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The **Republic of the Philippines** is an archipelagic country in Southeast Asia with 7,107 islands and islets. The country is divided into three major geographical lands: Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. The Philippines is bordered by the West Philippine Sea to the West, the Philippine Sea to the East, and the Celebes Sea to the South. The country's geographic feature is generally characterized by its mountainous land, hills, volcanoes, and picturesque beaches; touting the Philippines as among the top nations for tropical destinations.

The Philippines is a unitary state that operates under a presidential system and is governed by democracy. Its sovereignty resides in the people and all government authority with the government power distributed into three main branches: executive, legislative, and judiciary. The incumbent leader is President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. who leads the country with passion for strengthening the Philippines' international standing through a series of foreign trips and diplomatic missions.

The Philippines is a Catholic country—famed for being the only nation in Asia to majorly practice Christianity. Nevertheless, the Philippines promotes freedom of religion and encourages all its citizens to practice their beliefs free from discrimination, prejudice, and any form of obstruction.

The Philippines is a bilingual nation with both Filipino and English as its official language which are taught in schools nationwide. Tagalog and Cebuano are the two most common Philippine dialects with half of the country's population speaking either or both languages.

The Philippines' capital is **Manila**; it is found on Luzon Island—the political and economic center of the country.

As an active member of the international community, the Philippines is a signatory to a myriad of high-profile international conventions including the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibility, the Geneva Convention, the Vienna Convention, the Basel Convention, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, etc. The country is also part of a number of international organizations such as the United Nations, ASEAN, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, World Bank, etc. This showcases the Philippines' commitment to pursuing peace, justice, and equality.

Philippines' Climate and Weather

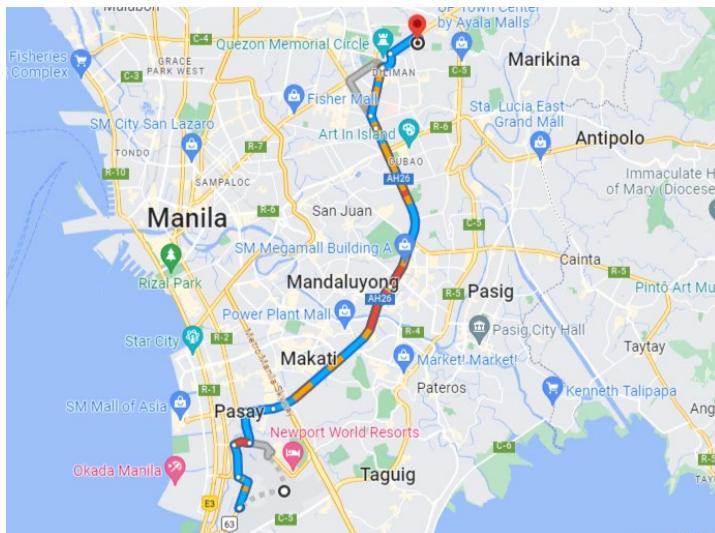
The Philippines is a tropical country situated by the Earth's equator, exposing the country to warmer temperatures and high heat frequency. Daily temperature in the country reaches 29°C (84°F) to 31°C (87°F). The Philippines only has two seasons; the rainy season (June - November) and the dry season (December - May). Thus, during the period of the Conference, Manila will experience rainy weather. Conference participants are reminded to bring umbrellas, raincoats, and other essentials. Moreover, with the Philippines located along the typhoon belt in the Pacific, it is vulnerable to the onslaught of tropical storms, typhoons, and storm surges. Hence, the country has high temperatures, high humidity, and abundant rainfall.

Travel Itinerary and Details

Main Airports

Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA)

About 7 kilometers south of Manila City, between Pasay and Parañaque City, is where you'll find the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA). The Manila International Authority oversees the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. There are many airlines that offer frequent service to Ninoy Aquino International Airport, including Cathay Pacific, Emirates, Chila Airlines, Gulf Air, Malaysia Airlines, and Singapore Airlines. The NAIA has three terminals, 70 flight information terminals, and 2,000 indoor and 1,200 outdoor parking spaces.



Travel Time from NAIA to UP Diliman NCPAG: 1 hr 9 min (22.1 km) via Epifanio de los Santos Ave/C-4 and Pan-Philippine Hwy/AH26

For more details on the conference venue, please refer to page 22

Traveling Around the Philippines

By Road

The Philippines' road network bridges major cities together through national primary, secondary, and tertiary roads. The country is highly car-centric with the majority of vehicles on the road being private vehicles.

