

Save The Date and get your passports ready!

Mayor Trish Spencer and the Alameda Sister City Association would like to extend an invitation from Mayor Manuel Sagarbarria to travel to his City of Gentle People [Dumaguete, Philippines](#) -- Alameda's newest Sister City. The two mayors will be signing a Memorandum of Agreement that will outline the plans for cultural, educational and business exchange to be executed within the coming years.

The delegation from Alameda will be participating in many events within the 67th Charter Anniversary Fiesta, tours of the city and waterfront area, and business, academic and government forums. Early or late travel dates can accommodate side trips to neighboring cities and/or countries.

Our current travel dates are:

Depart SFO – Thursday, November 19, 2015 ~ Arrive Dumaguete – Saturday, November 21, 2015*

Depart Dumaguete – Thursday, November 26, 2015 ~ Arrive SFO – Thursday, November 26, 2015*

*note: we are crossing the International Dateline

The cost of the trip will be:

Airfare: \$1100 - \$1400 (depending on time of booking)

Lodging at [Hotel Essencia](#): \$40-\$60/night (depending on room selection)

Some meals will be included if you stay with the delegation. Side trips and incidentals will be out-of-pocket costs.

The scheduled events are:

Day 1, 11/21 – Arrival in Dumaguete

Welcome Lunch

Heritage tour: Metro Dumaguete, Silliman University, Marine Lab, Bell Tower, Boulevard, Taoist Temple, NOAH & Bacong Church

Friendship Dinner

Cultural Immersion: Miss Dumaguete Coronation Night

Day 2, 11/22 – Ecotourism and Geothermal Energy Plant, and site visits

Fellowship lunch

Sandurot Festival Street Dancing Showdown

Themed Dinner

Day 3, 11/23 – Sister City Conference with signing of Memorandum of Agreement

Business, academic and government forums and breakout sessions

Sister City Dinner Reception

Day 4, 11/24 – Leaders Forum and Media Exchange

City Charter Day Grand Parade and Charter Day Commemorative Ceremony

Dinner at Silliman University

Day 5, 11/25 – Ecotourism Immersion: Whale/Shark Experience

Traditional Filipino Fiesta Celebration hosted at Mayor's residence

Day 6, 11/26 – Homeward Bound Travel Day

A valid passport is necessary for travel to the Philippines. Additional travel information will be provided as necessary.

Visit our website for more details: <http://alamedasistercity.weebly.com/dumaguete-trip.html>

Please respond by **Thursday, October 1, 2015** to reserve your space or for additional information to Karen Fong: karen.fong@sbcglobal.net, 510-821-1617 or Cynthia Bonta: cynbonta@comcast.net, 916-952-6006