

BUKA Project Philippines Travel Guide

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1. Schedule of Activities

MSU-IIT leg

31 January (Tues)	Arrival in Manila and travel to Iligan of TAMK and DCU participants
01 February (Wed)	<p>Arrival in Manila and travel to Iligan of participants from partner institutions (UT, NGP, OUM, WOU, UPOU)</p> <p>SPECIAL SESSION ONLY FOR MSU-IIT: Learning session on ABC Learning Design and OER practices for other MSU-IIT faculty and officials (resource persons: Hanna Teras, James Brunton) Venue: MICeL Building</p>
02 February (Thu)	<p>9:00 - 10:00 Welcome to MSU-IIT 10:00 - 12:00 Project meeting in MSU-IIT (Agenda: Project updates) Venue: MICeL Building</p> <p>12:00 - 13:30 Break Venue: HRM Lab</p> <p>13:00 - 16:00 Campus tour (BUKA LS, FABLAB, PRISM, TAPU)</p> <p>Evening: Welcome dinner <i>"PAGANA Maranao"</i></p>
03 February (Fri)	<p>9:00 - 12:00 Project meeting/ writeshop in MSU-IIT (Agenda: Publication/ project report) Venue: MICeL Building</p> <p>12:00 - 13:30 Break Venue: HRM Lab</p> <p>13:00 - 17:00 City tour (+ Falls visit, Options: Tinago Falls, Maria Cristina Falls)</p>
04 February (Sat)	Travel to Los Baños

UPOU Leg

05 February (Sun)	Tour (Taal Volcano and other points of interest in Tagaytay) + Free Time
06 February (Mon)	9:00 - 15:00 Project meeting (Agenda: Culminating conference + Other matters) Venue: DAP Conference Center and Hotel, Tagaytay
07 February (Tues)	Public Forum on Technology-supported Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (resource persons: representatives from TAMK, DCU, BUKA partner institutions) Venue: CCDL Auditorium, UPOU Headquarters 9:00 - 9:30 Arrivals, registration, welcome snack 9:30 - 9:45 Opening 9:45 - 12:00 Talk/s (Parts 1 and 2) 12:00 - 13:30 Lunch and networking 13:30 - 15:30 Tour (UPOU, IRRI, and UPLB)
08 February (Wed)	Departures for home country

2. Travel Arrangements

2.1. Travel Requirements

You can enter the Philippines visa-free if you are fully-vaccinated¹ and you are:

- a. A citizen or national of a non-visa required country² under Executive Order 408 s. 1960 (E.O. 408); OR
- b. A holder of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region or Macau SAR passports (stay period not exceeding fourteen (14) days); OR
- c. A former Filipino citizen with balikbayan privilege under Republic Act No. 9174 or a spouse/child of a balikbayan traveling with them.

All guests bound for the Philippines are required to register for [e-Travel Platform \(https://etravel.gov.ph\)](https://etravel.gov.ph) within 72 hours before the flight and save a printed/digital copy of the QR code at the end of the form, after filling out the Personal Profile, Travel Details, and Health Declaration. Complete the registration before going to the airport to avoid delays in checking in.

The following are additional travel requirements per passenger type, to be presented upon check-in and/or arrival:

Fully Vaccinated Passengers

- Proof of Complete Vaccination for COVID-19 that shows that the last required dose has been administered more than 14 days before departure.

Unvaccinated, Partially Vaccinated, or Individuals whose Vaccination Status cannot be independently validated:

- For passengers at least 15 years old: Negative Rapid Antigen (remotely supervised or laboratory-based) administered and certified by a healthcare professional in a healthcare facility and taken within 24 hours before boarding. Those who can't submit will undergo a laboratory-based Antigen test upon arrival.
- Accompanied minors below 15 years old shall follow the quarantine protocols of their parents / accompanying guardian.

¹ **Fully-vaccinated travelers** are those who received a 2nd dose series or single dose vaccine for more than 14 days prior to departure from the country of origin.

² **Non-visa required countries:** Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel*, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vatican, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zambia, Zimbabwe

- Unaccompanied minors below 15 years old must also present a negative Rapid Antigen test, taken within 24 hours before boarding.

Foreign nationals must also present the following:

- Passport valid for at least six (6) months at the time of arrival
- Valid Visa (if applicable)
- For temporary visitors: valid onward / return ticket. Foreign spouses and/or children of Filipino citizens are not required to submit this if their Filipino spouse/parent is traveling with them. Former Filipino citizens with Balikbayan privileges under Republic Act No. 9174 and their spouse/children traveling with them are also not required to submit this.

