



TRAVEL GUIDE

BRIEF HISTORY

Long before the coming of the Spaniards, there already existed an extensive region (consisting of the present provinces of *Ilocos Norte*, *Ilocos Sur*, *Abra* and *La Union*) which was renowned for its gold mines. Merchants from Japan and China would often visit the area to trade gold with beads, ceramics and silk. The inhabitants of the region, believed to be of Malay origin, called their place “samtoy”, from “*sao mi toy*”, which literally meant “our language”.

In 1571, when the Spanish conquistadors had established the Spanish City of Manila, they began looking for new centers of administration to conquer. Legaspi’s grandson, Juan De Salcedo, volunteered to lead one of these expeditions. Together with 8 armed boats and 45 men, the 22 year old voyager headed towards the north.

On June 13, 1572, Salcedo and his men landed in Vigan and then proceeded towards Laoag, Currimao and Badoc. As they sailed along the coast, they were surprised to see numerous sheltered coves (“looc”) where the locals lived in harmony. Consequently, they named the region “Ylocos’ and its people “Ylocanos”.

As the Christianization of the region grew, so did the landscape of the area. Vast tracks of land were utilized for churches and bell towers in line with Spanish mission of “bajo las campanas”. In the town plaza, it was not uncommon to see garrisons under the church bells. The colonization process was slowly being carried out.

The Spanish colonization of the region, however, was never completely successful. Owing to the abusive practices of many Augustinian friars, a number of Ilocanos revolted against their colonizers. Noteworthy of these were the Dingras uprising (1589) and Pedro Almasan revolt (San Nicolas, 1660). In 1762, Diego Silang led a series of battles aimed at freeing the Ilocanos from the Spanish yoke. When he died from an assassin’s bullet his widow Gabriela continued the cause. Unfortunately, she too was captured and hanged. In 1807, the sugarcane (“basi”) brewers of Piddig rose up in arms to protest the government’s monopoly of the wine industry. In 1898, the church excommunicated Gregorio Aglipay for refusing to cut off ties with the revolutionary forces of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo. Unperturbed, he established the “Iglesia Filipina Independencia”. Aglipay’s movement and the nationalist sentiment it espoused helped restore the self-respect of many Filipinos.

In an effort to gain more political control as a result of the increasing population of the region, a Royal Decree was signed on February 2, 1818 splitting Ilocos into two provinces Ilocos: *Ilocos Norte* and *Ilocos Sur*. Soon thereafter, the provinces of La Union and Abra likewise became independent.



FAST FACTS

<i>GEOGRAPHY</i>	Ilocos Norte has a land of 3,662 sq.km., bordered by Ilocos Sur (South), Abra (Southeast), Cagayan (East) and the South China Sea (West).
<i>CITIES</i>	2 (Laoag City & Batac City)
<i>TOWNS</i>	21 (Adams, Bacarra, Badoc, Bangui, Banna, Burgos, Carasi, Currimao, Dingras, Dumalneg, Marcos, Nueva Era, Pagudpud, Paoay, Pasuquin, Piddig, Pinili, San Nicolas, Sarrat, Solsona, and Vintar)
<i>PROXIMITY</i>	By air: 45 minutes from Manila; 55 minutes from Kaoshiung; 80 Minutes from Guangzhou, Hongkong & Taipei; 2.15 hours from Shanghai By land: 8 hours from Manila; 4 hours from Baguio City
<i>FLIGHTS*</i>	Domestic: Manila (Daily)
<i>SEASONS</i>	Dry (November to April) and wet (May to October)
<i>CLIMATE</i>	21° C - 34° C average temperature
<i>POPULATION</i>	Total 613,222 (PSA, 2021) est.
<i>LANGUAGE</i>	Iloko (Ilocano) is the common language, although English and Filipino are widely used.
<i>CLOTHING</i>	Thin cotton is recommended, although a jacket may be necessary in the evenings during the cooler months (November – February)
<i>ELECTRICITY</i>	220 volts, 60 cycles.
<i>WATER</i>	Drink only bottled or boiled water.



