



## **2-day Manila Itinerary**



**Manila**



# Manila: A Journey Through History and Culture

Welcome to Manila, the vibrant capital of the Philippines. This comprehensive 2-day guide will take you through the city's rich colonial heritage, modern attractions, and cultural landmarks, perfect for first-time visitors.

## Historical Overview

Manila's history spans centuries, from its pre-colonial origins to Spanish colonial rule and American influence. The city served as a crucial trading port and remains the Philippines' political, economic, and cultural center. Its diverse heritage is reflected in its architecture, cuisine, and traditions.

## Iconic Landmarks

- **Intramuros:** The historic walled city featuring Fort Santiago, a symbol of Manila's Spanish colonial era and a testament to Philippine resilience.
- **San Agustin Church:** A UNESCO World Heritage site and the oldest stone church in the Philippines, showcasing baroque architecture.
- **Rizal Park:** A sprawling urban park dedicated to national hero Jose Rizal, featuring gardens, monuments, and cultural exhibitions.

## Cultural Treasures

- **National Museum of Fine Arts:** Home to significant Filipino artworks, including Juan Luna's famous *Spoliarium*.
- **Ayala Museum:** A modern facility showcasing Philippine history and art through interactive exhibits.
- **Cultural Center of the Philippines:** The nation's premier venue for performing arts and cultural shows.

## Charming Districts

- **Binondo:** The world's oldest Chinatown, famous for its authentic Chinese-Filipino cuisine and bustling markets.
- **Malate:** A historic district known for its nightlife, restaurants, and colonial architecture.
- **Makati:** The modern business district featuring upscale shopping and dining at Greenbelt Mall.

## **Manila Lifestyle**

- Cuisine: A blend of Spanish, Chinese, and native influences; try local dishes at markets and food courts.
- Shopping: From modern malls to traditional markets like Divisoria.
- Entertainment: Experience Manila Bay's famous sunset at the Baywalk.

## **Green Spaces**

- Paco Park: A historic circular park and former cemetery, now a popular venue for cultural events.
- Manila Botanical Garden: A peaceful retreat offering diverse plant species and walking trails.

## **Practical Travel Tips**

- Transportation: Use grab taxis or the LRT/MRT system for convenience.
- Best Times to Visit: December to February for cooler, drier weather.
- Language: English is widely spoken; basic Tagalog phrases are appreciated.
- Safety: Exercise normal precautions and be aware of your surroundings.

## **2-Day Itinerary Highlights**

Day 1: Rizal Park, National Museum of Fine Arts, San Agustin Church, Fort Santiago

Day 2: Manila Ocean Park, Ayala Museum, Greenbelt Mall, Manila Baywalk

This guide presents a curated selection of over 30 locations, allowing you to customize your Manila experience. Each destination offers unique insights into the city's rich cultural tapestry and modern developments.

Manila is a city of contrasts where ancient walls stand alongside modern skyscrapers, and traditional markets thrive next to luxury malls. As you explore its diverse neighborhoods, sample local delicacies, and discover historical treasures, you'll understand why Manila continues to captivate visitors with its unique charm.

Let this dynamic metropolis surprise you with its warm hospitality, rich history, and vibrant culture. Enjoy your adventure in Manila!



# Itinerary Preview

2 days

## **DAY** 01

Rizal Park

National Museum of Fine Arts

San Agustin Church

Fort Santiago


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## **DAY** 02

Manila Ocean Park

Ayala Museum

Baywalk - Sea View





# **Daily Events**



## Day 1

09:00

### **Rizal Park**

Ermita, Manila, 1000 Metro Manila, Philippines

11:00

11:45

### **National Museum of Fine Arts**

Padre Burgos Ave, Ermita, Manila, 1000 Metro Manila, Philippines

13:45

14:30

### **San Agustin Church**

General Luna St, Intramuros, Manila, 1002 Metro Manila, Philippines

16:30

17:15

### **Fort Santiago**

Intramuros, Manila, 1002 Metro Manila, Philippines

19:15

# Map for Day 1



## Day 2

09:00

### **Manila Ocean Park**

666 Behind, Quirino Grandstand, Ermita, Manila, 1000 Metro Manila, Philippines

11:00

11:45

### **Ayala Museum**

Makati Avenue, Greenbelt Park, corner Dela Rosa Street, Ayala Center, Makati, Metro Manila, Philippines

