



Davao

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A multi-cultural metropolis on the island of Mindanao, Davao is one of largest and most cosmopolitan cities in the Philippines. With the country's highest mountain, Mount Apo, as its backdrop, this vibrant city offers a mix of fabulous landscapes that include parks like the Eden Nature Park and the Mount Apo National Park, superb beaches, diving waters and islands such as the unspoiled Samal Island. The San Pedro Cathedral is just one of its great monuments, while its shopping malls, colourful festivals and gourmet restaurants are legendary. Top notch hotels and resorts make it a tourist hotspot. Davao is famous for its gold and is home of the famous Philippine Eagle National Centre where the truly beautiful but endangered national bird is bred.



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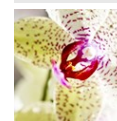
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THE CITY



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Indigenous tribes like the Bagabo, B'laan, Mandaya, Masaka, Manobo and T'boli mingle with migrant settlers, bohemian, Muslim and expatriate communities and a steady flow of tourists. Add to this a vibrant business and investment sector, a large seaport that handles cargo in and out of the country and you have a mix that makes Davao one of the most engaging and busiest cities imaginable. To the people of the Philippines Davao is, above all, one of the most charismatic and culturally diverse cities. Its population comes from all corners of the globe.

Davao, or Metropolitan 'Metro' Davao as it is often referred to, hugs the southernmost coastline of Mindanao island to the south of the Philippines. Although, technically, independent of any province it is generally linked with Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Davao Oriental and the Compostella Valley. The four areas are known as the eleventh region of the Philippines, with Metro Davao being its capital. All the areas have their own distinct characters. Davao del Norte is known for its acres of banana plantations and citrus groves along with the beautiful Samal Island just off its coastline. Davao del Sur is where visitors will find the Mount Apo National Park dotted with orchids. The white beaches and waterfalls make Davao Oriental a natural haunt of visiting holidaymakers while the Compostella

Valley affords the cream of earth's natural wonders.

DO & SEE



Reuel Mark Delez (image cropped)

Davao is famous for many things – eagles, gold, exotic flowers, eye-popping attractions and landscapes to name just a few. Look out for the Puentespina Orchids and Tropical Plants centre where the colours and scents will leave you bewildered, or the shops selling beautiful works in gold – the city is a major producer of gold and crafts.

For adventure seekers there's the Davao River where white water rafting is a popular and the Crocodile Park where it's best to keep a distance from the residents. No visit to Davao would be complete without sampling some of its great local fruit (durian is best kept outside your accommodation!), or enjoying one of its colourful festivals. Visiting the Arawng Dabaw Festival in March, the Padigo San or the Sambuokan in September or the Banayan Festival in October is an excellent way to see local tradition at its best.

Crocodile Park



The native home to the Philippines's largest known crocodile at nearly 20 metres in length, the Crocodile Park is an important breeding centre as well as a popular tourist attraction. There are picnic areas and activities like horse-riding offered too.

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Address: Diversion Highway Ma-a, Davao

Opening hours: Shows start at 16.30 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Phone: +63 82 286 8883 / +63 82 286 1054

Internet: www.davaocrocodilepark.com

More Info: Riverfront, Corporate City

Mount Apo Natural Park



The country's tallest peak dominates this treasure of a park. Experienced climbers can head for the Sibulan and Cooland Trails in Sta Cruz or the Kapatagan Trail in Digos to begin their ascents. The tourist office organises gentler climbs and tours too.

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Address: Mount Apo, Davao del Sur

San Pedro Cathedral



Enthusiasts of Spanish architecture will be captivated by the beautiful and highly original Roman Catholic San Pedro Cathedral (also known as Davao Cathedral). Dating from the 19th century, it is the city's oldest church and a unique architectural landmark.

Photo: Constantine Agustin (image cropped)

Address: San Pedro Street, Davao City

Phone: +63 082 226 4740

Puentespina Orchids and Tropical Plants Centre



Some of the world's most exotic orchids, including the famous Waling-Waling and the Vanda Sanderiana, are on display and can be purchased at this sprawling flower and plant centre along with a variety of other Cutflowers and Ornamental Plants. The colours and scents are a delight.