GETTING AROUND

The following means of transportation are available for your use:

PRIVATE CARS & VANS - May be booked through the van association, your hotel or through a tour operator. Average price is P4,500.00 for the whole day, inclusive of a private chauffeur.

BUS - Prices vary, although bus owners usually collect a fee of approximately P45.00 per passenger for an ordinary bus depending on the destination and a minimum of P100.00 for air-conditioned buses.

JEEPNEY - Colorful utility vehicles that ply the common routes. Average fee is P30.00 per kilometer.

TRICYCLE - The easiest way to get around town, especially if short distances are involved. A 20.00 payment is charged for the first kilometer, after which it is negotiable. Higher rates are charged for outer limits. To avoid any misunderstanding, we recommend that you and the driver agree on the fare before embarking on the journey.

CALESA - If you have time to spare, we recommend a calesa ride around the city. Minimum charge is P20.00 per pax for the first kilometer.

ATTRACTIONS AND FEES

ATTRACTION	ENTRANCE FEE			
	Adult	Children	Senior Citizen/ Students	Differently Abled Persons (DAP)
<i>Malacanang of the North And Chinese Garden</i>	P70.00	Free	P50.00	Free
<i>Burgos Lighthouse</i>	P50.00	Free	P40.00	Free
<i>Escoda Memorial Hall</i>	P50.00	Free	P30.00	Free
<i>Kapurpurawan Rock Formation</i>	P30.00	Free	P20.00	Free
<i>Tanap Avis Falls</i>	P20.00	P20.00	P20.00	P20.00
<i>Kaangrian Falls</i>	P20.00	P20.00	P20.00	P20.00
<i>Kabigan Falls</i>	P10.00	P10.00	P10.00	P10.00
<i>Saud Beach Park</i>	P20.00	P20.00	P20.00	P20.00
<i>Balaoi</i>	P20.00	P20.00	P20.00	P20.00
<i>Madongan Dam</i>	P10.00	P10.00	P10.00	P10.00
<i>Incentive to Residents of Ilocos Norte</i>	Entrance fee of P10 from residents visiting PGIN-owned facilities provided they present valid Identification indicating residency			

ATTRACTION	ACTIVITY FEE	
<i>Badoc Island</i>	<i>Boat Rental</i>	<i>P1200 per boat (3-4 pax)</i>
<i>La Virgen Milagrosa Chapel</i>	<i>Cottages</i>	<i>Inland: P350.00 Floating: P1100.00 for 4 hours</i>
<i>Ilocos Norte Sanddunes</i>	<i>4x4 Ride with Sandboarding</i>	<i>P2500</i>
<i>Macagutugot Rock and Caves</i>	<i>Boat Rental</i>	<i>P700 per boat (3pax)</i>



<i>Umok ni Siwawer Vintar Adventure</i>	<i>Bikeline Package (2-way)</i>	<i>P500</i>
	<i>Surf Line & Bikeline (1-way each)</i>	<i>P500</i>
	<i>Zipline & Bikeline (1-way each)</i>	<i>P500</i>
	<i>Superman & Bikeline (1-way each)</i>	<i>P500</i>
	<i>Bikeline & Kayak (single)</i>	<i>P350</i>
	<i>Surfline & Kayak (single)</i>	<i>P350</i>
	<i>Zipline & Kayak (single)</i>	<i>P250</i>
	<i>Superman & Kayak (single)</i>	<i>P250</i>

PAOAY LAKE WATER PARK PLAY PASS

TOURIST	SPLASH (Two-Hour Play Pass)	SPRAY (Four-Hour Play Pass)	SOAKED (Eight-Hour Play Pass)
Local	P349.00 *Add P100 for walk-in	P399.00 *Add P100 for walk-in	P499.00 *Add P100 for walk-in
Tourist	P399.00 *Add P100 for walk-in	P499.00 *Add P100 for walk-in	P599.00 *Add P100 for walk-in

