



Department of Tourism
Northern Mindanao



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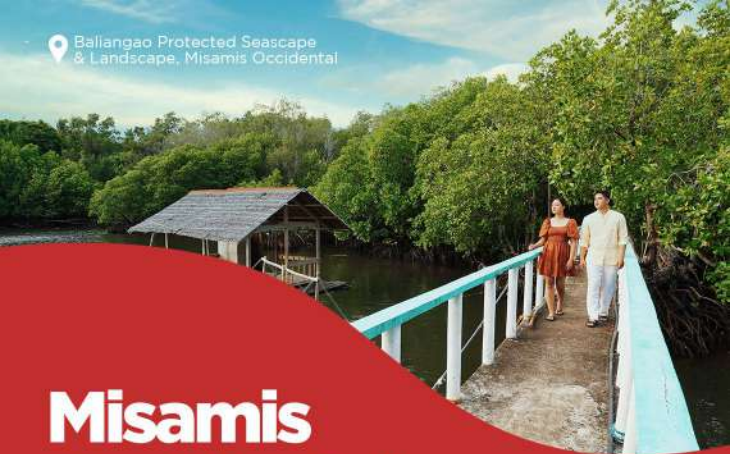
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Misamis Occidental is a pristine wonderland with quintessential offerings that would undoubtedly appeal to nature enthusiasts and relaxation seekers. A visit to the place gives sight to Mother Nature in its unspoiled condition, with virgin rainforests, enticing coral reefs, magnificent waterfalls, thick mangrove forests, easy-to-visit nature reserves, and immaculate beaches. It is here that nature is at its most lush and peaceful. One can surely find their ideal sanctuary in this picturesque part of the region. Apart from its ecotourism treasures, Misamis Occidental has a rich heritage and unique festivals, not to mention a wide variety of food that would impress every type of traveler. This corner of the region holds so much history that dates back to the pre-Spanish colonial era of the Philippines and reveals a massive collection of spectacular sites and unforgettable experiences awaiting you and your limitless adventures.

How to get there:

By Air:

Daily direct flights from Manila and Cebu to Labo Airport, also known as Ozamiz National Airport, located in Ozamiz City, are the fastest way to get to Misamis Occidental.

By Land:

The major cities of Oroquieta and Ozamiz have their respective bus terminals, which serve daily trips from Cagayan de Oro, Iligan, Zamboanga City, Pagadian, and Dipolog.

By Sea:

Presently, two main ports serve travelers to and from the province. The port of Ozamiz serves several shipping lines, including routes from Manila, Iligan, Cebu, Mukas, Lanao Del Norte, and Tagbilaran, Bohol. The Port of Plaridel, which is 33 kilometers away from the provincial capital of Oroquieta City, serves weekly ferry trips from Cebu, Siquijor, and Bohol.

Misamis Occidental's Top Destinations



Cotta Fort

📍 Ozamiz City, Mis. Occ.

This citadel was first built by Spanish Jesuit priest and commander Jose Ducos to serve as an outpost to protect the area against marauding pirates. It then became a Japanese garrison during World War II and was damaged during the April 1955 earthquake. It was faithfully restored to resemble the original structure and is now one of the only 14 forts remaining from the Spanish era in the Philippines.



Bawbawon Island

📍 Paridel, Mis. Occ.

Bawbawon Island's incredible white sand and clear waters, framed with evergreen, offer a cinematic view for travelers seeking that seaside solace. The island gets its name from the local term "bawbawon" or "baobaoan," which means "shallow" because of the shallow water that surrounds it. It is approximately 200 meters off a stunning coral reef on one side and near lush mangrove forests on the other. A dazzling array of wild bushes and coconut trees also shrouded the island.



Asenso Global Gardens

📍 Tangub, Mis. Occ.

Situated in the Mount Malindang ASEAN Heritage Park at almost 1000 feet above sea level, this tourism gem is poised as one of the premier ecotourism attractions in the Province of Misamis Occidental. The attraction boasts amenities for recreation and adventure. The Main Reception Building also welcomes you with a fantastic view of the majestic Panguil Bay and the Panguil Bay Bridge, the longest bridge in the Philippines.



St. John the Baptist Church

📍 Jimenez, Mis. Occ.

This century-old Spanish Catholic Church of Jimenez, also known as St. John the Baptist Church, is one of the Philippines' oldest churches, located in the historic town of Jimenez, Misamis Occidental. This beautiful Baroque-style church has been declared a National Historical Treasure and has withstood the test of time for almost 140 years.

Experience Limitless Adventures



Piduan Curtain Falls

📍 Don Victoriano,
Mis. Occ.

Nestled in the heart of the Malindang Mountain Range in Sitio Piduan, Barangay Napangan, the 60-meter-high curtain-like Piduan Falls is a mystical experience with crystal-clear waters that are cool and even safe to drink. The 4-kilometer trek to the falls takes more or less 2 hours of walking among the untouched beauty and serenity that are typical of the Misamis Occidental forests.



Caluya Shrine

📍 Sapang Dalaga,
Mis. Occ.

Highlight your tour with a trek to the picturesque Caluya Shrine, featuring a 55-foot statue of Christ the Redeemer created by famous Mindanaoan artist Kublai Milan. Views from the Shrine at sunset are a must-see because this is the best time to capture the magnificent angles overlooking the bay with its flamboyant display of colors.



Lake Duminagat

📍 Don Victoriano,
Mis. Occ.

Numerous hikers are drawn to the natural wonders and unspoiled beauty of Lake Duminagat's fresh and pleasant setting. It also characterizes flora and fauna of the Zamboanga biogeographic region, which is located in Mt. Malindang Natural Park, one of the Philippines' protected areas. Lake Duminagat holds a central place in the spiritual life of the Subanon people, who look at the lake as a sacred source of healing water.



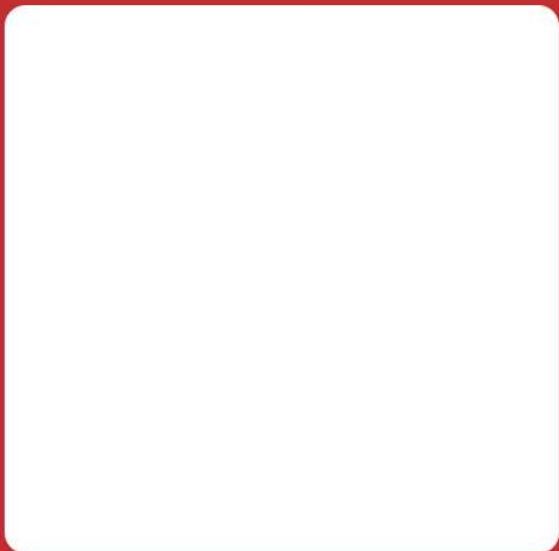
Floating Playground

📍 Sapang Dalaga,
Mis. Occ.

For a fun and exciting water adventure in Misamis Occidental, head to Caluya in Sapang Dalaga, and do not let the chance to experience the province's very first floating playground pass you by. Sapang Dalaga Floating Playground covers an area of 3,500 square meters of the inflatable island and a waterpark with 32 fun-to-play courses and obstacles, such as the Giant Tarzan Swing, the Human Launcher, the Iceberg, and the Trampoline.



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