stylish

restaurant and best described as 'classic-meets-contemporary'. On the menu, you will find fish, pasta and meat dishes, which are well presented.

Photo: [Kzenon/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: 1153 Jose P. Laurel Street, Manila

Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 08:00-22:00, Saturday to Sunday: 10:00-22:00.

Phone: +63 2 488 1929

Internet: www.casaroces.com

Email: casaroces@cravingsgroup.com

More Info: 1153 JP Laurel Corner Aguado Street San Miguel

Banana Leaf



Banana Leaf is a multi-awarded international restaurant chain serving delights of modern Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai,

Indian, Vietnamese, and Indonesian cuisine. At this restaurant, they present the food on a banana leaf, hence its name. The highly skilled master chefs ensure that every dish is made with perfection and high quality.

Photo: [Shebeko/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Greenbelt 3, Paseo de Roxas cor. Legaspi St., Ayala Center, Makati, 1226 Metro Manila

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-9pm

Phone: +63 2 729 3333

Nobu Manila



Nobu is a well-known restaurant chain with location across the world and one is at the Nobu Hotel Manila. From the menu, you can pick

innovative Japanese cuisine cooked to perfection by the expert chefs. It attracts a hip crowd and celebrities. Signature dishes includes black cod miso and lobster with wasabi pepper sauce as well as sushi.

Photo: [Mateusz Gzik/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Aseana Boulevard, Manila

Opening hours: Monday to Friday: Breakfast 06:00-10:00.

Saturday to Sunday: Breakfast 06:00-11:00. Monday to

Thursday: Dinner: 18:00-22:00, Bar 17:00-22:00. Friday to

Sunday: Dinner 18:00-23:00, Bar: 17:00-23:00

Phone: +632 691 2882

Internet: www.noburestaurants.com/manila

Email: manila@noburestaurants.com

More Info: Nobu Hotel Manila, Aseana Boulevard Corner Macapagal Avenue Brgy. Tambo, Paranaque

The Aristocrat



Another chain of restaurants, Aristocrat is famous for its chicken barbecue with Java rice among other Filipino comfort food like

kare-kare (Filipino stew) and crispy pata (crispy deep-fried pork leg). This Filipino-owned family corporation has a reputation as "The Philippines' Most Popular Restaurant" and has become a landmark that inspired the development of the restaurant industry within the country.

Photo: [KucherAV/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: 423 San Andres Street Malate, Manila

Phone: +63 2 524 7671

Internet: www.aristocrat.com.ph

Email: aristocratmarketing@ymail.com

Bistro Remedios



Experience great country cooking in a chic bistro setting at Bistro Remedios. It is the best dining experience foreign guests should try if they are looking for local home cooking. The restaurant also has a trio who serenades clients with Tagalog and regional songs. For those who prefer private dining, Bistro Remedios has function rooms that can accommodate 12 to 50 persons. Bistro Remedios is located at the Remedios Circle in Malate, Manila.

Photo: Wasant/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1911 M. Adriatico Street, Manila
Phone: +63 2 523 9153
Internet: ljcrestaurants.com.ph
More Info: Remedios Circle, Malate

CAFES



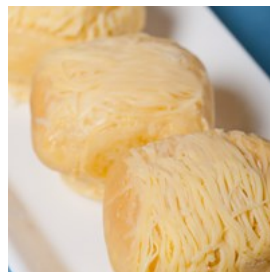
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The coffee culture in Manila is continuously growing and evidently, there is a wide variety of local cafes, including big international chains to choose from where the baristas are passionate about their coffee. Whether you like your coffee hot or iced, strong or mild, black or flavoured, you will for sure find a place where to tickle your taste buds. When the craving for something sweet kicks in, do not worry, there are plenty of desserts and pastries to pair with your coffee or

tea.

Here are some the best cafes in Manila:

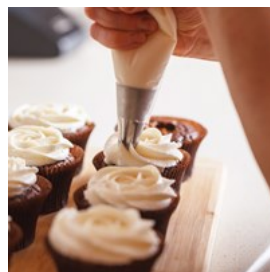
Hizon's Cakes & Pastries



This place is a Philipino classic and it will provide you with all the little pastries and sweets your heart may desire. Here you can have breakfast, lunch, dinner or just a cup of coffee, all served by the friendly staff. Try out the Ensaymadas, a sweet and tasty bread that is just to die for!

