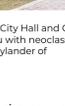


There is no such thing as a small prayer for someone with big faith.

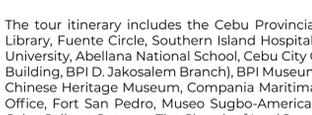


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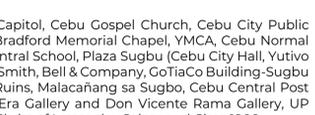


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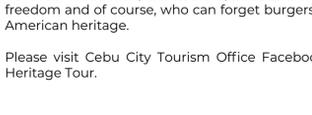
Cebu City Tourism Commission Launches the American Era Heritage Tour



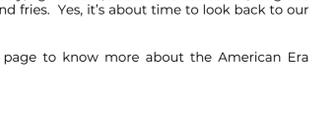
Tour participants in front of the Cebu Provincial Capitol, a neoclassical building which was built in 1937 during the American era. Photo courtesy of Cebu Provincial Tourism Office.



At Museo Sugbo, Archaeologist Dr. Jobers Bersales explains the participants to the newly launched heritage tour. Photo courtesy of Cebu City Tourism Office



Behind the Plaza Sugbu marker are Cebu City Hall and Gotaicoo Building, both heritage landmarks of Cebu with neoclassical architectural design. Photo courtesy of Leylander of myceubuphotolog.com



Cebu City Vice-Mayor Michael Rama at Circa 1900 addressing the participants to the newly launched heritage tour. Photo courtesy of Cebu City Tourism Office

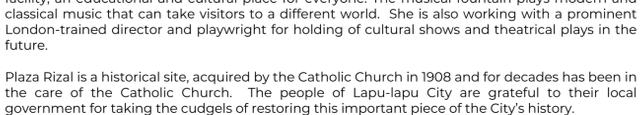
July 4, 2021 marks the 75th Anniversary of the Philippine American Friendship Day. The Cebu City Tourism Commission (CCTC) in collaboration with the Department of Tourism Region 7 (DOT7) celebrated this very important occasion with the launch of the American Era Heritage Tour. Some 20 representatives from the different tourism stakeholders including tour guides, travel agents, tour operators, the airport and officials of the CCTC joined the first ever American Era Heritage Tour.

The tour itinerary includes the Cebu Provincial Capitol, Cebu Gospel Church, Cebu City Public Library, Fuente Circle, Southern Island Hospital, Bradford Memorial Chapel, YMCA, Cebu Normal University, Abellana National School, Cebu City Central School, Plaza Sugbu (Cebu City Hall, Nurtivo Building, BPI D. Jakosalem Branch), BPI Museum, Smith, Bell & Company, GoTiaCo Building-Sugbu Chinese Heritage Museum, Compania Maritima Ruins, Malacañang sa Sugbo, Cebu Central Post Office, Fort San Pedro, Museo Sugbo-American Era Gallery and Don Vicente Rama Gallery, UP Cebu College Campus, The Church of Lord Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Circa 1900.

Cebu has always been known for the Battle of Mactan, the Victory of Lapulapu and the birth of Christianity in the country, all of which are events related to our Spanish heritage. Little is being said about our American heritage. No matter what, we cannot escape the American influence in our lives – education, architecture, trade and industry, agriculture, health and sanitation, religious freedom and of course, who can forget burgers and fries. Yes, it's about time to look back to our American heritage.

Please visit Cebu City Tourism Office Facebook page to know more about the American Era Heritage Tour.

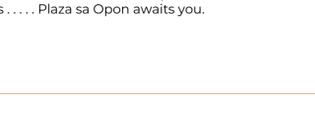
Plaza Rizal or Plaza sa Opon Now Open



Images of the newly rehabilitated Rizal Park. Photos courtesy of Tristan Dela Serna.



Blessing of the new Rizal Park officiated by Fr. Bong Corpuz and Fr. Reynante Joseph Ga. Ribbon cutting headed by Lapu-lapu City Mayor Junard "Ahong" Chan. Photos courtesy of Mayor Junard "Ahong" Chan.



Plaza Rizal or commonly called Plaza sa Opon is now open to Cebuanos and tourists alike. The blessing of the newly renovated Plaza Rizal was held last July 7, 2021 and was officiated by Fr. Bong Corpuz and Fr. Reynante Joseph Ga. No other than Lapu-lapu City Mayor Junard "Ahong" Chan and Tourism, Cultural and Historical Affairs Commission (TCHAC) Chairman Cindi King-Chan headed the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Plaza Rizal is conveniently located beside the Nuestra Señora Virgen Dela Regla Church. For many years it has been an image of neglect and disarray. Today, we see a clean, modern, family-oriented oasis. It boasts of a musical fountain, chess tables, shady and cool walking, workout and playing areas. At night, when the well-lit lamps are on, it creates an ambience of calmness and tranquility.

According to TCHAC Chairman Cindi King-Chan, this new plaza is a showcase of a world-class facility, an educational and cultural place for everyone. The musical fountain plays modern and classical music that can take visitors to a different world. She is also working with a prominent London-trained director and playwright for holding of cultural shows and theatrical plays in the future.

Plaza Rizal is a historical site, acquired by the Catholic Church in 1908 and for decades has been in the care of the Catholic Church. The people of Lapu-lapu City are grateful for their local government for taking the cudgels of restoring this important piece of the City's history.