2.2. Arriving in the Philippines

Ninoy Aquino International Airport (MNL), also known as NAIA, is the primary gateway to the Philippines.

NAIA has four passenger terminals which operate almost as independent airports. As the terminals are not interconnected, please allot time in case you need to transit between different terminals.

- **NAIA Terminal 1** or Ninoy Aquino Terminal is in charge of the vast majority of international flights as well as some Philippine Airlines (PAL) international operations.
- **NAIA Terminal 2**, also known as Centennial Terminal/Airport, is exclusively used by Philippine Airlines or PAL domestic and international services. It consists of the North Wing, where the international flights are handled, and the South Wing for domestic operations.
- **NAIA Terminal 3** is the newest of the four terminals and the largest. Several international carriers have already transferred to NAIA Terminal 3 to reduce the congestion at NAIA Terminal 1. Domestic flights operated by Cebu Pacific also fly out of and into this terminal.
- **NAIA Terminal 4** is commonly known as Manila Domestic Passenger Terminal or simply Old Domestic Terminal. It hosts the operations of (smaller) local carriers such as AirSWIFT, Cebgo, Philippine Air Asia and Skyjet

INTER-TERMINAL TRANSPORTATION

- **Airside Shuttle Buses** - NAIA Terminals are connected by free 24-hour airside buses that are scheduled every 15 minutes. Passengers are required to clear immigration and customs prior to using the service. A flight booking or boarding pass is needed to board them.

To take a bus, please get to the Airside Shuttle Bus Waiting Lounge in your terminal. Just follow the signs "Transfers" or "Terminal Transfer".


- **Philippine Airlines Airside Shuttle** - Philippine Airlines operates an airside shuttle service between NAIA Terminals 2 and 3 to transfer to PAL Express flights.

2.3. Flight Schedules

The following are recommended flight schedules based on the schedule of BUKA activities. You can also check [Cebu Pacific Air](#) and [Philippine Airlines](#) for alternative flight schedules.



2.3.1. From Manila to Cagayan de Oro (for TAMK and DCU participants)

Jan 31, 2023

 Philippine Flight 2521 Aircraft <u>320</u> Operated by Air Philippines Total Trip Duration: 1h 40m	Tue, Jan 31	8:50 am Manila, MNL	10:30 am Cagayan de Oro, CGY
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2.3.2. From Jakarta to Cagayan De Oro

Feb 1, 2023

 Philippine Flight 536 Aircraft <u>333</u> Flight Duration: 4h 10m	Wed, Feb 01	1:10 am Jakarta, CGK	6:20 am Manila, MNL
----- Layover: 2h 30m -----			
 Philippine Flight 2521 Aircraft <u>320</u> Flight Duration: 1h 40m Operated by Air Philippines Total Trip Duration: 8h 20m	Wed, Feb 01	8:50 am Manila, MNL	10:30 am Cagayan de Oro, CGY

2.3.3. From Kuala Lumpur to Cagayan De Oro

Feb 1, 2023

 Philippine
Flight 3496
| Aircraft 738


Wed, Feb 01 **8:30 am** Kuala Lumpur, KUL

12:20 pm Manila, MNL

Flight Duration: 3h 50m

Operated by Malaysia Airlines

----- Layover: 2h 50m -----

 Philippine
Flight 2525
| Aircraft 320

Wed, Feb 01 **3:10 pm** Manila, MNL

4:50 pm Cagayan de Oro, CGY


Flight Duration: 1h 40m

Operated by Air Philippines

Total Trip Duration: 8h 20m

2.3.4. From Cagayan de Oro to Manila

Feb 4, 2023

 Philippine
Flight 2522
| Aircraft 320

Sat, Feb 04 **11:25 am** Cagayan de Oro, CGY

1:05 pm Manila, MNL


Operated by Air Philippines

Total Trip Duration: 1h 40m

2.3.5. From Manila to Jakarta

Feb 8, 2023

Depart Wed, Feb 08

 Philippine
Flight 535 | Aircraft 321

Wed, Feb 08 **9:05 pm** Manila, MNL

12:20 am next day Thu, Feb 09
Jakarta, CGK

Total Trip Duration: 4h 15m

2.3.6. From Manila to Kuala Lumpur

Feb 8, 2023

Depart Wed, Feb 08



Wed, Feb 08 **1:15 pm**
Manila, MNL

5:15 pm
Kuala Lumpur,
KUL

Wed, Feb 08

Operated by Malaysia Airlines

Total Trip Duration: 4h 0m

2.3.7. Europe to/from the Philippines

There are no direct flights between Europe and the Philippines. Please check a flight scanner such as [Cheapoair](#), for flight options.

