



# STAYCATION DESTINATION PHILIPPINES



## KNOWN FOR:

Many islands, beautiful beaches, sea life, tropical fruit, delicious food, texting/social media, nurses, jeepneys, boxing, basketball, Catholicism, singing “How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small.” **Ps. 104:24-25** “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” **Eph. 2:8-9**

## FUN FACT:

The Philippines got its name from King Philip II of Spain. **Where did you get your name? What does your name mean?** “A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.” **Proverbs 22:1** Does this verse mean that you should have a name you think is cool or you should make sure you don’t do things to cause people to think poorly of you or “give yourself a bad name?” You don’t want to be known for doing something wrong. What good things do you want to be known for? What do you think other people think of you now? What does God think of you? Look up **Romans 5:8** to see. **The motto of the Philippines is Maka-Diyos, Maka-tao, Makakalikasan at Makabansa or “For God, People, Nature, and Country”** “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” **Mark 12:30-31**

## MOVIE:

Pixar Short: Float

1. The Pixar Short, “Float,” did a lot of things that no one has ever done before when making movies. What things do you think “Float” did for the first time? When was the first time in your life you heard about God? When was the first time you heard that Jesus died for YOU? Did that change anything for you? “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,” **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**
2. The boy in “Float” is different from the others around him. Do you ever feel different? Is that a good thing or a bad thing? Do you know God made you different on purpose and that He created you to do something only YOU can do? “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” **Psalm 139:13-14**



# DO IT!

## EXPLORE FILIPINO NATURE & WILDLIFE:

The Philippines has some amazing plants, animals, and sea creatures! Check these out or look online and draw or paint a picture of your favorite!



**PLANTS:** Philippine Jade Vine, Fan Palm, Kabantigi, Tree Fern, Rafflesia, Pitcher Plant, Dumb Canes, Elephant Ear Plant, Orchids

**ANIMALS:** Binturong (Asian Bear Cat), Tarsier, Lemur, Pangolin, Chevrotain, Mongoose, Tamaraw, Peacocks, Philippine Warty Pig, Giant Golden-Crowned Flying Fox, Philippine Eagle, Palawan Peacock-Pheasant

**SEA/WATER CREATURES:** Dugong, Whale Shark, Insulamoon, Philippines (Mindoro) Crocodile, Pygmy Seahorses, Nudibranch, Frogfish, Cuttlefish

**“So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.” Genesis 1:21**

**TRY A NEW TROPICAL FRUIT:** Lanzones, Mangosteen, Dragon Fruit, Durian, Chico, Calamansi, Mango, and Papaya, are all native to the Philippines.

Find some and see what you think! **“And God said, ‘Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.’” Genesis 1:29**



**MAKE FILIPINO FOOD!** If you know someone who makes Filipino food, learn from the best! If not, find a recipe online and make it together, or eat locally for your favorite dishes like Pancit, Adobo, Lumpia, Flan, Senortia Bread, Buko (Coconut) Pie, and Halo Halo.

**God made so many flavors and textures of food we can eat. What’s your favorite? What’s the strangest thing you’ve ever seen someone eat? Would you try it? What’s the most adventurous thing you’ve eaten?** Jesus was trying to teach some people about what it meant to follow Him, and He called Himself the “Bread of Life.” He told them they had to eat His body and drink His blood! See what He meant in **John 6:35-63.**



## CHECK OUT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS PHILIPPINES

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** Find out more about our VBC Missionaries to this region at [valleybible.org/missions](http://valleybible.org/missions). Search for Nonilo and Fely Sanchez in the Philippines or Sola Gratia Ministries. **“He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” Mark 16:15**

**EXPLORE MORE!** - There are so many more things to explore. Design a jeepney, make a Filipino Parol, or sing karaoke! You can also check out [campfirecrates.com](http://campfirecrates.com) Filipino activities, and have fun! **“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” 1 Cor. 10:31**



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# CHINA



**KNOWN FOR:** Great Wall of China, Pandas, Food, Martial Arts

**FUN FACT:** The Great Wall of China is the largest man-made structure in the world (5,500 miles) China goes from ocean to the Himalayas (the world's highest mountain range) and is 20% desert too! China has the largest population in the world. A whole lot of people! 1.4 billion! Almost 1 in 5 people on earth live in China. "...so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God and that there is no other." **1 Kings 8:60**

**MOVIES:** Mulan, Born in China (Disney Nature), Bao (Pixar Short), Kung Fu Panda (Dreamworks), The Karate Kid

**MULAN QUESTIONS:**

1. Who should you honor? "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." **Ephesians 6:2-3**  
What does it mean to honor? (show great respect)  
Was Mulan honoring her parents by leaving? Why or why not?
2. Was Mulan beautiful when she was dressed up or fighting? What makes a person beautiful? "Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and...gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the **unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit**, which is of great worth in God's sight." **1 Peter 3:3-4**
3. Mulan asked her ancestors for help. Who should we ask for help? "My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." **Ps. 121:2**
4. Mulan was brave. Should we be brave? Why? "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God." **Isaiah 41:10a** "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?" **Psalms 27:1**  
(See also **Matthew 28:20, Psalm 23, Romans 8:38-39, 2 Timothy 1:7, John 14, 1 Peter 5:6-7**)



# DO IT!

**CHECK IT OUT**—There were some pretty brave, amazing women in the Bible. Pick one and read what the Bible says about them.