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

AREA CODE	+63 077	+632
AIRLINES	Laoag	Manila (02)
Philippine Airlines	670 8533	855 8888
BUS LINES	Laoag	Manila
Florida	600 4712 / 0915 984 3395	0945 226 7310 / 0906 459 6858
Partas	771 4898 / 0917 655 9007	8727 8278
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Gov. Roque Ablan Sr. Memorial Hospital, Laoag
 Laoag City General Hospital
 Ranada General Hospital, Laoag
 MMMH & MC, Batac
 Black Nazarene Specialty Clinic, San Nicolas

7720303/7721832/772-1770
 772 8828/772-8826
 770 4911
 6760349/600-8000
 773 1757



Karmelli Hospital, Laoag
(077) 772 2752
Karmelli Hospital, Pinili
Bangui District Hospital

0906 007 5885
09171580029

USEFUL INFO

Ilocos Norte Tourism Office	772 1213 loc. 156-157/ 09088108654 to 55
Laoag Tourism Office	772 0001 loc. 204
Paoay Tourism Office	0945 9603 719
Pagudpud Tourism Office	0919 6698 982
Department of Tourism	771 1473
Bureau of Immigration	770 4943
Chinese Consulate	670 6355
Pinili South Triage Center	0908 8108 636
Pagudpud North Triage Center	0908 8108 613

SHOPPING

The Ilocano culture is alive and well in Ilocos Norte.

Because local artisans still practice their art, visitors are provided the rare chance of witnessing the authentic works of our craftsmen. Among the best buys are basketry (Pinili, Badoc), bricks (Paoay), mushrooms (Pinili), pottery & metal works (San Nicolas), Rattan (Adams, Marcos, Nueva Era & Pagudpud), tin smithing (Badoc) and weaving material (Laoag, Paoay & Sarrat). Ilocos Norte is proud of its garlic (Bacarra, Badoc, Bangui, Burgos & Paoay), sukang iloko (native vinegar) and tobacco (Badoc, Batac, Bingras, Marcos & Paoay). Among its native delicacies are bagnet (chicharon), biscocho (crackers), corniks (corn kernels), empanada (filled pastry), linga (sesame seed), longaniza (sausage) and tupig (sticky rice).

The best bargains can be found from the market vendors, especially during their market days. Come early, though, because the vendors usually go home before lunch time.

FEELIN' LOCAL

GREETINGS

Naimbag nga bigat yo, Apo	Good Morning
Naimbag nga malem yo, Apo	Good Afternoon
Naimbag nga rabii yo, Apo	Good Evening
Kumusta kayo, Apo?	How are you?

POLITE EXPRESSIONS

Pangaasim man	Please
Dios ti agngina	Thank you
Awan anyaman na	You are welcome
Umay kayto manen	Come again
Wen/ Saan	Yes/ No
Apo	Sir/Ma'am

ASKING DIRECTIONS

Kasano ti mapan diay...?	How to get to...
Adayo?	How far



IN THE MARKET

Kayat ko ti gumatang ti...
Nagnginan!
Awan tawar nan?

I want to buy a ...
Expensive!
No discount?

ILOCOS NORTE FESTIVALS

MUNICIPALITY	MONTH	NAME OF FESTIVAL
Solsona	January	Gameng Festival
Nueva Era	January	Tadek Festival
Paoay	February	Guling-Guling Festival
Burgos	February	Pul-oy Festival
Laoag	February	Pamulinawen Festival
Sarrat	February	Binakol Festival
Dingras	March	Ani Festival
Marcos	March	Mannalon Festival
Adams	April	Tadek Bagat Festival
Badoc	April	Bado-Badoc Festival
Dumalneg	April	Paagwawagi Festival
Bangui	April	Amian Festival
Pagudpud	April	Kangayedan Festival
Pinili	April	Bawang Festival
Currimaos	April	Dinaklisan Festival
Carasi	May	Magdadarán Talip Festival
Batac	May-June-December	Empanada Festival
Bacarra	November	Bac-Bacarra Festival
Banna	December	Pinagabu-os Festival
Pasuquin	December	Panag-sana Festival
Piddig	December	Basi Festival
San Nicolas	December	Damili Festival
Vintar	December	Siwawer Festival

SUGGESTED THREE-DAY ILOCOS NORTE TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - City



San Nicolas

Balay San

Declared as an “Important Cultural Property” in 2015, the structure, which was also called the Valdes-Lardizabal House, is a 19th century heritage house which, according to the National Museum, is the “oldest and most imposing heritage house in Ilocos Norte,” built in the traditional Spanish Colonial style.

