The Many Faces of Subic Bay

ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

You can never run of things to see and to do at Subic Bay.

As the many faces of Subic Bay greet you with a warm welcoming smile, there's no way you can ever have your fill of this magnificent masterpiece of nature and Subic Bay's unique mix of attractions and activities.

Attractions and Activities

YOUR THEME PARK CAPITAL. The widely varied yet unique theme parks in Subic Bay virtually make it the theme park capital of the Philippines. Tucked in deeply forested mountains or in open blue seas, these theme parks cater to the daring and intrepid or to the gentle and meek.

OCEAN ADVENTURE
Southeast Asia's only open water marine park stands at the foot of a rainforest and opens to the blue waters of Subic Bay. This kind of environment provides a natural habitat for the whales, dolphins and sea lions that treat visitors to spectacular shows and up-close personal encounters.

ZOOBIC SAFARI
This expansive 21-hectare amusement park lives up to its name with a wild array of Asia's exotic animals freely roaming in their natural habitat. Every encounter with the wild, ranging from tigers to pythons to camels and many more, promises a once-in-a-lifetime thrill.

TREE TOP ADVENTURE
The world's first motorized canopy tour can be found in this natural sanctuary nestled within Subic Bay's well-protected and densely forested area. From 100 feet above the ground, fly off to new and higher peaks of excitement – literally and figuratively – across breath-taking panoramic views of rainforests.

HOLY LAND SUBIC SANCTUARY
The first of its kind in Asia, this prayer sanctuary and biblical theme park takes you on a spiritual journey to the land of the Bible in ancient Jerusalem before and at the time of Jesus Christ. Trek through hillsides and forests for life-sized dioramas of well-known biblical scenes.

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YOUR GREEN DESTINATION. Except for azure skies and bay waters, Subic Bay is green all over with eco-tours available for all ages.

From triple-canopied rainforests, which are among the remaining few in Luzon, and mountain trails to expansive grasslands and shady trees lining most thoroughfares, this favorite holiday destination is a “must-visit” for thoughtful travelers or those who are simply on the look-out for clean fun, literally and figuratively, in the midst of Nature’s handiwork.

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ECO-TOURISM AT ITS BEST…

PAMULAKLAKIN FOREST TRAILS
Explore the many facets of nature in this one-of-a-kind attraction of Subic Bay that takes you off the beaten track and deep in the jungles and mountains. You can even camp overnight in the very heart of the forest for a ringside view of nature's evening symphony of jungle sounds.

INDIGENOUS CULTURE
Enjoy an intimate look into the indigenous culture of the Aetas, including bamboo-cooked meals by the river, herbal concoctions and quaint souvenirs. Dance to the beat of authentic Aeta ritual dances.
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TRIBOA MANGROVE PARK
Endowed with a magical and serene beauty of its own, this natural attraction gives visitors a glimpse of a marvelous variety of baby fish, mud crabs and mud skippers, flitting through interwoven arching roots anchored on brackish water and sandy substrate. It also offers a spectacular view of the sunset.

JUNGLE ENVIRONMENTAL SURVIVAL TRAINING (JEST) CAMP
Spread over more than two hectares of rolling terrain and forests, JEST Camp used to be the training ground of US Navy Seals, Special Forces and Army Rangers in jungle warfare and survival techniques, which they learned from our very own indigenous people.

APALIIN FOREST TRAILS
Take a refreshing hike through Apaliin Forest Trails within Subic Bay's Ilanin West Forest. Treat yourself to a brimming showcase of nature's sights and sounds, as you burn and shed off a few calories. Then take a break at the end of the trail at Apaliin Point and marvel at a panoramic view of Subic Bay.

