

Calabarzon

is an acronym for the provinces comprising the region – CAVite, LAGuna, BAtangas, Rizal and QueZON. It is situated immediately south and east of Metro Manila, and is the complementary hideaway for anyone looking to escape the hustle and bustle of the capital.

Calabarzon is rich with stories relating to the country's colonial past, of heroes and revolutionaries standing up for the ideals of freedom and self-rule. Many monuments still stand as powerful reminders of days gone by, but the region hurtles on as one of the most economically-progressive areas for tourism, investments and trade. Its future is bright and the way clear, thanks to present-day lessons continuously being learned from a glorious, historic past.



Fast Facts

- Time Zone:** GMT + 8
- Visa:** Only required if staying more than 30 days
- Climate:** November to February – cool and mostly dry; March to June – warm and mostly dry; July to October – warm and mostly wet
- Average Temperature Year-round:** 24°C – 32°C
- Attire:** Light casual clothes all year round
- Money:** Philippine Pesos. Check with the local banks for current exchange rates. All major credit cards accepted
- Water:** Bottled water available in resorts, restaurants and convenience stores
- Communications:** International and direct dial phone and fax. Internet cafes are widely available
- What to Bring:** Sun block, tanning lotions, insect repellent, personal medication, swimwear and accessories, etc.



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The land of heroes and festivities

Getting There

Travelers can take air-conditioned buses going to southern Luzon from among the multitudes of bus terminals within Metro Manila. Travel time to Cavite and Rizal usually takes an hour while Batangas, Laguna and Quezon may be reached within two to four hours.

Hotels and Resorts

The region has a good collection of accommodation facilities that offer rest and recreation at stunningly-low prices. From classy deluxe resort hotels to rental apartment options, one will find rooms, apartments and even mansions that are suitable for every group of any size. Spa resorts in Laguna and elsewhere are particularly popular, as individual homes with private springs are offered for day use, or longer.

Sports Activities and Exploration

The region is blessed with an extensive selection of sport-related activities, such as golf in world-class championship courses in Cavite, or volcano-trekking around Taal Lake, or diving off the magnificent coasts and islands of Batangas, among others. Exploration will take visitors back in time as they discover the sleepy heritage towns of Rizal, or trek the hidden forests of Quezon, or challenge the rapids at Pagsanjan. Whatever the thrill, everything is just a stone's throw away from the capital.

Major Attractions

Heritage and Historical Tours

Name	Location
1 Aguinaldo Shrine	Kawit, Cavite
2 Rizal Shrine	Calamba, Laguna
3 Corregidor Island	Corregidor Island, Cavite
4 Apolinario Mabini Shrine	Tanauan, Batangas
5 Taal Heritage Town	Taal, Batangas
6 Church of Our Lady of Casaysay	Casaysay, Batangas
7 General Trias Monument	General Trias, Cavite
8 Tejeros Convention	General Trias, Cavite on 1897
9 Pagsanjan Heritage Town	Pagsanjan, Laguna
10 Artist Village	Angono, Rizal
11 Petroglyphs	Binangonan, Rizal
12 Laguna de Bay	Pakil, Pangil, Pagsanjan, Heritage Towns Laguna
13 St. Michael Basilica	Tayabas, Quezon
14 Underground Cemetery	Nagcarlan, Laguna
15 Bonifacio Monument	Trece Martires, San Pablo Laguna
16 Gen. Miguel Malvar	Sto. Tomas, Batangas Museum
17 Marcella M. Agoncillo	Taal, Batangas Landmark
18 Battle of Binakayan	Kawit, Cavite Monument
19 Fort San Felipe	Sangley Point Naval Base, Cavite
20 San Diego de Alcalá	Gumaca, Quezon Fortress
21 Vicente Manansala	Binangonan, Rizal Shrine Historical





Diving

Name	Location
1 Anilao	Batangas
The closest diving paradise destination for weekend excursions due to its proximity from Manila, Anilao possess an astounding 35 dive sites, and is known as "the birthplace of Philippine diving". The diversity of marine life is remarkable and perfect for macro photography with prolific multi-hued crinoids, sea hares, sea gobblins, ghost pipe fishes and nudibrachs, to name a few.	
2 Mabini	Batangas
3 Verde Island	Batangas
Verde Island is the location of fantastic scuba diving blessed with excellent visibility to observe huge fans, whips and schools of pelagics coupled with ferociously powerful currents carving through the reef for those looking for an exhilarating experience.	

Beach Resort

Name	Location
1 Anilao	Batangas
2 Punta Baluarte	Batangas
3 Matabungkay	Batangas
4 San Juan	Batangas
5 Hamilo Coast	Batangas
Hamilo Coast is a new development composed of 1,800 hectares of lush forests, rock formations, limestone cliffs and 13 coves of stunning white sand beaches.	
6 Puerto Azul	Cavite
7 Puting Buhangin	Quezon

Birdwatching Sites

Name	Location
1. Mt. Palay-Palay	Cavite National Park
2. Mt. Makiling Forest	Laguna Reserve
3. Villa Escudero	Quezon