Photo: richardernestyap/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1197 Jorge Bocobo, Manila
Phone: +63 2 536 3993
More Info: 1197 Jorge Bocobo Corner Arquiza Street, Ermita

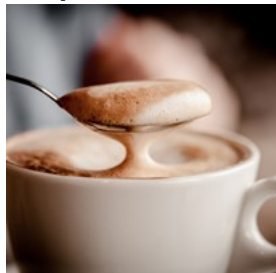
Cupcakes By Sonja



This is the perfect place if you have a sweet tooth or want a light dessert. Here you can eat lovely cupcakes for a good price. Try the yummy red velvet and chocolate cupcake when here! Cupcakes By Sonja have three locations in Manila: G/F Serendra Piazza, Ayala Center and G/F Mega Fashion Hall.

Photo: Oleg Kashaev/Shutterstock.com
Address: 11th Avenue, Taguig City, Manila
Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm
Phone: +63 2 8856 0308
Internet: <https://cupcakesbysonjaonline.com>
Email: cakeshop@cupcakesbysonja.com
More Info: Located at: First Level, Serendra Piazza

Mary Grace



With several branches across Manila, Mary Grace is another coffee shop with a successful story. A place where family and friends gather over hearty meals or just relax with a cup of coffee, or Mary Grace Hot chocolate (with Belgian chocolate) paired with their signature Ensaymada and Cheese Rolls.

Photo: Alexandra Lande/Shutterstock.com
Address: Level 2 Midtown Wing Robinsons Place Manila, Pedro Gil corner Adriatico Sts., Ermita, Manila
Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm
Phone: +63 917 515 7527
Internet: www.marygracecafe.com
Email: marketing@marygracecafe.com

Pancake House



Pancake House has been around since the 1970s, and they currently have many stores across the country and even overseas. And as the name reveals, they specialise in pancakes. From the complete menu, pick your favourites in the morning, noon, and evening to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Photo: Ari N/Shutterstock.com
Address: Roxas Boulevard, Manila
Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 07:00-22:00. Saturday: 07:00-14:00. Sunday: 07:00-17:00.
Phone: +63 2 708 6485
Internet: www.pancakehouse.com.ph
Email: feedback@pancakehouse.com.ph
More Info: G/F Jose P. Laurel Bldg., Service Road, Roxas Blvd. Corner Pedor Gil, Manila

The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf



One of the largest privately-owned, family-run coffee and tea companies in the world, The Coffee Bean truly knows the model for a successful coffee house. This American coffee chain has seven locations in Manila and one is on Adriatico Street - a favourite hang out for coffee lovers!

Photo: Bplanet/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1771 M. Adriatico Street, Manila
Opening hours: Daily 7am-3am
Phone: +63 2 8353 6386
Internet: www.coffeebean.com.ph
Email: wecare@coffeebean.com.ph

J. CO Donuts & Coffee



If donuts are your thing, then for sure you should pay a visit to J. CO Donuts & Coffee. Everything you ever wish in donuts you will find it here, unique flavours that will slowly melt in your mouth. Alcapone, a donut covered with Belgian white chocolate and Californian almonds is one of the top favourites or try the heavenly good tiramisu donut.

Photo: Busara/Shutterstock.com
Address: Roxas Boulevard, Manila
Opening hours: Daily 10:00-22:00
Phone: +63 2 354 6040
Internet: www.jcodonuts.com/ph/
Email: hello@jcodonuts.com.ph
More Info: GF-2F YCF Roxas Blvd Corner UN Avenue BGY 666 Zone 072

Habitual Coffee



For aeropress-brewed coffee and great espresso, Habitual Coffee is the place to head for. The coffee is served by young and passionate baristas who really knows what they are doing. This sleek coffee shop also serves limited but very delightful light meals including pastries.

Photo: GooDween123/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2135 Chino Roces Avenue, Manila

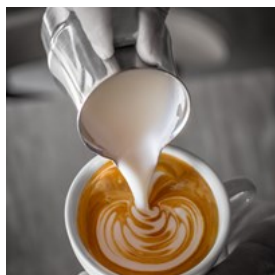
Opening hours: Monday to Saturday: 08:00-21:00. Sunday: 08:00-19:00.

Phone: +63 2 833 9556

Email: hello@habitualcoffee.co

More Info: Makati

The Washery Laundromat & Café



At this quirky and modern venue, you can do your laundry while having a cup of coffee and a small bite on the side. They have two branches where

they offer various laundry services, and each houses a cosy cafe area where to hang out. If craving for something sweet, they serve cookies, cakes, and pastries too.