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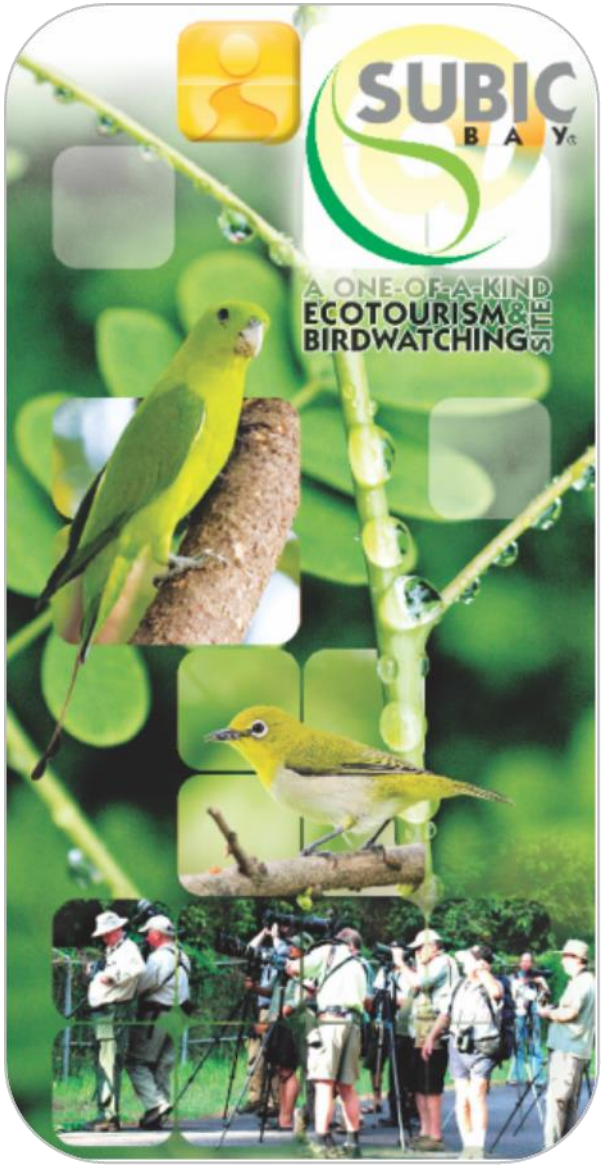

Bird-watching - A must-try at Subic Bay. There is no better proof of the greenness of Subic Bay than its avian spectacle of species and colors. In fact, bird-watching is a highly recommended activity at Subic Bay - whether by the roadside or in a quiet secluded place.

Here's what birders say about bird-watching at Subic Bay:

- *"…the avifauna sighted and recorded (in Subic) reach as high as 182 bird species, 35% of which or 65 species are Philippine endemics, or only found in the Philippines. With the Philippines having about 600 bird species where 200 are endemics, Subic can claim to host 30% of the entire Philippine avifauna, including 33% of entire Philippine endemics" (Alain B. del Pascua, vice president, Wild Bird Club of the Philippines).*

- *"Luzon's best lowland forest bird-watching site" (birding2.com)*

- *"In Subic, you have a brilliant environment and it is secured. The trees, the habitats, the birds here…Yes, this is a gold mine you have here, the birds" (Tim Appleton, leader of a 13-man delegation of UK-based bird tour operators and journalists who visited Subic Bay)*

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Subic Bay bird-watching facts and figures

- **Declared in 2009 by the Department of Tourism of the Philippines as one of the country's 13 bird-watching sites**
- Eleven (11) ideal bird-watching sites, including Hill 394, Nabasan Area, Triboa and Bee-eater Colony / Also ideal for roadside birding
- A remarkable number (48 recorded) of bird species, accounting for 15% of all bird species in the Philippines – including Brahminy Kite, Crested Serpent Eagle, Red Junglefowl, Green Imperial Dove, Colasisi, Collared Kingfisher, Tarictic Hornbill, White-bellied Woodpecker, Blue-naped Parrot, Crested Myna, Glossy Swiftlet, Philippine Scops-Owl, etc.
- Located within a triangle of bird-watching sites very near Manila – Candaba Swamps in Pampanga, Balanga in Bataan, and Subic Bay Freeport

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Sun, sea and sky. Another eco-tourism attraction at Subic Bay is its pristine beaches, first-rate beach amenities and safe waters.

With miles of fine sand and calm waters for beach lovers and picnickers, Subic Bay is also rich with spectacular corals and underwater fauna for divers and snorkelers, mysterious sunken wrecks for history aficionados, and even choice spots for a relaxing afternoon of fly fishing.

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OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST. In addition to a wide array of attractions and activities, Subic Bay is dotted with other places of interest – ranging from historical sites and monuments to modern-day landmarks.

SPANISH GATE

The Spanish Gate is a remnant of the Spanish Naval Station in Subic Bay. It was originally the entrance to the Spanish colonial fortress, which was built in the 1800s when the strategic importance of Subic Bay in protecting Manila from infiltration from the North was recognized. In 1898, Spanish forces that were garrisoned in the station were forced out by Filipino revolutionaries. A year later the station was occupied by the United States Navy, which used the gate as a jail just like the Spaniards did during their time.

