

### Visayas Route (minimum three weeks)

Manila - Caticlan (bus or flight), Caticlan - Kalibo - Iloilo City (bus), Iloilo City - Bacolod (boat), Bacolod - Sipalay (bus), Sipalay - Dumaguete (bus), Dumaguete - Siquijor (boat), Siquijor - Tagbilaran (boat), Tagbilaran - Cebu City (boat), Cebu City - Malapascua (bus and boat), Malapascua - Bantayan (boat), Bantayan - Cadiz (boat), Cadiz - Bacolod (bus or jeepney), Bacolod - Manila (boat or flight)

This interesting round trip includes nine different islands of the Visayas, and can be punctuated as often as you want by short breaks on various dream beaches. Boracay is perfect for getting in the mood. If you like the atmosphere, you can spend a few days there before heading off. If, on the other hand, it's solitude you're after, take your pick from a wide selection of less well-known places on one of the other islands. Good alternatives are the beaches near Sipalay in the south-west of Negros and on the stretch of coast south of Dumaguete. On the "witches' island" of Siquijor they don't understand the meaning of the word stress. Bohol (Chocolate Hills) and the nearby offshore island of Panglao (lots of dive shops) are good ideas for stopovers on the way to Cebu City, the second largest city in the country. Tourism is just beginning to get established on the beautiful little island of Malapascua in the north of Cebu and on the attractive neighbouring island of Bantayan. It's only a few hours trip from Bantayan to Bacolod, the capital of Negros, the sugar island. If you want, you can travel straight back to Manila from there, or head back to Boracay via Iloilo City, traversing Panay on the way.