2.4. Land Travel

2.4.1. Iligan

MSU-IIT will provide transportation to ferry all the participants from and to the airport. Please coordinate with MSU-IIT BUKA colleagues via email regarding your flight schedule.

2.4.2. Manila

a. Taxi

Taxis in Manila are metered, and the fare is according to the distance traveled and the duration of the ride. Taxis can be flagged down on the street, or they can be called or booked through a mobile app. It is important to note that some taxi drivers may not use the meter, and may instead quote a fixed fare, especially during peak hours or in tourist areas. It is advisable to negotiate the fare before starting the trip, or to look for another taxi if the driver does not agree to use the meter. Please also note that most taxis only accept cash.

b. Grab

Grab is a ride-hailing service similar to Uber or Lyft. To use Grab, you will need to download the app, create an account, and input your payment information. Grab offers several ride options, including GrabTaxi (metered taxis), GrabCar (private cars), and GrabBike (motorcycles). Rides can be booked in advance or on-demand, and you can also schedule a ride for a later time. Prices for rides vary depending on the type of vehicle and the distance traveled, and you can see the estimated fare before requesting a ride. Please note that while Grab rides can be paid via the app using a credit card, you have the option to pay in cash.

2.4.3. Tagaytay and Los Baños

UPOU will provide transportation to ferry all participants from the airport to Tagaytay, as well as from Tagaytay to Los Baños and back. Your complete flight details are needed for the final transportation arrangements, so in case you have not yet sent them to MSU-IIT and UPOU, kindly do so through the contact persons listed (see Item 4).

February 04 (NAIA Terminals to Tagaytay)

February 06 (Tagaytay hotels to meeting venue: DAP)

February 07 (Roundtrip: Tagaytay hotels to UPOU Headquarters)

February 08 (Tagaytay hotels to NAIA Terminals)

3. Accommodation Recommendations

3.1. In Manila

The following are the hotels closest to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) terminals.

Belmont Hotel Manila

Belmont Hotel Manila is a 4-star contemporary hotel within the entertainment complex Resorts World Manila. It is located right across the NAIA Terminal 3, only 1KM away. Estimated cost: €70/night

Savoy Hotel Manila

Savoy Hotel Manila is one of the 4-star hotels near NAIA Terminal 3 (it is only 350m from the terminal). It has three types of accommodations ranging from guest rooms to executive suites.

Estimated cost: €70/night

Holiday Inn Express Manila Newport City

A 2-minute drive from NAIA Terminal 3 and located within Newport World Resorts, Holiday Inn Express Manila Newport City offers air-conditioned rooms and apartments. Estimated cost: €70/night

