

Cordillera's Heritage Caravan

Manila/Sta Fe/Dupax del Sur/Bayombong/Bagabag/Diadi/Lagawe/Banaue/Bontoc/Sagada/La Trinidad/ Baguio/Manila
19-23 April 2017

19 April **MANILA/SANTA FE (Nueva Vizcaya)/BAYOMBONG (Nueva Vizcaya)/DIADI (Nueva Vizcaya)/ BAGABAG**
Wednesday

0330 H Start the fun as program rocks and rolls to the Cordillera Heritage + Panagbenga Festival Caravan (the preview). Experience world class travelling via the North Luzon Express Road Complex (NLEX/SCTEX/TPLEX) Exiting the express highway, continue drive via the Pan-Philippine Highway/AH 26 proceeding to Sta. Fe, in Nueva Vizcaya (254 kilometers).

- Welcome reception (Santa Fe Forest Park)
- Breakfast

Photo opportunities will be at the Balete Pass Tourism Complex at the "National Shrine of Battle of Balete.

Then, drive to Bayombong, capital town of Nueva Vizcaya past the municipalities of Dupax (Saint Vincent Ferrer Church) and Bambang, coasting along the side of the mighty Magat River. Welcome Reception and Passport Stamping in Bayombong, capitol of Nueva Vizcaya. Visit the People's Museum.

Introducing farm tourism, continue drive to DA-NVES (Department of Agriculture – Nueva Vizcaya Experiment Station) an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture located in Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya, the complex is tasked to propagate and distribute seeds and seedlings as well as proving technical information and assistance on agriculture and husbandry. Overnight accommodation.

20 April **BAGABAG /LAGAWE/BANAUE/HUNGDUAN**
Thursday

After breakfast, break camp and roll off to the province of Ifugao in the Cordilleras.

Taking the Nueva Vizcaya-Ifugao-Mountain Province road, passing through the municipalities of Bagabag and Lamut, the caravan inches its way through the winding road leading to Lagawe, the capital town of Ifugao. Welcome reception and passport stamping.

Continue drive to Banaue and be awed by view of pockets of rice terraces as one turns from corner to corner along the winding road. Proceed to Hungduan another municipality of Ifugao and home of one of the 5 clusters under the UNESCO World Heritage List of Ifugao Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras, is best described as spider web terraces.. Trek and experience upland farming. Welcome reception. Farm Tourism is at work as one experiences planting on rice paddies, cleaning of walls and other activities.

Proceed back to Banaue and catch the panoramic view of Banaue Rice Terraces. Check in to your respective accommodation. Dinner with tribal culture presentation.

21 April
Friday

BANAUE/BONTOC/SAGADA

Breakfast

Option A (Light):

0800 – 0930 H Self discovery Tour of Banaue (Tam-an Village and Town Center)

Option B (Moderate)

0700 -1200 H

Banga-an Rice Terraces has a more expansive yet layered arrangement.

The cluster of terraces when viewed from the top is expansive, with layer of terraces and a cluster of natives huts as the center piece of all these shades of green.

- 1 ½ -hour drive by jeepney
- 30 minute - trekking

After breakfast, drive to Bontoc. Caravan crosses over the third highest peak in Ifugao, the 6,000-foot Mt. Polis, to Bontoc. Cutting through the rain forest, the drive provides scenic views of dense forest and cascading falls. Photo opportunities at Bai-o rice terraces. On the approach to Bontoc is a series of rice terraces whose walls are reinforced with stones and sightings of the mighty Chico River with its cascading rapids working its way through huge boulders.

Welcome reception and Passport stamping.

Then, drive to barangay Maligcong of Bontoc. Trek to the village.

Bontoc is the capital of Mountain Province. It used to be the historical capital of the entire Cordillera region, referred to at the time as the Mountain Province. Bontoc is home to the Bontoc Tribe, a feared warrior-like group of indigenous people who actively indulged in tribal wars with its neighbors up until the 1930s.

