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EVERYTHING YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE
GOING TO ALBAY - BICOL





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WHAT WE DO

France Volontaires is the French platform for international volunteering, exchange, and solidarity. Established in 2009 and operating under the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, we bring together the State, local authorities, and associations to promote international exchange and solidarity volunteering (VIES).

Active globally, including in the Philippines since 2013, our missions include designing volunteer projects, supporting volunteers throughout their journey, promoting responsible volunteer work, and fostering international partnerships.

To enhance your volunteering experience, we are excited to introduce our first travel guide.

This guide provides valuable information about the Philippines, cultural immersion tips, and practical advice for your stay. It reflects our commitment to supporting you throughout your mission, ensuring a meaningful and impactful experience.

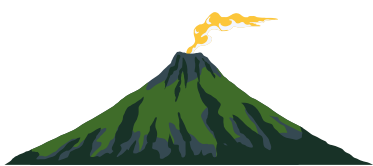
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Introduction to Albay

Welcome to Albay, a picturesque province in the Bicol region of the Philippines. Known for its breathtaking volcanic landscapes, vibrant culture and delicious cuisine, Albay offers an unforgettable tourism experience for travelers seeking adventure and discovery.

WHAT TO DO



Mount Mayon



Vera Falls

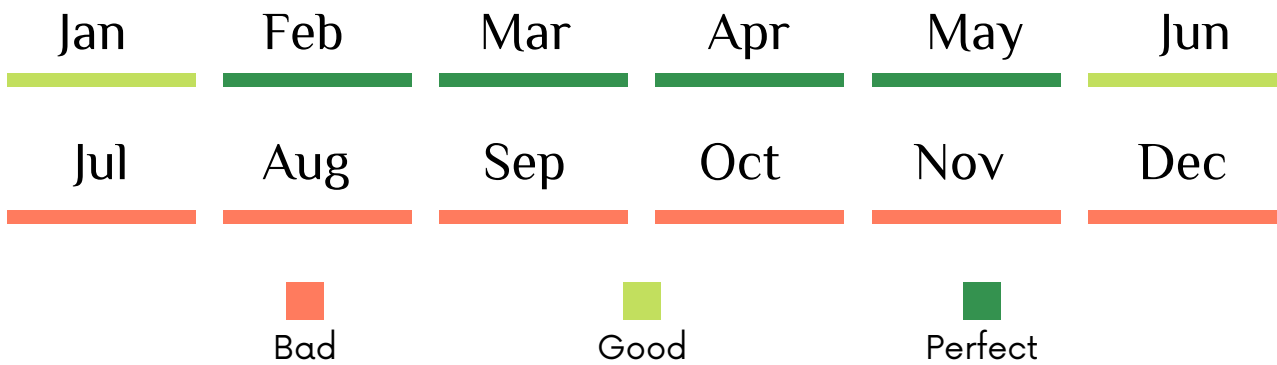


Trinity island

BUT THERE'S MORE



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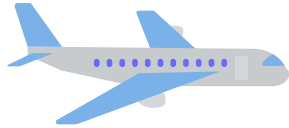
Albay features a tropical wet climate with two main seasons: The dry season typically spans from January to May, offering sunny days and pleasant temperatures, ideal for exploring outdoor attractions. Conversely, the rainy season, from June to December, brings regular showers and sometimes typhoons, which can limit outdoor activities and make travel more challenging.



When to visit



How to go from Manilla



PLANE

to DRP
1H30*

3000-6000PHP**

Not including transportation to the airport and waiting time* and additional luggage costs**



BUS

to Albay
12 HOURS*

1600-4000PHP*

Not including transportation to the bus station*

ROUND-TRIP

INFO



Traveling across the Philippines can be unpredictable due to traffic or weather conditions. Therefore, plan extra time for your travels.



Don't forget to bring a sweater or jacket when traveling by plane or bus in Albay. The air conditioning can make it quite chilly, especially on buses.



Consider renting a scooter or car for your Albay adventure. It offers flexibility and convenience for exploring at your own pace.

Mayon View



SUMLANG LAKE

Discover the serenity of Sumlang Lake. Here, you can unwind amidst the calm waters and lush surroundings, offering a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Take a leisurely boat ride or simply relax by the shore, soaking in the beauty of the scenery.

MAYON SKYLINE

Embark on a journey to Mayon Skyline and behold the majestic beauty of the iconic Mayon Volcano. Offering panoramic views of the breathtaking landscape. Whether you're an avid hiker or simply seeking awe-inspiring vistas, this natural wonder will leave an indelible mark on your journey.



