

# Deep Blue Adventures



## HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR TRAVEL TO PHILIPPINES

### BANKS:

Banking Hours are typically Monday to Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.

### CLIMATE:

There are 4 different climates in the Philippines-the tropical rainforest, tropical savanna, tropical monsoon, and humid subtropical. The climates are typically characterized as high temperatures, humid, and a fair amount of rainfall. The warmest months of the year range from March to October and the cooler months are from November to February. Temperatures can range from 77°F – 90°F year round, and often depends on where you stay in the Philippines.

### CURRENCY:

The currency of Philippines is the Philippine Peso. \$1 US dollar is the equivalent of 52 Philippine Peso. Traveler's checks and major credit cards are accepted in many-but not all establishments. US Dollars where accepted must be newer, crisp bills & without tears or damage.

### DEPARTURE TAX:

The airport terminal fee (equivalent of departure tax in the Philippines) of \$17 is normally included in the price of your ticket. Please check with your airline or ticketing agent for details. If it is not, you must pay it when you check in for your flight home.

### DRINKING WATER:

It is ill-advised that travelers drink tap water unless it has been boiled, filtered or chemically disinfected (e.g. with iodine tablets). Do not use ice unless you trust that it comes from a clean water source. It is highly recommended that travelers drink bottled water or invest in a LifeStraw (or similar water filtration straw) in order to be safe. Most hotels and restaurants will provide bottled water in your room or upon your request. Please ask the resort if it is safe to use tap water to brush your teeth as this varies amongst resorts in the country.

### WATER TEMPERATURES AND WETSUITS:

Water temperatures generally range between 81°F – 86°F. Most people find wearing a 1mm – 3mm wet suit keeps them comfortable.

### DRIVING LICENSE:

Visitors from other countries can use their driver's license for up to 90 days after their arrival to drive in the Philippines as long as their license is in English.

### ELECTRICITY:

The standard voltage is 230V and the standard frequency is 50Hz. Any electrical equipment you carry with you that operates only at the lower (120v) rate will need to be dual-voltage or you will need a voltage converter. A lot of electrical equipment (like video cameras, digital cameras, laptops) that operate on 12 volts via a product-specific adapter should easily work with dual voltage - check the adapter and the device instructions to be sure. Sockets are typically 2 prong US socket style.

### EMERGENCY SERVICES: 166 or 911

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

All persons entering the country must have a valid passport with at least 6 months from date of return remaining, a return or onward ticket as well as sufficient funds to cover their stay.

### TOURISM SEASONS:

Tourism season often occurs from November to April. Tourists often come during this time to enjoy the dry season, when the country is fully accessible (including the more remote islands).

### VACCINATIONS:

No vaccinations or preventative medications are required for travel to Philippines, however, we always suggest that you speak to your family physician for a personal recommendation.

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