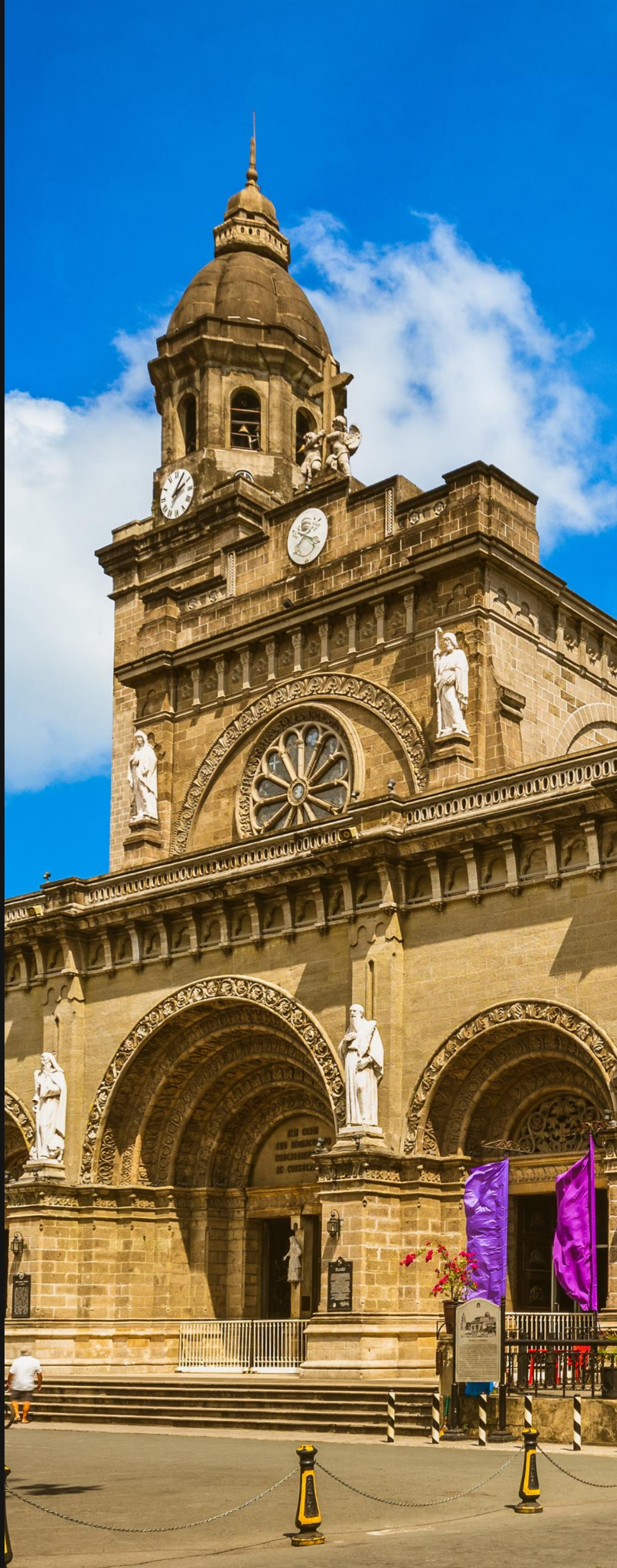


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Day 1

Manila Arrival

Transport: Ninoy Aquino International Airport – The Manila Hotel

Mabuhay! Welcome to the Philippines!

Upon arrival at Ninoy Aquino International Airport, meet your transfer-in guide and driver who will transfer you to your hotel.

Immerse yourself in history with an unforgettable stay at **The Manila Hotel's** prestigious MacArthur Suite, once the personal residence of General Douglas MacArthur during his time in the Philippines. This stately and meticulously preserved suite offers a glimpse into the life of one of World War II's most renowned figures.

Imagine the pivotal moments that may have unfolded within these walls. MacArthur strategizing military plans in the elegant study, hosting diplomatic gatherings in the grand living room, or reflecting on critical decisions while overlooking the sweeping views of Manila Bay. The suite's antique furnishings, rich wood paneling and curated memorabilia transport guests back to an era of monumental history.

