

A peek into our Iloilo visit:

Day 1:

Upon arrival at Iloilo City, do not expect a flurry of activity from the locals. There is no sense of urgency here, only ample time to carry on daily duties. Today we drive eastward to see old, regal churches made of coral stones, limestone, brick and eggshells. Together with Mr. John Silva- a writer, art collector, traveler, photographer, historian and an Ilonggo himself- we shall listen to the stories these old walls have to share.

Along the way we shall indulge on bites of little pleasures from the Panaderia de Molo, the oldest bakery in the south. When we return to our hotel, an authentic Ilonggo buffet will be waiting for us. Ballroom dancing is an after-dinner option!

Places of interest: Miag-ao fortress, Jaro district, Guimbal.

Day 2:

Iloilo city is regarded to be a culturally older Ilonggo center. This is reflected in ancestral houses that whisper their stories through their architectural details. After lunch, we go downtown to the Iloilo heritage district called Calle Real and relive history through the old buildings constructed during the Commonwealth era.

Places of interest: Art deco Lopez House, Julio Javellana 19th century brick house, Nelly Gardens, Museo Iloilo, Silva art deco house, Magdalena Jalandoni House, Liozares Mansion, Arch Bishop's Palace, old down town.

Day 3:

Today we eat and we shop! Woven and embroidered handicrafts of fine quality are abundant, are as the sweet delicacies that have become popular in Manila! Everyone will have enough free time to satisfy their taste buds and cravings!

Places of interest: Sinamay dealer, Iloilo producer's association

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