



## Country Profile: Philippines

The Philippines is an emerging economy with a democratic system of government, located in Southeast Asia. The archipelago consists of more than 7,000 islands, of which over 800 are inhabited. The major island groupings are Luzon in the north, the Visayas in the center and Mindanao in the south. Tourist facilities are available within population centers and the main tourist areas. English is widely spoken in the Philippines, and most signs are in English. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on the Philippines for additional information.

### COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Philippines
Continent:	Asia
Capital City:	Manila
Boundary Countries:	No Land Boundaries
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	St. Luke's Medical Center (Quezon City), Davao Doctors Hospital (Davao City), Cebu Doctors' University Hospital (Cebu City) Manila Doctors Hospital, Mary Chiles General Hospital, Philippine General Hospital.
Main Cities:	Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, Puerto Princesa, Cebu City
Country Size:	300,000 sq km
Population:	91,077,287

### COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Filipino (based on Tagalog), English
Currency:	Philippine peso (PHP)
Predominant Religions:	Roman Catholic
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 12 June (1898)
Economic Status:	The Philippines is a developing nation with a democratic system of government, located in Southeast Asia.
Security:	Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Army, Navy (includes Coast Guard and Marine Corps), Air Force
US Presence:	<a href="#">U.S. Embassy in Manila</a> 1201 Roxas Boulevard Manila, Philippines 1000 Phone: (632) 5301-2000
Major Airports:	Airports: 253, Airports w/paved runways: 82  Manila – Ninoy Aquino International (MNL/RPLL) Manila Airport, Philippines, MIAA Administration Building, NAIA Complex, Pasay City, Manila 1300, PHILIPPINES Tel: +63 (0)2 877-1109 Fax: +63 (0)2 833-1180 Website: <a href="http://www.miaa.gov.ph">www.miaa.gov.ph</a> Customs, hours: 24 hours Tel: +63 (0)2 832-3035 Fax: +63 (0)2 832-3035

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