Overnight: At The Manila Hotel

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Day 2

Manila

Your guide and driver will meet you at your hotel in Manila for a full-day private exploration focused on the city's rich heritage.

Begin at **Fort Santiago**, a historic fortress where **Dr. José Rizal**, the Philippines' national hero, was imprisoned before his execution in 1896. Explore the **Rizal Museum** to learn about his life and impact on the country's independence.

Walk through **Intramuros**, the "Walled City," once the heart of Spanish colonial Manila. Visit **Casa Manila**, a recreated 19th-century mansion showcasing Filipino, Chinese, and European influences in its period furnishings.

Next, explore the iconic **San Agustin Church**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the oldest stone church in the Philippines.

Afterward, head to **Binondo**, the world's oldest Chinatown, established in 1594, rich with Chinese cultural and economic influence. Conclude the day with a visit to the Chinese Cemetery, a fascinating "city of the dead" known for its elaborate mausoleums that reflect the blending of Chinese and Filipino cultural traditions.

After this enriching day, your guide and driver will return you to your hotel.

Overnight: At The Manila Hotel



Day 3

Manila - Taal

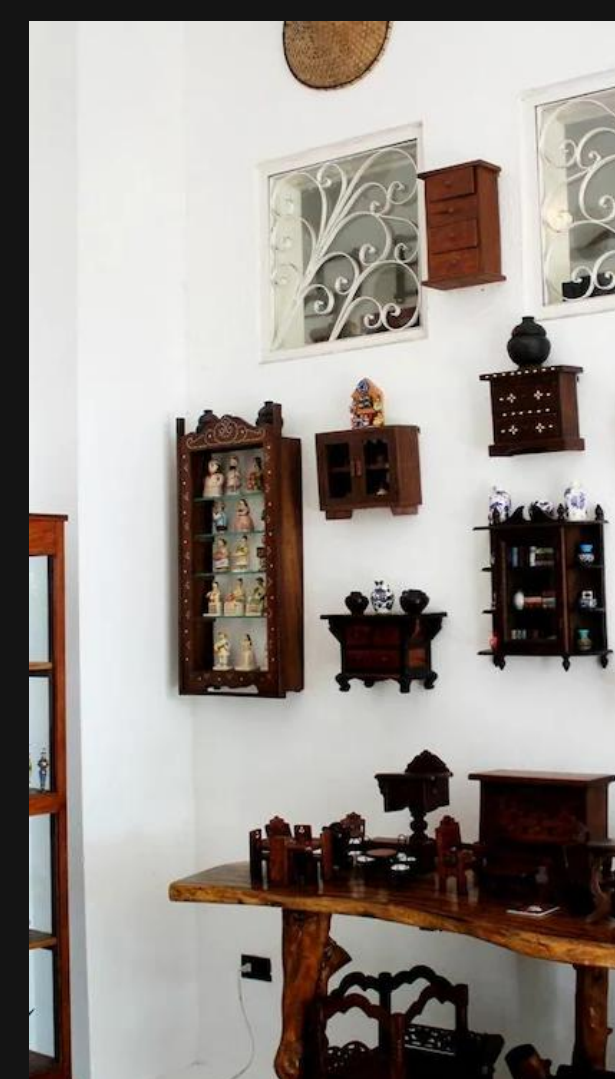
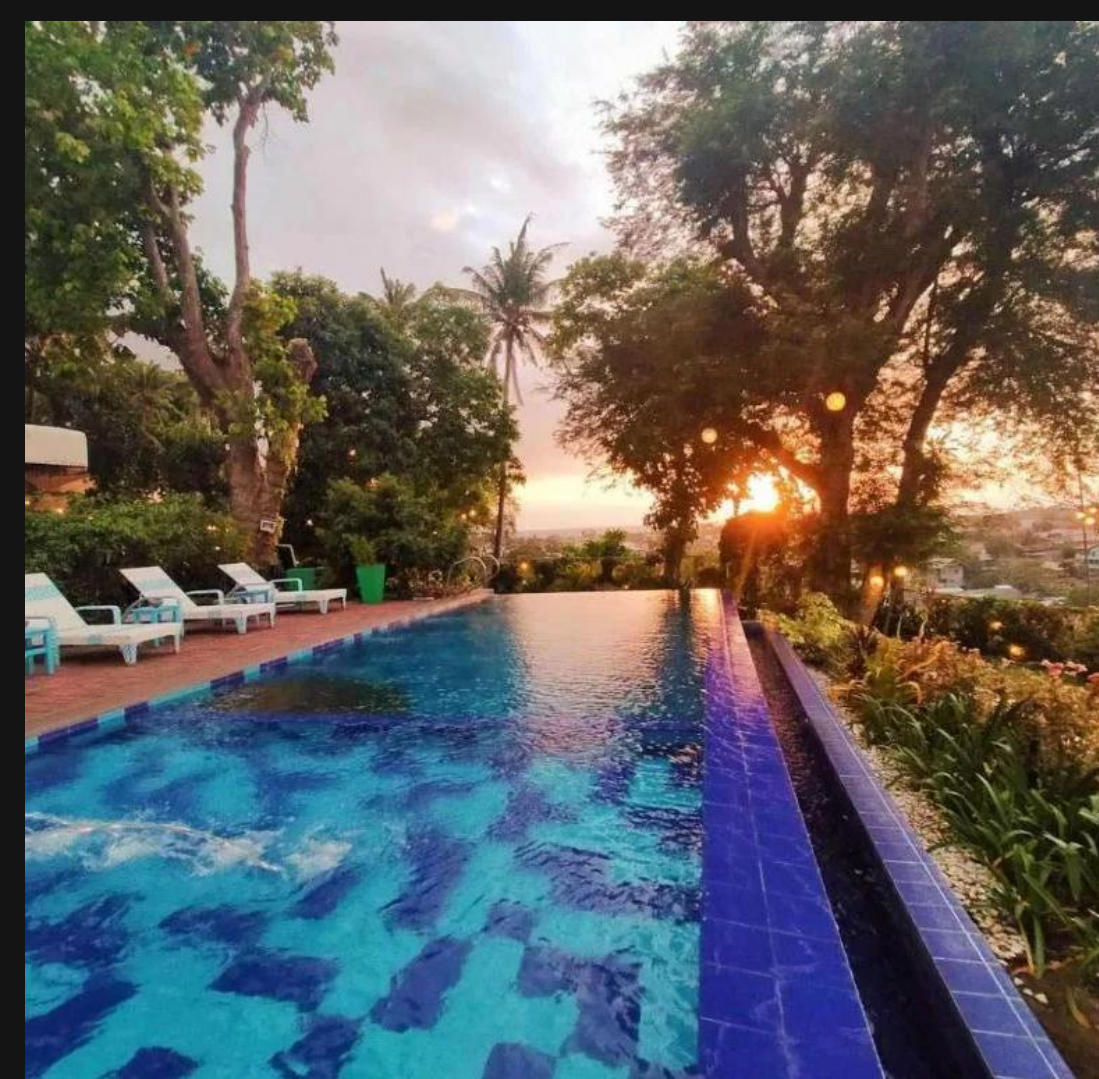
Transfer: Manila - Taal

After breakfast, pack your bags and check out of your hotel. Depart from the bustling streets of Manila and journey south to the charming heritage town of **Taal**. Enjoy a comfortable ride as the cityscape transitions into picturesque countryside views, with lush landscapes and traditional rural scenes.

Upon arrival in Taal, step back in time as you're welcomed at **Paradores Del Castillo**. Built in the early 1900s during the American colonial period, a beautifully restored ancestral home that captures the town's rich Spanish colonial history. The hotel itself retains its elegant Spanish-American colonial architecture, with wide verandas and vintage furnishings that exude a timeless charm. Guests can explore nearby sites such as the Casa Villavicencio, once a gathering place for revolutionaries, and the Basilica de San Martin de Tours, Asia's largest Catholic church, making their stay a journey through pivotal moments in Philippine history.