Photo: I love coffee/Shutterstock.com

Address: 93 E Capitol Dr, Manila, Metro Manila

Opening hours: Daily 8am-5pm

Phone: +63 975 188 0061

Email: thewashery.ph@gmail.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE

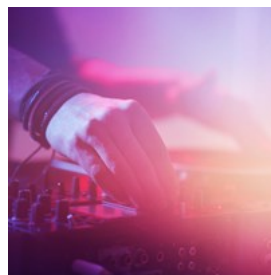


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Filipinos take fun seriously and Manila's bars are among Asia's liveliest. Happy hour is everyone's favourite time of day - and lasts long into the night at certain hangouts. Great service, ice-cold drinks, and music nearly everywhere.

Manila is party central. Venues stay open until 5am at weekends and 3am midweek. The action centres are on JM Nakpil Street, Makati Avenue or Pasay Road in Makati and throughout the Malate and Ermita districts. The palace, Manilas biggest destination is also a great place to head for when in the party mood.

Sage Bar



The Sage Bar has introduced a new line of original cocktail drinks with unique flavours and the freshest ingredients. Every night the bar host

live band and DJs and on Saturday, you will need your dancing shoes when the DJ plays electronic dance music. The dress code is smart casual.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Makati Avenue, Manila

Opening hours: Sunday to Thursday: 17:00-02:00. Friday to Saturday: 17:00-03:00.

Phone: +63 2 814 2580

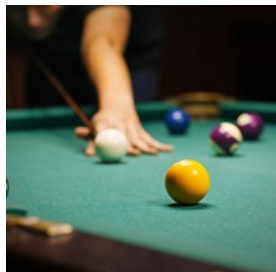
Internet: www.shangri-la.com/manila/makatishangrila/dining/

bars-lounges/sage-tapas-bar/

Email: sage.slm@shangri-la.com

More Info: Located inside Shangri-La Makati Hotel, Makati

Star Of Manila



You will find this bar in the heart of Ermita entertainment district in Manila. This is a great sports bar with five full HD TV screens showing all the latest sport. You can also listen to live band here every night and play table pool if you are up for a game.

Photo: Kucher Serhii/Shutterstock.com

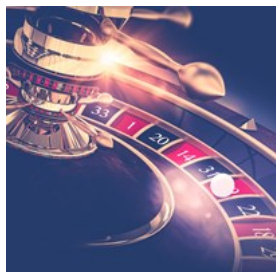
Address: 1331-1332 MH Del Pilar Sreet, Manila

Phone: +63 2 254 3269

Email: info@starofmanila.com

More Info: Ermita

Casino - Resorts World Manila



This is Philippines' first and largest integrated resort and casino. Resorts World Manila is an entertainment complex and has the country's

largest casino. Here you can enjoy events, shows and tournaments. There is also two bars housed here where to get your favourite drink.

Photo: welcomia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Resorts World Manila, Manila

Phone: +63 2 908 8888

Internet: www.rwmanila.com

Email: customerservice@rwmanila.com

More Info: Newport Boulevard, Newport City

The Tap Room



At this old English inspired pub with dark timber ceiling and plush armchairs, you can have a relaxing time in a unique soulful and friendly

ambiance. From the extensive drink menu, you can pick alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks to complement some delights from the sumptuous bar menu.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: One Rizal Park, Manila

Opening hours: Daily 10:00-02:00

Phone: +632 527 0011

Internet: www.manila-hotel.com.ph/tap-room

More Info: Located at The Manila Hotel

Bar Rouge



Sit down and relax with a refreshing cocktail while listing to cool music played in the background at the intimate Bar Rouge. Cigars and single

malts are on focus and the experienced bartender truly knows how to cater the most demanding tastes with stylish, fresh and innovated creations of drinks.

Photo: Efired/Shutterstock.com

Address: Esperanza Street, Manila

Opening hours: Daily 17:00-01:00

Phone: +63 2 811 6888

Internet: manila.newworldhotels.com/en/dining/bar-rouge

Email: conciierge.manila@newworldhotels.com

More Info: Located at New World Hotel Makati : Esperanza Street corner Makati Avenue, Ayala Center, Makati City, Manila

XX XX



Dance the night away at this underground club in Manila where the focus lies on quality electronic, house and techno music. The club present some of the best local and international house and techno DJs, so be ready to put on your dancing shoes and have a fun night out!