QUITUINAN & QUITINDAY HILLS

Explore the scenic vistas of Quituinan and Quitinday Hills. These rolling landscapes offer panoramic views of Albay's lush greenery and volcanic terrain. Quituinan and Quitinday Hills provide a peaceful retreat with breathtaking scenery, ideal for those seeking tranquility and natural beauty.



Mayon View



CAGSAWA RUINS

Step back in time at the Cagsawa Ruins, where remnants of a once-grand church stand amidst the volcanic landscape of Albay. Despite the ravages of time and nature, these ruins echo the rich history of the region, offering visitors a glimpse into the past, framed by the iconic silhouette of Mount Mayon in the distance.

KAWA-KAWA HILLS

Discover peace at Kawa-Kawa Hills. Amidst lush greenery, this tranquil spot offers scenic views and a calming ambiance. Take a leisurely stroll along the Stations of the Cross trail, adorned with larger-than-life sculptures, or simply bask in the peaceful atmosphere.



ATV & BLACK LAVA ZIPLINE

Embark on adventures with ATV rides and the Black Lava Zipline. Traverse volcanic landscapes on an ATV, immersing yourself in the rugged beauty of Albay. Then, glide gently over the black lava flow on a zipline.



Falls and River

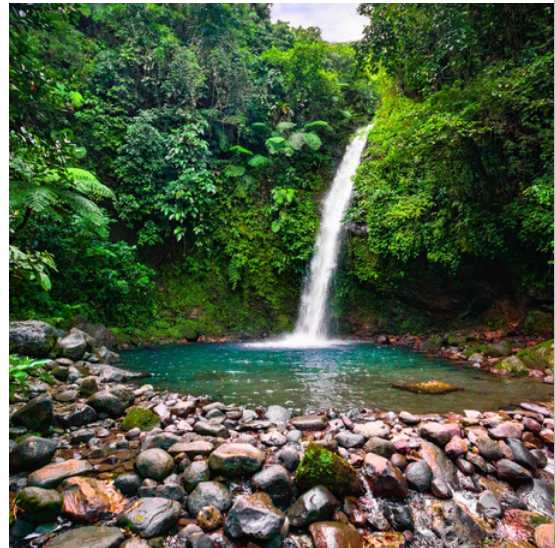


VERA FALLS

Discover Vera Falls, a hidden gem in Albay. Tucked amidst lush greenery, this tranquil waterfall offers a refreshing escape. Follow scenic trails to find a stunning cascade, perfect for adventurers and nature lovers alike.

BUSAY FALLS

Discover Busay Falls, a stunning natural cascade nestled in Albay. Surrounded by lush vegetation, this waterfall offers a refreshing escape into nature. Whether you're swimming in its cool waters or simply enjoying the serene ambiance, Busay Falls is a perfect spot for relaxation and rejuvenation.



QUITINDAY UNDERGROUND RIVER

Explore this hidden gem in Albay. Venture through the subterranean passages and marvel at the unique rock formations. This serene and captivating natural wonder offers an unforgettable experience for those seeking adventure and tranquility.



Coasts



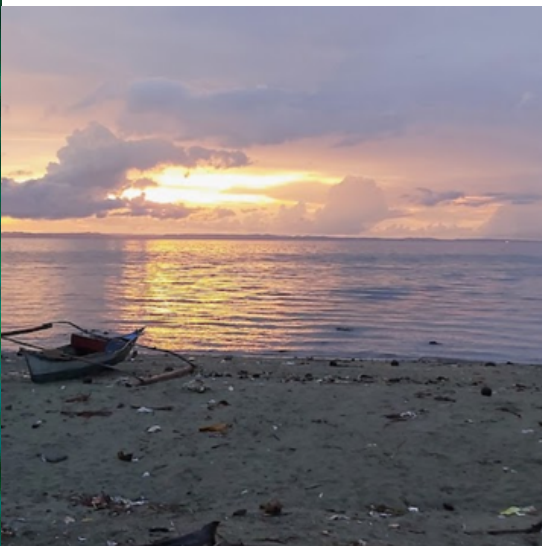
BACACAY AND STO. DOMINGO

Experience the coastal charms of Bacacay and Sto. Domingo beaches. With their pristine sands and azure waters, these shores offer idyllic spots for relaxation and recreation.

These beaches provide the perfect backdrop for a day of seaside enjoyment.

TRINITY ISLAND

Explore the beauty of Trinity Island, a coastal paradise off the shores of Albay. With its crystal-clear waters and secluded beaches, Trinity Island offers a serene escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Trinity Island promises an unforgettable island getaway.



WEST COAST

Discover the coastal delights of Albay's West Coast beaches. These beaches offer a perfect setting for relaxation. Whether you're swimming, sunbathing, or simply enjoying a leisurely stroll along the shore, the West Coast beaches provide an idyllic escape for beach lovers and nature enthusiasts alike.