Settle in and prepare to explore the cobblestone streets, heritage houses and cultural landmarks that make Taal one of the Philippines' most treasured heritage destinations.

Overnight: At Paradores Del Castillo





Day 4

Taal

Begin your journey with a visit to the **Doña Marcela Agoncillo Museum**, the ancestral home of the "Mother of the Philippine Flag." Step back in time as you learn about her pivotal role in sewing the first Philippine flag and her enduring legacy in the nation's struggle for independence.

Next, explore **Galleria Taal**, a beautifully preserved Spanish-era ancestral home that now houses a rare and extensive collection of antique cameras and photographs. These visual archives capture the evolution of Philippine society from the late 1800s through the Spanish and American colonial periods. Continue to the lively **Taal Public Market**, and immerse yourself in the town's heritage through its regional specialties, traditional crafts, and locally grown produce, which have remained part of Taal's identity for generations.

Visit to the majestic **Basilica of San Martin de Tours**, the largest Catholic church in Asia. Marvel at its grand facade and ornate interior, both testaments to the enduring influence of Spanish architecture and Catholicism in the region. Following this is the **Don Gregorio Agoncillo White House**, a grand American-colonial-style mansion adorned with exquisite hardwood furniture and family heirlooms that narrate the life of one of Taal's most prominent families during the American colonial period.

Step further into history at **Goco House (Casa Villavicencio)**, a beautifully preserved ancestral home that once hosted secret revolutionary gatherings during the Spanish occupation. Its intricate architectural details and vintage furnishings offer a glimpse into 19th-century Filipino life and the indomitable spirit of the revolutionaries who once met within its walls.

Overnight: At Paradores Del Castillo



Day 5

Taal – Bataan

Transfer: Taal – Bataan

Bid farewell to the charming heritage town of Taal and journey to Bataan, a province rich in historical significance. Your scenic drive takes you through lush landscapes and coastal views, offering a glimpse of the Philippines' rural beauty. Along the way, you may choose to stop at the **Mount Samat National Shrine (Dambana ng Kagitingan)**, a moving memorial to the valor of Filipino and American soldiers during World War II.

Upon arrival at **Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar**, immerse yourself in a beautifully restored collection of ancestral houses that echo the elegance of the Spanish colonial era. This unique heritage resort is a monumental labor of love by visionary Jose Acuzar, who sought to preserve and celebrate the Philippines' architectural legacy. Each house tells a story, making this destination a living testament to Filipino heritage. The meticulous restoration work has preserved the intricate wood carvings, colorful tiles, and ornate ironworks typical of 18th and 19th-century homes.

Overnight: At Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar

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Day 6

Bataan

Discover the rich heritage and artistic traditions of the Philippines at **Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar**. Begin with a guided heritage tour, where you'll explore beautifully restored ancestral homes that echo the country's colonial past. Your guide will share fascinating stories about the architecture and the lives of the families who once resided within these grand structures.

Next, visit the elegant **Hotel de Oriente**, a meticulously crafted architectural gem inspired by the Philippines' first luxury hotel. Marvel at its ornate woodwork and intricate design, reflecting the artistic legacy of the late 19th century.

Cap off your experience by channeling your creativity in a unique arts and crafts workshop. Under the guidance of skilled artisans, craft your own fiberglass mosaic piece, a beautiful keepsake to take home as a lasting memory of your time at Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar.

Overnight: At Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar





Day 7

Bataan - Baguio

Transfer: Bataan - Baguio

Depart from the historic landscapes of Bataan and embark on a scenic journey to the cool highlands of **Baguio**, the Philippines' Summer Capital.

As you ascend through winding mountain roads and pine covered slopes, enjoy breathtaking views of terraced hills and lush valleys. Along the way, consider pausing at serene viewpoints along **Marcos Highway** for spectacular vistas of the Cordillera region.

Upon arrival at **The Manor at Camp John Hay**, embrace the cozy ambiance of this iconic retreat, set amidst the verdant grounds of a former American military base established in 1903. Enjoy its rustic charm, elegant architecture, and tranquil setting, making it the perfect gateway to Baguio's rich history, vibrant culture and refreshing mountain air. The surrounding grounds and preserved landmarks offer visitors a glimpse into the area's storied past.

