

**PROVINCE OF TARLAC
TOURISM SITES AND DESTINATIONS**

ATTRACTION	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	UPDATE
1.Mt. Pinatubo Crater via Sta. Juliana, Capas, Tarlac.	Sta. Juliana, Capas, Tarlac.	After it's eruption in 1991, the world-famous volcano has become a renowned tourist destination. The adventure begins in the quiet community of Sta. Juliana, Capas, Tarlac, where 4x4 jeeps are readily available for the hour-long ride. After which, a 30 to 45 minute hike to the crater presents an opportunity for everyone to enjoy the lahar landscapes along the river and a spectacular view of the volcano's crater.	Natural	Trekking time going to the crater is shortened by 20 minutes via Skyway.
2.Timangguyob Falls	Sitio Dueg, Brgy. Maasin, San Clemente, Tarlac	The province is not known for falls and rivers given the "central plains" monicker of the region, but in Sitio Dueg, Brgy. Maasin, San Clemente a 50 foot water falls has recently been discovered. Its name comes from a local expression which means carabao's horns, as its water falls slides through rock formations in the shape of the horns. Currently, a trail has already been established which takes about an hour and a half to reach. While the local government has already planned a second trail which leads up to the peak of the falls where a campsite could be put up for weekend warriors and hikers who plan to stay overnight.	Natural	A second trail from Dueg Resettlement Area has been identified to experience the 360degrees view of the western Tarlac before the trekking activities going to the falls.
3. Kiti-Calao waterfalls		The Kiti-Calao waterfalls is found in the forested area of the town of Mayantoc. Enjoy a 45 minute to one hour trek under the forest canopy while enjoying the various flora and fauna of the area. Kiti-Calao waterfalls is a hidden paradise with its 20 feet drop, lush green surrounding and crystal clear waters.	Natural	

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4. San Jose's Bulsa river and Mayantoc's Nambalan rapids	Brgy. Maamot & Iba, San Jose, Tarlac. Brgy. Nambalan, Mayantoc, Tarlac	The towns of San Jose and Mayantoc in the province of Tarlac boasts of two mighty river systems, the Bulsa river and the Nambalan rapids which are fast becoming kayaking destinations. Both kayak trails offer two to three hours of kayaking experience both for beginners and intermediate paddlers	Natural	Concrete roads from the town proper going to the drop off points and about 3 to 4 kms or earth road going to the river is set for improvement .
5. Lubigan Eco-tourism Park	So. Padlana, Lubigan ,	Less than an hour's drive away from Tarlac City is the Lubigan Eco-Tourism park in Sitio Padlana, Brgy. Lubigan, San Jose. Located at an altitude of 300 meters above sea level, the park boasts of cooking sheds, comfort rooms and an activity center such as wall climbing, parallel bars and other obstacle courses. The park has potentials for cross country, downhill mountain biking and is home to 71 species of birds which is a great place for bird watchers. During the rainy season the rivers surrounding it are ideal for rafting and kayaking.	Natural	Good Concrete road leading to site. Improvement of facilities on-going.
6. Capas National Shrine	Brgy. O'Donnell, Capas, Tarlac	The Capas National Shrine is found in Brgy. O' Donnell, Capas, Tarlac where an obelisk stands as a reminder of the Filipino and American soldiers who attend perished during the infamous "Death March" during the second world war. The "Wall of Heroes" was also put up around the obelisk to commemorate all the soldiers who died during the last world war. The area is also home to a small museum named after Gen. Francisco Macabulos.	Man-Made Historical	Good Concrete road leading to site.

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7. Onishi Peace Shrine	San Nicolas, Bamban, Tarlac	The Onishi Peace Shrine is a legacy of the Japanese regime left behind after World War II. The Shrine serves as memorial to the Japanese and American soldiers who have fallen during the WWII. The tunnel, on the other hand, was once the headquarters of Vice Admiral Takijiro Onishi, the originator of the kamikaze (divine wind) or the suicide air attacks	Man-made historical	
8. The Reliquary of the True Cross of Jesus Christ	Sitio Padlana, Lubigan, San Jose, Tarlac	Found some 300 meters above sea level, along the mountain ranges of the town of San Jose. The relic of the True Cross of Jesus Christ has found a home in a small chapel in Brgy. Lubigan, alongside the Monasterio De Tarlac and the Eco-tourism park. The relic, the only one in Asia, arrived in the province in 2005. Today the site receives 600 to 800 visitors per week.	Man-made religious	Concrete Road leading to site
9. The San Sebastian Cathedral	Poblacion , Tarlac City, Tarlac	The San Sebastian Cathedral is found at the heart of Tarlac City. It was once the site of the Revolutionary Congress. The highest Filipino seat of learning, the “Literario-Scientifico” Universidad of Malolos in Bulacan was transferred here when the cathedral was formerly the Tarlac Catholic Convent in the late 1880’s.	Man-Made Religious/ Historical	Architectural aesthetic improvement on-going .

