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BOOKING GUIDELINES
National Museum of the Philippines - Tabon Cave Complex and Lipuun Point
 Brgy. Panitian, Quezon, Palawan

I. General Booking Guidelines

1. Groups of **20 to 150 pax** are required to make reservations at least three (3) working days prior to the preferred schedule through the following official channels of the National Museum of the Philippines-Tabon Cave Complex (NMP-Tabon Cave Complex):

Mobile Number: 09945419098

Email: nmptaboncave@gmail.com/ taboncaves@nationalmuseum.gov.ph

Facebook Page: National Museum of the Philippines-Tabon Cave Complex

*Please note that the NMP-Tabon Cave Complex Visitor Operations Booking Office is open for transactions from **Monday to Sunday (except on selected religious holidays), from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm only.**

2. Group tours for Tabon Cave and Cave Network may be scheduled on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays while the Museum Galleries accept group tours every day from Monday to Sunday.
3. **Group reservations** to the Tabon Cave and Cave Network and Museum Galleries are limited to **30** visitors per slot. Admission to the museum is guided by building capacity and availability. To ensure the best experience for everyone and to facilitate accommodation of walk-in visitors, **groups more than the above-mentioned pax** may be divided into smaller groups, either accommodated on the same day or scheduled on separate days as necessary.
4. Group tours will only be admitted on their scheduled time slots and are requested to arrive at least thirty (30) minutes ahead of schedule. Failure to arrive on time may result in a shortened tour duration and/or forfeiture of slots.
5. Strictly **"NO BOOKING, NO ADMISSION POLICY"** will be implemented. On the day changes will not be allowed nor entertained. The NMP Tabon Cave Complex reserves the right to refuse entry to any visitor as it deems necessary.

II. Museum Guiding Services**1. Comprehensive Tour**

For a detailed insight into the museum exhibits and collections, a comprehensive tour is available. This is perfect for visitors who have more time and a strong interest in exploring the museum's collections from a deeper and more comprehensive perspective.

For **comprehensive tour** requests, please write a letter addressed to the Supervising Administrative Officer of NMP Tabon Cave Complex, at least three (3) working days prior to the intended visit, and send it to taboncaves@nationalmuseum.gov.ph or through a personal message to the museum's official Facebook page. Letter of request may also be submitted personally to the booking office during regular business hours.

A maximum of **30 pax** is allowed per group to ensure the effective conduct of the comprehensive tour.

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Time Slots:

Comprehensive Tour	
Museum Galleries	Cave Complex and Boardwalk
09:30 AM	09:00 AM
11:00 AM	01:00 PM
01:30 PM	-
03:00 PM	-

For confirmed comprehensive tour, a printed booking confirmation receipt and list of visitors’ names must be presented upon arrival. In case of cancellation, prior notice must be submitted at least two (2) working days before the arranged visit. Group tours may only be rescheduled up to two (2) times, subject to approval and slot availability. Any further changes will not be entertained.

**Tour operators are required to provide the following documents when booking for the first time, including those whose accreditation had already expired:*

- Company Profile
- Accreditation from the Department of Tourism (current, not expired)
- Name and Contact Information of the focal person

**Schools, organizations and other institutions without assistance from tour operators may send their booking request via email using their official company email address.*

The NMP reserves the right to impose sanctions on concerned parties or refuse admission to groups habitually violating any of the provisions provided herein.

Types of Violations:

- No Show – Failure to arrive on the scheduled day
- Overbooking – Actual number of pax exceeds the reserved booking
- Document compliance violation
 - i. Failure to present printed Booking Confirmation Receipt (Digital copies are NOT allowed)
 - ii. Failure to present printed List of visitors’ names (Digital copies are NOT allowed)
- Misrepresentation and dishonesty

Sanctions:

First Offense	Official written warning
Second Offense	One (1) month suspension of visit/booking privileges
Third Offense	Cancellation of visit/booking privileges. Reinstatement of said privileges may be permitted one (1) year thereafter

III. Booking Request from Independent/Non-NMP Guides

Only designated museum guides of the NMP are allowed to conduct guided tours of the NMP galleries. Independent/Non-NMP guides who wish to conduct their business at NMP Tabon Cave Complex must first secure permission by submitting the following requirements via email at taboncaves@nationalmuseum.gov.ph at least five (5) working days prior to the conduct of the requested museum guided tour:

- Request letter addressed to the museum’s Supervising Administrative Officer
- Copy of tour script for fact checking
- Proof of accreditation from the Department of Tourism (DOT) or Institutional Affiliation
- Complete list of visitors

Only a maximum of 25 pax per guide will be permitted to ensure that the Independent/Non-NMP guide can effectively manage the group during the tour. A **Guide Permit Form (NMP-CMV-F-07)** will

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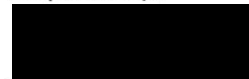
be issued once the request has been approved, valid exclusively for the scheduled date and time. Strictly **"NO PERMIT, NO CONDUCT OF GUIDED TOUR POLICY"** will be implemented. The guided tour will be observed and monitored by NMP frontline staff.

For confirmed tours, a printed guide permit form and list of visitors' names must be presented upon arrival. In case of cancellation, prior notice must be submitted at least two (2) working days before the arranged visit. Group tours may only be rescheduled up to two (2) times, subject to approval and slot availability. Any further changes will not be entertained.

Additional Information:

- a. Please read and follow the **Museum Visitor Guidelines** at all times.
- b. Parking spaces for cars, motorcycles, and buses are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- c. Upon entry to the building, the group representative is required to present their valid identification card for verification.
- d. All visitors and items are subject to security inspection. Baggage counters are available upon entry.
- e. Infant bags and strollers are permitted. A breastfeeding room is accessible upon request, and availability.
- f. Senior Citizens and PWDs may rest in the holding area while companions are in line at the Registration.
- g. Seating areas are available in lobbies, hallways and in some galleries.
- h. Comfort rooms and emergency exits are accessible at all times.
- i. For medical concerns, a first aid kit is readily available.
- j. Lost and found items may be filed at the Information Desk and will be endorsed to the Security Office. Unclaimed items will be subject to disposal after thirty (30) days.
- k. Visitors are welcome to enjoy picnics at the designated picnic areas in Tawa-Tawa Beachfront. However, please note that cooking is not allowed within the premises. To ensure the comfort and safety of all visitors and maintain the cleanliness of the beachfront, bringing of cooking materials such as stoves, grills, or cooking pots are strictly prohibited. Guests are also encouraged to practice the **"Clean as You Go"** principle.
- l. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and clothing for hiking, as well as bringing gloves and extra flashlights for a more immersive caving experience.
- m. All visitors are encouraged to be environmentally and socially conscious. While water refillable containers are permitted, the use of disposable water bottles and bringing of food into the cave is discouraged to reduce trash.
- n. The NMP Cooperative Store and Souvenir Shop are situated in the Main Pavilion. They have available snacks, drinks, and souvenir items.
- o. Observe proper decorum. Kindly keep noise level to a minimum and refrain from making disrespectful jokes or engaging in intimate or inappropriate behavior within the cave premises.
- p. The NMP reserves the right to refuse admission of persons and items that may threaten the security of the visitors, staff, and collections.

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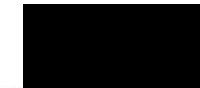


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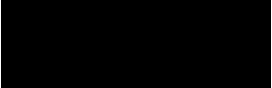
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