

Philippines Travel Field Planner

Leyte and Samar stories, Southern Leyte landscapes, rural culture, underwater footage and island planning.

Start with a real story. Make the journey your own.

Choose a region as your base, follow ExploreTraveler articles and official videos, check current logistics, and record a flexible plan you can use offline.

Choose a starting area

Leyte and Samar | Southern Leyte / Panaon | Cebu and Bohol | Davao and dive stories

Your four-step planning workflow

- 01 Choose two or three interests from the archive.
- 02 Read the original articles and watch the official videos.
- 03 Verify entry rules, weather, transport, prices and access.
- 04 Record your route, budget, backup plan and questions.

Editorial distinction

This guide is based on previously published ExploreTraveler articles and video descriptions. It is not a new visit, a complete video transcript, or a promise of current conditions. Some source material is historical.

A coast worth slowing down for

Use the scene as a starting point for your own Philippines travel questions, then record the answers in the field planner.



Hinunangan coast in Southern Leyte, from ExploreTraveler's original travel photographs.

01 / CHOOSE

Pick one base and two experiences.

02 / VERIFY

Check access, transport and current costs.

03 / SAVE

Keep your route and a backup offline.

Make it your own

Which coastal experience appeals to you? List a base, your onward transport and the details you still need to check.

Six places to start

These links lead to ExploreTraveler source articles or video companions. Read what was recorded, then check what has changed.

ISLAND

[Panaon Island, Southern Leyte](#)

Original island landscape archive.

CULTURE

[Nipa huts and rural life](#)

Traditional homes and cultural context.

REMEMBRANCE

[Tacloban lantern memorial](#)

Archived cultural story.

NATURE

[Bohol Chocolate Hills](#)

Verify current access and conservation rules.

UNDERWATER

[Hidden reef scuba footage](#)

Silent video; no spoken transcript.

RESOURCES

[Philippines resource hub](#)

Existing Leyte/Samar guides and downloads.

More free tools

[Travel budget calculator](#)

[All destination resource hubs](#)

Your trip shortlist

Choose one base and add nearby experiences. Do not combine distant regions into a single sightseeing day. Allow time for transfers, meals, weather and rest.

Trip snapshot

Travel dates / season	_____
Travelers / accessibility needs	_____
Main city or region / lodging base	_____
Other areas for a later leg	_____

Choose up to three themes

- ☐ Leyte and Samar
- ☐ Southern Leyte landscapes
- ☐ Cebu and Bohol
- ☐ Diving and marine life

Three flexible days

Day 1: one nearby food or culture stop	_____
Day 2: history, nature or a video-inspired stop	_____
Day 3: optional rest or weather backup	_____

What I need to verify before booking

Operator / venue / transport contact	_____
Access, cost and schedule checked on	_____

Costs, contingencies and notes

Use your own real quotes and the date checked. Do not treat historic video prices as today's prices.

Quick budget worksheet

Flights and long-distance transport	_____
Lodging and taxes	_____
Food and local transport	_____
Activities / equipment / insurance	_____
Emergency reserve kept separately	_____

Philippines: important checks

- ☐ Confirm inter-island ferry and flight schedules.
- ☐ Watch storm and marine weather advisories.
- ☐ Use qualified dive operators and appropriate certification.
- ☐ Do not treat old footage as current access guidance.

Notes to take on the journey

Place / experience / date	_____
What we ate, saw or learned	_____
What we would research next	_____

[Open the destination hub](#)

[Use the free interactive budget calculator](#)

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