Overnight: At The Manor at Camp John Hay



Day 8

Baguio - Vigan

Transfer: Baguio – Vigan

Enjoy your breakfast and check out of your hotel for the next chapter of your cultural journey. Begin your day by exploring the historical grounds of **Camp John Hay**, a former American military base turned heritage complex. Wander through its tranquil gardens and visit landmarks like the **Bell House and amphitheater**, which stand as enduring reminders of its storied past.

Continue to Baguio's other iconic heritage sites, starting with the neo-Gothic **Baguio Cathedral**, renowned for its role as a sanctuary during World War II. Explore the **Mansion House**, a grand symbol of Baguio's colonial past and the Philippine President's summer residence. Stop by the historic **Casa Vallejo**, one of the city's oldest structures, now home to a cozy bookstore and café that preserves its timeless charm. Visit the fascinating **Diplomat Hotel**, a former Dominican retreat steeped in history and local legends.

After your heritage-rich exploration, enjoy a scenic transfer to **Vigan**, where cobblestone streets and Spanish-era architecture await. Check in at **Hotel Luna**, constructed in 1882 and named after the brilliant yet tragic Filipino painter Juan Luna. Luna, whose work earned international acclaim, is also remembered for his dramatic personal life, which included a trial for the murder of his wife and mother-in-law in a fit of jealousy. The hotel's museum-quality interiors pay homage to his artistry and legacy, with original paintings and sculptures on display.

Overnight: At Hotel Luna



Day 9

Vigan

Explore the UNESCO-listed city of Vigan, one of Asia's best-preserved Spanish colonial towns. Begin at the iconic **Vigan Cathedral** (St. Paul Metropolitan Cathedral), a symbol of Spanish influence, before visiting the **Padre Burgos Museum**, home of nationalist martyr Padre Jose Burgos.

Continue to **Syquia Mansion**, former residence of President Elpidio Quirino, and the **Crisologo Museum**, which showcases the legacy of the influential Crisologo family.

Enjoy a peaceful stop at the **Hidden Garden** and witness traditional craftsmanship at the **Camangaan Loom Weaving Center**. Visit the historic **Bantay Bell Tower**, once a colonial watchtower, before concluding your journey with a stroll down **Calle Crisologo**, where cobblestone streets and heritage houses preserve Vigan's timeless charm.

After this enriching exploration of Vigan's history, craftsmanship, and architectural splendor, your guide will return you to your hotel, where echoes of the past linger in this timeless heritage city.