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 20a-20b La Fuerza Plaza, 2241 Chino Roches Ave., Manila

Opening hours: Wednesday to Saturday: 22:00-05:00

Phone: +63 917 634 8764

Email: info@20-20.asia

More Info: Makati

Revel



Revel is a luxurious nightclub and lounge, attracting the most beautiful and trendy people in Manila, including the most discerning international travellers. With an upscale and intimate ambiance, quality drinks and the most requested DJs, Revel, is the place to party with class and style.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 11th avenue, Manila

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday: 22:00-05:00

Phone: +63 917 550 8888

Internet: revel.thepalacemanila.com

Email: info@thepalacemanila.com

More Info: Located at The Palace: 11th avenue corner 38th street Uptown Bonifacio

The Palace Pool Club



World class clubbing day or night, The Palace Pool Club host some of the biggest artists and DJs from around the world. This is also the country's first pool club, featuring two swimming pools, several bars with a wide selection of drinks, a Satellite DJ booth, a stage, twelve lavish cabanas and a steam room. Part of The Palace, Manila's biggest destination, The Palace Pool Club for sure offers a great experience.

Photo: Vladimir Hodac/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9th Avenue, Manila

Opening hours: Tuesday & Sunday: 19:00-02:00. Wednesday to Thursday: 19:00-04:00. Friday to Saturday: 19:00-05:00.

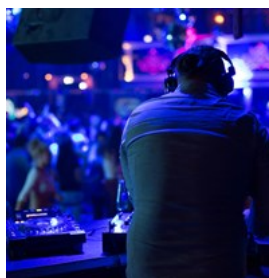
Phone: +63 917 689 8888

Internet: poolclub.thepalacemanila.com

Email: info@thepalacemanila.com

More Info: Located at The Palace: 9th Avenue corner 36th Street, Uptown Bonifacio, Taguig

XYLO at The Palace



Another venue located at The Palace, XYLO, claimed to be Manila's biggest nightclub with space for over 2,000 people and currently one of the hottest clubs in the city that is always packed. Many famous DJs have performed here to get the place pumping and many more are to follow.

Photo: Pavel L Photo and Video/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9th Avenue, Manila

Opening hours: Wednesday to Saturday: 22:00-04:00

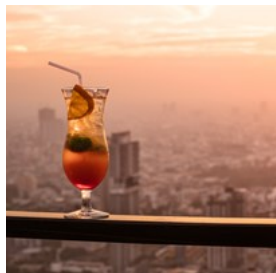
Phone: +63 917 680 8888

Internet: valkyrie.thepalacemanila.com

Email: info@thepalacemanila.com

More Info: Located at The Palace : 9th Avenue corner 36th Street, Uptown Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila

Sky Deck View Bar



Relax with a fresh cocktail while admiring the 360 degree views of the entire city including the beautiful sunset at Sky Deck View Bar at The

Bayleaf hotel. The menu offers an extensive wine list, local beers and cocktails but also provides a food menu. On weekends, Sky Deck host live entertainment.

Photo: Kim Wutimet/Shutterstock.com

Address: Muralla streets, Manila

Phone: +63 2 328 3170

Internet: www.intramuros.thebayleaf.com.ph/sky-deck/

Email: inquiry@thebayleaf.com.ph

More Info: The Bayleaf Intramuros, Muralla corner Victoria Streets Intramuros, Manila

12 Monkeys Music Hall & Pub



12 Monkeys, one of the best live entertainment venues in Manila where to listen different music genres. Not only serving good cocktails but also

authentic Filipino cuisine including pizzas. The atmosphere is vibrant but yet with a relaxed attitude. Check out the gig guide on the website before stopping by.

Photo: Stokkete/Shutterstock.com

Address: El Pueblo, Ortigas Pasig City 1606, Manila

Phone: +63 917 570 3222

Email: 12monkeysclub@gmail.com

More Info: Makati

SHOPPING



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Manila one of the most exciting shopping destinations in Southeast Asia thanks to the giant malls so-called 'megamalls' where you basically will find everything your heart might desire. The malls are open seven days a week and generally the doors opens at 10 or 11. These air-conditioned malls are also a welcome escape from the tropical heat and many families and friends are regularly spending the entire days to stroll around the stores or to have a bite to eat. Many of these malls are not just for shopping, but also boasts with theatres, spas, ice-skating rinks and cinemas, making them to a huge entertainment complex.

When you get tired of the malls, head over to one of the bazaars (called tiangge) or the markets that overflows with the hottest trends and some amazing bargains to bring back home. You can easily stock up on clothes, shoes and accessories without breaking your wallet but make sure to bargain and try to aim to pay about 30 to 40 percent lower than the original price.

