

Choose a trip you can enjoy

A practical companion to our Eastern Visayas trip starter. Use these blank worksheets to turn ideas into a manageable trip, at your own pace.

Start with one main area or base. Decide what you want from the trip, then check current transport and local information before connecting stops. These are planning prompts, not a fixed itinerary or booking service.

1 Name the experience you want

My main area / base:

I want more time for: food / culture / coast / city stories / something else

My comfortable daily pace and one thing I will leave optional:

2 Sketch three flexible days

Day	Main experience	Travel / return plan	Optional
1			
2			
3			

Inspiration: read our Tacloban city story and Panaon Island feature, then verify current access and services directly. Older stories are an introduction to a place, not a current timetable.

Leave room for the coast

Start with one base and a day that feels comfortable. Use this visual companion alongside the three original planning pages.



Hinunangan coast, Southern Leyte - an original ExploreTraveler travel photograph from the archive.

01 / CHOOSE A BASE

Keep nearby experiences together and leave some time unplanned.

02 / CHECK THE DAY

Confirm access, transport and the latest practical details directly.

03 / KEEP A BACKUP

Record how you will return and an alternative if the plan changes.

A question for your own trip

What would make a coast or culture day enjoyable for your group? Note one priority and the detail you still need to verify.

Put the practical pieces together

Keep estimates separate from confirmed costs. Choose one currency, include transfer time, and leave room for a change of plan.

Trip dates / number of travelers / budget currency:

3 Build a budget with your own numbers

Expense	Estimate	Confirmed	Checked on
Travel to the region			
Local transport / transfers			
Accommodation			
Meals / drinking water			
Activities / local guide			
Flexible reserve			
Total			

4 Verify the details that affect the day

Transport operator / current schedule / booking reference kept securely:

Latest time I can return, and an alternative if plans change:

Access, opening information or local guide question to confirm:

Use the official Eastern Visayas tourism directory to find current local contacts. Ask the actual operator or host about prices, availability and cancellation terms before making a commitment.

Bring useful questions with you

Choose a few experiences you care about. Let local people explain their food and traditions in their own words, and ask before photographing people or private spaces.

5 Make one food or culture connection

A local dish, market or tradition I want to learn about:

Questions for the host / vendor, including ingredients or dietary needs:

A name, story or detail I want to remember:

6 Rehearse your offline day

- ☐ Save this pack and open it once in airplane mode.
- ☐ Save necessary maps in your chosen map app.
- ☐ Keep your return plan and essential contacts accessible offline.
- ☐ Store identity and booking details securely, separate from a shared worksheet.

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Philippines stories and downloads

<https://exploretraveler.com/philippines-travel-resources/>

Official Eastern Visayas tourism directory

<https://easternvisayas.ph/>

Samar provincial tourism information

<https://samar.gov.ph/>

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