# ASIA SPRING PHILIPINE ATI ATIHAN FESTIVAL



# • Dates of Organization:



♣Ati-Atihan festival is held by the Kalibo people of Panay island, Philippines in the 3rd week of January, to honor the child Lord Santo Nino - the guardian deity for the whole country.



♣The festival lasts 1 week, but the main focus is on the last 3 days.

### • Festival Details:



♣The beautiful Philippines is not only famous for its majestic natural landscapes, but also attracts many unique festivals. Notable among them is the Ati – Atihan festival, which existed more than 800 years ago and is considered a seasonal festival. country scale spring.



Originating in the 13th century, a group of Malaysian immigrants came here and in order to be able to mingle with the indigenous people with black skin, they painted their faces black, as well as organized singing and dancing. express gratitude for being provided with food and land to live on. **♣**Parade of the Tribes:



+ At this time you will see a one-of-a-kind parade.



+ Festival participants will dress up in black from soot and put on the most brilliant traditional costumes representing their locality.



+ Tourists can also enjoy the vibrant and cultural atmosphere with the local people. The whole road at this time suddenly became more vibrant with the sound of trumpets, drums, unique melodious songs and wild and powerful ethnic dances.

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+ On the last day of Ati – Atihan week, there will be an outdoor dance competition Grand Finale (also known as Pagpadungod) this is the main attraction for tourists.



+ At this time, all the best dancers from all over the world will show their virtuosity to become the winner. This passionate atmosphere will make you feel like living in a carefree world, with only music, laughter, and youthful colors.

## **LANTO NINO procession**



+ Especially, Sunday is a big day with a solemn procession of the baby Jesus statue from Kalibo church to the nearby Pastrana park.



+ At around 4:00 a.m., as the lights begin to come out, thousands of participants will march along the main thoroughfares of Kalibo to St. John the Baptist and recite the Rosary – an important method of prayer. importance of the Roman C

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- + Your fun will not be complete without excellent food and souvenirs.
- + At the Kalibo trade hall, there are fairs every year that sell locally produced handicrafts.



+ If you are a foodie, visit the food festivals at Pastrana Park and Magsaysay Park, where you can experience traditional specialties that are extremely popular here.