Nicolas

Laoag

St. William’s Cathedral & Bell Tower

The cathedral is one of the biggest in the country and is the seat of the Diocese of Laoag. It was built of Italian Renaissance design in 1612. It is known for its massive bell tower which has been believed to be sinking and was declared a National Cultural Treasure.

Tobacco Monopoly Monument

The monument was constructed at the foot of the Marcos Bridge to serve as a memorial to the lifting of the Tobacco Monopoly in 1881. Just a glimpse away is the fountain of Pamulinawen (Yes, the famous Ilocano song). It is really the lady atop the fountain, who personifies the ideal Ilocana.

Ilocos Norte Capitol

A neoclassical structure, it was built in 1918 and completed and inaugurated in 1924. It is the seat of the provincial government. It has been constantly refurbished from time to time. Try and spot the original structure with its intricate details.

Marcos Hall of Justice

This building was once the detention center of Ferdinand Marcos. He was accused of killing the political opponent of his father and stood as his own lawyer. He had self-study inside his prison cell, was allowed to take the bar exam and successfully topped it.

Museo Ilocos Norte

The gallery showcases vignettes of the Ilocano Culture. A life-size Ilocano house from the Spanish period is the museum’s centerpiece and their Ilocano cigars are famous souvenirs. Alongside this colonial structure is the **La Tabacalera Food Park** showcasing a blend of Ilocano and Western influenced food shops.

Laoag City Market

The public market is the melting pot of the different towns’ retail products and food. It is the place to find the most authentic of Ilocos Norte merchandise and souvenirs, with the most tourist-friendly prices. If it’s too expensive or “*Nangina*”, barter with manang or manong by saying, “*Awan tawar nan?*” to ask for a good discount

Nightlife

Many night spots for drinking, dancing and singing are at the heart and soul of Laoag City and neighboring San Nicolas. Experience the city night life by visiting the numerous bars and discothèques present in the cityscape. Also, one must try nighttime photography in landmarks such as the Paoay Church and the Provincial Capitol, which are best captured in the incidence of the moonlight.

Vintar

Umok ni Siwawer Adventure Park



The Umok ni Siwawer Eco Tourism Park, located in Bislak River and Dam, was inaugurated by the local government initially offering activities like 4x4 ATV rides, waterbiking, and kayaking. The park continues to develop gradually and is now home to the longest bikeline in the Philippines along with a zipline and surflines.

Day 2 - North *Bacarra*

St. Andrew's Church & Bell Tower

The Bacarra Church, a National Cultural Treasure together with its bell tower was constructed by the Augustinian Friars. It was destroyed by the intensity 7.8 earthquake in August 1983 and reconstructed and once again inaugurated in August 1984. Watch out for falling debris!

Burgos

Dragon Fruit Farm

The farm situated in Burgos is the biggest plantation of dragon fruits in the entire province. Covering a total area of 30 hectares, the farm complex is also equipped with cottages being rented out for tourists who would like to experience life in a farm ranch, Ilocano style. One must try the various delicacies made out of dragon fruit like their spring rolls and ice cream.

Cape Bojeador Lighthouse

Declared as a National Cultural Treasure, it is the tallest of its kind in the country. It was first lit on March 31, 1892 it served as a signal to ships passing by the Cape along the South China Sea. Up to this day, the lighthouse remains functional. If you're up for some suspense, try visiting it when night falls.

Kapurpurawan Rock Formation

One of the golden acres of the town of Burgos is this massive rock formation that juts out into the sea. Seen up close, it is a dazzling bright white rock that sparkles in the sun. Kapurpurawan is a showcase of the wind and water power on rock and coral. You will surely be amazed with its geological history.

