 Aside from being close to Manila, Tagaytay is a popular weekend destination because of its cool climate. If it feels like you’re melting under Manila’s summer heat, Tagaytay is the place to be.

**How to get there**

**Private car.** If you’re traveling as a family or a barkada, you can drive to Tagaytay via the South Luzon Expressway or SLEX.

**Bus.** From Manila, look for buses that are labeled “Mendez-Tagaytay-Nasugbu.” Just hop on, and a one-way ticket will cost around P120. The ride takes just under 2 hours.

**Bike.**As an experienced triathlete, Drew’s choice of transport is the bicycle. “Libre na, may exercise pa. Tapos pagdating mo sa tuktok, naku, ready ka nang kumain,” he says. “Rain or shine, I’ll ride my bike to Tagaytay!” Just make sure you’re wearing the right gear for safety, biyaheros.**Where to go**

[**Sky Fun Amusement Park**](https://www.facebook.com/skyfunpark)

Sky Ranch, Tagaytay, Aguinaldo Highway, Tagaytay City

One of the newest attractions in Tagay is the Sky Fun Park. There’s a carousel and a Super Viking ride (think Anchors Away in Enchanted Kingdom), but the main attraction here is the Sky Eye, a ferris wheel standing 63 meters tall. It’s the tallest ferris wheel in the Philippines! Take a ride inside one of their 32 air-conditioned gondolas for P150 per person.

“Ten minutes lang ang ride na ito pero sulit na sulit sa ganda ng view,” says Drew. “Wala pa ngang ferris wheel, ang ganda na ng view sa Tagaytay. What more kung may ferris wheel pa?”

[**Puzzle Mansion**](http://www.facebook.com/PuzzleMansion?ref=br_tf)

Cuadra Street, Brgy. Asisan, Tagaytay City

The Puzzle Mansion is a popular destination for those traveling with kids and hobbyists. After all, owner Gina Gil-Lacuna is the Guinness record holder for the largest puzzle collection in the world. And these aren’t simple one’s either—her “Retablo de Santa Columba” puzzle is made up of over 18,000 pieces.

But the surprise here is the coconut cream pie perfect for pasalubong. Imagine a cookie crust topped with coconut filling and cream topping. Perfection! “Pwede bang magmura?” jokes Drew. “I expected it would be like a creamier buko pie, but no. Masarap talaga at babalik-balikan mo.”

Try a slice for P50 or take a whole pie home for just P320.

A cool weather is almost an impossibility in Manila with its tropical sun scorching down on the metro. But for those who want to unwind, sans the sweat, Tagaytay is probably the best place to visit. A three-hour drive away, the city has been a favorite vacation spot for Metro Manila locals due to its proximity and it’s crisp breeze.

So if you’re looking to go on a road trip, Tagaytay is your best bet with its unique places to visit, scrumptious food and exciting activities to try.

Conveniently located along Nasugbu Highway, [Sky Ranch](http://www.skyranch.ph/) promises unlimited fun for the whole family. The leisure and entertainment complex features an amusement park that kids and kids at heart will enjoy.

Sky Eye, one of the biggest Ferris Wheels in the Philippines, is the focal attraction of Sky Ranch. It boasts of 32 air-conditioned gondolas that give an epic view of Tagaytay City and its landmarks Taal lake and volcano.

* **Location**: Tagaytay-Nasugbu Highway, Kaybagal South ([View Map](https://goo.gl/maps/yZeoZEjcXNn))
* **Fee(s)**: P80 (Mondays to Fridays), P100 (Weekends), Children 3 feet and below are free
* **Operation hours**: 10am-10pm (Mondays to Fridays), 8am-10pm (Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays)
* **Adventure level**: Chill
* **Highlight(s)**: The breathtaking view from the Sky Eye.
* **Insider info**: Want ride-all-you-can tickets? Book it! This is not available for walk-in guests.
* **Contact details**:

Phone numbers: (02) 862-7704, 862-7712, or 831-7000 loc. 6347  
Website: [www.skyranch.ph](http://www.skyranch.ph/)  
Facebook: @[SkyRanchPHL](https://www.facebook.com/SkyRanchPHL/" \t "_blank)

From the name itself, [Paradizoo](http://www.zoomanity.com.ph/themeparks/paradizoo/" \t "_blank) is a combination of a Paradise and a Zoo. The 12-hectare farm offers a getaway from the bustling metro with its tranquil gardens, lovely flora and fauna and haven of animals.

The theme park offers a great place to bond with the family while appreciating nature.

Paradizoo already offers a Farm Frenzy pet store, a meditation garden, an Orchidarium and new thrilling attractions Camel Ride and Zing Ride.