- Grab:** A car-service company popular in major urban areas. Its services are availed by downloading the app on a smartphone; where customers can book a ride and track the car's location. Grab has become among the primary transport providers due to its efficiency as a ride-hailing company that operates approximately 20,000 vehicles.



- Taxicabs:** Another major mode of transportation is taxi cabs. It is characterized by its usual appearance of a white car and a taxi sign on the roof of the vehicle. Manila taxi phone dispatch companies are available 24/7 throughout the city. The following telephone numbers are LTFRB and DOTr approved: 24/7 Taxi +63 2 8641 8206, LBR Taxi +63 2 8887 7527, EMP Taxi +63 2 8293 5930, and Dollar Taxi +63 2 8921 2383.



- Jeep:** The country's transportation icon is a Jeep. It is characterized by its long military jeep appearance and its horizontally positioned seats. The ride fare of the public vehicles costs ₱12 (\$0.21) at the minimum. Jeepneys have been operating for decades and are the country's cheapest public transportation vehicles. There are two types of jeepneys operating in the country: Traditional Jeepneys and Modernized Jeepneys.

- *Traditional Jeepney* - It is a steel box-type frame appearance that runs on diesel.
- *Modernize Jeepney* - It is modeled after a minibus with some modern jeep containing an air conditioner and charging socket. Modern jeepneys run on electricity and with the passenger seats facing the driver's seat.



Traditional Jeepney



Modern Jeepney

Carrying ID

Guests must always have a valid identification card (I.D.) to carry with them during their stay. The guests are highly encouraged to have a photocopy of their passport and have their original copy kept in a safe place. The guests should always carry a legitimate form of identification with them when moving between cities.

Lodging

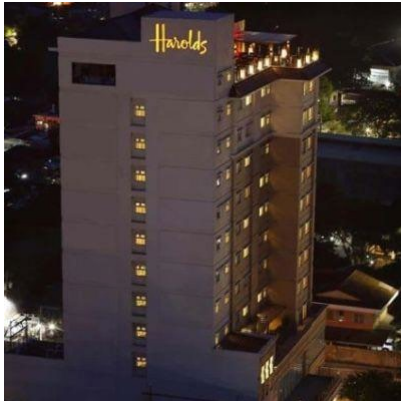
The Philippines' hospitality industry offers a diverse range of establishments that cater to local and foreign tourists who are looking for lodging. The Philippines' tourism and hospitality industry includes hotels, motels, Airbnb, and condo rentals. These establishments are committed to providing a more comprehensive set of quality, comfort, and high-standard amenities, services, and facilities. The following are the suggested hotel accommodation options for IASIA participants; which also provide special rates and discount code: 2023 IASIA.

For Hotels that have Special Rates for IASIA Participants:

- The IASIA Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will be providing a shuttle to and from the UP Diliman venue for the participants who are staying in these hotels. This service will be on a first come first serve basis.
- Conversion of the room rates to US Dollar rates may change based on the exchange rate of the currencies. The conversion included was as of April 30, 2023. [Currency Exchange Calculator](#)

With Special Rates for IASIA Participants

Discount code for corporate rate: **2023 IASIA**



Harolds Evotel Quezon City ☆☆☆

**Brgy 16 Timog Ave, Diliman, Quezon City, 1103
Metro Manila, Philippines**

Distance from and to UP Diliman: 6 kms.

[Check the Google Map](#)

[Visit Harold Evotel's Website](#)

Email: book.qc@haroldsevotel.com

Room Category	Size (sqm)	Corporate Rates (per night)	
		Room with Breakfast	Room Only
Deluxe Room (Twin or Queen)	21	Php 3,600.00 (\$65)	Php 2,400.00 (\$44)
Premier Deluxe Room (Twin or Queen)	28	Php 4,000.00 (\$73)	Php 3,000.00 (\$54)
Executive Suite (Queen)	38	Php 5,100.00 (\$92)	Php 4,300.00 (\$78)
PWD Room	38	Php 5,300.00 (\$96)	Php 4,300.00 (\$78)
Extra Person (With extra bed)		Php 1,500.00 (\$28)	

Inclusions: Complimentary wireless high-speed internet access; Standard check-in time is 2:00 PM, check-out time is at 12:00 NN; Early arrivals/check-in shall only be put on request and not automatically guaranteed. Guests will be accommodated based on room availability.

Explore the rooms on:

<https://www.haroldsevotel.com/quezon/rooms/>



Microtel by Wyndham UP Technohub, QC

☆☆☆

**UP-Ayala Land Technohub,
Commonwealth Avenue, Diliman,
Quezon City, Metro Manila**

Distance from and to UP Diliman: 1.1 kms.

