



MASUNGI
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Masungi Georeserve

Masungi Georeserve is an environmental sanctuary borne out of twenty years of restoration and conservation efforts. Once denuded by illegal logging and other destructive industries, it is now home to 60-million-year old limestone formations and more than 400 documented species of flora and fauna.

Young Explorers Program

Students will enjoy a unique and immersive outdoor learning experience as we bring them closer to nature in our fully customizable trail experiences.

Their exposure to Masungi will encourage them to ask questions and propose answers to various environmental and sustainable development challenges in hopes of producing the country's next generation of environmental stewards.

Awards and Recognitions



Exploration Grantee,
National Geographic
Society



Finalist, 15th Tourism
Awards, United Nations
World Tourism
Organisation



Model for Balanced Man-
Nature Interactions, World
Conservation Congress
2016



Finalist, Destination
Stewardship, Tourism for
Tomorrow Awards, World
Travel and Tourism Council



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OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES

DISCOVERY TRAIL

(3-4 hours)

Php 1, 500 on weekdays

Php 1, 800 on weekends



TRAIL DESCRIPTION

Make your way through 60-million year old limestone formations, caves, and tropical rainforest. Listen to stories of environmental conservation and Masungi's unique biodiversity from a local park ranger and pass through award-winning, low-impact trail features like the "Sapot" and "Duyan."

TOPICS COVERED

Animal Biodiversity of Masungi
Plant Biodiversity of Masungi
Geology: Fossils
Deforestation, Illegal Logging
Sustainable Bamboo Use
Tropical Rainforest Ecosystem Levels
Geology: Cave Characteristics
Geology: Composition and Rise of Limestone
Geology: Paleocene Age
Geology: Sinkholes

FEATURES

- One (1) local Park Ranger for every 14 persons
- Fully Guided Nature Walk
- Use of helmets
- Access to all trail highlights and rope courses
- Complimentary light snacks after the trail
- Water refilling stations at the start and end of the trail
- Student Activity Sheet at the end of the trail



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OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES

POCKET TRAIL

(2 - 2.5 hours)

Php 1, 000



TRAIL DESCRIPTION

Take a leisurely walk along select portions of the Discovery Trail as you stroll through a secondary forest, a cave, limestone peak, and bamboo groves to learn more about the history and conservation efforts of Masungi. This Trail option is only open for students of educational institutions.



TOPICS COVERED

Animal and Plant Biodiversity of Masungi
Geology: Cave Characteristics
Biology: Snails
Geology: Fossils
Geology: Composition and Rise of Limestone
Geology: Paleocene Age



FEATURES

- One (1) local Park Ranger for every 14 persons
- Guided Nature Walk
- Use of helmets
- Access to select trail highlights
- Water refilling stations at the start and end of the trail



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OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES

LEGACY TRAIL VISIT

(4-5 hours)

Php 1200



TRAIL DESCRIPTION

Experience a day in the life of our forest rangers as you hike up Mt. Susong Dalaga to participate in hands-on tree planting/nurturing work with our rangers. Enjoy a fully-guided nature walk through a bamboo forest going to the reforestation area surrounded by grasslands where you will participate in the tree planting or tree nurturing activities (depending on the season) which may include weeding and mulching. Afterwards, enjoy a 'Minalot' meal wrapped in banana leaves prepared by the local community as you enjoy siesta time at our Amihan floating huts perched on towering pine trees.

TOPICS COVERED

Environmental Abuse
Impact of Urban Development to Philippine mountains
Challenges to Forest Restoration
Plant and Animal Biodiversity
Local Community Interactions

FEATURES

- One (1) local Park Ranger for every 14 persons
- Guided Nature Walk
- Educational Demo of Tree Nurturing/ Planting
- Tree Nurturing/ Planting Activity
- Tree Nurturing/ Planting Materials and Tools
- Access to rest areas: Amihan Floating Huts
- Minalot (meal prepared by the local community)
- Certificate of Participation



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Specialized Activities

BIRDWATCHING ACTIVITY

(3 - 4 hours)

Upon Request



TRAIL DESCRIPTION

Birds have always been, an eye-opener to the diversity and beauty of nature. With over 9,000 to 10,000 avian species globally - each with its own unique pattern, behavior, and interesting eccentricities - it is no surprise that birdwatching is one of the most popular ecotourism activities today.