Overnight: At Hotel Luna





Day 10

Vigan – Laoag - Manila

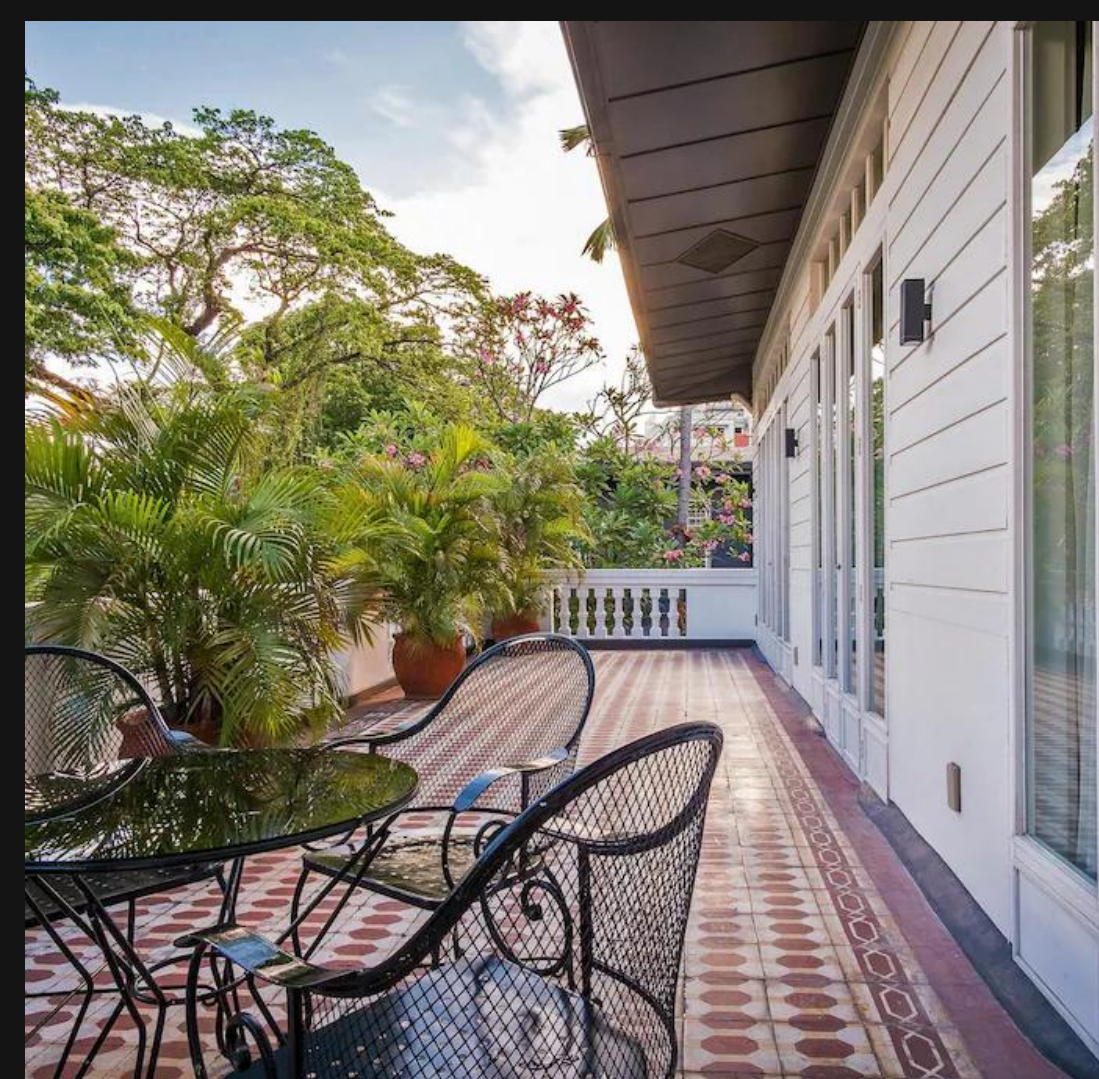
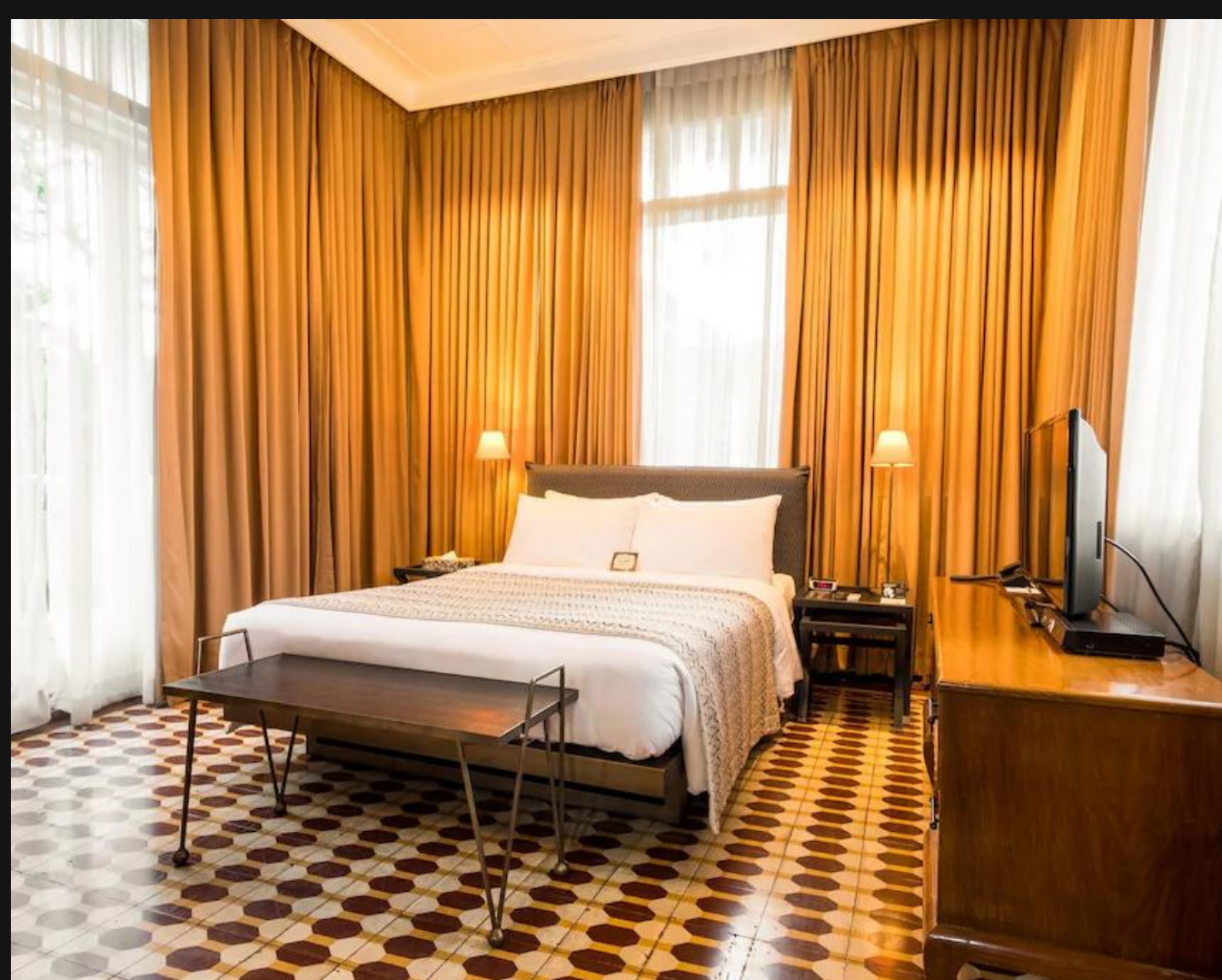
Transfer: Vigan – Laoag, Laoag Airport – Manila International Airport

