



This southern province of Luzon is home to several hot spring resorts, ice-cold mountain pools and Mt. Makiling, a favorite among amateur and expert climbers. Most of Laguna's towns are home to private and public resorts and rest houses complete with swimming pools that contain fresh water from the hot springs and complete facilities.

Visitors who have been to Pagsanjan are often awed by the stark natural beauty of the Pagsanjan River and its spectacular falls. Located roughly 100 kilometres from Manila, Pagsanjan is on the southeast side of Laguna de Bay, the largest freshwater lake in Southeast Asia. It is famous for "shooting the rapids", one of the best-loved activities for visitors in the Manila area. Tourists are treated to a thrilling river ride between the picturesque canyon walls and through the rapids at breathtaking speed to the falls.

Innumerable hot springs abound in the province, including the famous Hidden Valley Springs which is located in a secluded part of Alaminos town. A trip to Dalitiwan River, located in Botocan, Majayjay, is an exciting adventure because the terrain is rugged, as mountain lands go, and the cool water or river gushes through the rocks and boulders along the watercourse in sweeping currents. The mystical Mt. Makiling in Los Banos is an inactive volcano, rising to about 1,109 meters above sea level. It is indeed endowed with nature's beauty, making it ideal for all types of nature tripping, from trekking to bird and butterfly watching and even camping.

Owing to its nearness to Manila, Laguna is presently becoming the center of economic activity in the Southern Tagalog region and the CALABARZON area. Business in the area is bustling as shown by the presence of several industrial estates designed for handling large scale firms engaged in textile manufacturing, electronics, food processing, industrial machines, and car assembly.

3D/2N CAVITE-BATANGAS-LAGUNA COMBINATION

Day 1 - Manila-Tagaytay

Morning departure from Manila to Tagaytay. Proceed to a tour of Tagaytay Ridge which offers a magnificent view of the smallest and lowest volcano in the world, Taal Volcano, resting in the middle of serene Taal Lake. A deceptive tranquility; notable are the eruptions in 1716 and 1754 where ashes spewed by the volcano darkened the skies combined with rains and thunder, massive earthquakes, and gigantic waves driving the residents around the lake to the inner towns for refuge. The 1911 eruption claimed 1,300 lives, and 300 more in 1965 burying 6 barrios. Visit People's Park in the Sky providing a picturesque 360 degrees view of the three provinces south of Metro Manila and westward to the sea. The tour also provides a visit to GBR Museum which houses more than 3,000 vintage paintings and photographs of the Philippines, antique maps and imperial glass pieces from China and other vintage articles. Lunch will be taken in a cozy restaurant overlooking the lake & the volcano. Check-in at the hotel for overnight. (L)

Day 2 - Tagaytay-Taal Trekking-Tagaytay

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive down to the town of Talisay in Batangas, the jump-off point to Taal Volcano. Upon arrival, board motorized outriggers to the island volcano 30 minutes away. Light trekkers can view the caldera from the rim of the crater. Islanders are renting out horses for minimal fee. Strong trekkers can hike through the expanse of hardened black lava up to an easy incline and down to the crater for a close-up view of the caldera. The lake inside the crater invites hikers to a relaxing swim. Return to a shoreline resort for a sumptuous lunch. Return to Tagaytay for overnight. (B/L)

Day 3 - Tagaytay-Villa Escudero-Manila

After breakfast, check-out of the hotel and proceed to the quaint and historic Villa Escudero, amidst coconut palms, reminiscent of old plantation life. Highlight of the tour is a family museum of archaeological artifacts and private collections of antique relics from Pre-History, Spanish time and World War II. Local folks will serenade you on board water buffalo-drawn carts that transport you going to a man-made waterfalls that provides hydroelectric power to the plantation. Lunch is served on tables set over a flowing stream. On weekends, a cultural show is presented for the delight of plantation visitors. Return to Manila after the tour for your next destination. (B/L)

TOUR CODE: CBL-001

INCLUSIONS: Roundtrip transfers on air-conditioned vehicle
2 nights room accommodation in Tagaytay
Meals as specified (B-breakfast/L-lunch)
Services of an English-speaking driver
Entrance fees as per itinerary
Travel Insurance

NOTE: For booking, rates or information, please contact us through our numbers/e-mail below. Thank you.

DAY TOUR PACKAGES IN LAGUNA

VILLA ESCUDERO



Two-and-a-half hours south of Manila is the quaint and historic Villa Escudero, amidst coconut palms, reminiscent of old plantation life. Highlight of the tour is a family museum of archaeological artifacts and private collections of antique relics from Pre-History, Spanish time and World War II. Local folks will serenade you on board water buffalo-drawn carts that transport you going to a man-made waterfalls that provides hydroelectric power to the plantation. Lunch is served on tables set over a flowing stream. On weekends, a cultural show is presented for the delight of plantation visitors.

Inclusions: Roundtrip transfers, services of an English-speaking driver, entrance fees, carabao cartride, lunch.

RATES	1 PAX	2 PAX	3-5 PAX	6-8 PAX
	PHP 5,595.00	PHP 4,220.00	PHP 3,720.00	PHP 3,410.00

HIDDEN VALLEY SPRINGS



An ecological tour to a unique place called Hidden Valley. Its well-preserved and protected vegetation flourishes in a 300 feet deep crater covering an area of 110 hectares believed to have been formed by volcanic upheaval thousands of years ago. A private resort that boasts of a virgin forest, century old trees, giant ferns, wild orchids, hidden waterfalls, and several natural spring pools consummates the exhilarating ambiance. A nature lovers' haven for the dipping guarantees a well-spent day.

Inclusions: Roundtrip transfers, services of an English-speaking driver, welcome drinks, buffet lunch, afternoon snacks, entrance fees.

RATES	1 PAX	2 PAX	3-5 PAX	6-8 PAX
	PHP 6,480.00	PHP 5,100.00	PHP 4,520.00	PHP 4,140.00

PAGSANJAN GORGE & FALLS



A 3-hour drive to the countryside south of Manila to the old town of Pagsanjan. A riverside resort provides a "banca" (a dugout canoe) for the trip to the falls. Be prepared to get wet, water runs deep and strong in the Pagsanjan River, benevolent at times but not manageable during stormy weather when rain prods white-water mass racing downstream. At the falls, you may opt to ride a bamboo raft that will take you underneath the waterfalls to experience the thunderous cascade of water coming from 70 ft. above. Your return trip is another beguiling and thrilling boat ride experience as you "shoot the rapids" going downstream. Watch your boatman as they skillfully maneuver the boat between the rocks and boulders until you reach the calm waters of the river. Lunch follows at a riverside lodge.

Inclusions: Roundtrip transfers, services of an English-speaking driver, canoe ride, entrance fees, lunch.

RATES	1 PAX	2 PAX	3-5 PAX	6-8 PAX
	PHP 6,845.00	PHP 4,595.00	PHP 4,095.00	PHP 3,785.00

HOTEL/RESORT PARTNERS IN LAGUNA

<u>NAME OF HOTEL/RESORT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>
HIDDEN VALLEY SPRINGS	Alaminos	AA
PAGSANJAN FALLS LODGE & SUMMER RESORT	Pagsanjan	Standard
VILLA ESCUDERO PLANTATIONS & RESORT	San Pablo	AA
EL CIELITO INN - STA. ROSA	Sta. Rosa	Standard