

STEVE AND MAREE RINGROSE

Follow Steve and Maree as they travel Australia and the Globe on exciting adventures.

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Maree's Visit to the Philippines Jan 2017

Hi everyone

Well after my work in Fiji I was asked to travel to Manila, Philippines for two months.

Maree was happy as it was another destination for her to travel to for a holiday. So she decided to come to Manila for 11 days and she brought her sister, Michelle, with her.

They both travelled up Business Class with Qantas. They both had a very enjoyable experience on the plane, so much so that Michelle commented when she arrived that she didn't want the flight to end as the experience was so good.

They arrived on the 14 January and it was great to see them. I had a couple of days off and so we did a walk around the Greenbelt area to start with. I live in Makati City and my apartment is in a great location. I am on the 41st floor and I have magnificent views of the city skyline and the bay. It is a great location when they have firework displays which is actually quite frequently. The Greenbelt is an area that has been developed and is abundant with trees and really changes the area from just skyscrapers to a pleasant area to walk and sit. We did the inevitable walk around the shops, stopped regularly for coffee and generally had a great time. That evening we went to the Sugi Japanese restaurant for dinner.

Maree and Michelle fitted in an incredible amount of touristy stuff while they were here



for 11 days, including a three day trip down to Panglao Island where they stayed in pampered luxury at the Alona Beach Hennan Resort. They had their own plunge pool and had access to the lounge where they could

relax and sip on their G and Ts. They also managed to organise a trip out to an island where they went snorkelling and they had a great time. Unfortunately it was all too short and they were soon back in Manila. But it was great for them to have been able to go out to the islands.

While back in Manila the three of us managed to get down to the Hidden Valley Springs. This is an area of naturally hot springs where you can go swimming. I didn't jump in but the girls did and as you can see they are once again thoroughly enjoying themselves.



The girls relaxing in the warm natural waters of the Hidden Valley Springs

Oh well I can't complain. I'm in a great city and enjoying my work and getting time to enjoy another culture. Hey, someones got to do it don't they.

Cheers Steve

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