13:45

17:30

### **Baywalk - Sea View**

Baywalk, Ermita, Manila, 1004 Metro Manila, Philippines

19:45



# Map for Day 2





# Spots



## Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas Money Museum

1104 East Ave, Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines

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### Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed



## Manila Zoo

HX7Q+W8H, Adriatico St, Malate, Manila, 1004 Metro Manila, Philippines

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### Summary:

5.5-hectare zoo & garden featuring diverse animals in modest, old-fashioned enclosures.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Phone:

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## Coconut Palace

F. Ma Guerrero St, Pasay, Metro Manila, Philippines

### Summary:

Coconut lumber & shells were used for this octagonal government building & some of its furniture.

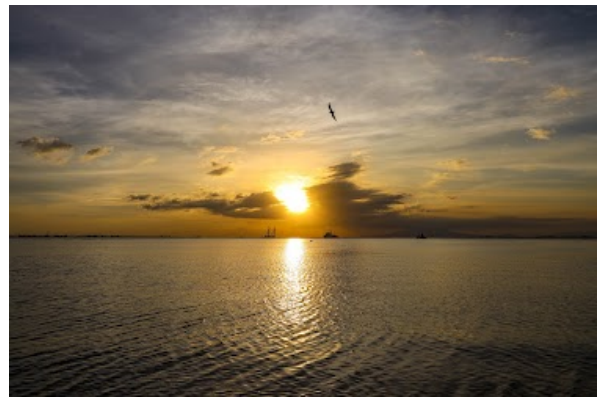


## Baywalk - Sea View

Baywalk, Ermita, Manila, 1004 Metro Manila, Philippines

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours  
Tuesday: Open 24 hours  
Wednesday: Open 24 hours  
Thursday: Open 24 hours  
Friday: Open 24 hours  
Saturday: Open 24 hours  
Sunday: Open 24 hours



## Fort Bonifacio

Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila, Philippines



## Eastwood City Walk

Eastwood Citywalk, Quezon City, 1800 Metro Manila, Philippines

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Friday: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM





## Quezon Memorial Circle

Elliptical Rd, Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines

### Summary:

Bustling urban park with recreational activities & monument honoring a former Philippine president.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 5:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday: 5:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday: 5:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday: 5:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday: 5:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 5:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday: 5:00 AM - 8:00 PM

### Phone:

(02) 8731 8391



## Paco Park

HXJQ+99M, Belen, Paco, Manila, Metro Manila, Philippines

### Summary:

Serene urban park built on a walled cemetery site with shaded paths & garden areas.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM



## Ayala Museum

Makati Avenue, Greenbelt Park, corner Dela Rosa Street, Ayala Center, Makati, Metro Manila, Philippines

### Summary:

Modern museum for Filipino archeological artifacts, history & culture exhibits & a research library.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Phone:

0917 834 3845



## Bahay Tsinoy, Museum of Chinese in Philippine Life

32 Anda St, Intramuros, Manila, 1002 Metro Manila, Philippines

### Summary:

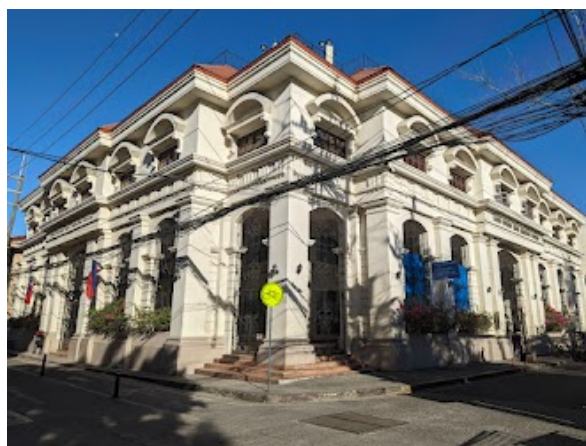
Museum & heritage center exploring contributions & influences of the Chinese in Philippine culture.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(02) 8527 6083