Clothes, shoes and accessories are the best deals but be aware the size of the clothes tends to be smaller in Asia.

SM Mall of Asia



SM Mall of Asia is one of Asia's biggest malls with more than a hundred stores and several restaurants under one gigantic roof. Local

brands sit alongside international ones such as Mango and Zara, which have appeared in Manila for the first time thanks to the scale of the mall. In all, a great setting with amazing architecture and commanding views of Manila Bay.

Photo: Karramba Production/Shutterstock.com

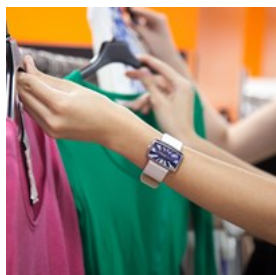
Address: Seaside Boulevard, Manila

Phone: +632 876 1111

Internet: www.smsupermalls.com

Email: customercare@smsupermalls.com

Greenhills Shopping Centre



Greenhills is often referred to as a permanent flea market minus the dust. There are plenty of bargains, especially with pearls and

other jewellery. Prices are negotiable so start haggling. This is for sure a place where you will not break your wallet and when the hunger kicks in, head over to one of the restaurants or cafes housed here.

Photo: fizkes/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ortigas Avenue, San Juan, Manila

Phone: +63 2 721 0572

Internet: www.greenhills.com.ph

Divisoria Market



This famous wholesale market, Divisoria, is a unique shopping experience featuring ready-to-wear clothing, jewellery and house

wares for a very good price. Although it is crowded with people, it is worth a visit. Divisoria Market has not only stalls along the street but there is also an air-conditioned building where to find even more bargains.

Photo: Twinstphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Claro M. Recto Avenue, Manila

Email: hello@divisoriainmarket.com

Ayala Center



Everything from high fashion to bargain basement shops in central Makati is to be found at Ayala Center. It caters the needs to all

people. Besides shopping, you can also grab a bite to eat in one of the restaurants located here or why not watch a movie on the on-site cinema?

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ayala Avenue, Manila

Phone: +63 32 516 3025

Internet: www.ayalamalls.com.ph

More Info: Corner Makati Avenue, Makat

Shangri-La Plaza



Shangri-La Plaza is one of Manila's most upmarket malls with a striking eight-storey atrium and high-end stores with international brands such

as Calvin Klein and Polo. Not only does the mall provide vibrant and pleasurable shopping but

also host events and performances, which creates a dynamic environment.

Photo: milanzeremski/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shaw Boulevard, Manila

Opening hours: Monday to Thursday : 11:00-21:00. Friday: 11:00-22:00. Saturday: 10:00-22:00. Sunday: 10:00-21:00.

Phone: +63 632 370 2500

Internet: www.shangrila-plaza.com

More Info: Corner Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong

San Andres Market



When asking the locals where to buy the best fruit, everyone points to San Andres Market. With plenty of exotic fruits both local and imported

fruit, this famous market is truly full of colourful displays and it is very eye-catching. You will find this market on San Andres Street, a block away from Quirino Avenue.

Photo: Natalia Sidorova/Shutterstock.com

Address: San Andres Street, Manila

Seaside Dampa / Seaside Market



Seaside Market is famous for seafood and located near the Baclaran church in Pasay. This is quite a small market with only 40 vendors, but the selection

is nice and fresh. This place is truly a great experience; first, you pick your choice of seafood and then go to one of the restaurants nearby who will cook your food for a reasonable price.

Photo: antpkr/Shutterstock.com

Address: Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard, Manila

Silahis Arts & Artifacts



Handicrafts are on sale at Silahis and here you will find the finest of handmade Philippine products. The shop stocks paintings, furniture, an array of hand-woven baskets, jars made from red clay, colourful table napkins and much more.

Photo: May_Chanikran/Shutterstock.com

Address: 744 General Luna St, Manila

Phone: +63 527 3841 42

Internet: www.silahis.com

Email: export@silahis.com

More Info: Intramuros

Balikbayan Handicrafts



Balikbayan Handicrafts has been in business for the past 40 years and you will find two big stores located in Makati City and Pasay City. These

stores stocks an amazing variety and assortment of quality Philippine handicrafts such as wood furniture pieces, sculptures, picture frames, jewellery boxes, home decors, cutlery, pearls and much more.

