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History / Background (3 facts)

- The Philippines was first settled 30,000 years ago by immigrants from Indonesia over land bridges. By the tenth century A.D. Chinese settlers and Muslim Traders settled in the archipelago.
- In 1521 the Philippines was claimed in the name of Spain, and named after King Philip II of Spain.
- The United States main focus in the Spanish-American war was Cuba, and received the Philippines as well as other countries from Spain. In 1944 the United States retakes the island after Japan seized the islands three years prior. Finally the islands are granted full independence in 1946, being the first Southeast Asian country to gain independence after WWII.

Language (2 facts)

- In the 1930s the Commonwealth government insisted on a national language for the country. Tagalog was the language spoken widely in Manila and other provinces, but officials insisted not all Filipinos at the time knew how to speak in Tagalog. So in 1970, President and dictator Ferdinand Marcos focused on creating a new society. Under his rule the national language at the time Pilipino, was enriched by incorporating and modifying words utilizing words from English, Spanish, Malay, and Chinese, replacing discordant words with their more pleasing foreign counterparts.
- Filipino and English are the official languages, after President Cory Aquino's term.

Food (3 facts with pictures)

- **Adobo** (pork/chicken stew cooked with soy sauce, vinegar, garlic, bay leaf, peppercorns): translates into sauce in Spanish, but was created long before Spaniard rule in the country. It was a practical way to preserve food without refrigeration.



- **Halo Halo**(crushed ice, layers of sweet beans, tapioca, gulaman, macapuno, ube, fruit, ice cream, leche flan): originates from japanese shaved ice dessert



- **Sinigang** (Sour broth): Every region has a different way of preparing the dish, but sour taste is always the same.

Traditions (4 facts and descriptions for each)

- **Christmas Season** in the Philippines starts in September and ends in January with the Feast of the Three Kings.
- **Debut** coming of age celebration for Filipinas, traditionally used to indicate daughter is ready to date. 18 pre-selected males will compose 18 roses and dance with celebrant and give roses. Last dance is for father. 18 pre-selected females will deliver message with celebrant and special wish before lighting a candle. Cotillion dance. Celebration ends with debutante giving a speech
- **Mano Po** formal greeting of respect with elders.
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Interesting Facts (5 facts)

- The Philippines is now considered the text capital of the world.
- The Philippines supplies the rest of the world with approximately 25% of overseas nurses that are available worldwide
- One of the world's ten most biologically megadiverse countries with 170+ species of birds and 100 species of mammals unique to the islands.
- Filipino Roberto del Rosario patented the first working karaoke machine.
- The Philippines is a powerhouse in the beauty pageant world.

Famous People (2 facts)

- Manny Pacquiao: He has been a senator of the Philippines since 2016
- Lea Salonga: First Filipino artist to be signed to an international record label with Atlantic Records 1993

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