

# Let's Visit: Philippines

Intermediate (B1-B2)



# **WARM UP**

# Part 1. Discuss the following questions.

- 1. Have you ever been to the Philippines?
- 2. What do you know about its islands, food, or culture?
- 3. Would you prefer to visit the beaches, cities, or mountains? Why?

# Part 2. How much do you know about the Philippines? Test your knowledge!

- 1. What is the capital city of the Philippines?
- 2. Roughly how many islands does the country have -700, 7,000 or 70,000?
- 3. Name one of the main official languages.
- 4. What is the name of the world-famous volcanic mountain shaped like a perfect cone?
- 5. Which popular dessert is made with crushed ice, evaporated milk, and sweet toppings?



# **VIDEO ACTIVITY & PICTURE MATCHING**

Part 1. Watch a short video showing different places and things in the Philippines. After watching, answer the questions.

- 1. Which scene caught your eye the most?
- 2. What kind of atmosphere did you notice?

Part 2. Look at some of the Philippines's famous places and landmarks below. Match the name to the picture.

Banaue Rice Terraces Chocolate Hills Mayon Valcano Taal Volcano

El Nido (Palawan) Intramuros (Manila) Siargao Island Kawasan Falls

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# Part 3. Match each place or landmark to the correct description.

Banaue Rice Terraces	Chocolate Hills	Mayon Valcano	Taal Volcano
El Nido (Palawan)	Intramuros (Manila)	Siargao Island	Kawasan Falls

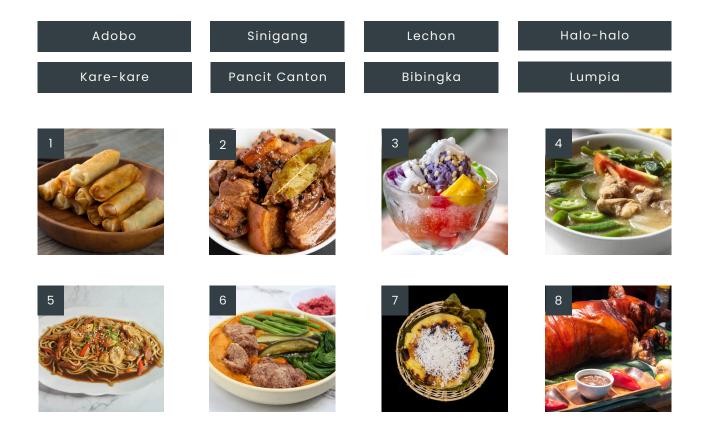
1	_ 2,000-year-old rice terraces carved into the mountains.
2	_ A perfectly symmetrical active volcano.
3	_ Hundreds of cone-shaped hills that turn brown in the dry season.
4	_ A volcano inside a lake, with another lake inside its crater.
5	_ Known for surfing and crystal-clear rock pools.
6	_ Limestone cliffs, turquoise water, and hidden lagoons.
7	_ A beautiful turquoise waterfall popular for swimming and canyoneering.
8.	The historic walled city in the capital.

# Part 4. Discuss the following questions.

- 1. Which one would you visit first?
- 2. Which looks the most unique?
- 3. What activities could you do there?



Part 5. Look at some of the Philippines's famous food below. Match the name to the picture.



Part 6. Match each dish to the correct description.

1 Fried spring rolls filled with vegetables or meat.
2 Coconut rice cake baked in banana leaves.
3 Whole roasted pig with crispy skin and tender meat.
4 Chicken or pork stewed in vinegar, soy sauce, and garlic.
5 Stir-fried noodles with vegetables and meat or seafood.
6 Shaved ice dessert with fruit, jelly, beans, and ice cream.
7 A sour tamarind soup with vegetables and meat or seafood.
8 Peanut-based stew with oxtail, vegetables, and shrimp paste

# Part 7. Discuss the following questions.

- 1. Which dish would you most like to try?
- 2. Which one seems unusual to you?
- 3. How does Philippine food compare to your country's cuisine?

#### **READING ACTIVITY**

#### Part 1. Read this dialogue between two travellers who recently visited the Philippines.

**Alex:** You know, before we went, I couldn't decide whether to focus on the beaches or the mountains — but the Philippines gave us the best of both worlds.

**Priya:** Absolutely! One day we were hiking the Banaue Rice Terraces, and the next we were island-hopping in Palawan.

**Alex:** The scenery was unreal. Standing at the viewpoint over the Chocolate Hills was a sight to behold.

**Priya:** And the locals were so friendly — full of life and always ready to help.

**Alex:** Don't get me started on the food. Adobo, sinigang, halo-halo... it was like taking your taste buds on a journey.

Priya: The markets were great for that too. We tried snacks I'd never even heard of before.

**Alex:** And that night in El Nido, watching the sunset from the beach — that's one of those moments that makes memories to last a lifetime.

**Priya:** Definitely. I think the Philippines has something for everyone.

#### Part 2. Answer the questions below based on the dialogue.

- 1. What two types of places did Alex enjoy in the Philippines?
- 2. Where did they see the Chocolate Hills?
- 3. How did they describe the locals?
- 4. Which dishes did Alex mention?
- 5. What special moment did they have in El Nido?



# Part 3. Match the expression to its meaning.

Take your taste buds on a journey

1.\_\_\_\_\_ Lively and energetic
2.\_\_\_\_\_ Something very impressive or beautiful
3.\_\_\_\_ Enjoying two different benefits at the same time
4.\_\_\_\_ Create experiences you'll never forget

# Part 4. Discuss the following questions.

- 1. Have you ever had a holiday that gave you the **best of both worlds**?
- 2. What's a place you've visited that was truly a sight to behold?
- 3. Who's someone you know that is full of life?

5.\_\_\_\_\_ Try a variety of exciting flavours

- 4. Where would you go to take your taste buds on a journey?
- 5. What's a travel moment that **made memories to last a lifetime**?

# **FINAL THOUGHTS...**

## Part 1. Discuss the questions below to reflect on what you've learnt during this lesson.

- 1. Would you visit the Philippines? Why or why not?
- 2. Which landmark or dish appeals to you most?
- 3. How do you think life there is similar to or different from yours?

