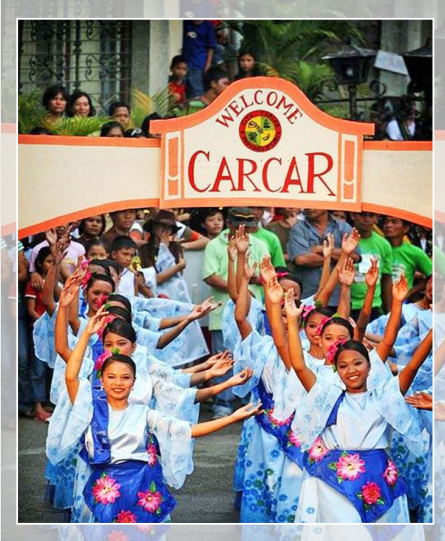


## FIESTA IN CARCAR



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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