

## Brief History of Davao City

Local historians claim that the word *davao* came from the phonetic blending of the word of three Bagobo subgroups when referring to Davao River, an essential waterway which empties itself into Davao Gulf near the city.

The aboriginal Obos who inhabit the hinterlands of the region called the river, *Davoh*; the Clatta or Guiangans called it *Duhwow*, or *Davau*, and the Tagabawa Bagobos, *Dabu*. To the Obos, the word *davoh* also means a place "beyond the high grounds", alluding to the settlements located at the mouth of Davao River which were surrounded by high rolling hills. When asked where they were going, the usual reply is *davoh*, while pointing towards the direction of the town. *Duhwow* also refers to a trading settlement where they barter their forest goods in exchange for salt or other commodities.

Davao was formally inaugurated as a charter city in March 16, 1937 by President Elpidio Quirino. Thirty years later, Davao was subdivided into three independent provinces, namely Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, and Davao Oriental. Over the years, Davao has become an ethnic melting pot as it continues to draw migrants from all over the country, lured by the prospects of striking it rich in the country's third largest city.

*Here are some of the many cozy, beautiful and relaxing Hotels.*



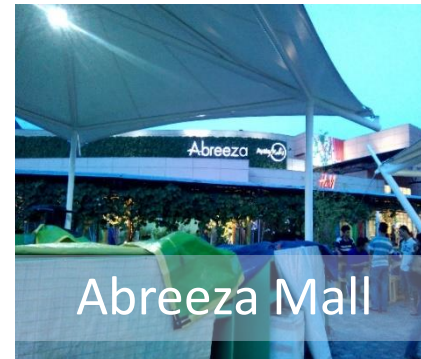
# *Tourist Spots*

Davao City has many beautiful places that one must absolutely visit. Tourists will see what makes Davao City colorful, fun, hospitable, beautiful, and a place worth living. Let us feast our eyes for Davao City has many beautiful Tourist Spots to offer.



The “Featured Tourist Spot”. This picture was taken from Rizal Park

*Here are some of the many beautiful Malls in Davao*



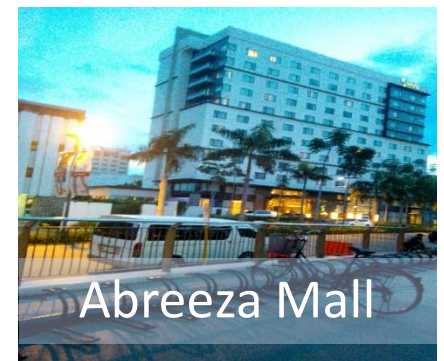
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