After breakfast, check out and meet your driver for a heritage-filled transfer from Vigan to Laoag. Stop at **St. Augustine Church** in Bantay, a UNESCO-listed Spanish-era landmark. Visit the **Juan Luna House** in Badoc, birthplace of the renowned Filipino painter. In Batac, explore the **Marcos Mausoleum** and museum for insights into the Marcos regime. See the **Sinking Bell Tower**, a Spanish colonial marvel slowly settling into the ground.

Arrive at Laoag Airport for your flight to Manila, where your transfer guide will take you to your hotel.

Set within a charming 1940s, **The Henry Hotel Manila** offers a nostalgic escape amidst the urban hustle. Originally built as a cluster of elegant post-war homes, the property captures the architectural sensibilities of American-era Manila with its art deco details and spacious, leafy grounds. Thoughtfully restored to retain its original character, the hotel preserves vintage elements such as hardwood floors and intricate ironwork. Pasay itself holds historical significance as a former residential hub for Manila's elite during the American period. Located near cultural landmarks such as the CCP Complex and Intramuros, The Henry Hotel invites guests to experience a slice of Manila's mid-century charm with a touch of modern artistry.

Overnight: At The Henry Hotel



Day 11

Manila Departure

After breakfast, enjoy your free time at leisure to relax or explore before departure. Meet your driver at the hotel for your transfer to the airport.

Note: Late check-out from the hotel is not included in this package. Should you require it, please let us know so we can make the necessary arrangements.

*** For international flights departing from the Philippines, it's generally recommended to arrive at the airport at least 3 to 4 hours before your scheduled departure time. This extra time allows for check-in procedures, security checks, immigration processes, and any other potential delays you might encounter. ***



