

Information for Pakistanis intending to visit Philippines

Philippines is an important brotherly country with which Pakistan enjoys cordial and warm ties of friendship for the last seven decades during which more than two dozen are regulated through 25 cooperation agreements and Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were concluded. Philippines also has a vibrant Pakistani diaspora of about 1,261 residing in the country.

This country is however not a destination for gainful employment or job opportunities as it is itself one of the largest manpower exporting countries in the world (11 million Overseas Filipino Workers). This country is 2nd most populous in the South East Asian Region and has its own share of unemployment/underemployment forcing the talented brain-drain to work in Gulf nations, Europe and North America.

Pakistanis intending to visit Philippines for tourism or family visits (Filipino spouses) should always consult the official website of the Philippines Embassy in Islamabad and fulfill relevant requirement before travel. The relevant link is as follows: <https://www.isdpe.com.pk/>

All intending Pakistanis are expected that when visiting the Philippines, they should abide by local laws and regulations and leave the country upon expiry of their visa. This is an English speaking country where there is no language barrier as far as English is concerned. However, occasionally travelers from many countries including Pakistan, India, China are immediately repatriated from airports despite possessing valid entry visa. Philippines Immigration authorities are empowered by the host country's law and if they suspect someone to be a potential illegal over-stayer or possible victim of human smuggling for onward travel to Australia, New Zealand etc. or if suspicion occurs due to any other reason, they deport such travelers from the airports through next available flight to the country of origin without intimating the relevant Embassies/Consular authorities in Manila. The Mission cannot interfere in the official sovereign acts of local immigration authorities on such occasions which are rare in the case of Pakistan.

Visitors on tourist/family visa must not expect work opportunities or try to explore such possibilities during their stay in the Philippines. They are also advised to be cautious during their stay as sometimes these visitors are exploited by local gangs or South Asian origin people landing them in narcotics related crimes/scams.
