

GEOGRAPHICAL FACTS ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES

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1. The Philippine Archipelago is a group of 7,090 islands.
2. It is composed of 49 provinces, excluding Romblon. (Manila is considered as a province.)
3. The area of the Philippines is 115,600 square miles, or 299,204.14 square kilometers, or 29,940,414 hectares.
4. In the Philippines there are 922 municipalities, 247 municipal districts, and 18,025 barrios.
5. The latest census (1939) shows that the population of the Philippines is 16,000,303 inhabitants.
6. The eleven chartered cities of the Philippines are: Manila, Baguio, Cebu, Iloilo, Davao, Zamboanga, Bacolod, Quezon City, Tagaytay, San Pablo, and Cavite.
7. The ports of entry of the Philippines are: Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Zamboanga, Davao, Aparri, Legaspi, Jose Pañganiban, Pulupandan, and Jolo.
8. Manila is the capital of the Philippines.
9. Baguio, which has a semi-temperate climate, is the summer capital.
10. Zamboanga is the largest city in the world, not in population but in area; that is, it covers more ground than any other city in the world.
11. Cotabato is the largest province in the Philippines.
12. Mayon volcano, in the province of Albay, is said to have a cone the nearest perfect in shape of any volcano in the world.
13. Mount Apo, in Davao, is the highest mountain peak in the Philippines.
14. The five most densely populated provinces, in order, are: Cebu, Leyte, Negros Occidental, Pangasinan, and Iloilo.
15. The smallest fish in the world is to be found in Lake Buhi in the province of Camarines Sur.
16. Pagsanjan Falls, in Laguna, is the most beautiful waterfall in the Philippines.
17. The only Christian country in the Orient is the Philippines.
18. The Philippine Deep, near Mindanao, has the greatest known ocean depth.
19. Baguio is considered the cleanest city in the Philippines.
20. Two animals are found in the Philippines which, it is claimed, are found in no other part of the world; they are the tamarao and the mouse deer.
21. According to area the five largest islands in the Philippines in their order are: Luzon, Mindanao, Samar, Negros, and Palawan.
22. The United States, the mother country, is about 9,000 miles from the Philippines.
23. Pier No. 7, on the waterfront at Manila, is the finest pier in the Orient, and is said to be the longest in the world.
24. There are two United States naval stations in the Philippines; they are located respectively at Cavite in the province of Cavite, and at Olongapo in Zambales.
25. The town of Baler, in the province of Tayabas, is the birthplace of the present Philippine president, Manuel L. Quezon.

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