Photo: Dolly MJ/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1010 Antonio Arnaiz Avenue, Manila

Phone: +632 893 0775

Internet: www.balikbayanhandicrafts.com

Email: sales@balikbayanhandicrafts.com

More Info: Makati City

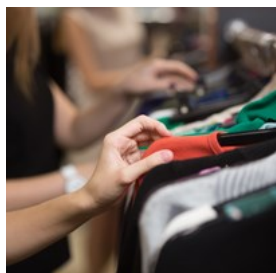
Robinsons Place Mall



Robinsons Place Mall is strategically located at the heart of the historic city of Manila. This 240,000 sqm world-class mall is a 7-level shopping complex that offers over a thousand local and international retail shops, dining outlets and entertainment facilities.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: Adriatico Streets, Manila
Phone: +63 2 310 3333
Internet: www.robinsonsmalls.com
Email: customer.care@robinsonsland.com
More Info: Pedro Gil corner. Adriatico Streets, Ermita, Manila

168 Shopping Mall



A convenient wholesale and retail shopping mall, 168 Shopping Mall houses various stalls offering all kinds of items such as cloths, bags, shoes, toys, hardware and others for a bargain price. When you are feeling hungry there are some good food stalls where to grab a bite to eat.

Photo: fizkes/Shutterstock.com
Address: Sta. Elena Street, Manila
Internet: www.168shoppingmall.com
More Info: Sta. Elena Street, Binondo, Manila

The Manila Collectible Co.



Here you will find hand-woven textiles, crafts

If you are looking for awesome curios and thoughtful stuff, then you should go to this museum and gift shop called The Manila Collectible Co.

and accessories, all produced in Philippines. They also sell Fairtrade organic coffee, local wines and pure cacao.

Photo: Arjan Huijzer/Shutterstock.com
Address: Chamber 8, Fort Santiago, Manila
Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday: 08:00-18:00
Phone: +63 2 230 9710
Email: info@manilacollectible.com
More Info: Sta. Clara Street, Intramuros

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



The Philippines can be visited visa-free for up to 30 days by citizens of Schengen countries, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, South Africa, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. A valid return or onward ticket and a passport that is valid upon entry and for at least six months beyond the period of stay are required to enter the Philippines. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country.

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com

Best Time to Visit



The dry period between November and April is the peak tourist season in the Philippines. Hidden areas and remote islands are fully accessible, and

temperatures are very mild, especially from December to February.

During the wet season, May to October, you still have the chance to enjoy sunny days, but bear in mind that typhoons can occur.

The months of May and November are considered low season, which means fewer crowds and lower prices for flights and accommodation. However, the weather is still pleasant and you can experience the Philippine way of life in its entirety.

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Airport



Ninoy Aquino International Airport is 7 km from the centre of Manila, located south of the city, and southwest of Makati City's Central

Business District.

From Manila airport, you can take the bus to various points in Manila. There are nine bus routes; eight of them go via Epifanio de los Santos Avenue (EDSA), and one through Circumferential Road 5 (C-5). The bus departs every 30 minutes.

A taxi is for sure the quickest and most efficient way to travel to and from the airport. You can book a taxi at an official desk at the airport or grab a taxi outside the terminal. The journey can

take between 30 minutes to one hour, depending on the time of day and the traffic. There are two types of taxis: yellow and white. The yellow taxis are the official registered and certified taxis at the airport and one of the best and safest means of transportation. The white taxis (street taxis) are not allowed inside the airport's arrival (only arriving on the departure level) and if you decide to take one of these, be careful, the driver can give you a higher fixed price without using the meter.

Another option is to arrange for a hotel transfer to pick you up. This you should arrange in advance but it is one of the most expensive options.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Manila

Internet: www.miaa.gov.ph

Rail System



Manila has a rail system comprising the two lines of the Manila Light Rail Transit System (LRT) and the single line of the Manila Metro Rail Transit

System (MRT), also known as the Metrostar Express or Metrostar. The LRT is open 5am-9.30pm, the MRT for one hour later. Pricing is different for each line and you can buy your tickets at the ticket booths.

The rail system is the cheapest way to travel in Manila and easiest way to avoid the traffic but be aware during rush hours the trains are usually packed and there will be long queues to the ticket booths.

Photo: Michael Zenaty

Jeepneys



16-seat Jeepneys will take you on pre-set routes for a fixed fare. The colourful Jeepneys were originally made from converted US war jeeps. Routes are

written on the front of the vehicle. Just flag the driver down and let him know when you want to go off.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



Taxi in Manila is a very inexpensive way of getting around. You can flagging a taxi in the street or book by phone but make sure to take a

registered and metered taxi. If the taxi driver says that the meter is not working then find another. Also make sure to have small peso notes to pay for the taxi fare, otherwise it could end up you paying too much because they tell you that they don't have the change, even if they do.