[Check the Google Map](#)

[Visit Microtel-UP Technohub](#)

Email: uptechnohub@microtel.ph

Queen Beds Room

Corporate rate: **₱3,400 (\$62) (per night)**

Room details and inclusions: Free breakfast for two; Air conditioning; Private bathroom; Free WiFi; Flat-screen TV; Safety Deposit Box; Free toiletry; Facility use - rooftop swimming pool.

Explore the rooms on:

<https://ireward.superghs.com/microteluptech/rooms>

Exclusive Discounts: (Just present your keycard) 10% discount at Topsy Pig Gastropub; (Timog, QC/Forbes Town/Capitol Commons); 5% discount at Cinema 76 (Cinema and Café); 5% discount at K-Mall Philippines.

Accommodation within UP Diliman Campus

University Hotel



Location: Corner Aglipay and Guerrero Street, UP Diliman, Quezon City

Distance from and to UP Diliman: 1.1 km.

[Please check the Google Map](#)

[More pictures on University Hotel's Facebook profile](#)



Email: updilimanhotel@gmail.com



Room Details

Regular Rooms (per night)

- Twin occupancy rate: ₱2,810 (\$51)
- Triple occupancy rate: ₱3,500 (\$64)



Deluxe Rooms (per night)

- Twin occupancy rate: ₱3,500 (\$64)

Accommodation Outside UP Diliman



Seda Vertis North ☆☆☆☆☆

Vertis North, Sola corner Lux Drives, Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila

Distance from and to UP Diliman: 6.7 kms.

[Check the Google Map](#)

[Visit Seda Vertis North's website](#)

Email: vertis@sedahotels.com

Room Details:

- **Deluxe Room** rate per night: **₱6,624 (\$120) with tax** 1 king-sized bed or 2 single beds; Air conditioning; Free WiFi; Flat-screen TV; Mini bar; Satellite Channels; Security Deposit Box; Free coffee and tea (tea-making facility); Free toiletry; Executive work desk.

Explore this part of the website:

<https://vertisnorth.reserve-online.net/accommodation/rooms>



Luxent Hotel ☆☆☆☆

51 Timog Avenue, South Triangle, Quezon City, Metro Manila

Distance from and to UP Diliman: 5.9 kms.

[Check the Google Map](#)

[Visit Luxent Hotel's website](#)

Email: reservations@luxenthotel.com

Room Details:

- **Deluxe King** rate per night: **₱4,642.86 (\$84)** 1 king-sized bed; Air conditioning; Free WiFi; TV; Hairdryer; Minibar; Safety Deposit Box; Satellite Channels; Free coffee and tea (tea-making facility); Free local calls; Free toiletry; Executive work desk; Facility use - computer at Business Center.

Explore the rooms on the website:

<https://luxenthotel.com/rooms/>



The B Hotel Quezon City ☆☆☆☆

14 Sct. Rallos St, Brgy, Quezon City, 1103 Metro Manila

Distance from and to UP Diliman: 6.1 kms.

[Check the Google Map](#)

[Visit The B Hotel Quezon City's Website](#)

Email: info@thebhotelqc.com

Room Details

- **Deluxe Room** rate per night: **₱6,624 (\$120) with tax**
1 king-sized bed or 2 single beds; Air conditioning; Free WiFi; Flat-screen TV; Mini bar; Satellite Channels; Security Deposit Box; Free coffee and tea (tea-making facility); Free toiletry; Executive work desk.
- **Superior Room** rate per night: **Php 3,099 (\$56)**
Size: 28sqm; 1 king-sized bed or 2 twin beds; With work area and lounge chair; Air conditioning; Satellite/cable LED TV; Free LAN and Wi-Fi access; In-room safe; Private toilet, bath.

Explore this part of the website:

<https://www.bhotelqc.com/rooms/>



Privato Hotel Quezon City ☆☆☆☆

82 Scout Castor St, Tomas Morato Ave, Quezon City, Metro Manila

Distance from and to UP Diliman: 6.7 kms.

