



20/20 GATHERING

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IT'S TIME FOR TRAFFICKED WOMEN TO BE COMPLETELY SET
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2020 GATHERING

GATHERING INFO

ANGELES CITY, PAMPANGA, PHILIPPINES

10 USD/500 PHP TOTAL

MARCH 11-12: 5-9 PM

GRACE CROWN HOTEL

MARCH 13: 5-9 PM

SM CLARK AUDITORIUM



HOTELS

There are a plethora of hotels to choose from when staying in Angeles City. Here are a few of Wipe Every Tear's favorite hotels to lodge in:

Prime Asia Hotel:

Rates run for about \$65 per night when booking a single bed room. It is very clean with helpful staff and a wonderful rooftop pool and restaurant.

Grace Crown Hotel:

The location of the Gathering for the first two evenings would be a great place to stay. It is right next to Bella Goose Coffee, a business partner of Wipe Every Tear.

Red Planet Angeles City:

A budget hotel that is clean and comfortable. While not quite walking distance, this is still a great option to stay at.

FOOD

Filipinos are extremely proud of their food and use it as an opportunity to gather, socialize, and celebrate. Make the most of your trip by trying the local food with an open mind and empty stomach- Filipinos love to share! The Philippines is traditionally a non-tipping culture. If there is no service charge, a tip is not necessary, but deeply appreciated. If you do tip, generally 20-50 pesos is an acceptable amount.

Recommended Restaurants in AC:

Bella Goose Coffee
Patche's Thai
CPI Call Shop
Rasoi Indian Restaurant
German Angel's Bakery

TRANSPORTATION

Clark International Airport (CRK)

This airport is located in Angeles City, and is less than a 10 minute drive from hotels and the venues for the Gathering. We highly recommend flying in/out of this airport if you are traveling solely to come to the Gathering.

Ninoy Aquino International Airport

This is the main airport hub for Manila, and the island where Angeles City is also located. The international terminal is located 99.8 km (62) miles from Angeles City. Plan for hours spent in traffic.

Grab is the Philippine's version of Uber. Download the app before you arrive in-country. Cash is the preferred method of payment.

Jeepneys & Tryke's are local forms of transport for short distances that accept coin and cash payments.

LANGUAGE

English and Tagalog are the national languages of the Philippines. There are many different dialects in the islands of the Philippines, but don't fret! If you speak English slowly and enunciate well, you will get along just fine. Here are some Tagalog words we do recommend practicing out of respect to the culture:

Hello po: Hello

Salamat po: Thank you

O po: Yes

Mag kano po: How much?

Masarap: Delicious

Ka musta po: How are you?

Mabuti: I am good

Magandang umaga po:

Good morning

Magandang gabi po:

Good evening

Ingat po: Take care

"Po" is a term of respect used when addressing someone. It does not reflect gender and is difficult to translate to English.

DRESS

With the Philippines being a predominantly Catholic nation, the dress code is conservative. It is recommended that women wear skirts or dresses that come to the knee, or long, loose pants. The "Elephant" style pants are quite popular. Leggings and shorts are not encouraged. Please be sure not to reveal undergarments or wear tank tops with thin straps.

Men, please also refrain from wearing tank tops or clothing with inappropriate messaging. Cargo or basketball shorts, hiking pants or jeans are great. Breathable shirts, like Columbia's fishing shirts for example, work well.

We recommend shoes that you are comfortable walking in for many miles to everyone. Shoes like Chacos or athletic sneakers do well. Flip flops (called slippers) are most popularly worn by Filipinos.

CULTURAL TIPS

- Try not to exchange money at the airport. Withdrawing cash from ATM's, like Bank of the Philippines, is most recommended. There are exchange kiosks in Angeles City that charge a normal exchange rate.
- When greeting someone, offer a gentle handshake.
- Filipinos are an extremely friendly & hospitable people who live by the country's motto that "everything is more fun in the Philippines."
- In the Filipino culture, being late is normal and totally acceptable. Being half hour late is very common.
- Body language is very important. Standing with your hands on your hips means you are angry or boastful. It's offensive to beckon by curling your index finger. Do not place feet on couches, chairs, etc, even if your shoes are removed. If Filipinos don't understand a question, they open their mouths or might laugh. Raised eyebrows signify recognition and agreement.



THANK YOU & SAFE TRAVELS!

We can't wait to worship together in March of 2020. For any additional questions, please email info.2020gathering@gmail.com.