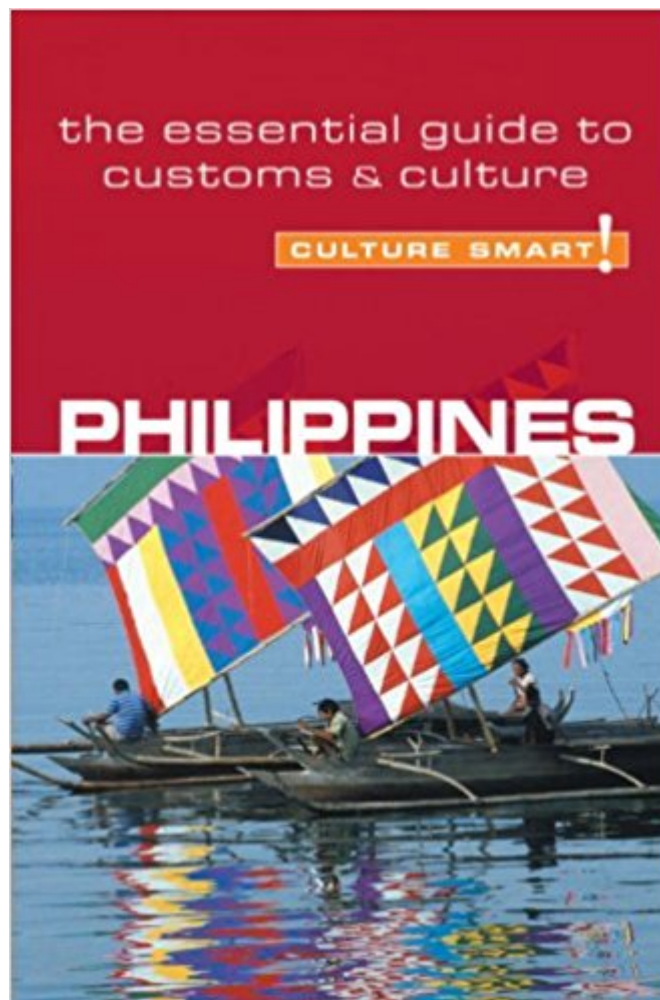




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"Culture Smart has come to the rescue of hapless travellers." *Sunday Times Travel*

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Excellent book about the Filipino culture and what to expect when you visit or move to this beautiful country and its very warm people. Bought another copy of this book for a friend who will be working in the Manila area for a couple of months starting in June and has never been there before.

Didn't check date of publication, and disappointed that it wasn't more update. Did cover many of my questions.

One of many guide books I read before I travel there. I found it helpful and interesting.

The Philippines- Culture Smart! book is intended for the American or Western business traveler only. It only provides guidance for social and business interactions with a short term visit in mind. I find it amusing that the book attempts to give advice for the expatriate business traveler, but there is no way that this book is sufficient, even for a brief visit. As very quick guide (1 - 2 hour reading) for the first time traveler, on a very short trip, this book may help you avoid any hideous cultural mishap, but as for insight into the Filipino culture, it is definitely lacking. I would recommend the Culture Shock! Book or the Insight book instead for those seeking the next level.

Must have, if you are going there to visit or live.

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