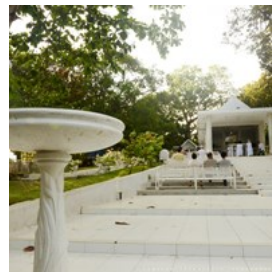
Photo: Dima Oana Gabriela/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bolcan Street, Davao City

Opening hours: Closed on Sundays

Phone: +63 82 221 8248

Shrine of the Infant Jesus



This open-air shrine to the Infant Jesus of Prague and Our Lady of Fatima is a wonderful place to escape the bustle of city life, reflect and meditate, as well as enjoy an outstanding panoramic view of Davao. It takes about 20 minutes to get here by car.

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Address: Matina Hill, Davao City

Eden Nature Park

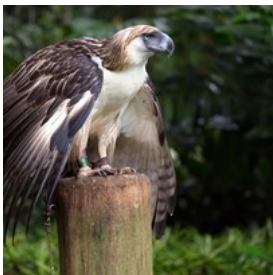


Located on the outskirts of the city at the foot of Mount Talomo, the Eden Nature Park is a delight for visitors keen on walking, hiking,

bird-watching and seeing native plants. It is peaceful and a great way to relax away from the city centre, weekend stays are possible at the resort.

Photo: Constantine Agustin (image cropped)
Address: Matina Town Square, Davao City
Phone: +63 82 299 1020
Internet: www.edennaturepark.com.ph

Philippine Eagle Conservation Centre



The Philippine Eagle is the national treasure of the country, but an extremely rare and endangered species. The conservation centre has a breeding programme to protect this, one of the world's largest eagles. Visitors can see them in special habitat areas.

Photo: Stephane Bidouze/Shutterstock.com
Address: Malagos, Baguio District, Davao City
Phone: +63 82 224 3021
Internet: www.philippineeagle.org
Email: phileagl@pltdtssl.net
More Info: Approx. 1 hour drive from Davao City

Davao River



The Davao River is famous for its 30 or so rapids spaced along a stretch of water that starts in the Baguio district's highland areas and flows to the lowlands. It has become 'the' place to enjoy extreme white water rafting. There are a few picnic-perfect areas on its banks, too.

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T'boli Weaving Centre



There are a number of museums and craft centres in the Davao area, but the T'boli Weaving Centre is one of the best. Tribal women in traditional colourful dress demonstrate the skills of the T'boli tribe. Visitors will get the chance to see jewellery, cloth and rugs.

Photo: Carrie Kellenberger (image cropped)
Address: Lenang, Davao City
Phone: +63 82 827 6061

Samal Island



Offering a mix of beautiful white sandy beaches, superb diving and snorkelling waters, waterfalls and heritage sites, sports and top notch holiday resorts, Samal Island is a tourist hotspot. Motorcycles (called habal-habal) are a sight. Visitors can stay or visit for the day.

Photo: Stephane Bidouze/Shutterstock.com
Address: Samal Island, Davao del Norte
Internet: www.samal-island.com

Tribal Villages and Plantations



Be sure to visit some of the tribal villages that are dotted around Davao City, including the B'laan Cultural Tribal Village at Matanao and the Tagakaolo Cultural Tribal Village at Digos, along with plantations like those at Hagonoy and Padada (banana and other tropical fruits) and the durian farms at Sta Cruz.

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Bankerohan Market



Visit the the lively, fragrant Bankerohan Market to take in the authentic atmosphere of a busy marketplace, stock up on fresh produce,

sample some local fruit (durian is widely available) or grab a bite at one of the market's street food stalls. Morning (before noon) is the best time to visit.

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Address: A. Pichon Street, Davao City

Opening hours: 7am-noon & 4pm-6pm

DINING



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Dining out in Davao is an international affair. Restaurants that serve traditional Cantonese style dishes of beautifully prepared seafood, fruit and vegetarian dishes sit surprisingly well with Mediterranean themed eateries specialising in kebabs, pizzas, mezes, hamburgers and grills. There are French, Italian and Indian restaurants too, plus Chinese, Japanese and Korean. Davao is a culturally diverse city and this is reflected in its vast range of places to eat. Davao is famous for its grilled tuna, known as inihaw, and its version of tuna sashimi, called kinilaw. Both should be tried.

