

AUTHENTIC BANAUE AND SAGADA PREMIUM TOUR (PRIVATE TRANSFERS)

LOCAL EXPERIENCE PHILIPPINES

A PROJECT BY



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GUIDE

For this tour, a private van with a driver will be provided. For the activities mentioned in the Travel Program in Banaue and Sagada, local guides will be provided.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Travel often inspires lifelong memories, and this memorable tour will let you go explore the countryside areas of the Philippines from “the top”, both for latitude and altitude. You will be discovering the marvellous postcard-like **Banaue** Rice Terraces, in the Ifugao province. You will have the chance for some trekking around the small village dwellings scattered around this spectacular and ancient agricultural landscape, of which you will witness their ethnic traditions. The beautiful small villages around Banaue, like Batad and Bangaan, are part of the World Heritage List of UNESCO.

You will also have the chance to familiarize with the ancient pre-colonial Ifugao culture, one of the oldest of the Philippines and often dubbed as the most unique one. One of its more known features is the typical one-room Ifugao house, commonly known to the locals as “fale”, a uniquely designed kubo made with local materials and adapted to the local erratic weather conditions. You will also have a glance of special handcrafts as the province is famous for housing talented woodcarvers.

You will then move to **Sagada**, in the Mountain Province, famous for the funeral tradition of the “hanging coffins” in the Echo Valley, but also for adventurous limestone burial caves ready to be explored. Artistic pottery and hand weaving are the local handiwork goods of Sagada that you could observe. Thanks to its climate, Sagada also gained a considerable popularity with the production of fruits not commonly available in the Philippines, like strawberries, raspberries, oranges and lemons.

On the way back to Manila, you could also have a quick lunch stop at “Summer Capital of the Philippines”, **Baguio**.

TRANSFERS

You will visit Ifugao and the Mountain Province areas with a private vehicle with dedicated driver. Estimated travel time, considering also the time for stop-overs would be: Manila-Banaue about 8-10 hours, Banaue-Sagada about 2 hours, Sagada to Manila about 10-12 hours (considering a short lunch stop in Baguio).

Chartered vehicles will be provided for all inland tours with gasoline, toll fees, parking fees, driver services and his meals and accommodations already included.

MEALS

In all destinations, we will arrange that your hotel serve your daily breakfasts for your convenience. For your other meals, you get to be free to discover on your own and eat at friendly, family-run restaurants. We will give restaurant and menu suggestions to help.

ACCOMMODATIONS

We shall provide accommodations that are clean, comfortable and simple - with local touch and Western standards. You'll mainly stay in small to medium, locally- run hotels and resorts that reflect the character of the area. In Banaue and Sagada, accommodation will be in simple locally-owned and family-managed guesthouses. These will be in double rooms with private facilities. We use a variety of accommodation on most trips, chosen for their value for money, service, location and atmosphere.

TRAVEL PROGRAM

Day 1 – From Manila, Transfer to Banaue (Ifugao Province)

- Pick up in the morning from preferred pick up point within Manila and proceed to the Ifugao province, passing by the countryside and rice fields of the Luzon region. Lunch on the way (not included).
- Arrival in Banaue by late afternoon/early evening, check-in at a local guesthouse/hotel. Dinner (not included).

Note about meals: meals are not included for logistic reasons and to let you choose autonomously. There will be several small restaurants with affordable prices; we will send you suggestions to help you choosing the better ones.

Day 2 – The Majestic Banaue Rice Terraces: Batad and Bangaan Villages

- With the help of a local guide, you will trek going to the local villages (UNESCO Heritage), where you will be able to admire the famous rice terraces and enjoy a bit of the local life. You will firstly visit the very scenic Batad Village and, if you can walk a bit more, you could reach the famous Taippiyah Falls before you trek your way back. Lunch on the way (not included). You may also have stops in small souvenir stores and cafes for shopping and short rests.
- On the way back to Banaue, you will have a stop at the small yet picturesque Bangaan Village, a tiny jewel in the Cordillera Mountains. Here you can have an easier trek and a glimpse of the quiet local life.
- Back to hotel in late afternoon, autonomous night and dinner (not included).