The Americans used the West Gate, which they called the Spanish Gate, as the main gate to the station for many years. Behind it was a small marine cemetery. This gate was equipped with gun ports and connected to the South Gate near the water front by a high wall of locally quarried stone.

Today you will find at the Spanish Gate entrance the historical marker of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines for what was once the Subic Bay Naval Station.

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SAN ROQUE CHAPEL

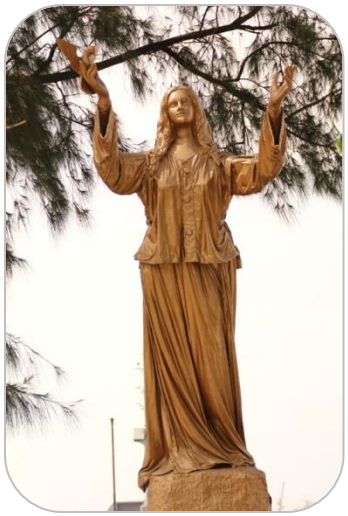
This small church was built in the 1800s for Spanish sailors and Filipinos who were converted into Christians. According to parish historians, the San Roque statue was first enshrined in the chapel, then known as the Olongapo Parish Church in 1905, when the then barrio of Olongapo was still part of the parish of St. James in Subic town, Zambales.

After the Spanish-American war (1899–1902), which put Subic and Olongapo under American Naval control, the chapel became known as the ecumenical Subic Chapel, and much later, as the San Roque Chapel under the Diocese of Iba, Zambales.

INANG LAYA - MOTHER COUNTRY MONUMENT

Erected in the early 1990s at the waterfront area, this monument stands as a proud tribute to the 12 Filipino senators who in a vote of 12 to 11, stood up and declared “NO” to the extension of the RP-US Military Bases Treaty on September 16, 1991, finally freeing the country from foreign military presence.

Engraved n the bronze markers of “The Hands that Freed the Nation” in front of the Inang Laya - Mother Country monument are the actual handprints of the 12 senators, known as “The Magnificent 12”, together with their respective votes.



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CHILDREN OF THE SUN RETURNING MONUMENT

Also known as the Subic Volunteers Monument, this landmark honors the thousands of men and women who helped secure the facilities of the former Subic Naval Base from looting after the Americans evacuated their families in the wake of the Mount Pinatubo eruption in1991.

SBMA FLAGPOLE

Located along Waterfront Road and right across the nerve center of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), the SBMA flag pole is 96 feet tall, symbolizing the number of years of US military presence in the Philippines. Its base is eight (8) feet high to represent the 8,000 volunteers who reformed and rebuilt the former US naval base into SBMA. The biggest Filipino flag was unfurled and hoisted here for the first time during the turnover ceremony of the former US naval base to the Philippines on November 24, 1992.

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BICENTENNIAL PARK

Also known as Volunteers Park, the Bicentennial Park is easily accessible from the hotel and restaurant row within Central Business District. Its centerpiece is a stone memorial in honor of Subic volunteers whose names are individually inscribed on stone and whose admirable spirit of volunteerism is celebrated at the park every November 24.

BOARDWALK PARK

The Boardwalk Park along Waterfront Road is a favorite gathering place for beachfront walkers and strollers, as well as concerts, marathon start-offs and finishes, and other events.

THE HELLSHIP (ORYOKU MARU) MEMORIAL

A stone's throw away from the Inang Laya monument and some 300 meters away from the location where the Oryoku Maru (a.k.a. Hell Ship) sank, this memorial was erected in memory of those who perished in Japanese prison ships during the liberation by the Allied Forces in Subic Bay on December 9, 1944.

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WATERFRONT ROAD

The Waterfront Road runs from Segarra Villas to the end of the Moonbay Marina area. This 1.6-kilometer drive offers scenic views of the bay, as well as an interesting mix of government buildings, hotels and restaurants.

Strollers flock here for its invigorating sea air and a panoramic view of the sunset .

REMY FIELD COMPLEX

The Remy Field Sports Complex is Subic Bay's main sports center equipped with an oval track, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, air-conditioned basketball gym, badminton courts and a grandstand where big sports events usually start off and are culminated.

A popular spot among early morning and after-work or evening joggers, and other health buffs, the oval track is a year-round well-maintained facility and often the starting point of most running competitions.

Nearby is WOW World's newly built Olympic-sized swimming pool.

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Dining and shopping

More than 300 dining and shopping facilities to choose from…

Nightlife

Casinos, videoke bars, night spots, live music, chill-outs…

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