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<p>10. The Tarlac Provincial Capitol</p>	<p>Brgy. San Vicente, Tarlac City, Tarlac</p>	<p>The highest seat of political power of the province is located at a hill in Brgy. San Vicente, Tarlac City. The present structure was finished in 1909. During the Japanese occupation, the provincial capitol was vacated and used as the provincial headquarters of the Imperial Army. The capitol suffered great damages during the second world war, but afterwards, in 1946, the United States of America helped rebuild and improve its structure. Because of its historical background, the picture of the capitol façade appears in the current 500 peso bill.</p>	<p>Man-Made</p>	<p>Improvement of the Park adjacent to the Capitol Building to complement the grandeur of the Capitol.</p>
<p>11. Museo ng Probinsya ng Tarlac</p>	<p>Brgy. San Vicente, Tarlac City, Tarlac</p>	<p>Aiming to promote Tarlac's art and artists, the Museo ng Probinsya ng Tarlac was put up in cooperation with the private sector, in particular, the Tarlac Heritage Foundation for that goal. Given the success of the first ever Belen-making competition in the country, the winning entries of the personal and diorama category are currently housed in the museum.</p>	<p>Man-Made Cultural</p>	
<p>12. Home of Ninoy Aquino</p>	<p>Poblacion, Concepcion, Tarlac</p>	<p>National hero Ninoy Aquino is a known son of Tarlac. Born in the quiet town of Concepcion, Ninoy Aquino resided at this old house which still holds the charm of a humble family. The house still holds pictures of Aquino's family, furniture and other artifacts. Found just within the vicinity of the municipality, it is just a walking distance from the town hall which is also historical a picture of which also appears in the current 500 peso bill.</p>	<p>Man-Made Historical</p>	

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13. Maria Clara Museum		This museum contains personal belongings of Leonora Rivera, the primary inspiration behind Maria Clara, one of the characters in Dr. Jose P. Rizal's immortal novel, Noli Me Tangere. The museum is located at Rivera's own residence in the town of Camiling which is also famous for its chicharon and inuruban.		
14. Aquino Center	Luisita Industrial Park, San Miguel, Tarlac City	This houses all the memorabilia of the Aquino family, from the items used by late Senator Ninoy Aquino and her wife, former President Cory Aquino. It also has a spacious function room and conference hall.		
15. Tarlac National High School	San Roque, Tarlac City	The Tarlac National High School is the oldest public high school in the country. It first opened in September 1, 1902 under the supervision of Mr. Prank R. White who was also the Deputy Division Superintendent for the province. All the equipment used for the school was imported from the United States of America.	Man-Made Historical	
16. Tarlac Recreational Park	Brgy. San Juan de Valdez, San Jose, Tarlac	The sprawling 78 hectare sports and recreational park is the ultimate health buff's dream. It has a track oval of international standard, two football fields, two baseball fields, two soft ball fields, two basketball courts, volleyball and sepak takraw courts. Currently, the swimming pool and bmx and four cross racing track are in the works. The 2009 Central Luzon Regional Athletics Association saw a crowd of more than 12,000, from coaching staff, players and guests.	Man-made and Natural	Additional sports facilities are set for implementation.

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17. Hacienda Luisita and Luisita Golf and Country Club	Luisita, San Miguel, Tarlac City	This 18-hole par 72 golf course is dubbed as one of the finest and toughest in the country and included in Golf Magazine's Top 100 Golf Courses in the World. Located inside Hacienda Luisita in San Miguel, it gives any golf aficionado a thrill for the game due to its challenging courses.	Man-made	
18. Aquino Museum	San Miguel, Tarlac City	Located at the entrance to the vast Hacienda Luisita, the Aquino Museum is home to paraphernalia of the late Senator Benigno Aquino		