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Baguio: The Summer Capital of the Philippines

Capture the lush beauties of nature and serene atmosphere of scenic beauty in the historic city of Baguio, Philippines.

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Baguio, the summer capital of Philippines, is amongst the most beautiful and popular tourist destinations in Southeast Asia. Situated at the Cordillera Mountain Ranges 5,000 feet above sea level in the Northern part of Luzon Island, Baguio is one of the greenest and cleanest cities in the Philippines. The city boasts a pleasant and cool climate all round the year, making it a favorite mountain retreat in the country.

In addition to the city's exceptional scenic beauty, Baguio also offers a number of exciting tourist attractions, recreational activities, events and festivities, and great shopping for local souvenirs and handicrafts. Baguio city has become a popular destination attracting thousands of tourists from all around the world every year.

Scenic Attractions

National Palace Museum

Burnham Park: Located in the heart of the city, the Burnham Park is the prime tourist attraction in Baguio. The Park features an enchanting artificial lagoon, a skating rink, a biking zone, a stadium, basketball and tennis

courts, and a plant market.

Mansion House: Built by Americans, it's the official summer residence of Philippine presidents. Its beautiful landscaped gardens and rectangular pool, never fail to enchant the visitors. It also has a museum of presidential memorabilia. In its close vicinity, there are two beautiful parks namely the Mines View Park and Wright Park.

Baguio Cathedral: One of the most visited landmarks in Baguio, it's a beautiful twin-spire structure with one hundred steps. Set on top of a hill, the Cathedral offers a breathtaking view of the entire commercial hub.

Camp John Hay: A former enchantingly beautiful U.S. military base, it offers the best of recreational facilities in Baguio. The Camp houses beautifully designed cottages, an 18-hole golf course and bowling lanes among other facilities.

Mines Park View: Located amidst the scenic surroundings of lush pine forests, the Mines Park View sits in the peak of the city. The park offers visitors a spectacular view overlooking the ethnic Igorot dwellings, and the silver, gold and ore mines from centuries ago.

Shopping & Dining

Baguio boasts of its wide array of locally made crafts and souvenirs for visitors hoping to score a shopping deal or two. Popular items are hand crafted accessories and beaded



The Philippine Jeepney is the best way to get around Baguio City.

jewelry made from local materials. Other items to look out for include hand woven bags, purses, and sweet delights such as jam and peanut brittle. Stop by the busy streets of Session Road, and remember that part of the excitement is bargaining for your deal.

The fun does not stop upon sunset in Baguio city. Dining and nightlife is found mainly along Session Road, the bustling hub of commercial activity in Baguio. The whole stretch of Session Road features a array of dining choices. Chinese restaurants offer the fresh and endless varieties of vegetables. More choices can be discovered in the small bars and restaurants that make up Nevada Square in Loakan Road and inside Camp John Hay. Once night falls, artists and street performers crowd the city streets, and make for an interesting indulgence in local culture, arts and performances.

Special Events

The most celebrated festival in Baguio City is the annual Flower Festival in February. Similar to the Rose Bowl in California, the streets and parks are flooded with floral decors and parades of ornate floats draw crowds from nearby cities.

Baguio City is also a huge golf destination-golf tournaments are scattered throughout the year. The Baguio Arts


Festival in November celebrates local craftsmanship and is another great experience for locals and visitors alike.

Getting Around

Taxis are safe and plentiful for tourists. Drivers abide by the meter, and the attractions and shopping destinations is not a problem as they are mostly familiar with all tourist destinations.

Jeepneys rides are a must during your visit to the city. They are plenty, and inexpensive, however, make sure to ask drivers and locals for the appropriate route. Terminals are found in Burnham Park and near the City Market.

Getting There

Baguio city is located at about 250 kilometers north of Manila in the Benguet Province in Northern Philippines. From Manila, Baguio is accessible by air and land transportation. Asian Spirit Airline, a local Philippine based carrier, offers 45 minute flights daily to and from the city. Various bus companies, garage cars, and tours operators also provide the transportation from Manila – a 5-6 hour ride through the scenic mountainous roads of Kennon road. 



◀ The splendor of the Baguio Cathedral, one of Baguio's major landmarks.

▶ Shopping for local handicrafts and souvenirs.

▼ Luxurious accommodations at The Mansion House.



▼ Enjoying an afternoon at Camp John Hay.



▲ Indulge your senses in the scenic beauty of the Burnham Park.



◀ The overlooking view of Mines Park View.