Carved on the slopes of 1,539-meter high Mount Kupapey and back dropped by the verdant pine tree forest, is the staggering expanse of the Maligcong rice cluster. Every rise and run in this stone-walled rice terraces form bizarre patterns, shapes, and lines like a masterfully-crafted painting – a masterpiece – fascinating, stunning, charming from one corner of the canvass to the other. Drive back to Bontoc proper and visit the Museum of Mountain Culture. Lunch.

Continue drive to Sagada.

A laidback municipality that sits at an elevation of 5,000 ft. above sea level, set in a dense pine forest dotted by marble cliffs. Caves and waterfalls complete the beautiful landscape of Sagada. Stroll around and visit the burial caves, Echo Valley (view the hanging coffins).

Dinner and Overnight accommodation.

22 April
Saturday

BANAUE/BONTOC/SAGADA

Continue the drive to Baguio. Resume drive, traversing the Halsema Highway (also known as the Mountain Trail), passing through the highest point of the Philippine Highway system at 7,400 feet found in Atok.

Breakfast at Barangay Sadsadan, in Bauko, Mountain Province.

As one passes the towns of Buguias and Atok, vegetable terraces intercropped with cut flowers. “ Cut, pick and pay “ in Buguias. Then proceed to La Trinidad, capital of Benguet Province for strawberry picking activity,

Welcome to the “Summer Capital of the Philippines,” Baguio City.

Baguio City is a chartered city, atop a 5,000 feet elevation in the southern end of the Cordillera Mountain Range. The urban planning of Baguio City is credited to Architect Daniel H. Burnham who saw the settlement as an ideal rest and recreation center for American soldiers and civilian employees to escape the tropical heat and humidity in the lowlands. The city enjoys and temperate cool climate year round. The city is characterized by open parks and gardens.

Dinner and Overnight accommodation.

23 April
Sunday

BAGUIO /MANILA

After breakfast, proceed to the Baguio Convention Center for the send off/closing ceremony. Then, take the tour of Baguio city, Must visit places in Baguio are the Mansion House (the official summer residence of the Philippine President), Wright Park, Mines View Point, Baguio Cathedral, and the Public Market to name a few. The Caravan proceeds back to Manila. Participants have the option to stay on in Baguio.

Rates and Conditions:

IPFC-01 CORDILLERA HERITAGE CARAVAN

1.0 REGISTRATION FEE	Bring Own Vehicle			Availing Caravan Vehicle		
	Motorcycle	Car	Van/SUV	Adult	Child	
	Php 1,000/ vehicle	Php 1,500/ vehicle	Php 2,000/ vehicle	Inclusive	FOC	
<i>20% discount on Registration Fee for Students and Senior Citizens with I.D.</i>						
2.0 PROGRAM PACKAGE (4 nights/5 days)		Rate Per Person, In Philippine Pesos				
Using Caravan Vehicle						
	Accommodation	½ TWN	3 rd Adult	Child w/bed	Child w/o bed	Single Supplement
➤ Full Leg	• Pension/Hostel (Quad/Triple Sharing)	10,000		3,120		N/A
	• Hotel (3 star)	16,432	13,728	4,888	3,536	5,720
Bringing Own Vehicle						
➤ Full Leg	• Pension/Hostel (Quad/Triple Sharing)	5,000		1,872		N/A
	• Hotel (3 star)	9,000	7,000	3,640	2,288	5,720

Inclusions:

Registration Fee

- Caravan Kit
- Services of Marshals
- Completion Certificate

Program Package

Availing of Caravan Vehicle

- Accommodation as indicated for 4 nights/4 days
- Meals : 5 breakfasts; 4 lunches; 4 dinners
- The use of caravan vehicle including fuel, parking toll fees; services of driver
- Services of Tour Guide
- Services of Marshals

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- Meals : 5 breakfasts; 4 lunches; 4 dinners
- Services of Marshals

Accommodation Description:

Pensions/Hostel

Common Bathroom, Common Toilet, Bunk beds, includes beddings and basic toiletries based on Triple or Quad sharing

Hotel (3 star)

Air-conditioned or fan rooms with private bathroom and toilet, beddings, basic toiletries