EDC Burgos Wind Farm

The largest wind farm in Southeast Asia, the viewpoint at the top provides a panoramic view of the windmills and the Ilocos coast.

Kaangrian Falls

The falls is very famous for its abundant waters, forming semi-circles that cascade down the multiple layers of rock. The beauty of the area is a natural landscape of limestone deposits, with hundreds of small sparkling pools on the base of the falls. Can't get enough? There are virgin cave systems nearby!

Tanap Avis Falls

This landscape resembling a series of natural blue pools is actually a group of cascading waterfalls, hidden in the outskirts of Barangay Tanap in Burgos. The jagged and intricate formation of the rocks carefully carved by the river makes it one of the most photographic waterfalls in the province. It's absolutely ideal for cannonball dives.

Bangui

Windmills



It is a wind power generation plant consisting of 20 units of Vestas NM82 wind turbines. This project is the first of its kind in the country and the whole of Southeast Asia. International pro-surfers say that Ilocos Norte is the future of wind sports and the beach at the Bangui Windmills provide a dynamic backdrop for kiteboarding.

Dumalneg

Darna Falls

One of Ilocos Norte's hidden gems, this unspoiled destination can be reached after a 2-hour trek through rivers and lush rainforests

Pagudpud

Saud Beach

Named as one of the most beautiful beaches in the world by Travel+Leisure, it is famous for its white sand that pitches gradually into the clear-as-glass water. Swim in the peaceful waves, chill under the palms, or hire a boat for a tour around the cove. Sunbathe, relax and savor your fresh coconut juice while enjoying the view of the Bangui Windmills from afar. Nearby is *Caparispisan*, ideal for windsurfing, kite surfing and other water activities.

Blue Lagoon

This white sand beach is a favorite for water sports. Want some adrenaline rush? Try jetting skiing and surfing the waves.

Patapat Viaduct

It is a winding viaduct found at the foot of the cliff of the North Cordillera Mountain Ranges. It connects Barangay Balaoi and Barangay Pancian and is around 1.2 kilometers long. The viaduct is often referred to as the French Riviera of the North. If you're afraid of heights, never ever look down. Watch out for the humpback whales in nearby *Pasaleng*.

Kabigan Falls

The falls is a very popular place to visit when in Pagudpud. The cool waters cascade some 87 feet into a natural concave basin. Your 45-minute trek won't be a bore thanks to manong tour guide and the scenic landscape.

Macagutugot Rock and Caves

From Sitio Cabaruan East of Barangay Pasaleng, one takes a boat ride to Macagutugot and enjoy a panoramic view of rocky mountains outlining the shoreline and rock formations scattered within the waters of Pasaleng Bay. Several Cave openings are seen at the foot of the mountains adding to the magnificent scenic view.

Adams (optional)

Anuplig Falls

The most popular waterfall in Adams is about 20 feet of natural waterfalls with two basins. Waterfall diving, anyone.

Bulu River

The popular Bulu river starts in Adams, much to the delight of avid kayakers and white water rafters. Riding a motorcycle across the numerous hanging bridges would be a heart-stopping experience for swashbucklers.



Day 3 - South
Paoay

Malacañang of the North

It was built in the 1970s as the official residence of the late Pres. Marcos in Ilocos Norte overlooking the legendary Paoay Lake. This imposing structure is now a museum featuring the achievements of his presidency. Don't forget to strike a pose with the President's portrait.

Paoay Lake Water Park

The first ever floating playground in the north with 4,200 sq.m of inflatable fun is floating on open water with over 30 obstacles for an ultimate experience. It is floating on the waters of Paoay Lake, located in Barangay Suba, Paoay, Ilocos Norte.

Paoay Lake National Park

This fresh body of water with a total area of 478 hectares was declared a National Park. Known in earlier days as Nangguyudan, legend has it that a village lies beneath Paoay Lake still waters. Try fishing and you might just get one with earrings!