**Aksah** (Joshua 15:18-19) She was brave and was given extra land

**Deborah** (Judges 4-5) A judge and prophet over Israel

**Jael** (Judges 4:16-24) God used her to kill the army commander

**Abigail** ( 1 Samuel 25:1–42) Wise women who saved many lives

**MAKE CHINESE FOOD**—There are a lot of easy recipes out there. Here is one for fried rice. Add 2 tbs sesame oil to the bottom of the pan, cook veggies (1 small onion, peas & carrots). Put to the side of the pan. Add 1-2 eggs & cook on the empty side of the pan with salt and pepper. Add cold, leftover rice, soy sauce or oyster sauce.

“Taste and see that the Lord is good.” **Ps. 34:8a**

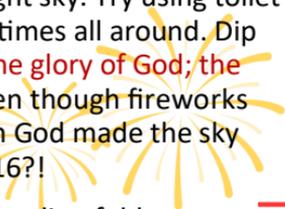
**FIREWORK ART**—China invented fireworks. Use black paper and chalk, paint, or glitter and glue to create fireworks in the night sky. Try using toilet paper rolls. Cut down the end about halfway several times all around. Dip in paint and use like a stamp. “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.” **Psalm 19:1** Even though fireworks are manmade, can you imagine what it was like when God made the sky and the moon and stars and planets in Genesis 1:14-16?!

**MAKE A PAPER FAN OR LANTERN**—Decorate and accordion fold construction paper into a fan. For a paper lantern, fold in half long ways (hotdog). Cut slits on the folded edge up to an inch from the edge. Unfold and attach the long edge make a cylinder “When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’” **-John 8:12** “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” **-Matt. 5:16**

**CHECK OUT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS CHINA**

**KUNG FU CHALLENGE**—Kung Fu means “hard work”.

See if you can hold each of these Kung Fu positions for 30 seconds! “For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” 1 Timothy 4:8





# STAYCATION DESTINATION INDIA



**KNOWN FOR:** Colorful, Rich Culture, Food, & Clothing, Lots of People, Animals, Chess, Taj Mahal, Curry/Spices, Cows  
“For every animal of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.” **Psalm 50:10** “She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet.” **Prov.31:21**

**FUN FACT:** “Namaste” means “I bow to you.” Cows are also sacred, so they do not eat beef or hamburgers! Who should you bow to and who shouldn’t you bow to? “Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.” **Ps. 95:6**

**MOVIES:** The Jungle Book, India’s Wild Leopards (Disney Nature)

## JUNGLE BOOK QUESTIONS:

1. Which characters in the movie are good role models (people to look up to/act like)? Why? “Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good morals.’” **1 Cor. 15:33** (Prov.18:24 & Ecc.4:9-12)
2. Kaa says, “Trust in me.” Should he be trusted? How do you know who you can trust? “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.” **Prov. 3:5-6**
3. What things did Mowgli do that were good? What mistakes did he make? What or who can help you make good decisions? “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.” **James 1:5** “Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.” **Proverbs 19:20** “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” **Proverbs 1:7** What does this verse mean?



# DO IT!

**HOLY COW!**—Cows are considered sacred in India by Hindus that make up 80% of India’s 1.3 billion people. Because they protect them, there are millions of cows wandering around. The Bible has some interesting stories about cows too. Check out **Genesis 41** where God used a dream about cows to save thousands from a famine and change history!



**MAKE INDIAN FOOD!** - Look for fun recipes online for things like Prickly Pear Lemonade, Mango Lassi, Naan, Chicken Tikka Masala, Jeera Aloo, Matar Paneer, Samosas, or any curry. Don’t be afraid to try something new! **Do you think Jesus ate spicy food? Why/Why not? Which of these things is probably most like something He ate? Taste and see that the Lord is good... Ps. 34:8a**



**READ ABOUT AMY CARMICHAEL**—“Driven by love and compassion, and sustained by faith and determination, she rescued over 1,000 children from temple slavery. The story of this young woman from Northern Ireland is a brilliant, sparkling example of God’s love generously poured out to ‘the least of these.’” **“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.” –Matt. 25:40** God answers prayers. He may say yes, no, or even, wait. As a child Amy Carmichael prayed and asked God to make her brown eyes blue, but He answered her prayer by saying, “No.” **Is there something you asked God for that it seems like He hasn’t answered? Do you trust God to do what’s best?** Decades after God told her, “No,” she found out why. If God had given her blue eyes, she would not have been able to do what she did in India.



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**EXPLORE MORE!** - There are SO many more things to explore. Play chess, find printables online, draw henna art on the enclosed hand, make a paper peacock, or draw Indian patterns. Have fun! **“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” 1 Cor. 10:31**