The Spanish word "plaza" or in English a public square or an open space is where people of all ages and different social standing can go to, relax and spend quality time, with friends, family or just by themselves. This is what the new Plaza Rizal is. Kids, senior citizens, couples with children and persons with disabilities, Oponangos and tourists. . . . Plaza sa Opon awaits you.



What Guests Say About Cebu

The Manzanos & Reyeses' Cebu Trip



Arriving at Mactan Cebu International Airport (MCIA) and getting ready to transfer to the hotel.



Snorkeling in the clear blue waters of Mactan.



A visit to Fort San Pedro.



Cruising along Mactan Channel.

Popular DJ, TV host and influencer Andi Manzano together with her family visited Cebu last month. They took one of Sulu Pacific Air's flight from Manila and were happy that checking-in, and the flight itself was all smooth and comfy. Arriving and exiting the homey Cebu Airport is a breeze with the van for hotel transfer ready and waiting to pick them up. Staying in Lapu-lapu City is very convenient. It is open for domestic tourism and does not require RT-PCR testing for leisure travelers.

The family stayed in Shangri-La Mactan where they enjoyed the rich, sea, and sand. Most of their time was spent on the beach snorkeling and appreciating the rich marine life at Shangri-La's marine sanctuary. They also visited some heritage sites including Magellan's Cross and Fort San Pedro, dined at The Pig and Palm, a Michelin star restaurant, and cruised along Mactan Channel onboard one of Cebu Cruises Luxurious boats.

Adults and kids enjoyed their whole stay in Cebu. For Andi, "Cebu has one of the best beaches in the world." They were so happy that they can enjoy a normal vacation knowing that the establishments were following the new normal and have their own strict health protocols. Summing-up their entire vacation, Andi said, "Cebu is one of the safest places to go to."

Here's the link to Andi Manzano and her family's Cebu vacation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-sgf-mc5fQ>



Network Updates

As of July 14, 2021



INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

Airlines	Origin/Destination	Frequency
QATAR	Doha – Cebu Cebu – Doha	2x weekly (Thu, Sat, Sun & Mon)
Emirates	Dubai – Cebu Cebu – Dubai	2x weekly (Thu & Sun)
EVA AIR	Taipei – Cebu Cebu – Taipei	July 26 To weekly (Sat)
ANA	Singapore – Cebu Cebu – Singapore	To weekly (Sat)
CATHAY PACIFIC	Hong Kong – Cebu Cebu – Hong Kong	2x weekly (Thu & Sat)
JETJair	Manila – Cebu Cebu – Manila	July 30
JINAIR	Yokohama – Cebu Cebu – Yokohama	July 18 & 25
Philippine Airlines	Los Angeles – Cebu Cebu – Los Angeles	To weekly (Sat)
Philippine Airlines	Manila – Cebu Cebu – Manila	To weekly (Sat effective July 24)



DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

Airline	Origin/Destination	Frequency
AirAsia	Manila – Cebu Cebu – Manila	2x daily
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What's New in MCIA

GMCAC Receives the Outstanding Institution Award from Lapu-lapu City



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US REACH NEW HEIGHTS!

GMCAC receives the Outstanding Institution Award from Lapu-Lapu City

The city of Lapu-lapu hailed GMR Megawide Cebu Airport Corporation (GMCAC), the private operators of the Mactan Cebu International Airport (MCIA) as an outstanding institution during its 60th Charter Day celebration last June 17, 2021. "The improvement of the airport has further strengthened Lapu-lapu City's standing as a top tourist destination," the city said.

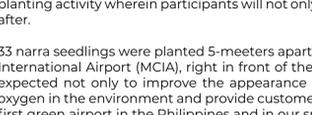
This award is the result of the partnership and collaboration between the Mactan Cebu International Airport Authority (MCIAA) and GMCAC in creating a positive travel experience for the riding public. Mr. Louie Ferrer, President of GMCAC said, "our airport also play an incredible role in the airport's success, and we recognize that this award would not have been possible without their contributions."

GMCAC will continue to be a steadfast partner in driving tourism for the continued development of MCIA, Lapu-lapu City, Cebu, the Philippines, and its people.

GMCAC Tree Planting and Caring Activity in Celebration of World Environment Day



GMCAC Employee volunteers and other participants in action.



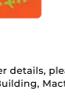
Perspective of the fully grown narra trees lining the MCIA car park.

In celebration of Environment Month and World Environment Day, the Safety Quality and Environment (SQE) Department of GMR Megawide Cebu Airport Corporation (GMCAC) initiated a project called Adopt-A-Tree Program on June 25, 2021. Adopt-A-Tree Program is a unique tree planting activity wherein participants will not only plant the trees but will maintain and nurture them after.

33 narra seedlings were planted 5-meters apart at the paved car park divisions of the Mactan Cebu International Airport (MCIA), right in front of the iconic Terminal 2. Once fully grown, the trees are expected not only to improve the appearance of the car park but more importantly, to increase oxygen in the environment and provide customers cool shaded areas. "We want to be known as the first green airport in the Philippines and in our small way, contribute to the world's effort to combat climate change and save Mother Earth," said Mr. John Binamira, GMCAC SQE Head.

The project was made possible in collaboration with GMCAC employee volunteers, the Philippine Air Force (PAF), Bureau of Plant Industry, and EVO Ventures. A total of 66 participants attended the tree planting activity.

"But the one thing we need more than hope is action. Once we start to act, hope is everywhere" - Greta Thunberg on Climate Change



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