

# BibliOdyssey

## Filipino Costumes



Un Yndio Natural



Una Joven, Mestiza



A guardia de Vino  
(an officer to look after the government monopolies, such as arrack and tobacco)



A Damsel Going to Early Mass



A Manila man



Una Yndia Natural, de Filipina



Un Mestizo Chino



A señorita walking to church in the daytime





A Spanish Mestiza of Manila



A country girl



An Old Woman



Rich mestizo



### A Mandaya Woman

"Note the silver "patina" on her breast, and the load of armlets. The Mandaya women blacken their front teeth by holding a quid of tobacco and strongly acidic leaves between teeth and lips."

[IN: *The non-Christian peoples of the Philippine Islands*' by DC Worcester, 1913, among the Cornell University [South East Asia Visions Collection](#)]



Costumes des Habitans de Manille

[IN: '*Atlas du Voyage de la Perouse, no. 42*', 1797 by Jean-Francois de Galaup, Comte de La Perouse. Drawing by JM Moreau; engraved by P Triere. [\[source\]](#)]

All the images above (apart from the last two) come from a watercolour album from about 1841, online at NYPL. (there are a few more there I've not posted) The first half of the pictures above are displayed at full size. All of the NYPL images have been extensively background cleaned.

Incidentally, a few of the men are wearing the national male costume of the Philippines: **Barong Tagalog** (the female counterpart is called Baro't saya {**Barbie** or **anime**(!)})

Further Filipino costume illustrations: [Skyscraper city forum](#) and [The Impact of Spanish Rule in the Philippines](#) from the [Tagalog language and cultural resources site at the University of Northern Illinois](#).

It's obviously an old site, but the [People of the Philippines exhibition](#) from the Museum of Anthropology at the California State University, East Bay, has some useful information, particularly about the distribution of ethnic groups across the Philippines.

Added later: See [this article on the Boxer Codex](#) (1595) that is said to depict the Tagalogs, Visayans, Zambals, Cagayanons and Negritos of the Philippines in vivid colors.