Golf Courses

Name	Location
1 Calatagan Golf Club	Calatagan, Batangas
2 Caltex Refinery Golf Club	San Pascual, Batangas
3 Canyon Woods	Laurel, Batangas
4 Club Malarayat	Lipa City, Batangas
5 Evercrest Golf Club & Resort	Nasugbu, Batangas
6 Summit Point	Lipa City, Batangas
7 Tagaytay Highlands	Bo. Calabuso, Tagaytay City, Batangas
The highlands is considered as one of Asia's most exciting golf courses because of its dramatic elevation differences and challenges while offering spectacular views of Taal Lake.	
8 Tagaytay Midlands	Talisay, Batangas
9 Eagle Ridge	General Trias, Cavite
Featuring an unprecedented four-course lay-out designed by the world's top golfers, Eagle Ridge has the largest golfing facility in the country catering to all levels of expertise.	
10 Puerto Azul Beach & Country Club	Ternate, Cavite
11 Royal Tagaytay Country Club	Alfonso, Cavite
12 Sherwood Hills Golf Club	Trece Martirez, Cavite
13 Southwoods	Carmona, Cavite
14 The Orchard	Dasmariñas, Cavite
15 The Riviera	Aguinaldo Highway, Silang, Cavite
16 Splendido Golf Course	Tagaytay, Cavite
17 Caliraya Springs	Barangay, East Talaongan, Lumban, Cavinti, Laguna
18 Canlubang Golf & Country Club	Canlubang, Laguna
19 Canlubang Sugar Estate	Canlubang, Laguna
20 Sta. Elena Golf Club	Sta. Rosa, Laguna
21 The Country Club	Canlubang, Laguna
22 Eastridge Golf Club	Binangonan, Rizal
23 Forest Hills	Cogeo, Antipolo City, Rizal

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Adventure Tours

Name	Location
1 Taal Lake and Volcano Tours	Taal, Batangas
Surrounded by a lake, the world's smallest volcano is situated on an 8.8 square kilometer islet lapped by the 27 kilometer long lake. Both the lake and the volcano are situated on the crater of an extinct volcano. It is known as Southern Luzon's centerpiece attraction and ideal for trekking and exploration.	
2 Kampe Trexo Camp Site	Tagaytay, Cavite
3 Mt. Maculot	Batangas
4 Skydiving Center	Tanauan, Batangas
5 Pagsanjan Rapids	Pagsanjan, Laguna
The most prominent waterfalls in the entire country is the majestic Pagsanjan Falls with its 400-foot drop. Upon reaching the site, visitors are encouraged to brave the falls and go directly underneath it. The boat ride on the way back is an experience in itself, traversing white water rapids at breakneck speed.	
6 Mt. Makiling	Laguna
7 Mt. Banahaw	Majayjay, Laguna
8 Laguna de Bay	Laguna
9 Boardsailing	Lake Caliraya, Laguna
10 Wawa Gorge	Montalban, Rizal
11 Putting Bato	Cogeo, Rizal
12 Susong Dalaga	Binangonan, Rizal
13 Bird Island	Polilio, Quezon

Wellness and Spa

Name	Location
1 Nurture Spa	Tagaytay, Batangas
2 Sanctuary Spa at Maya-Maya	Nasugbu, Batangas
3 The Farm at San Benito	Lipa City, Batangas
4 Callospa	Colaique, Antipolo City Rizal
5 Los Baños Hot Springs	Los Baños, Laguna
As the name suggests, Los Baños is an oasis of many springs that alludes to the thermal springs coming from Mt. Makiling, a dormant volcano. Los Baños boasts of a number of resorts and hot springs which are perennially visited by tourists and locals alike.	
5a City of Springs	Los Baños, Laguna
5b Splash Mountain	Los Baños, Laguna
5c Pook ni Mariang Makiling	Los Baños, Laguna
5d Hillspa	Los Baños, Laguna
5e Libis ng Nayon	Los Baños, Laguna
5f Windy Hill Resort	Los Baños, Laguna

Festivals

Name	Location
1 Parada ng Lechon (24 June)	Balayan, Batangas
2 Regada (24 June)	Cavite City, Cavite
3 Antipolo Festival and Annual Trek (30 April to 01 May)	Antipolo, Rizal
4 Feast of San Celeme - Higantes Festival (November)	Angono, Rizal
5 Pahiyas Festival (15 May)	Lucban, Quezon
The Pahiyas festival is arguably the most colorful and one of the most prominent festivals in the entire country. Pahiyas is the time when the people in Lucban give thanks to San Isidro Labrador for a good harvest. All houses in the town are supremely decorated with elaborately colored rice wafers, called kiping.	

Viewpoints

Name	Location
1 Tagaytay Ridge (overlooking Taal Lake and Volcano)	Tagaytay City, Cavite
2 People's Park In the Sky	Dapdap, Cavite
3 Picnic Grove	Tagaytay City, Cavite
4 Flower Farm	Tagaytay City, Cavite
5 Laguna de Bay	Laguna
6 Underground Cemetery	Nagcarlan, Laguna
7 National Arts Center	
8 UP Los Banos	Mt. Makiling, Laguna
9 Lake Caliraya	Lake Caliraya, Laguna
10 Our Lady of Antipolo Shrine	Antipolo, Rizal
11 Overlooking	Antipolo, Rizal
An area perched on the top of a hill where one can have an impressive view of the capital while relaxing among the several restaurants and bars that serve as a retreat for those wanting to unwind and savor the scenery below.	
12 Hinulugang Taktak	Antipolo, Rizal
13 Daranak Falls	Tanay, Rizal
14 Villa Escudero Coconut Plantation	Tiaong, Quezon
15 Hidden Valley Springs	Alaminos, Laguna

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