[Check the Google Map](#)

[Visit Privato's Hotel website](#)

Email: reservations.quezoncity@privatohotels.com

Room Details

- **Deluxe King Room** rate per night: **₱5,200 (\$94)**
1 king-sized bed; Free breakfast for 2; Air conditioning; Free WiFi; Flat-Screen TV; Security Deposit Box; Free coffee and tea; Free local calls; Free toiletry; Work desk; Facility use - airport transportation, parking area, swimming pool.
- **Executive Twin** Price: **₱2,427 (\$44)**
2 single beds; Free breakfast for 2; Air conditioning; Free WiFi; Flat-Screen TV; Security Deposit Box; Free coffee and tea (tea-making facility); Free local calls; Free toiletry; Work desk; Facility use - airport transportation, parking area, swimming pool.

Explore this part of the website:

<https://privatohotels.com/privato-quezon-city/>



Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA ☆☆☆

North Towers SM North EDSA, North Avenue Complex
 SM City North, corner Epifanio de los Santos Ave
 Quezon City, Metro Manila

Distance from and to UP Diliman: 6.1 kms.

[Check the Google Map](#)

For booking please access [Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA's website](#)

Room Details:

Deluxe Room rate per night: **₱4,789 (\$87)**

1 king-sized bed or 2 single beds; Air conditioning; Free WiFi; Flat-screen TV; Safety Deposit Box; Satellite Channels; Free coffee and tea (tea-making facility); Free toiletry; Work desk; Facility use - fitness center, parking area, swimming pool, concierge and room service.

Explore this part of the website:

<https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/>

- *Conversion of the room rates to US Dollar rates may change based on the exchange rate of the currencies. The conversion included was as of April 30, 2023. [Currency Exchange Calculator](#)*

What to Eat/Drink

Appetizers:



Chicharon - A snack made with deep-fried pork rinds is known as a chicharon in many Spanish-speaking regions of the world. It also refers to other dishes that are similarly deep-fried and typically made with either chicken or pork in the Philippines.



Mangga at Bagoong - Unripe green mangoes and bagoong alamang are combined in a straightforward but wildly popular dish known as manga at bagoong. A paste known as bagoong alamang is created from fermented shrimp or krill. It is well-known for being an extremely pungent condiment that is used in many well-known Filipino dishes like pinakbet and binagoongan. It is popular in similar forms throughout Southeast Asia.



Balut - It describes an embryonic duck egg that has been fertilized, boiled, and then eaten straight from its shell after a 14–21-day incubation period.

Main dishes:



Adobo - This dish is usually cooked with meat varying from chicken, pork, or beef and is marinated in vinegar, soy sauce, garlic, and other spices to make the dish adobo.



Sisig- It is traditionally made with the liver and belly which are simmered with all the tasty parts of the pig's head, including the cheeks, snout, and ears, before being chopped into small pieces and fried.



Kare-kare- Pieces of oxtail are stewed with vegetables like daikon, Chinese cabbage, and eggplant in a rich peanut sauce made with annatto and peanut butter. The sauce is best served with a steaming bowl of fluffy rice and a dollop of bagoong (shrimp paste) for the necessary funk. It almost tastes like a mild satay.



Sinigang - A sour soup native to the Philippines. This recipe uses pork as the main ingredient. Other proteins and seafood can also be used.



Pinakbet - A popular Filipino dish known as pinakbet is made with pork belly and various vegetables sautéed in fish or shrimp sauce. It comes from the Ilocos region and gets its name from the Ilocano word pinakbet, which means "shriveled". This refers to the vegetables being simmered until they have shrunk or shriveled over low heat.

Desserts:



Halo-halo - Red beans, coconut gel, purple yam, flan, candied fruits, and even a scoop of ice cream are all thrown together in a halo-halo avalanche of icy goodness.



Buko pie - Similar to custard pie but has a denser, condensed milk-sweetened filling that is made without cream.



Mais Con Yelo - This dessert is especially famous during summer. It consists of shaved or crushed ice, evaporated milk, sugar, vanilla ice cream, and sweet cooked corn removed from the cob.



Mango Float - A popular no-bake cold dessert made of layered whipped sweetened cream, graham cracker crumbs, and mango that's chilled overnight.

Refreshments:



Buko juice - a cold beverage with coconut milk and some sugar. Due to its high magnesium and calcium content, it is the ideal beverage for consumption on the go.



Sago't gulaman - This drink, which combines traditional gelatine, brown sugar, and pearl-shaped palm stems, is ideal as a summer treat or everyday beverage.

Health Care

The Philippines' healthcare system provides a cost-effective, quality service to all people nationwide. The country's commitment to pursuing cost-effective, quality service healthcare in order to maximize response capacity has instigated the implementation of the Universal Health Care Act, which provides health benefits packages and a case rate deduction for hospital charges.

