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Living In The Philippines - Tips From An American Expat



Synopsis

Have you ever wanted to live on a tropical island? Have you ever wanted to live on the beach but were afraid you couldn't afford it? Do you want to live in a place where the people are happy and carefree? Do you like swimming with the dolphins and sea turtles? Have you ever thought about where you wanted to retire? Could you afford to retire? Have you ever wanted to have a maid or a butler? Do you have a family member who needs to live in a nursing home, but can't afford it? You can have all this and more for less than you can imagine. What if I told you that you could live in a beach house on a tropical island, have a staff including a maid and a butler, a chef who prepares all your meals and it wouldn't cost you more than US\$850 per month? This is one of the Many reasons I moved here. If you want to improve your quality of life and do it for less than what a high school student earns while working at McDonalds... then you need to read this book. We hope to see you here to enjoy the sunsets and the fun :-). Life in the Phils as an expat is Fantastic. Oh... Do I have any regrets? Yes - I wish I had moved here sooner :-)

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Customer Reviews

Having just spent my summer in various parts of the Philippines, I can attest that this text is fairly accurate and readable. Aside from the book, I have to warn Americans who are contemplating

retiring to the islands to be sure and visit there for at least a month or two, to capture the entire ambiance of the place. My wife and I had planned on retiring to some beach property in the central part of the archipelago, but it turned out to be a green hell, complete with overgrown jungle vegetation, stifling heat and humidity, electrical power brownouts, and, finally, vicious, biting insects. I still have lesions on my legs from them. Manila is a different ring of hell, this time urban. Auto pollution and legendary traffic jams are the rule of the day. It can take up to two hours just to travel cross town. Obvious poverty, juxtaposed to obscene wealth in the Makati district, is unsettling, along with the endemic corruption, extending all the way from the Philippines Supreme Court to a garbage contractor who demanding a bribe to collect trash. As the author of the text points out, the people are truly kind and easy going, surprisingly so, given the daily struggles they must endure. Advice? Do not move there, but visit, if only to get to know some kind and personable folks....

Travel to Philippines often and book is full of correct content. Lived and traveled many islands over years and book is still helpful. Treat them well and they'll treat you like king. I've had more extreme adventures there than any other country plus everyone's bribable. Oh, using plastic buckets, water and your hand works best and is cleanest. Still using method even living in Guam, USA. And ... making love n bamboo huts using only candles during rains is unreal. Sexy wife of 19 even shared her cousin to spice up nights during Palawan holiday!

Actually had some reasonable information in the beginning. But the author copy way too much information from other sources and cannot recommend this book. I mean every festival in the Philippines is unnecessary as any traveler, or resident cannot and would not be interested in all these festivals. I am sure this information is online anyway and probably where the author got it from. Other information appears to be pasted from other sources. I literally ran through half the book without reading them.

This book is interesting as I have been to the Philippines 8 times. I don't agree with everything but mostly it is quite factual. Some of the stories were very funny and reminded me of some of my experiences

Just moved to Mindanao. Read the book after my 1st trip to the Philippines. Not totally accurate, but very helpful enough to help you along. Overall good info!

Great book.

Great info. The part about driving conditions in the PI was classic. Would recommend book to anybody interested in the daily life in the PI

A slight interpretation from an expat. I see things differently, having been born there and lived in different countries. But it's an interesting take nevertheless.

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