



Your R&R Program



"A Malaysian cake with Spanish filling and American topping—that's Manila!" The capital of the some 7000 islands which make up the Philippines is unique in itself. Located on the island of Luzon, Manila offers the combat-weary beautiful scenery, a comfortable climate and friendly people. Almost completely devastated by WWII, Manila once again has claimed her place as one of the most attractive cities in the Far East.

HOTELS

There are several excellent hotels in Manila for your accommodation. Most of these hotels offer special rates to personnel on R&R. The rates generally are somewhere between \$6 and \$10 a night. If you go with a buddy and get a double room, you will save a little money on your hotel bill. The R&R center in Manila will arrange reservations for you upon arrival, or you can make your own reservations in advance. One point: Pay your hotel bill when you check in to avoid problems when it comes time to board the old plane again.

RESTAURANTS

Numerous restaurants serve almost any type of food, with some specializing in fried chicken (Max's on Roxas Boulevard), pizza (Di Mark's on Menlo Road), Spanish, French, and a wide variety of Filipino dishes. Prices are close to what you would pay back home.

SIGHTSEEING

The most pleasant time to be in Manila is during the Christmas season, when the temperature stays around 75 degrees. The rainy season occurs between June and November, but even then Manila is frequented by beautiful, sunny weather.

There are many names and places in and around Manila which found a permanent place in American history books as a result of WWII: The sandy beaches of Batangas and Bataan; Intramuros, the Spanish Walled City, which now lies in ruins; Santo Tomas University, one of the oldest universities in the world; and of course, the island fortress, Corregidor, at the entrance to Manila Bay.

Forty-five minutes by air from Manila is Baguio, the picturesque summer capital in the mountains. Also to be found in this area are the Ifugao rice terraces, literally

carved out of the mountainside. These rice terraces are marvels of primitive engineering. Other sights of interest include the Maria Christina Falls, the University of the Philippines at Quezon City, and the Cagsawa Ruins right below the Mayon Volcano.

TRANSPORTATION

Manila has good taxi service as well as an abundance of busses and jeepneys to transport you around the city. To get around the island of Luzon there is a good train system. To get from island to island you may either go by steamer or you may take one of the many daily inter-island flights. If you want to see Manila in style, chauffeur-driven cars are available for as low as \$2.00 an hour. And if you're not the adventurous type, trips to the outlying tourists spots may easily be arranged with the help of the R&R center.

NIGHTLIFE

Manila by night swings! It swings in tempo with the tantalizing sway of a lovely Filipina's hips. Vivacious Filipinas glide across the dance floor to the soothing sound of a love ballad, each lovely lass typifying the unspoiled beauty of the archipelago-republic.

American singers, bands and other entertainment groups frequently perform in the better night clubs. On stage, in the glare of spotlights, they compete with other stellar acts from the cabarets of Europe and the top spots of Asia. Several of the clubs that host these entertainers are the Sky Room, the Champagne Room, The Jungle Bar and the Key Club.

In addition to the night clubs there are the bars. A galaxy of neon signs flashes across the night sky, luring the fun-seekers to a world of bistros and bars that vary from high class establishments to the murky beer and B-girl haunts—from the bright core of the city to the salty, shadowy waterfront. Most of the bars on Roxas Boulevard have a local combo to play for your dancing and listening pleasure, and they all do a thriving business.

RECREATION

There is recreation in abundance for the serviceman on R&R. You'll want to attend

one of the fascinating jai alai games. The game—of Basque origin—is played with a cesta, or small curved wicker basket, attached to the glove of the player. It is used to hurl a small, hard ball at tremendous speeds against the walls of the court, much in the manner of handball.

You can visit the hippodrome if you like horse racing, or you can take in a colorful, exciting pintakasi or cockfight.

Sprawling Clark Air Force Base is only two hours by bus from teeming Manila. There one can bowl in air conditioned comfort, play golf, go horseback riding or attend one of the plush open messes.

Also only a two-hour bus ride from Manila is historic Bataan and Corregidor

where the fishing is fine. For about five dollars you can rent a boat, with boatman, and go after the big tuna in the blue-green South China Sea.

SHOPPING

Shopping in Manila is not as profitable as in most of the other R&R locations. This is because most of the articles sold in the larger stores are imported from the United States. Naturally, you pay more for them in Manila than you would in the States. There are, however, many good local products available at reasonable prices. The best buys include lace, fabrics and wood carvings.

SOME HANDY FACTS

Money—You must change your “greenbacks” to the local currency: pesos and centavos (shades of Spain). The R&R center will have a place for you to make the exchange. The rate of exchange fluctuates from 3.85 to 3.90 pesos per U. S. dollar.

Clothes—You are required to wear civilian clothes while on R&R in the Philippines. Lightweight slacks and sportshirts will suit almost every occasion.

Religious Services—Religious services of almost every denomination and faith are conducted in Manila. Consult the R&R center in Manila for times and places.

Language—There are three official languages in the Philippines: English, Spanish and Filipino (Tagalog). Take your pick.

Shots—Be sure your shot record is up to date!