The following health facilities near UP Diliman:



Medical City Clinic Regis Center

Location: 7/F Regis Commercial Center, Katipunan Ave., Quezon City

Contact No: 8361-8833 / 8361-8835 / 8961-9316

Clinic Mobile No: 0925-8040553

Operating Hours: Monday-Saturday 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM



World Citi Medical Center

Location: 960 Aurora Blvd, Project 4, Quezon City, Metro Manila

Contact No: (02) 8913 8380 / 632 89138380 / +63 917 708 5843 / +63 995 5542923

Email: inquiry@worldcitimedicalcenter.com

Operating Hours: Monday-Sunday, 24 hours



SDS Medical Center Inc.

Location: 61 Katipunan St, Marikina City, 1800 Metro Manila

Contact No: 8948-5186 / 7004-3739

Email: info@sdsmedicalcenter.com.

Operating Hours: Monday-Sunday, 24 hours



New Era General Hospital

Location: Commonwealth Ave, New Era, Quezon City, Metro Manila

Contact No: (02) 8932 7387 / +632 8714-6344 ·

Email: info@negh.com.ph

Operating Hours: Monday-Sunday, 24 hours

Shopping Establishments

UP Town Center

The University of the Philippines Diliman, Ateneo de Manila University, and Miriam College are just a few of the universities and other educational institutions along Katipunan Avenue that are marketed as the "first and only university town center" in the Philippines. It is located at Katipunan Avenue, Brgy. UP Campus, Quezon City, and is open from 9 A.M.-10 P.M.



SM North EDSA

SM City North EDSA opened in 1985, months before the EDSA Revolution, which represented a difficult period in Philippine political history. It was once the largest mall in the country until IKEA joined his SM Mall of Asia. Currently, SM City North EDSA is the second largest shopping mall in the Philippines and it is one of the top 15 malls in the world. It is located at North Avenue corner EDSA, Quezon City, 1100 Metro Manila and operates Monday to Sunday from 10AM to 10PM



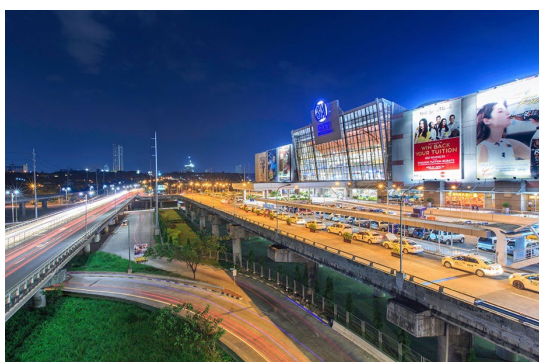
Vertis North

Ayala Malls Vertis North is designed to optimize the experience of younger generations as a free-spirited, connected and socially active lifestyle destination. It complements the functions of his larger predecessor TRINOMA, making it a more relaxed and sociable venue, from architecture to grounds to shop selection. It is located at Vertis North, Quezon Ave, Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila, 1100 and operates daily from 11 AM- 10 PM.



SM Marikina

SM City Marikina is a shopping mall owned and operated by SM Prime Holdings in Calumban, Marikina, Philippines. SM City Marikina is the first mall with WiFi connectivity. SM City Marikina is part of the SM 50th anniversary celebration and is the first SM mall that opened in 2008. It is located at Brgy. Calumpang, Marikina City, Philippines and operates from Sunday to Thursday 10AM to 9PM and Friday to Saturday 10AM to 10PM.



Eastwood City

Eastwood Mall is a shopping and dining paradise that rivals the best in the world. Awarded "Best Mall of the Year" by the Philippine Retailers Association in 2010 and 2012, Eastwood Mall features restaurants offering chef-led alfresco dining and one of the Philippines' most popular state-of-the-art cinemas. It is located at 116 Eastwood Ave, Bagumbayan, Quezon City and operates from 10 AM-10 PM daily.



SM Cubao

SM Cubao was one of the original stand-alone SM department stores that paved the way for today's EDSA's north-to-south supermalls, and was a popular place to shop for new clothes and shoes for the opening of school and Christmas. As a bonus, the Fiesta Carnival (now Shopwise) was across the street and had the perfect rides for a family weekend in town. It is located at P. Tuazon Boulevard, Araneta Center, Quezon City 1109 Metro Manila and operates from 10 AM-10 PM daily.



Maginhawa Street, Quezon City

Quezon City is renowned for its rich blend of cultural heritage from both Western and Eastern countries. Life here revolves around socializing and enjoying modern fun. With so many destinations to explore, this place will leave you with countless fun memories.

