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**Overview**

Batanes is an archipelagic province in the Philippines, administratively part of the Cagayan Valley region. It is the northernmost province in the country, and also the smallest, both in population and land area. Batanes is one of the beautiful provinces found in the Philippines and it's capital is Basco. It is also known as the “Home of the Winds”.

**Climate**

The climate of Batanes is cool and windy. The area has a semi-temperate type of weather due to its location.

**Culture**

The Ivatans is partly influenced by the environmental condition of Batanes. Unlike the old-type nipa huts common in the Philippines, Ivatans have adopted their now-famous stone houses made of coral and limestone, designed to protect against the hostile climate.

**People**

Batanes is home to the Ivatans who are much admired as the “True Insulares”. Ivatan share cultural and linguistic similarity with Taiwanese. Spanish ancestry also runs in their blood. The Ivatan dialect is different from any other in the Philippines which is the Chirin nu Ibatan.