Sheraton Manila Hotel

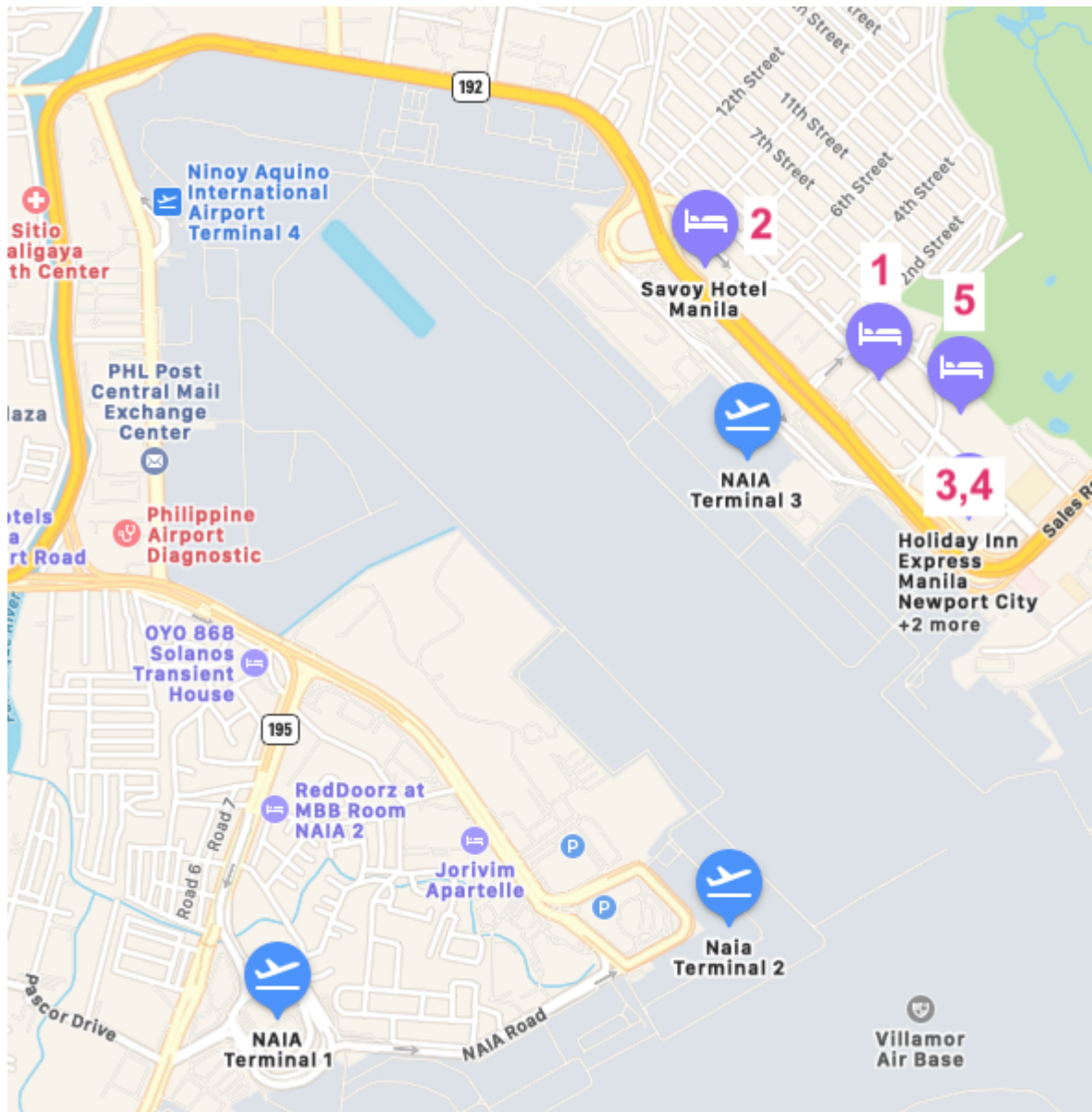
The Sheraton Manila Hotel is a world-class 5-star hotel located across NAIA Terminal 3, along Andrews Avenue in Pasay City.

Estimated cost: €220/night

Manila Marriott Hotel

The Manila Marriott Hotel is a 5-star contemporary hotel adjacent to the Resorts World Manila.

Estimated cost: €250/night



3.2. In Iligan (for the MSU-IIT Leg)

Cheradel Suites

This is a 3-star hotel located in the Villa Verde part of Iligan City, close to Iligan City attractions. There is a restaurant and outdoor pool on-site.

Estimated cost: €45/night

3.3. In Tagaytay (for the UPOU Leg)

Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) Conference Center and Hotel

This is the venue of the project meeting on 6 February. Guest rooms are available for booking.

Estimated cost: €50/night

Summit Ridge

This hotel is located along the main road of Tagaytay City with a possible view of the Taal Lake. It has an outdoor pool and fitness center and is conveniently located beside Robinson's Supermarket.