## Minor Basilica and Metropolitan Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception - Manila Cathedral

Cabildo, 132 Beaterio St, Intramuros, Manila, 1002 Metro Manila, Philippines

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### Summary:

Built in 1571, this historic church is known for its ornate architecture & visits by several popes.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(02) 8527 3093



## The Mind Museum

JY Campos Park, 3rd Ave, Taguig, 1634 Metro Manila, Philippines

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### Summary:

Themed galleries featuring 250+ interactive science exhibits, plus a planetarium, 3D shows & a park.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Phone:

(02) 7796 0189





## National Museum of Natural History

Teodoro F. Valencia Cir, Ermita, Manila, 1000 Metro Manila, Philippines

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### Summary:

Zoological, botanical & geological specimens displayed in an elegant venue with a soaring atrium.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Phone:

(02) 8298 1100



## Binondo

Binondo, Manila, 1006 Metro Manila, Philippines

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## Casa Manila

HXQG+V52 plaza sans luis complex, General Luna St, Intramuros, Manila, 1002  
Metro Manila, Philippines

### Summary:

This restored 1850s house is now a museum displaying Spanish colonial furniture, art & architecture.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Phone:

(02) 8527 4084



## Manila Ocean Park

666 Behind, Quirino Grandstand, Ermita, Manila, 1000 Metro Manila, Philippines

### Summary:

Aquatic theme park & educational facility featuring hands-on activities, an oceanarium & live shows.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Phone:

(02) 7238 6188



## National Museum of Fine Arts

Padre Burgos Ave, Ermita, Manila, 1000 Metro Manila, Philippines

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### Summary:

Massive museum with collections of Filipino fine art, archaeology, botany, natural history & more.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Phone:

(02) 8298 1100



## Malacañang Palace

Jose P Jose Laurel St, San Miguel, Manila, Metro Manila, Philippines

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### Summary:

Presidential museum & library showcasing Philippine politics, culture & history, with tours.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

### Phone:

(02) 8249 8310



## Baywalk

Baywalk, Manila, Metro Manila, Philippines



## San Agustin Church

General Luna St, Intramuros, Manila, 1002 Metro Manila, Philippines

### Summary:

Historic church constructed starting in the 16th century with vaulted ceilings & detailed frescoes.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(02) 8527 2746





## Rizal Park

Ermita, Manila, 1000 Metro Manila, Philippines

### Summary:

Grand 57-hectare park featuring lawns, gardens, outdoor events & a monument to hero José Rizal.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 5:00 - 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Tuesday: 5:00 - 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Wednesday: 5:00 - 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Thursday: 5:00 - 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Friday: 5:00 - 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Saturday: 5:00 - 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Sunday: 5:00 - 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM



## Intramuros

Intramuros, Manila, 1002 Metro Manila, Philippines



## Cultural Center of the Philippines

CCP Complex, Roxas Blvd, Pasay, 1300 Metro Manila, Philippines

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### Summary:

A wide range of cultural events are staged at this major government-run institution.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

### Phone:

(02) 8832 1125



## Star City

Star City, Roxas Blvd, CCP, Pasay, Metro Manila, Philippines

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### Opening Hours:

Monday: 2:00 - 10:00 PM

Tuesday: 2:00 - 10:00 PM

Wednesday: 2:00 - 10:00 PM

Thursday: 2:00 - 10:00 PM

Friday: 2:00 - 10:00 PM

Saturday: 1:00 - 10:00 PM

Sunday: 1:00 - 10:00 PM

### Phone:

(02) 8832 3249



## Fort Santiago

Intramuros, Manila, 1002 Metro Manila, Philippines

### Summary:

This landmark defensive fortress features a museum commemorating the national hero José Rizal.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

### Phone:

(02) 8527 3155