When it comes to Quezon City nightlife, words cannot describe the sheer number of crazy experiences you can have while exploring the city at night.



Exchange Rates

- The currency in the Philippines is Pesos (Php)
- Bills come in denominations of 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, and 1000. Coins have a value of 1, 5, 10, and 20



- As of May 2023, the current value of Php is:
 - 1 USD = 56.16 PHP
 - 1 Euro = 61.11 PHP

(Please note that the Philippine currency rate changes over time. To keep up to date, please refer to this link: <https://www.pnb.com.ph/index.php/foreign-exchange-rates>)

- Foreign currency can be exchanged at local establishments including major malls such as SM and Robinsons, which have money exchange counters
- Cash can be withdrawn at ATM machines. The following are international banks/ATMS that do not charge for foreign/overseas card withdrawals: China Trust, Citibank, HSBC, Maybank, and Standard Chartered Bank.
- Multiple establishments and landmarks such as hotels, restaurants, and stores accept international credit cards.

Entry Conditions to the Philippines and Visas

Types of Visas Granted

The Philippines has three main types of visas: non-immigrant, immigrant, and special visas. Here are some of the most common ones:

Section 9 Visas for Non-Immigrants

- Tourist Visa or 9(a) - for tourism and transit
- Transit Visa or 9(b) - for those who are temporarily passing through the Philippines
- Business Visa or 9(d) - for trade and business trips
- Student Visa or 9(f) - for students getting an education in the Philippines

Section 13 Visas for Immigrants

- Quota Visa or 13 - 50 immigrants from each nationality are allowed each year to emigrate to the Philippines
- Re-entry and Repatriation Visas or 13(a) - 13(g) - for Filipino citizens who have been gone a long time, those born outside of the Philippines but have Filipino parents and more.

Retirees, companies that employ Filipino citizens, investors in Filipino businesses, specific employees of Filipino multinational corporations, people employed by Philippine offshore foreign banks, and people with dependents are all eligible for Section Special Visas.

For more information, please visit the following links:

- (1) [Philippine Visa Type](#)
- (2) [Philippine Visa Requirements](#)

List of countries whose nationals are exempted from the entry visa to the Philippines

For more information, please visit the link: [Nationals Exempted from Entry Visa to the Philippines](#)

Measures Imposed by the COVID-19 Pandemic

As of 2023, the Philippines have lifted most mobility and precautionary restrictions against COVID-19 as the government administration cited the declining case of the virus in the country.

- The donning of surgical masks has become voluntary both indoors and outdoors, excluding in healthcare facilities and all types of public transportation.
- Public establishments are no longer required to demand proof of vaccination from customers/clients.

- Alcohol and sanitizers remain to be offered in public establishments upon entry such as malls, restaurants, and hospitals.
- Travelers via plane to and fro the Philippines are required to register an "Electronic Health Declaration Card", which shows the travelers' paper-based arrival and departure cards and One Health Pass. *(Please note that e-travel does not require payment.)*

COVID-19 Protocol: Travel Requirement

Foreigners from visa-required countries will need to follow the immigration, visa, and testing procedures set by the government.

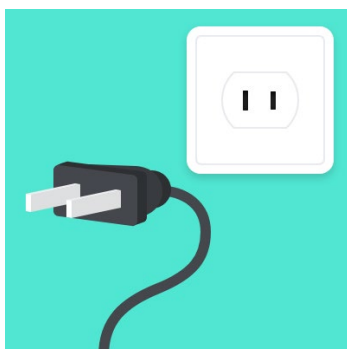
- Travelers aged 15 and above will be exempted from the testing requirement as long as they can present proof of complete COVID-19 vaccination.
- Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated travelers need to present a negative rapid antigen test result from a laboratory. The test must be taken within 24 hours from their departure from the country of origin. Self-tests are not allowed but have the option to undergo a laboratory-based antigen test upon arrival at the airport.

For more information on COVID-19 Protocol VISA Requirements, please refer to this link: [Philippine VISA Requirements](#)

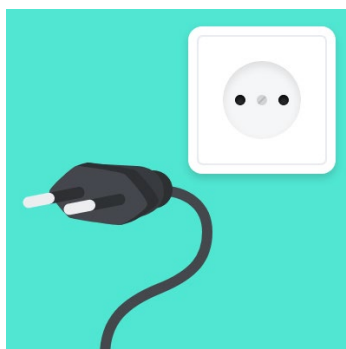
Electrical Circuit

The most common associated plug type for the Philippines is type A. Plug type A has two parallel flat pins, and grounding pins. The Philippines uses a 220V supply voltage and a 60Hz operating frequency. Bringing your own converter socket is also highly recommended.