Roxas Night Market



If an authentic dining experience is what you're after, head to Roxas Night Market where vendors sell everything from finger foods to complete meals prepared on the spot with fresh local ingredients. Savor the atmosphere and enjoy the abundance of flavors.

Photo: Rangzen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Roxas Avenue, Davao City

Opening hours: 6pm-midnight

Jack's Ridge



Jack's Ridge is a longstanding Davao establishment and holds somewhat of an iconic status - visitors to the city are often brought here by

locals. The restaurant serves scrumptious Filipino food (Davao-style) and offers an unbeatable birds-eye view over the entire city.

Photo: Derek Hatfield/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shrine Hills, Matina, Davao City

Opening hours: Daily 8am-midnight

Phone: +63 82 297 8830

Internet: www.jacksridgedavao.com

Vikings Luxury Buffet



One of the best buffet-style restaurants in town, Vikings Luxury Buffet is guaranteed to have something to suit any taste. The selection of

foods is truly staggering - some of the cuisines represented are Asian (Japanese - sushi - included), European and American. Drinks and dessert are also included in the price.

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Address: J.P. Laurel Avenue, Davao City

Opening hours: Daily 11am - 2.30pm, 5.30pm - 10pm

Phone: +63 917 565 3888

Internet: www.vikings.ph

More Info: SM Lanang Premier

Ahfat Seafood Plaza



Ahfat Seafood Plaza is an Asian restaurant (with Chinese cuisine at the foreground) serving an enormous variety of seafood dishes. Lobster,

fish, calamari, shrimp, crab, oysters and more are cooked to perfection and offered at reasonable prices. Portion sizes - larger than average.

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Address: J. P. Laurel Avenue, Bajada, Davao City

Phone: +63 82 224 0002

More Info: Victoria Plaza Mall

Bon Appetit! La Boutique



This cosy French restaurant is guaranteed to transport patrons to charming France, if only for a night. The bistro's French owner often

greet guests in person, which adds to the homely feel. Food served is made with fresh local seasonal ingredients, and attentive service completes the experience.

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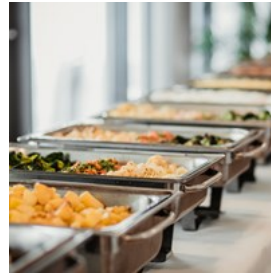
Address: Plaza Del Carmen, Loyola Street, Davao City

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-11pm

Phone: +63 82 300 3186

Internet: www.resto-bonappetit.com

Kamayo Café



A range of international dishes make up one of the best buffet spreads in the city. Stylish and inviting, the Kamayo Café is located within the

luxurious Royal Mandaya Hotel, a landmark premier hotel in Davao and is a favourite eatery with fashionable business types.

Photo: OMolleker/Shutterstock.com

Address: Jose Palma Gil Street, Davao City

Phone: +63 82 225 8888

Internet: www.theroyalmandayahotel.com

Lotus Court



This is widely regarded as one of the finest restaurants for Cantonese style cuisine in the city. It is famous for its specialist selection of traditionally

prepared seafood dishes. Located within the five star Marco Polo Hotel, it is elegant with an Oriental soft red-themed décor.

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Address: CM Recto Street, Davao City

Phone: +63 82 221 0888

Internet: www.marcopolohotels.com

River Walk Grill



Diners can sit outside right by the Davao River and enjoy starter dishes such as Tuna Sashimi followed by barbecued meats and seafood

accompanied by rice and fabulous salads including its speciality the Thai Mango salad. It's located within the grounds of the Davao Crocodile Park.

Photo: Ildar Akhmerov/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Diversion Highway Ma-a, Davao City
 Opening hours: Lunch 11am-2.30pm, Dinner 6pm-10pm.
 Phone: +63 082 221 9643
 Email: booking@davaocrocodilepark.com
 More Info: Riverfront, Corporate City

Fabulous Fifties Café Bar



With its unique 1950s-style décor and bright and informal atmosphere, the Fabulous Fifties Café Bar is a good place to enjoy a light

(all-American) meal at any time of the day. Located within the Crown Regency Residences, it is within arm's reach of the city's main tourist attractions.

