The Cordilleras

The Cordilleras is the country’s only land-locked region, also one of its most lightly populated areas, across its six provinces of Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga and Mountain Province. It’s not the easiest of regions to get around due to its isolated communities and terrain of mainly steep slopes and mountain ranges.

Climate

Baguio is known as the ‘Summer Capital of the Philippines’ due to its cool climate. Indeed, The Cordilleras as a whole is one of the coldest regions in the Philippines, with an average daily high of 24°C and low of 15-17°C at nighttime.

Getting to and Around

The main entry points to the region are Baguio and Abra. Driving takes about 7hrs by road. Abra is about 8hrs from Manila. Within the region, choose from buses, vans or jeepneys, or hire a car. There are seasonal charter flights from Manila and Clark Airports to Loakan Airport near Baguio City. It’s best to check schedules in advance for flight details.

Where to Stay

Mountain accommodation in The Cordilleras is no-frills, homely and affordable. The best places, including inns and homestays, have a rustic, authentic charm. Baguio has more upmarket, modern options.

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Hanging coffins, Sagada

La Trinidad, Benguet

Stobosa Hill Side Homes Artwork,
“This ancient cultural landscape beautifully
illustrates human harmony with nature.”

traditional ways of life.

view thanks to several fascinating burial sites
and for the presence of tribes maintaining their
trivial ways of life.

“Trek up Mt Timbak to see the unique Fire Mummies
in their natural cave.

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