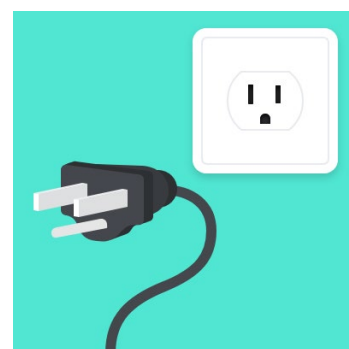
Type A



Type B



Type C



Telephone et Internet

The Philippines' international telephone number format is +63 (XXX) YYY ZZZZ for international callers. The country code for domestic calls is (+63) which can also be replaced by (0). Whereas, for local calls, both the 0 and area codes are omitted.

The Philippines has multiple mobile network operators that sell SIM cards such as Globe Telecom, Smart Communications, Sun Cellular, and TalkNtext (TNT). The companies' SIM cards can be purchased in airports, cyber shops, local stores, malls, etc.

The Philippines has multiple companies that provide WiFi and Fiber internet broadband plans. Among these internet service providers are: Converge, PLDT, Smart Bro, Globe Broadband, Red Fiber, RISE, DITO Telecommunity, etc.

Cities to Visit in the Philippines

Manila City

On the island of Luzon is Manila, the capital of the Philippines. It is also known as the "Rome of the East" and offers the ideal balance of traditional and contemporary charm. The following are some of the top locations to visit in the busy city:

Rizal Park is home to an orchidarium, statues of notable people, flower gardens, and a swimming pool called the Central Lagoon. It is also the site of Jose Rizal's execution, a national hero of the Philippines. As a result, it is very important historically.



You can encounter marine life at **Manila Ocean Park**.



San Agustin Church

The San Agustin Church, which dates back to the 16th century, is the oldest church in the Philippines. Even after renovations, it still displays the magnificent Baroque architecture.



Manila Zoo

Elephants, Bengal tigers, and hippopotamuses are just a few of the wildlife creatures that can be found at the Manila Zoo. Additionally, it has a botanical garden and arboretum with a variety of plants indigenous to the ecology of the Philippines. If you're traveling with children, visit the zoo. Your children will be thrilled to meet a variety of animals and discover a variety of plant species.



Intramuros

One of Manila's oldest neighborhoods is Intramuros, also known as the "Walled City," which was established around 1571 on the south bank of the Pasig River. It was constructed by the Spaniards, specifically Miguel Lopez de Legaspi, and is surrounded on all sides by moats and walls that are thick and tall, some of which are over 6 meters high.



Valenzuela City

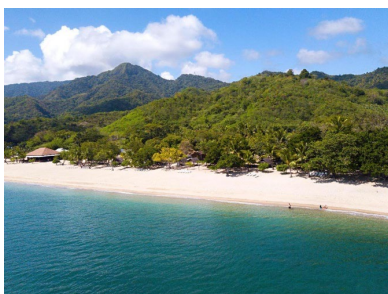
What is the city of Valenzuela known for? Because the MacArthur Highway and the North Luzon Expressway pass through the city of Valenzuela, it is referred to as the "Northern Gateway to Metropolitan Manila" The travel time from Manila to Valenzuela is estimated to be around 45-60 minutes by car.



Outside Metropolitan Manila:

Batangas City

The Batangas Port, the second-most significant seaport in the Philippines, is located in the city, making it a key gateway to Luzon and the rest of the country. With seven colleges and universities, including the three major ones of Batangas State University, Lyceum Philippines University, and University of Batangas, Batangas City also serves as the provincial educational hub. Being a port city, Batangas is being developed to become the regional hub of the Calabarzon region. It is a rapidly expanding commercial and industrial center. The driving distance between Manila to Batangas is 108 km. It takes approximately 1h 21m to drive from Manila to Batangas.



Baguio City

Baguio, also known as the "City of Pines," is a remote mountainous area on the island of Luzon. People adore it because of the cozy atmosphere and cooler temperatures made possible by the dense pine forests.

Outdoor pursuits like biking, hiking, and golfing are available here. Think about going to renowned parks like Mines View and Burnham Park as well. Attractions at Burnham Park include a skating rink, a man-made lake where you can ride rowboats, and the Picnic Grove, which is ideal for romantic dates or gatherings with friends and family. Depending on the mode of transportation you select, it can take longer or shorter to get from Manila to Baguio. All things considered, the total travel time should be between 5 and 7 hours.