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 Address: JP Cabaguio Avenue, Agdao, Davao City
 Phone: +63 82 300 8188
 Internet: www.crownregency.com

Luz Kinilaw



Luz Kinilaw is a fun if simple iconic eatery that's been in operation for decades. It promises good, wholesome local Davao dishes. Eating here

is rather like a cultural experience but one that shouldn't be missed. Tuna is the star of the show, but one can't go wrong with any of the seafood dishes.

Photo: jreika/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Sta. Ana Wharf, Salmonan, Davao City
 Phone: +63 929 608 7946

CAFÉS



Reuel Mark Delez (image cropped)

Cafés and coffee shops are scattered throughout the city, but head to F. Torres Street and you surely won't find yourself at a loss - the avenue is lined with restaurants and cafés serving all manner of local and international food and drinks.

Montmartre Café

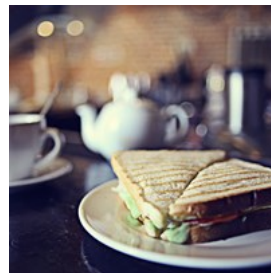


A stylish brasserie-style eatery located within the Grand Regal Hotel, the Montmartre Café specialises in vegetarian dishes made from fresh,

local ingredients, but has a good choice of meat-based dishes too. This is a great place for watching the world go by.

Photo: Junial Enterprises/Shutterstock.com
 Address: J.P Laurel Avenue, Lanang, Davao City
 Phone: +63 82 235 0888

Lin Café



A bright white and turquoise themed eatery, the Lin Café serves fresh regional cuisine that represents good value, dishes prepared with

local ingredients. There's a special children's

menu too and a lengthy range of beverages. The café serves hotel guests and walk-in customers.

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Address: Lakandula Street Obrero, Davao City

Phone: +63 82 221 2915

Internet: www.linmarrdavao.com

Bistro Rosario



While this attractive little bistro has a good choice of informal light meals based on Filipino and continental recipes, it is also famous for its

sandwiches, pastries and cakes that are made in its bakery. This is a good place to stop for a lunch break.

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Address: F. Torres Street, Davao City

Phone: +63 82 221 7780

Kopi Roti



Kopi Roti is an import from Singapore, bringing with it super strong and very tasty coffee as well as breakfast that can be ordered any time of the

day. The name means coffee and bread and that is exactly what you can expect to find here ("bread" being fresh cakes and pastries) .

Photo: Jordan Lye/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tagum, Jacinto Extension, Davao City

Phone: +63 82 3016009

Internet: www.kopiroti.com.ph

More Info: Ground floor of LZ Dental Center, Jacinto Extension

Cafe Demitasse



This popular local café cum restaurant serves scrumptious food (great selection of meat-based dishes) and drinks, but has earned itself big fame

primarily for its desserts. Try the Banoffee Pie or the much-celebrated Red Velvet Cake, with a Frappe to go along.

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Address: F. Torres Street, Davao City

Opening hours: 8am-2am

Phone: +63 82 282 2828

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Nightlife in Davao might not seem quite as vibrant as one would expect from a cosmopolitan city with over a million residents - this may be partially due to the alcohol curfew currently imposed here. The curfew forbids the sale and consumption of alcohol in public places between midnight and 8am - a regulation that has forced many business owners to convert bars into restaurants and massage parlours, a transformation most noticeable in Torres Street - the former Davao nightlife hot-spot. However, some popular evening venues still in operation do include jazz clubs and piano bars, excellent restaurants with live music and even nightclubs, leaving visitors with quite a few options to

choose from.

Matina Town Square



Matina Town Square is the well-established nightlife centre of Davao. The MTS (as it is often referred to) teems with bars, pubs, cafés and restaurants of all sorts imaginable and hosts nightly live music shows, as well as indigenous music performances every week (Tuesdays).

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Matina Town Square, Davao City

Stre3ts Urban Lifestyle Pub



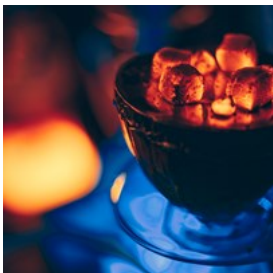
One of the most popular bars in town, the place is known for its generous servings of draft beer and the hip, urban-themed interior. If beer isn't your drink of choice, try a rum-infused "slushie" (or any other drink from the extensive list). The pub also serves some decent-quality food.