Together with expert guides, learn more about the different bird species that treat Masungi as their home.

TOPICS COVERED

Introduction to the birds of the Philippines
Bird Species in Masungi
Bird Identification

FEATURES

Access to the lowland park areas of Masungi Georeserve & Garden Cottages
Morning coffee
Binocular rentals
Expert birdwatching guides
Breakfast
An introduction to the avian species of the Philippines



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Specialized Activities

BIOBLITZ

(3 - 4 hours)

Upon Request



TRAIL DESCRIPTION

Be a junior taxonomist in our very own Bioblitz activity - make way around the georeserve with expert researchers in order to search and identify species of plants and animals along the trails.



TOPICS COVERED

Introduction to Taxonomy
Plant Biodiversity in Masungi Georeserve
Animal Biodiversity in Masungi Georeserve



FEATURES

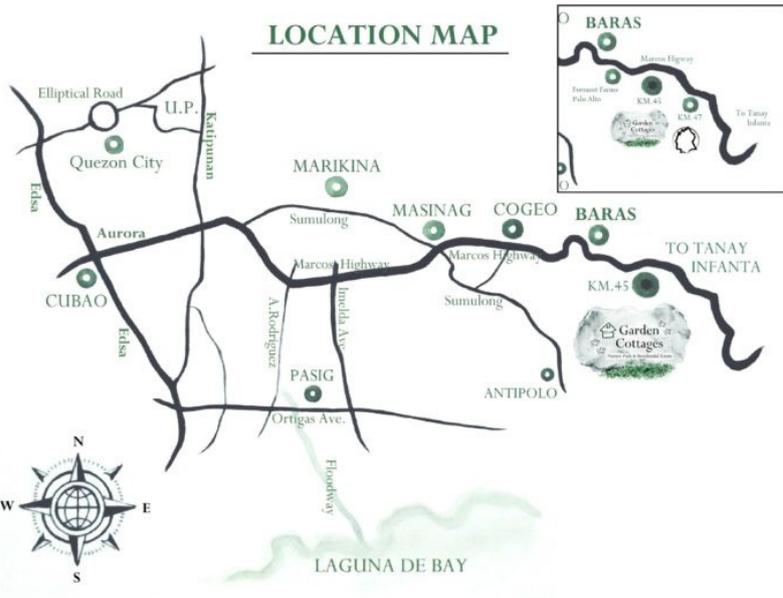
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Binocular rentals
Expert guides
An introduction to the avian species of the Philippines



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Masungi Georeserve is one of the nearest outdoor learning destinations for your students to Manila. The journey takes only about one and a half hour from the city through a scenic ride through Marcos Highway.

LOCATION MAP



Route 1 via Marcos Highway (RECOMMENDED)

Cruise through Marcos Highway. You will pass through Masing, Cogeo, Boso-Boso Resort, Foremost Farms, and Palo Alto. Slow down at Garden Cottages along Marcos Highway. The entrance to Masungi, signalled by its logo, will be on your right.

Route 2 Via Sampaloc in Tanay, from the Manila East Road

Take Sampaloc Road. You will pass by the street to Daranak Falls. Go straight until you arrived a junction. Turn left. Follow this scenic road. It'll be a 45 minutes to an hour ride. You will pass by Sierra Madre resort on your right, and Ten Cents to Heaven. Kilometer 47 Masungi entrance, signalled by its logo, will be on your left when taking this route.

PREVIOUS GUESTS

