

MAASIN - CEBU - TAGBILARAN - DUMAGUETE

These four towns are in the very heart of Visayas and are ports of considerable inter-island commerce.

Maasin is the most important town in southern Leyte and an active trade-center of abaca and copra. Facing the Canigao Channel and open to the Mindanao Sea, Maasin is under the full influence of the moist southerly winds from the ocean. The strip of land to the East is too low and narrow to affect materially the free flow of the easterly winds that blow from the Pacific across Sogod Bay. As a consequence, the relative humidity is high and almost constant from June to January, both during the typhoon and the monsoon season. The rainfall also, being due to the joint action of typhoons and of the monsoon, is uniform and almost evenly distributed throughout the year. The rainfall curve shows that on the average no month is dry: only in particular years of exceptionally dry weather, periods of 46 and 65 rainless days have been experienced. The heavier rainfalls are due not to the typhoons but to the intensity of the NE monsoon. From 1902 to 1929, 19 Cases have been recorded of monthly rains equal to or higher than half a meter: their monthly frequency is as follows: none in the months of February, March, April, May, June, August, and September, but twice in July and October and five times in each of the months of November, December, January, their greatest frequency occurring in the monsoon months. The fresh breezes, the increase of temperature, the longest sunshine, the lowest cloudiness, contribute to render more pleasant and agreeable the settled weather from February to May.

The island of Cebu is long, narrow and mountainous: its maximum length from NNE to SSW is 216 kilometers; its maximum width