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Address: Loyola Street, Davao City

Phone: +63 998 971 9107

Some Place Else Shisha Bar & Restaurant



At this relaxed bar you can take the chance to try an authentic Egyptian Shisha Pipe. Take a seat in a comfy lounge chair and make your selection from the over 30 flavours. The bar also offer an array of liquors and drinks, including artisan cocktails.

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Address: Paseo de Habana Rizal Street, Davao City

Phone: +63 82 228 6304

Internet: www.bar-someplaceelse.com

Club Echelon



Currently one of the hottest nightclubs in town, Echelon is an upscale nightlife establishment that draws a diverse crowd. DJs spin the hottest tunes, and live shows are hosted frequently. There is an entrance fee that includes a complimentary drink.

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Address: J.P. Laurel Ave, Obrero, Davao City

Opening hours: Fri-Sat 8pm-2am

Phone: +63 977 689 4363

More Info: Gaisano Mall

The Brewery



The Brewery is a very popular hangout venue for the young locals. The place gets busy almost every night, affordable drinks being one of its main attractions. Do mind the alcohol curfew, however - sales often stop at midnight, even if the bar stays open till later.

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Address: Mamay Road, Davao City

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 5pm-2am

Phone: +63 917 800 2818

Rizal Promenade



Located in the old part of town, the Rizal Promenade is an alleyway that is home to a number of restaurants, bars and clubs (some with KTV, if karaoke is something you're up for). The vibe here is quite laid-back, and bar-hopping couldn't be easier.

Photo: Cristi Lucaci/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rizal Street, Davao City

Blue Room Jazz Bar



A great place to relax, the "Blue Room" has live jazz musicians playing each evening. Cocktails and drinks are served, and visitors can enjoy dining on buffet-style food in its Entrée eatery. The Blue Room Jazz Bar is located within the Apo View Hotel.

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Address: J Camus Street, Davao City

Phone: +63 82 221 6430

Internet: www.apoview.com

Pirates Pub



This pub offers everything for the sport and beer-fanatics. Order a cold beer from the tap and play some pool or dart with your friends while you are waiting for the next football game to start on the TV-screen. There is also a menu with typical pub food such as pies and fish and chips.

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Address: Pili Street, Nova Tierra Sub Division, Davao City

Phone: +63 82 305 6471

Internet: www.driftersdavao.com

Eagle's Bar



This small bar, located in the Marco Polo Hotel, serves drinks and beer in a classic setting. In the afternoons guests relax here after a day in the bustling city and later, groups gather to watch sport or sing videoke. For a snack, don't skip on the Tapas.

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Address: Claro M. Recto Avenue, Davao City

Opening hours: 5pm-1am

Phone: +63 82 221 0888

Internet: www.marcopolohotels.com

Soundbox Bar



Soundbox is a relatively spacious bar that boasts vibrant live music shows and serves ice-cold drinks in an air-conditioned venue right in the city centre. The club often hosts performances and serves quite a few delicious meal options to hungry guests.

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Address: J. Camus St., Davao City

Phone: +63 82 282 4220

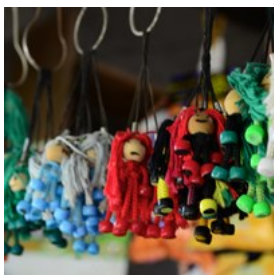
SHOPPING



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Shopping in Davao is a serious affair and a collection of huge, impressive multi-floored malls that have emerged in recent years proves the point effortlessly. For a fine selection of local and international brand boutiques, visit the Abreeza Mall, and do not skip the Aldevinco Shopping Center for some of the best deals on "pasalubong" (a Filipino word referring to gifts and souvenirs brought to loved ones from foreign lands). Davao has some fabulous markets, too, where everything from fresh produce to jewellery and crafts can be found. Haggling is acceptable.

Aldevinco Shopping Center



The Aldevinco Shopping Center isn't what one would call a modern mall, but rather a collection of small vendors' stalls and tiny boutiques selling all manner of "pasalubong" - traditional clothing, jewelry, souvenirs, cosmetics, fabrics and various gift items.

