

Cebu City Adventure!

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This is my second visit to Cebu City with my family, the first visit being in the mid 1980's. So it's been years and have totally nothing to remember of my first visit, since I was below 7 years old that time, aside of course, from the pictures taken that time. In any case, I was pretty excited to visit Cebu City again, and get a glimpse of it's metropolis. This video is Day 1 of our visit, from the NAIA Terminal 3 airport in Pasay City, to our boarding the plane, exiting the plane, and our car ride to Waterfront Hotel, where we stayed during our visit. =) Cebu City, Philippines June 2, 2009

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Here's a continuation of our van ride from the Mactan-Cebu International Airport going to our hotel, the Waterfront Hotel and Casino. The van ride took about 45 minutes and once in our hotel rooms, we slept for a while afterwhich we started our city tour by heading to our first stop, our lunch break at CNT Lechon. Check Part 3 for this video footage. =) Cebu City, Philippines June 2, 2009

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Lunch at CNT Lechon! I guess that was a good start for our day tour in Cebu City. From there we went to see the Magellan's Cross and toured the nearby places from the Church. Our next stop was the Fort San Pedro, a Spanish Walled City ruins similar to the Fort Santiago Ruins in Manila. (Check my video entitled "Fort Santiago Intramuros, Manila Part 1-7) Since it was a hot and scorching sunny day, we decided not to go inside the Fort San Pedro, but just take pictures from the van. And from there, we went to our next destination. Check part 4 for more sightseeing videos! =) Cebu City, Philippines June 2, 2009

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Here are more places of interests that we visited in Cebu City. The first in the video is the Casa Gorordo Museum, an old house built during the Spanish Era I believe that was eventually acquired by the Philippine government and considered a national museum of the Spanish Era. From there we stopped by Shamrock to buy some "pasalubong" and headed to the Taoist Temple inside the Beverly Hills Subdivision along the hilly side of Cebu City. The very top of the Taoist Temple gives you a beautiful view of the Cebu City scenery, and our hotel, the Waterfront Hotel, was visible from the temple. Not really the best view of Cebu City, but Part 6 of this video will give you the best view there is of this beautiful metropolis. But don't forget to check Part 5 first of this video! =) Cebu City, Philippines June 2, 2009

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Welcome to the Ayala Center in Cebu City! This is a high class and beautiful shopping mall with it's broad and spacious gardens that adds to the natural beauty of the Cebu Metropolis. We checked the place out and did a little bit of shopping while I myself was busy filming everything, lol. The mall looked similar to the Ayala Malls/Center in the Metro Manila Metropolis. (Check my video entitled "Walking Around in Trinoma Mall, Quezon City," "Picture Taking at Greenbelt Center, Makati City" and "Short Video of Glorietta Mall") From there we headed to the Crown Regency Hotel and Towers for some heights action and adventure. I filmed our ride from the Ayala Center until we reached our destination. We passed by several points of interests, including the Robinson's Place Cebu Mall. It reminded me of the Robinson's Place Manila Mall, although the one in Manila was bigger and more beautiful. Don't forget to check Part 6 of this video and see the Crown Regency Hotel and Towers adventure! =) Cebu City, Philippines June 2, 2009

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This was our last stop in our one day tour in Cebu City, the Crown Regency Hotel and Towers. My brother Mann Ed was excited to try the Country's First and Only Edge Coaster in the 38th floor, while I was anxious to try the Extreme Skywalk Adventure in the 37th Floor. But we all eventually tried the Skywalk except my Mom. It was exciting and scary at the same time. But there's no word to describe the feeling of conquering your fears. The moment I stepped out in that skywalk and see how small everything were at the bottom, I felt a really uncomfortable feeling all over, moreso feeling the strong winds hitting your body. But it was all worth it, something I can truly look back and reminisce. =) Cebu City, Philippines June 2, 2009

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The Edge Coaster Ride and Skywalk were truly a best experience ever in Cebu City! It was the most that I liked and enjoy. After the skywalk experience, we had our snacks at the Snack Bar of the Regency Crown Towers afterwhich we headed back to our hotel to call the night off. I took a video of the night lights of Cebu along the way. =) Cebu City, Philippines June 2, 2009

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This is the 2nd day of our trip in Cebu City. We started the day with breakfast at the Waterfront Hotel Umami Restaurant, an eat all you can buffet that serves Asian, European, and American dishes. It literally has everything you can ever imagine to eat! From there we drove to the Cebu City Seaport to get on a Supercat Ferry Boat going to Tagbilaran City in Bohol Islands. We spent the whole day in Bohol visiting some places of interests. See Part 9 for more footage of our Bohol visit. Thanks! => Cebu City, Philippines June 3, 2009

