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PHILIPPINE AIRLINES FLIES

2X DAILY

BETWEEN MANILA
AND LAOAG



111,125

THE POPULATION OF
LAOAG (AS OF 2015)



LA PRECIOSA

THIS UNDERSTATED RESTAURANT WITH A PINK-AND-YELLOW FAÇADE SERVES DELICIOUS ILOCANO DISHES SUCH AS BAGNET, OR DEEP-FRIED PORK, AND EMPANADAS

PASALENG BAY

ONCE A SMALL FISHING COMMUNITY, PASALENG BAY, JUST NORTH OF LAOAG, IS FAST BECOMING A POPULAR DIVE SPOT

DESTINATION: LAOAG

Known as the "Sunshine City", the city of Laoag in northern Luzon is more than just an urban center. Bordering the South China Sea, it offers majestic sand dunes, rolling hills and picturesque lakes. Laoag is also steeped in history, with grand 17th-century churches, and was a trade hub long before the Spanish era, with merchants from China and Japan passing through.

LA PAZ SAND DUNES

Less than a 15-minute drive from downtown Laoag transports you to these dusty orange sand dunes which span an area of 85km². Arrive here at sunrise and you'll have the entire terrain to yourself to enjoy a majestic view of the South China Sea – while roaring on an ATV. If monster vehicles are not your thing, try sand boarding or sign up for a sand dune tour on a four-by-four.

PAOAY CHURCH

Also known as the Church of St Augustine, this late-17th-century church is one of the country's grandest and a Unesco World Heritage Site. Its walls, which are made from coral stones and bricks, blend Javanese and Baroque architectural influences. The distinguishing feature is the bell tower which was used as a lookout post by locals during the Philippine Revolution from 1896 to 1898.

BELLAGIO HILLS HOTEL AND RESTAURANT

A five-minute drive from the desert and nestled in the quiet rolling hills by Paoay Lake, this lush double-story hotel is quite the oasis. Check into one of the well-appointed wood-paneled rooms with spacious balconies overlooking green pastures and enjoy a dinner of fresh lake fish and a glass of wine recommended by the restaurant's in-house sommelier.

Ilocos Norte's sand dunes have been declared a National Geological Monument by the National Committee on Geological Sciences.