Tagaytay City

Perched on top of the active Taal Volcano, Tagaytay is incorporated into most itineraries in the Philippines. The views of Crater Lake and the crisp, cool weather makes the city an attractive destination. Not to mention the famous, unfinished People's Park in the Sky. Most visitors fly directly from Manila to Tagaytay. By bus, private vehicle, or jeepney, the journey can take one to one and a half hours. It is less expensive and takes longer to get a bus from the Pasay terminal to Tagaytay. Buses leave the Coastal Mall area frequently.



Conference Venue: University of the Philippines

The University of the Philippines (UP) is a leading educational institution in the country, renowned for its outstanding science and research program as well as its record for topping the country's educational system ranking. As of 2013, the University of the Philippines offers a myriad of academic programs in 376 major fields, with 72 programs at the doctoral level, 164 at the masters, and 140 at the undergraduate level. UPD also has a broad range of connections and alliances with multiple local and international organizations, institutions, departments, etc, bolstering the university's curriculum, faculty, programs, and resources. The university is located in Diliman, Quezon City, and is recognized to be the largest university in the country as it occupies 493 hectares or 1,220 acres. UP Diliman has 167 academic and administrative buildings, 11 dormitories, and 1,143 University-provided housing units, as well as open spaces, parks, and protected forest areas.



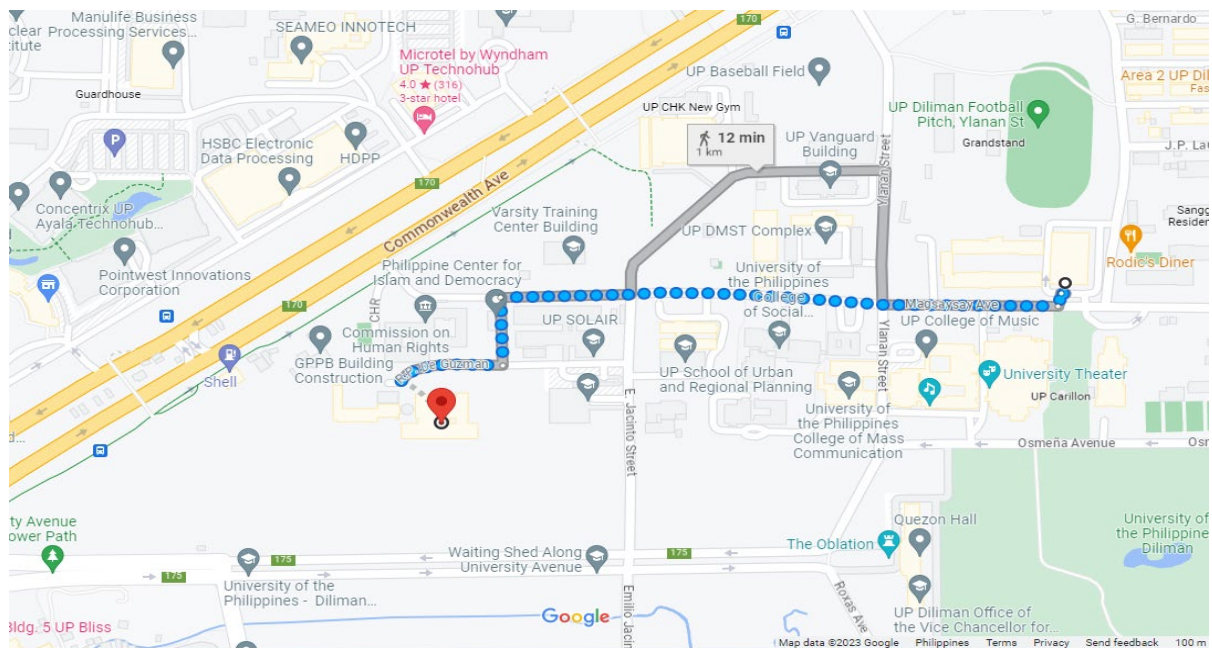
Within the University of the Philippines, “Ang Bahay ng Alumni” will be the location for the plenary sessions of the conference. It is among the convention facilities on campus. It features a coffee shop, office spaces, meeting rooms, and a convention hall. Whereas, UP National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP NCPAG) is a faculty of public administration and public policy, and will be the location for the conference’s breakout session.



Ang Bahay ng Alumni



UP National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP NCPAG)



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Map to and from Ang Bahay ng Alumni and UP NCPAG