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This is a continuation of our Supercat Ferry Boat Ride from Cebu City Seaport going to Tagbilaran City Port in Bohol. The boat ride took 1 hour and 45 minutes total. We left the Cebu City Seaport at 8:30am and arrived in Bohol at 10:15am. Upon disembarking the boat, we were greeted by our tourist guide and led to a van that toured us around the island. Check Part 10 of this video for more footage. Thanks! => Tagbilaran City, Bohol, Philippines June 3, 2009

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Welcome to the beautiful islands of Bohol! This is the Tagbilaran City Port, serving as a gateway to the wonders of mother nature hidden in the lush islands of Bohol. We spent the whole day of our second day trip in Bohol, enjoying the sights and sounds of the island that is truly unique of its own. Watch and see for yourself! Our first stop though was the famous Blood Compact Monument, one of the most historical and important event in Philippine history. See more of our Bohol visit in Part 11 of this video. => Tagbilaran City, Bohol, Philippines June 3, 2009

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Here's a video of our long ride going to the Loboc River Cruise for our buffet lunch. It was nearing lunchtime after a few hours of our arriving in the island, so the long van ride was suffice to make it just on time for our lunch meal. This gives a good glimpse of the island's natural beauty as decorated by Mother nature itself, and the wonders of the surrounding trees that silently hovered like jewels over the Loboc River. Such a fantastic sight to behold! => Loboc River, Bohol Island, Philippines June 3, 2009

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Here are more videos of our Loboc River Cruise after having a sumptuous buffet lunch. Mother Nature never fails to impress us with its beautiful gems that jewel along the Loboc River banks. It truly uplifts the spirit and mind. Before finally docking back to land, we stopped by a wooden hut along the river where the locals greeted us with their traditional dances and a warmth welcome. => Loboc River, Bohol Island, Philippines June 3, 2009

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Here are more videos of the locals performing along the Loboc River to entertain the tourists that passes by in the river boat cruise. It was nice to see how happy and welcoming they were despite the hardships of life in this province. It truly helps one reflect and appreciate that a simple life adds up to more meaningful and fruitful life without the added pain. This boat cruise was truly filled with adventure and no doubt, the realities of life. =) Loboc River, Bohol, Philippines June 3, 2009

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Here's a video of us passing through the man-made forest of Bohol Island as we headed to our next destination, the Chocolate Hills. The Chocolate Hills is truly unique of its own, showing the splendor and beauty of the Bohol Island's natural treasures, the only one of its kind in the world. It's truly a breathtaking view to behold! =) Bohol, Philippines June 3, 2009

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The beauty and wonder of the Chocolate Hills just never failed to impress everyone who came to visit! There was a continuous surge of tourists coming up to see the spectacular view that awaited them. Here are more pictures and video clips of the Chocolate Hills and the surrounding area. From there, we headed to our next destination, to see the smallest primate/monkey in the world, the famous Tarsier of the Bohol Islands. =) Tagbilaran City, Bohol, Philippines June 3, 2009

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Here's the rest of the video and pictures I took at the Tarsier Attraction in Bohol. The place was not as big as I expected it to be, so I manage to film just about every corner of the area. There is a souvenir shop nearby where all kinds of stuff with the Tarsier decoration is available for keepsakes. That's all! =) Tagbilaran City, Bohol, Philippines June 3, 2009

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Here's our next stop in Bohol, the famous Python Snake. The snake was found by one of the locals at it's young stage and was domesticated by the founder. It has grown so much since it's discovery. It became a well-known attraction for Bohol tourists. The local owner had set up a mini-zoo in her backyard of various other caged animals for the tourists to view, as well as her nephew "Marimar" or should I say niece, performing a comedy lip-sync dance number for everyone's enjoyment. =) Bohol Island, Philippines June 3, 2009

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Here's the last video of our one day tour of Bohol Island. From the Python Snake, we headed to the Bohol Delicacy Store and bought some sweets before heading to the Tagbilaran City Port to board our boat going back to Cebu City. Whew! It was a one long and tiring day, but it was all worth it. The next day was our flight going back to Manila in the morning, so we decided to check out our hotel swimming pool amenity before heading back to our rooms to get a good night sleep. =) Tagbilaran City, Bohol/Cebu City, Philippines June 3, 2009

Time to go home guys! Our Cebu City Adventure had ended, as much as we wanted to stay longer, but we had no more money to spend, hehe. We got up pretty early to have our buffet breakfast at the Hotel Restaurant, and we rushed to the airport to get on our Cebu Pacific Flight going to Manila. As I always tell myself, there's no place like HOME! I'm glad to be back home again! Thanks for Watching guys! =) Cebu City/Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines June 4, 2009