Photo: jojo nicdao (image cropped)

Address: Claro M. Recto Avenue, Davao City

Phone: +63 82 226 4715

Internet: www.facebook.com/pages/Aldevinco-Shopping-Center/167130236680963

Bankerohan Public Market



The lively, fragrant Bankerohan Market is the place to go if you're looking to stock up on fresh produce, sample some local fruit (durian is widely available) or grab a bite at one of the market's street food stalls. Morning (before noon) is the best time to visit.

Photo: Trong Nguyen/Shutterstock.com

Address: A. Pichon Street, Davao City

Opening hours: 7am-noon & 4pm-6pm

Magsaysay Fruit Stands



A visit to Magsaysay is sure to impress even the most seasoned traveller - the place teems with colorful stands where some of the most succulent and fragrant exotic fruit is sold at more-than-reasonable prices. It's the perfect place to try the notoriously aromatic durian.

Photo: Dasha Petrenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Magsaysay Avenue, Davao City

Abreeza Mall



The Davao installment of the country-wide network of Ayala Malls has no shortage of shopping, dining and entertainment options. Local and international mid- to high-range brands are represented in abundance, which, combined with its convenient location, makes for some of the best shopping in Davao.

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Address: J.P. Laurel Avenue, Davao City
Opening hours: 9am-9pm
Phone: +63 82 321 9332
Internet:
www.ayalamalls.com.ph/malls-philippines/abreeza-davao

Gaisano Mall



Everything from ladies and men's fashions, children's gear, cosmetics and perfumes, leather handbags and shoes to household items like as well as music, videos and confectionery is sold at Gaisano. Big international brand names as well as local stores can be found in this modern complex.

Photo: gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com
Address: J.P. Laurel Ave, Obrero, Davao City
Phone: +63 82 221 6168
Internet: www.gaisanomalls.com

Victoria Plaza



The Victoria Plaza shopping mall in JP Laurel, Bajada, takes the shopping experience far with a large supermarket (good place to stock up on groceries!) that sits alongside a department store, business centre, cinema and a collection of specialty stores.

Photo: racorn/Shutterstock.com
Address: J. P. Laurel Avenue, Bajada, Davao City
Phone: +63 82 300 3666

SM Lanang Premier



This imposing, 4-story shopping mall boasts an especially large selection of eateries (from cafés to fast-food spots to restaurants), hosts live performances and even fountain color shows on its premises. The mall houses over 270 stores, 6 cinemas (plus an IMAX Theater), a bowling centre and more.

Photo: Dmytro Zinkevych/Shutterstock.com
Address: J.P. Laurel Ave, Lanang, Davao City
Opening hours: 10am-9pm
Phone: +63 82 285 0943

Fully Booked



Located inside the Abreeza Mall, this local book store boasts an extensive selection of fiction novels, non-fiction works as well as comic books and manga to suit any taste. Some of the hottest titles are usually in stock. Books can be reserved and/or pre-ordered.

Photo: Sedgraphic/Shutterstock.com
Address: J.P. Laurel Avenue, Davao City
Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm
Phone: +63 82 321 0307
Internet: www.fullybookedonline.com
More Info: Ayala Abreeza Mall

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Davao International Airport



Flights arrive into Davao - Francisco Bangoy International Airport (DVO). Most flights arrive from other airports in the Philippines, but a

growing number of international flights arrive from Asian cities like Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, Seoul and also from Indonesia. The airport has a range of facilities, including ATM's and telephones.

The best way to make the 20 minute or so journey into the centre of the city is by taxi. Metered and fixed rate taxis can be found outside the airport terminal. Jeepney is also an option and fares are very low.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Davao International Airport

Phone: +63 82 234 2915

Public Transport



Getting around in Davao is relatively straightforward although you can expect some interruptions if the weather is bad, for example torrential rain. Taxis can be seen everywhere - simply flag one down. The more adventurous forms of transport are the Jeepney (local bus - destinations are usually indicated on the side), tricycle or pedicab but be sure to have some loose change to pay your driver.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Post



There are several postal outlets across the city. Post boxes are blue in color, but may be difficult to locate - you can, however, always send mail directly from the post office. One of the central post offices is located at:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Roxas Avenue, Davao City

Phone: +63 82 221 1094

Internet: www.phlpost.gov.ph

Pharmacy



Davao has a number of pharmacies. Some addresses include: Rose Pharmacy Bonifacio Street, Poblacion District, Davao City +63 82 227

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Amesco Drug

Corner R. Magsaysay Avenue and D. Suazo

Sreet., Davao City
+63 82 227 8080

JOA Pharmacy
E Quirino Avenue, Davao City
+63 82 628 5671

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



Country code: +63 Area
code: 82

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Electricity



220 volts, A.C. 60 cycles.
Most hotels have 110-volt
outlets.