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Post



Central Post Office
Building:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Liwasang Bonifacio, Manila

Internet: www.phlpost.gov.ph

Email: info@philpost.gov.ph

Pharmacy



Drug stores abound in Metro Manila, many operated by market leader Mercury Drug.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 660 San Andres Street, Malate, Manila

Opening hours: 24-hour

Phone: +63 2 523 1696

Internet: www.mercurydrug.com

Telephone



Country code +63 Area
code: 02

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220 volts, 60Hz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

14,406,059 (2022)

Currency

Philippine peso (PHP)

10 ~ US\$0,19

Opening hours

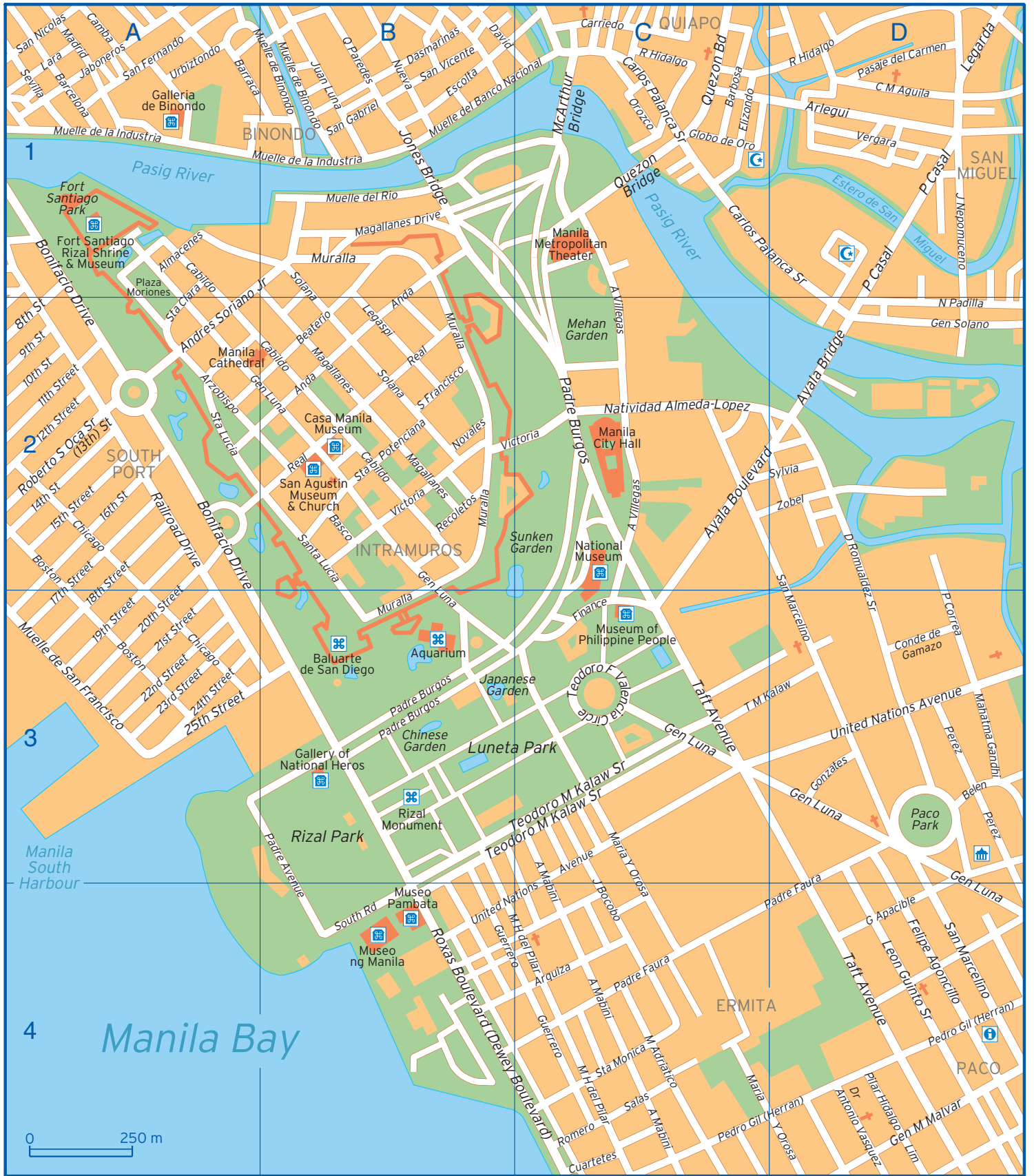
Shops usually open from 10am–8pm, but shopping malls close at 9pm or 10pm. Smaller shops close for lunch between noon–2pm. There are many 24-hour convenience and drugstores. Malls are open on Sundays and public holidays.