* **Location**: Maglabe Drive, Mendez ([View Map](https://goo.gl/maps/pCSVWkWajD22))
* **Fee(s)**: P199 Adults, P149 Kids (3ft-4ft only)  
  Note: Children 3 feet below are free while 4 feet above will pay adult rate.
* **Operation hours**: 8:30am-4pm, daily
* **Best for**: Families
* **Adventure level**: Mild
* **Highlight(s)**: Petting the animals or trying the Camel ride and Zing ride.
* **Insider info**: Get 10% discount when you book online.
* **Contact details**:

Website: [www.zoomanity.com.ph/themeparks/paradizoo/](http://www.zoomanity.com.ph/themeparks/paradizoo/)  
Facebook: @[zoomanitygroup](https://www.facebook.com/zoomanitygroup)

* **Activity tips**:

– Do the tour early to avoid the crowd.

Take Instagram-worthy photos at an abandoned mansion

Formerly known as “Palace in the Sky,” the **People’s Park** is a historical urban park that offers one of the best panoramic views of Tagaytay. There isn’t much to do in the park itself, but if you’re into old structures, you can take a snapshot or two of the unfinished mansion that once belonged to the Marcos family.

* **Location**: Mount Gonzales ([View Map](https://goo.gl/maps/t97rs8SLp8t))
* **Fee(s)**: P30
* **Operation hours**: 7:30 am-6pm
* **Best for**: History lover
* **Adventure level**: Chill
* **Highlight(s)**: Reaching the summit and taking in the breathtaking view.

Try not to break anything in the Glass Museum

Ramon Orlina is one of the pioneers of glass sculpting in the country and [Museo Orlina](http://www.museo-orlina.org/" \t "_blank) showcases his best works. An unlikely art gallery, the museum aims to elevate the art form that is not given much appreciation.

Aside from glass sculptures, other bodies of work are also displayed in the museum including a range of art cars.

* **Location**: Hollywood Subdivision Road, Brgy. Tolentino East, Hollywood Subd. ([View Map](https://goo.gl/maps/xJVqDvX9zwq))
* **Fee(s)**: P100 (General admission), P80 (Students/senior citizens with valid ID)
* **Operation hours**: 10am-6pm (Tuesdays to Sundays)/Closed on Mondays, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day.
* **Best for**: Art entusiast
* **Adventure level**: Chill
* **Insider info**: The Museum Levels are named after Orlina’s children.
* **Contact details**:

Phone number: 0917-5315108, (046) 413-2581  
Website: [www.museo-orlina.org](http://www.museo-orlina.org/)

The Guinness record for the largest collection of jigsaw puzzles can be found in this diverse city. Georgina Gil-Lacuna holds the records with a total of 1,028 puzzles.

Amassing all jigsaw pieces over 26 years, the collection is housed in a hectare-wide museum in Tagaytay City. It features several types of puzzles, be it normal, 3D or 4D and has some of the biggest puzzles in the world, including an 18,000-piece masterpiece.

* **Location**: Purok 4, Cuadra St., Brgy. Asisan ([View Map](https://goo.gl/maps/2hggPfQSBNS2))
* **Fee(s)**: P100
* **Operation hours**: 7am-7pm (Mondays to Fridays), 7am-8pm (Saturdays and Sundays)
* **Best for**: Families
* **Adventure level**: Laid-back
* **Highlight(s)**: The 3D puzzles put together by Georgina herself.
* **Insider info**: Guinness World Record holder for having the largest collection of jigsaw puzzles in the world.
* **Contact details**:

Facebook: @[PuzzleMansion](https://www.facebook.com/PuzzleMansion" \t "_blank)

If there’s one culture that knows a thing or two about rejuvenation, that would be the Chinese. And at [Qiwellness Living](http://qiwellnessliving.ph/" \t "_blank), they’re bringing the centuries-old healing practice of a bathhouse facility to the city.

The hot and cold dip pools offer a sanctuary for relaxation and revitalization from tension, stress and body and muscle pain. Pre-booking is encouraged.

* **Location**: Aguinaldo Highway, Brgy. Maharlika East ([View Map](https://goo.gl/maps/KfQVetC9qoH2))
* **Fee(s)**: P2,580 per person for the two-hour Bathhouse Experience
* **Operation hours**: 1pm-10pm (Wednesdays to Sundays). Special requests: Monday bookings, Morning bookings from 10am

Please note that last call for a 90-minute massage is at 8:30 pm.

* **Insider info**: Gift cards are available for overnight and spa packages. One year validity from date of purchase.
* **Contact details**:

Phone number: 0917-5226969  
Website: [qiwellnessliving.ph](http://qiwellnessliving.ph/)