



Boracay & Western Visayas

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Best Nightlife

- ➔ Area 51 Secret Party Facility (p223)
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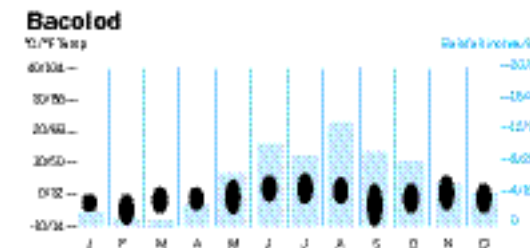
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Why Go?

In general, the western Visayas attracts three types of visitors. The most common is the vacationer drawn by Boracay's gorgeous White Beach, and the commercial hubbub that surrounds it: a collection of resorts, restaurants, bars, and tour promoters all lined up along one great stretch of sand. As the latest tour group from Asia will attest, it's the perfect place for that selfie in the waves. Next comes the diver drawn to world-class undersea destinations, from Romblon Island in the north to Apo Island in the south. Finally, there's the off-the-beaten-track traveller braving endless miles of roadside shacks to discover the region's discrete rewards, including mountain trekking and cave exploration, pockets of vibrant nightlife, some fascinating architectural history, alluring beach resorts, and oases of fine food. Thus the key question: have you packed your compass, your snorkel, or your selfie stick?

When to Go



Dec–Apr Best diving conditions.

Jun–Oct Risky. Tropical storms and occasional typhoons makes this the off-season for a reason.

Oct–Jun High tourist season. Bring wallet to Boracay.

1 Stroll the famous White Beach Path in **Boracay**.

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2 Snorkel the colourful reef at **Apo Island** (p253).

3 Trace the aquamarine **Malumpati River** (p230) back to its mysterious source in the jungle of Panay.

4 Kayak around **Danjungan Island** (p250), an ecotourist's dream.

5 Crash the **expat happy hour** in charming Romblon Town (p270).

6 Sample fruit at the organic **Spring Bloom Farm** (p237) on Guimarães.

7 Tour the historic sugar mansions of **Silay** (p246).

8 Explore unspoiled **Sipaway Island** (p250) by motorcycle.

9 Beam down to the **Area 51 Secret Party Facility** (p223), a Boracay classic.

10 Refresh yourself in the cool mountain resorts of **Mt Kanlaon Natural Park** (246).

11 Ride a motorcycle along the coastal road of **Siquijor** (p263).