Newspapers

Philippine Daily Inquirer – www.inquirer.net
Manila Bulletin – mb.com.ph
The Manila Times – www.manilatimes.net
The Philippine Star – www.philstar.com
Manila Standard – manilastandard.net
Daily Tribune – tribune.net.ph

Emergency numbers

911



10th Street	A2	D Romualdez Sr	D2 D3	P Casal	D1
11th Street	A2	Dasmariñas		B1 P Correa	D3
12th Street	A2	David		B1 Padre Avenue	B3 B4
14th Street	A2	Dr Antonio Vasquez		D4 Padre Burgos	B3 C2
15th Street	A2	Elizondo		C1 Padre Faura	C4 D3
16th Street	A2	Escolta		B1 Pasaje del Carmen	D1
17th Street	A2 A3	Felipe Agoncillo		D4 Pedro Gil (Herran)	C4 D4
18th Street	A2 A3	Finance		C3 Perez	D3
19th Street	A3	G Apacible		D4 Pilar Hidalgo Lim	D4
20th Street	A3	General Luna	B2 B3 C3 D3	Plaza Moriones	A1
21st Street	A3	General M Malvar		D4 Q Paredes	B1
22nd Street	A3	General Solano		D2 Quezon Boulevard	C1
23rd Street	A3	Globo de Oro		C1 Quezon Bridge	C1
24th Street	A3	Gonzates		D3 R Hidalgo	C1 D1
25th Street	A3	Guerrero	B4 C4	Railroad Drive	A2
8th Street	A2	J Bocobo	C3 C4	Real	B2
9th Street	A2	J Nepomuceno		D1 Recoletos	B2
A Mabini	C3 C4	Jaboneros		A1 Roberto S Oca Sr (13th) Street	A2
A Villegas	C1 C2	Jones Bridge		B1 Romero Salas	C4
Almacenes	A1	Juan Luna		B1 Roxas Boulevard (Dewey Boulevard) B4 C4	
Anda	B1 B2	Lara		A1 San Fernando	A1
Andres Soriano Jr	A2 B1	Legarda		D1 San Francisco	B2
Arlegui	D1	Legaspi		B2 San Gabriel	B1
Arquiza	C4	Leon Guinto Sr		D4 San Marcelino	D2 D3 D4
Arzobispo	A2	M Adriatico		C4 San Nicolas	A1
Ayala Boulevard	C2 D2	M H del Pilar	B4 C4	San Vicente	B1
Ayala Bridge	D2	Madrid		A1 Santa Clara	A1 A2
Barbosa	C1	Magallanes		B2 Santa Lucia	A2 B2
Barcelona	A1	Magallanes Drive		B1 Santa Monica	C4
Barraca	A1	Mahatma Gandhi		D3 Santa Potenciana	B2
Basco	B2	Maria Y Orosa	C3 C4 D4	Sevilla	A1
Beaterio	B2	McArthur Bridge		C1 Solana	B1 B2
Belen	D3	Muelle de Binondo	A1 B1	South Road	B4
Bonifacio Drive	A1 A2 A3	Muelle de la Industria	A1 B1	Sylvia	D2
Boston	A2 A3	Muelle de San Francisco		A3 Taft Avenue	C3 D4
C M Aguila	D1	Muelle del Banco Nacional	B1 C1	Teodoro F Valencia Circle	C3
Cabildo	A1 A2 B2	Muelle del Rio		B1 Teodoro M Kalaw Sr	B3 C3 D3
Camba	A1	Muralla	B1 B2 B3	United Nations Avenue	B4 C3 C4 D3
Carlos Palanca Sr	C1 D1	N Padilla		D2 Urbiztondo	A1
Carriedo	C1	Natividad Almeda-Lopez		C2 Vergara	D1
Chicago	A2 A3	Novales		B2 Victoria	B2 C2
Conde de Gamazo	D3	Nueva		B1 Zobel	D2
Cuartetes	C4	Orozco		C1	