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Safety Notice



Travellers must exercise
precaution when
travelling to the island of
Mindanao and Davao
City, and many
governments (UK, US,

Australian and other) currently advise against
travel to the area altogether. Bomb blasts
occurred in Davao in 2013 and 2015, and the city
has been on high terrorist attack alert for an
extended period of time. Foreigners are known
to have been targeted and in September 2015,

three foreign nationals were kidnapped by
gunmen from a terrorist organisation. Contact
your local embassy for more information prior to
travel.

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Population
1,450,000

Currency
Philippine peso (PHP)
10 ~ US\$0,19

Opening hours

The larger shops tend to be open from around 10am through
to around 6pm, although smaller shops often open earlier
and the large shopping malls, for which Davao is famous, are
usually open well into the evening.

Newspapers

Daily tribune
Philippine daily inquirer
Philippine star
Mindanao times
Mindavao times
Sun star Davao

Emergency numbers
911

Tourist information

City Tourism Operations Office
door 8, Magsaysay Park Complex,
Magsaysay ave.
Davao City

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1st Street	D2	F Bangoy Street	D2	Monteverde Avenue	C2 D2
2nd Avenue	D2	Fatima	C3	Narra	C2
3rd Avenue	D2	Florentino Torres Street	A2	Nicasio Torres	C1
4th Avenue	D2	Gen Malvar	A3	P Burgos	B4
6th Street	C2	Gonzalo Porras	C1	P Urduja	B1 C1
A Alvares	D2	Gregorio del Pilar	C1	P Zamora	B3
A Alzate	B1	Ignacio Villamor Street	C1	Pacifico Sobrecarey	B1 C1
A Pichon Street	A4	Ilustre Extension	A4	Padre Faura	B3 B4 C3
Alejandro Inigo	B1	Ilustre Street	A3	Padre Gomez	B3
Andres Bonifacio	B4	J Abad Santos	A3	Pag-asa	C3
Artigas	B4	J Clarin	B1	Palma Gil Street	B3
Aurora	B4	J de la Cruz	C3	Pioneer	C3
Avancena Street	A2	J Fernandez	D2	Ponciano Reyes	B3
Bolton Street	B4	J P Cabaguio Avenue	D1	Quezon	C4
Bruno Gempesaw	C2 C3	Jose Nedeo	C1	Quezon Boulevard	B4 C3 C4 D3
C Arellano	A2	Jose P Laurel Avenue	B1 B2	R Guzman	B1 B2
C Lizada Street	C2	Jose Rizal	A4	Rafael Castillo Street	D1
Camus	A2	Jose Rizal Extension	B4	Ramon Magsaysay Avenue	C3
Cervantes	C1	Juan Luna Extension	C3	Rosa Sanz	C2
Chaves Street	C2 C3	Juan Luna Street	C3	Rustico Cabaguio	C1
Circumferential Road	A1	Lakandula	C1 C2 D1	San Pedro Extension	A3
Claro M Recto	B3 B4	Lapu-Lapu Street	C1 C2	San Pedro Street	A4
D Ponce	C3	Leon Garcia Street	D1 D2	Santa Anna Avenue	C2
Dacudao Avenue	D1	Leon M Guerrero	C3	Teodoro Palma Gil	C1
Damaso Suazo	C2	Lopez Jaena	A2	Tongko Avenue	A2
de Guzman	D2	Lupo Diaz	C1	Trade School Drive	C1
de Jesus	B3 B4	Mabini	A2 B3 B4	Victoria Mapa Street	A2
Elpidio Quirino Avenue	A3	Manuel Aruallo	A2	Villa Abrille	B2 C2
Emilio Jacinto	B3 C3	Manuel Roxas Avenue	B3 B4 C3	Wenceslao Vinzon	C1
Emilio Jacinto Extension	A2 B2				