Estimated cost: €80/night

Quest Hotel

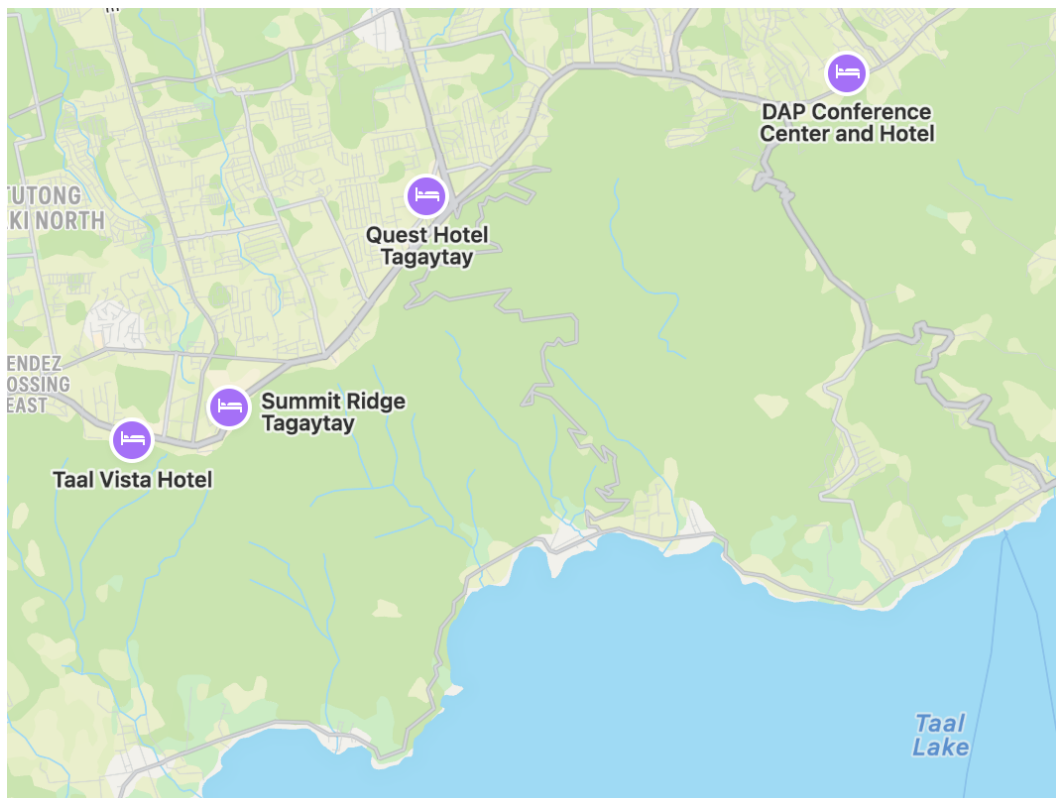
Quest Hotel Tagaytay is behind Fora Mall. It has an outdoor swimming pool and free WiFi throughout.

Estimated cost: €105/night

Taal Vista Hotel

Built in 1939, this is one of the oldest hotels in Tagaytay. It has a magnificent view of Taal Lake, and is conveniently located at the heart of Tagaytay City.

Estimated cost: €125/night



4. Contact Information and Means of Communication

In case you will be needing a local SIM card, you may purchase Traveler SIMs from Globe Telecom or Travel SIMs from Smart Communications. They are sold at the arrival areas of NAIA Terminals 1, 3, and 4 in Manila.

4.1. For the MSU-IIT leg

You may coordinate with Ms. Nenen Borinaga (nenen.borinaga@g.msuiit.edu.ph/ +639778010060) while in MSU-IIT for any further concerns.

4.2. For the UPOU leg

You may coordinate with Ms. Margaret Suarez (margaret.suarez@upou.edu.ph/ +639175002753) during the UPOU leg.

5. COVID-Related Protocols

Wearing of face masks in indoor and outdoor settings is voluntary except in the following settings:

- a. Healthcare facilities, including but not limited to clinics, hospitals, laboratories, nursing homes, and dialysis clinics;
- b. Medical transport vehicles, such as ambulance and paramedic rescue vehicles; and
- c. Public transportation by land, air, or sea.

Mask wearing is still encouraged for the elderly, individuals with comorbidities, immunocompromised individuals, pregnant women, unvaccinated individuals, and symptomatic individuals.

6. Other Relevant Information

6.1. Climate

The Philippines has a tropical maritime climate that is usually hot and humid. Generally, there are three seasons: a hot dry season from March to May; a rainy season from June to November; and a cool dry season from December to February. However, with climate change the weather is more unpredictable and it can rain anytime.

The weather in Tagaytay is milder and cooler than in Manila – i.e. with lower humidity and abundant rainfall and an average temperature of 22 °C or 72 °F

6.2. Miscellaneous

Voltage

The standard voltage in the Philippines is 220 V, with a frequency of 60 Hz.

Power Outlets

The power plugs and outlets used in the Philippines are generally Type A, B, and C, with type A being the most common.



Mosquito repellent lotion/ cream

We recommend the use of insect repellents since the Philippines has a tropical climate, which is ideal for mosquitoes to breed and thrive.

Attire

Casual wear for the Iligan City tour and possible visit to a local waterfall is advised. A light jacket or cardigan would be useful for Tagaytay weather and possibly chilly meeting rooms.