Paoay Sand Dunes

With a total area of 1,479 hectares, the Ilocos Norte Sand Dunes is a land formation unique in Southeast Asia and a popular spot for 4x4 and ATV. For thrill seekers, sand boarding is a must. Best time for 4x4 would be early in the morning or late in the afternoon.

Abel Loom Weaving

This age-old industry in Paoay produces quality towels, blankets, table runners and clothing materials with ethnic Ilocano designs. If you're into the arts, you can visit Nana Charito in Nagbacalan and try to make your own Abel creation.

San Agustin Church

Built in 1704 and completed in 1894, it was declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993. It is renowned for its unique earthquake baroque architecture and heavy uniform buttresses. After your church tour, have a slice of the famous Pinakbet Pizza and do some souvenir shopping just across the cobblestone street.

Batac

Marcos Presidential Center

The ancestral house of the Marcoses in Batac showcases the memorabilia of the late Pres. Marcos and honors his remains in a mausoleum. Don't forget to turn off your cameras once inside.

Empanadaan

Batac Empanada is a deep fried meat pie filled with bits of mungo, Ilocos-style longganisa and an egg, all of which are enclosed in an orange-colored dough. This is best served with the famous Sukang Iloko.

Currimao

Pangil Coral Formations

Pangil beach is bordered by an extensive coral rock formation, fascinating for marine enthusiasts. The shallow and calm beaches of Currimao in general make it perfect for family outings and snorkeling. Make your imagination run wild and appreciate the weird patterns and shapes formed by the waves.



Badoc

Luna

The restored house is now a repository of the memorabilia and reproductions of the works of the renowned painter Juan Luna and General Antonio Luna. It is declared as a National Shrine. Listen closely to the in-house guides and you might just learn something interesting about the hero's controversial life.

Shrine

La Virgen Milagrosa Shrine

Estimated to be 400 years old, the revered image of La Virgen Milagrosa de Badoc is enshrined and venerated in the more than 200 year old imposing brick-and-stone baroque Catholic Church of the Parish of Saint John the Baptist. Pay homage to the patroness of the province and relive her miracles.

Badoc Island

The island, which is relatively untouched, is a popular diving and surfing spot in northern Philippines. Some of the activities are snorkeling, free diving, scuba diving, surfing, and boat ride. Board a boat at La Milagrosa Chapel which is a must-see in itself.

Optional Tour: MARCOS TRAIL

Marcos Birthplace, Sarrat

Pres. Ferdinand E. Marcos was born in this traditional "Bahay na Bato" on Sep. 11, 1917.

Marcos Hall of Justice, Laoag

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Ferdinand E. Marcos Presidential Center, Batac

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Eastern Tour

Sarrat Heritage Walk

Marcos Birthplace
Sarrat Presidencia
Sta. Monica Church
Diocesan Museum
Sarrat Central Elementary School



Amparo Park

Piddig Plaza

Features the 15th Infantry Memorial, built in honor of the heroes of WW2 and is dramatically dominated by the historic St. Anne Church. In the Basi Revolt, sugarcane wine is still produced using the traditional Pagdadapilan.

Basi Revolt Mural in Piddig

On November 11, 2015, the Basi Revolt Mural in Piddig, Ilocos Norte was unveiled. The Mural commemorates the Basi Revolt of the early 19th century that started in the said town.

Dingras Plaza

Located in the rice granary of the province, the plaza features the brick ruins of the historic St. Joseph Church. Surrounded by various heritage homes and structures including the museum dedicated to Josefa Llanes Escoda, WW2 heroine and founder of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines.

Balay Dingras

Balay Dingras is located in front of the municipal hall. The two-story building features a rice miller's house jointly set up by the local government unit and the Philippine Rice Research Institute.

Banna

Souvenir shopping:
Banana/Taro Chips
Rice Coffee

Solsona-Apayao Road

Newly-opened highway linking the two provins, where a view deck and campsite at the top offers them a picturesque sight of surrounding areas with rich flora and fauna, amid a sea of clouds.