Day 3 – Sagada and the Mysterious Funeral Traditions of the "Hanging Coffins"

- In the morning, after breakfast, transfer to Sagada with private van. Before going to Sagada, you will have a stop at the nicest viewpoints on top of Banaue Town, for picture-perfect views of the rice terraces.
- In Sagada, check-in at local guesthouse and some free time for freshening up. Lunch (not included) in one of the local restaurants.
- You will have a walking tour accompanied by a local guide around the Echo Valley, sighting the famous "hanging coffins". Another visit will be the "burial cave", where you can observe funeral traditions in a different context.
- You could also have the following optional (not included activities): go spelunking a limestone cave that will tell you something about the marine origin of the local mountains; you may also see some of the handcrafting centers of pottery and weaving towards the end of the tour.
- In the evening, dinner (not included).

Day 4 – Travel Back to Manila (+ optional stop in Baguio)

- After breakfast, you will leave for Manila passing by Baguio. Lunch (not included) in Baguio. At night, arrival in Manila, drop off in preferred location in Metro Manila. End of tour.
- Dinner (not included) on the way or upon arrival, depending on your preferences.







PRICES

Prices per person:

- Group of 2 pax in 1 double room: Php31,340/person
- Group of 3 pax in 1 triple room: Php18,255/person
- Group of 4 pax in 1 quadruple room: Php13,895/person

This tour is self-guided, with local tour coordinators in each tour destination. Other options available for different number of travellers, room arrangements, hotel level, child rates, different pick up/drop off location and other adjustments. Please contact us for a new quotation.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

-  **Overnight Accommodations (All)**
All the overnight accommodations in the Travel Program are included.
-  **Breakfasts (All)**
Breakfasts are included in all overnights.
-  **Day Tours and Activities (All those mentioned in the Travel Program)**
All day tours and activities mentioned in the Travel Program are included unless otherwise specified.
-  **Transportation and Transfers (All those mentioned in the Travel Program)**
All transportations and transfers mentioned in the Travel Program are organized and included, unless differently indicated in the Travel Program itself.

All expenditures and personal activities (for instance but not only: snacks, personal purchases in bars or supermarkets, souvenirs, tips, massages and other activities/services) not mentioned in the Travel Program as included, are not included and the relative expenditures shall be charged directly to the client.

HOW TO MODIFY OR EXTEND YOUR TRIP

You may want to spend some more time in Banaue and have a truly cultural experience by sleeping overnight in a traditional "fale" kubo. There are also some other rice terrace villages you can explore, as well as museums. In Sagada, perhaps you may want to stay for a night to witness the famous "best sunrise above the clouds" on a chilly morning in Kiltapan. Since you are passing by Baguio, you could like to have an overnight there and stroll around the city by yourself.

If you have plenty of time, consider also crossing the Mountain Province and reach the Ilocos coastline, with Vigan and other interesting places.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The choice of accommodations depends on the availability at the moment of reservation. The present list is informal and not-binding and it's hereby provided only for explanatory purposes. The choice of the hotels is discretion of Tropical Experience Travel Services depending on availability and organizational details. To include specific hotels, please contact Tropical Experience Travel Services at the E-mail address experiencetropical@gmail.com.

Destinations	Hotels	Website
Banaue	Banaue Hotel	www.facebook.com/BanaueHotel/
	or Sanafe Lodge	www.susanmparedes.wixsite.com/sanafe
	or Rice Homestay (or equivalent)	www.facebook.com/ricehomestay
Sagada	Masferre	www.masferre.blogspot.com
	or Isabelo's Inn and Café	www.facebook.com/IsabelosInn/
	or Sagada Guesthouse (or equivalent)	www.sagadaguesthouse.blogspot.com

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