






**WORLD TRAVEL AND TOURISM COUNCIL
PROPOSED PRE-TOUR**

MANILA HERITAGE TOUR

Let us give you a glimpse of the rich Philippine history
through a curated tour of some of Manila's best heritage sites

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES	REMARKS / DESCRIPTION
19 April 2022		Lunch at the hotel	
	1:00 pm	Depart Resorts World Manila	<i>*Please refer to management of tour</i>
	1:20 pm	Running Tour of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SM Mall of Asia  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cultural Center of the Philippines 	<p>SM Mall of Asia or simply MOA is one of the largest malls in the Philippines, and even makes the list of the world's largest mall. It's certainly not your run-of-the-mill mall but is more of a tourist destination with lots to offer in terms of shopping, leisure, and entertainment.</p> <p>Situated right by the scenic Manila Bay, the mall is a sprawling complex boasting top-tier facilities and a good mix of local and global brands. You can easily spend a day or 2 here shopping or enjoying a drink by the bay in the evening.</p> <p>The CULTURAL CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES is a government owned and controlled corporation established to preserve, develop and promote arts and culture in the Philippines. It provides performance and exhibition venues for various local and international productions and programs. Enjoy traditional and modern performance arts in the heart of the city.</p>
	CEREMONIAL START (ALL GROUPS)		
1:30 pm	Rizal Park 	<p>Rizal Park is located at the northern end of Roxas Boulevard in Manila. It is spread out over 60 hectares of open lawns, ornamental gardens, paved walks, and wooded areas. It was officially named Rizal Park, after the name of Dr. Jose Rizal, the country's national hero, as an honor and tribute to him. It is also called Luneta Park because the area looks like a crescent (Lunette).</p> <p>The tour can start with the whole group witnessing the ceremonial changing of the guards and a brief backgrounder on the country's history and the National Hero.</p> <p>A group picture of the 100 participants can be organized here.</p>	
OFFICIAL START OF THE SIMULTANEOUS/BREAK OUT TOUR			

<p>2:00 pm</p>	<p>Intramuros Manila</p>  <p>Walking tour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manila Cathedral ▪ San Agustin Church ▪ Casa Manila ▪ Baluarte De San Diego and ▪ Museo De Intramuros 	<p><i>Intramuros, or the 'Walled City', is one of the oldest districts of Manila, built on the south bank of the Pasig River around 1571. It is home to Spanish-era landmarks like Fort Santiago, with a large stone gate and a shrine to national hero José Rizal. The ornate Manila Cathedral houses bronze carvings and stained glass windows, while the San Agustin Church museum has religious artwork and statues. Spanish colonial furniture and art fill Casa Manila museum, and horse-drawn carriages (kalesa) ply the area's cobblestone streets.</i></p>
<p>3:00 – 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Proceed to the National Museum <i>(In the interest of time, the group will visit only either of the 2 museums)</i></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Museum of Fine Arts ▪ National Museum of Natural History 	<p><i>The National Museum of the Philippines is the repository and guardian of the Philippines' natural and cultural heritage.</i></p> <p><i>Established in 1901 as an ethnography and natural history museum, and subsequently housed in its present building which was designed in 1918 by the American Architect, Daniel Burnham, the National Museum has since then broadened its concerns in the arts and sciences. Today, it occupies the main building (former Old Congress Building) where the arts, natural sciences and other support divisions are housed and the adjacent former Finance building in the Agrifina Circle of Rizal Park now called The National Museum of the Filipino People where the Anthropology and Archaeology Divisions are housed.</i></p> <p><i>This museum houses 12 permanent galleries that exhibit the rich biological and geological diversity of the Philippines. It includes creatively curated displays of botanical, zoological, and geological specimens that represent our unique natural</i></p>

		<p>history. Situated at the center of the museum is a “Tree of Life” structure that proudly connects all the unique ecosystems in the Philippines, from our magnificent mountain ridges to the outstanding marine reefs.</p>
5:00 pm	<p>Proceed to Central Bank of the Philippines</p> <p>Central Bank of the Philippines Museum (Museo ng Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas)</p> 	<p>The BSP Money Museum (Museo ng Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas) displays a permanent collection of coins, paper notes, medals, artifacts and monetary items found in the Philippines during different historical periods. Also on display are paintings and artifacts complementing the collections.</p> <p>For further discussion on how to manage subject to the inspection of the Tours and Transportation Committee.</p>
6:00 pm	<p>Depart for Manila Metropolitan Theatre</p> 	<p>The Manila Metropolitan Theater or MET, designed by architect Juan M. Arellano, was inaugurated in 1931. It was once home to the most famous Filipino plays and orchestras. The MET, likewise, housed performances by international artists like Ted Shawn, Jascha Heifetz, Amelita Galli-Curci and Fritz Kreisler. The first cartoon featuring Mickey Mouse in the Philippines was screened in the theater.</p>
6:30 pm	<p>House Tour of the MET with Cultural Show with light cocktails</p>	<p>20-30 minutes cultural presentation from a multi awarded group who has performed nationally and internationally.</p>
7:30 pm	<p>Dinner</p>	<p>A five-course dinner showcasing Filipino or International Cuisine prepared by an established Filipino Chef will be served at the MET garden.</p>
<p>END OF TOUR</p>		

***TOUR MANAGEMENT**

1. Maximum number of tour participants is 100. This will be divided accordingly per vehicle and grouped in 4s allowing a maximum of 25 per group to observe appropriate health and safety protocols and maximize engagement with the tour guide as well as appreciation of the tour attractions.
2. The whole group will have a running tour from RWM via Skyway en route to Macapagal Avenue, Mall of Asia, CCP, and will OFFICIALLY START at Km 0 (Rizal Park) for a group picture and watch the changing of the guards.
3. Each group then moves to their respective tour on a carousel arrangement as follows:
 - a. **Tour 1 – INTRAMUROS**
 - Each of the 4 groups will start on a separate attraction and switch between Manila Cathedral, San Agustin Church, Casa Manila, Baluarte De San Diego and Museo De Intramuros at designated time
 - b. **Tour 2 - NATIONAL MUSEUM of Fine Arts**
 - *Group 1 and 2 then move on to the National Museum of Natural History*
 - c. **Tour 3 – NATIONAL MUSEUM of Natural History**
 - *Group 3 and 4 then move on to the National Museum of Fine Arts*
 - d. **Tour 4 – CENTRAL BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES MUSEUM**
 - 30 minute tour for finalization on how to manage movements in relation to the other parts of the tour
 - e. **Tour 5 – MANILA METROPOLITAN THEATER**
 - The four (4) groups then converge in Manila MET for a cultural show and dinner.
4. Light snacks and refreshments to be served on board.

Note:

- *The tour arrangements are considered based on the capacity of the attraction to host a certain number of tour participants judging from its size and type of infrastructure.*

- *Carousel movement shall be reviewed next week after an inspection to be done by the Tours and Transportation Committees for smooth implementation specifically between the Central Bank and National Museum movements.*