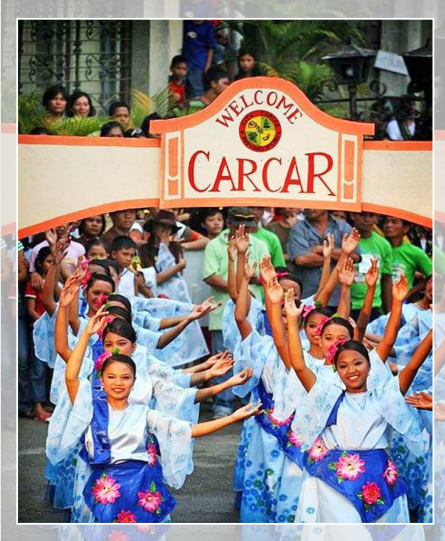


FIESTA IN CARCAR



Carcar is one of the major cities in the Southern part of Cebu. It is noted for its well-preserved Spanish architecture and enticing delicacies that are hard to resist. It is also well known and recognized as the shoe-making capital of Cebu. Another interesting form of entertainment when visiting this city is their Kabkaban Festival.

Every November 24-25, this festival is celebrated by locals. Dancers perform special types of dance rituals to drive away bad spirits in the surrounding areas. This tradition is still carried out nowadays and continues to attract tourists and even local visitors. This celebration is done to celebrate the city's patron saint - St Catherine of Alexandria.

VOCABULARY

noted
enticing
ritual
drive away

QUESTIONS

1. What is Kabkaban Festival?
2. How do people celebrate the festival?
3. What is Carcar City known for?

EXERCISE

Choose one word from the box and complete the sentences below.

noted enticing ritual drive away

1. The food was really _____ that she didn't realize she already had eaten a lot.
2. It was a _____ that has been passed from generation to generation.
3. They have to _____ the rabbits _____ from the carrots.
4. Confucius once _____ that he who will not economize will have to agonize.

THE BATTLE OF MACTAN

: a historic event that is celebrated every April 27 in Mactan Island



The Battle of Mactan or Kadaugan sa Mactan is one of the greatest and most relevant historical events in the history of the Philippines. A monument in Mactan was built to honor Lapu-Lapu and to commemorate the victorious and fearless fighting of the natives over the Spanish forces. The monument is a re-enactment of that victorious battle. Lapu-Lapu, the first known Filipino hero led the natives in the battle. He is most well-known as being the chieftain who killed the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan.

VOCABULARY

relevant
commemorate
force
honor

QUESTIONS

1. When is the Battle of Mactan celebrated? Why is it celebrated?
2. What was Lapu-Lapu known as?
3. What happened after the event?

EXERCISE

Choose one word from the box and complete the sentences below.

relevant commemorates forces honor

1. I was able to find a book in the library that will be _____ to my research project.
2. The statue _____ the discovery of America.
3. They joined _____ and succeeded in the campaign for reforms.
4. It is a great _____ to be invited to speak to you today.

HALAD-INASAL FESTIVAL

:“halad” means offer or paying tribute, “asal” means roasting



Cebu is known for some of the finest lechon (roasted pig) in the Philippines and Talisay’s lechon is noted as one of the best. Talisaynons pay tribute to their patron saint - Sta. Teresa de Avila. Talisay City is best known for their scrumptious and crispy lechon (roasted pig). People celebrate the Halad-Inasal Festival on the 15th of October every year, in line with the feast of Sta. Teresa de Avila, the city’s patron saint. During the festivity, hundreds of well-adorned roasted pigs are paraded around in the streets. During the festival dance participants are clad in their colorful and creative costumes which is one of the other highlights of the festival. Just like any other festival, Halad-Inasal aims to promote tourism. Also it embodies the city’s heritage and identity.

VOCABULARY

scrumptious
well-adorned
clad
embodies
identity

QUESTIONS

1. Why do people Talisaynons celebrate Halad-Inasal Festival?
2. When is the festival celebrate?
3. Have you eaten lechon before? What do you think of its taste?

EXERCISE

Choose one word from the box and complete the sentences below.

scrumptious well-adorned clad embodies identity

1. The Philippine flag _____ the independence of the country.
2. My mom baked a _____ chocolate cake for my birthday.
3. The resort was _____ with colorful lightings and guests were greeted with welcome drinks.
4. The royal guards were _____ in suits of armor.
5. His _____ was kept hidden until the suspect was arrested.

HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCE IN BANTAYAN

: an event celebrated sometimes in March or in April. It commemorates the death and resurrection of Christ



Roman Catholics consider this event as the most sacred because of its sanctity. In Bantayan Island, Holy Week is celebrated by the people in their own peculiar way. People flock to the island in great numbers to witness the grand procession of the carozzas indicating the Passion of Christ. Each carozza is owned by only the most prominent families of the town, which every year is decorated. For many faithful worshippers, the Holy Week is the time for fasting and abstinence from meat; however, it's a feast and merriment for *Bantayanons* which does include feasting and enjoying the local delicacies.

VOCABULARY

sanctity
peculiar
prominent
decorate
abstinence

QUESTIONS

1. What religion celebrates Holy Week?
2. What do people usually do on Holy Week?
3. Do you have any religious festivals in your country? What are they?

EXERCISE

Choose one word from the box and complete the sentences below.

sanctity peculiar prominent decorate abstinence

1. She has a _____ mannerism.
2. His family belongs to a _____ clan in their town.
3. The children love to _____ their house with Christmas lights.
4. Many people believe that _____ from fatty food will make them thinner.
5. Filipinos highly believe in the _____ of marriage.

SINULOG FESTIVAL

: a large festival held every third Sunday of January as a tribute to the patron saint of Cebu, Señor Santo Niño (Holy Child)



Sinulog is the most distinguished and highly anticipated festival of the country garnering its name as the “Mother of All Festivals”. This festival is a tribute of culture, religion and gives you a chance to see the true artistry of the Filipino people. The streets become filled up with eagerly awaiting people standing shoulder to shoulder which ranges from locals to tourists, all there to witness the flamboyant costumes of the Sinulog dancers, ostentatious and colossal floats, and animated giants. Upbeat Sinulog tracks and tribal beats fill the air and keep the locals and tourists energized. The festival generally culminates with resplendent fireworks. With all these festivities, no wonder Sinulog is at the helm of all festivals in Cebu and will continue to be an attraction that entices locals and tourists alike.

VOCABULARY

tribute
ostentatious
flamboyant
animated
resplendent

QUESTIONS

1. When is the Sinulog festival celebrated?
2. Why is it considered the “Mother of All Festivals”?
3. How does the festival usually culminate?

EXERCISE

Choose one word from the box and complete the sentences below.

tribute ostentatious flamboyant animated resplendent

1. The graduates are _____ in their graduation gowns.
2. They organized a charity even as a _____ to the company’s founder.
3. The queen is a head turner because she is an _____ dresser.
4. The bride is wearing an intricate and _____ wedding dress.
5. The children at the costume party acted like _____ superheroes and villains.

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