



**FUN AND FARM TRAILS**



**Milea orchard & Bee Farms**



Bee connected with their amazing honey workers. This farm let the tourists experience a great way of understanding the bees' colony. It is located at Brgy. Balagastin, San Jose, Batangas. Beesta Sa Bukid, a farm tour they offer that starts with a BEE Talk then a guided tour at the farm and guests partake of honey drinks using fruits, herbs and veggies found in the farm. You can still get an up close and personal experience with bees without being afraid of bee sting. Because MILLEA is not only an apiary that keeps mellifera honey bees (western honey bee or European honey bee). It is also a melliponary where they keep stingless bees.

**Greenland Bio Organic Fertilizer**  
 Engr. Rolando R. Lagaya, a mechanical engineer by profession, established his farm in 1975 that started with just 500 heads of layer. And being a man of hardwork, skills and talent, he became profitable with these good attitudes. Engr. Lagaya is not only a businessman but also an environment-friendly man. In 2005, he utilized chicken manure as raw materials for another business. He engaged in manufacturing organic fertilizer and called it as Greenland Bio-organic Fertilizer. The plant is located at Brgy. Anus, San Jose, Batangas. Greenland Bio-organic Fertilizer is of good quality and is affordable at a low price. Highly recommended for rice, corn, vegetables, fruit trees, sugarcane and fishponds.

**Bigain Hills**

Let's go Hike!  
 Get away from gadgets and take a walk to appreciate nature. If you are looking for a great escape, Bigain Hill could be one of your best choice. Bigain Hill is a mountain and is located at Brgy. Bigain, San Jose, Batangas. The elevation above sea level is 464 metres.

**Valentino Resort & Spa**



Either "Me" Time, family or barkada trip, it will never go wrong when you spend it at Valentino Resort and Spa. They offer a wide array of services and amenities to make your time as comfortable and relaxing as possible. You can enjoy the pool and be refreshed in the ambiance of nature with extreme hygienic terms which soothes to the soul. Ride and survive as you enjoyed Valentino's very own go-kart circuit while indulging in the nature's wonder and; Redefine your total well-being by rejuvenating in their spa. You can find this hidden paradise in Pinagtung-Ulan, San Jose, Batangas.

**JCASZ Resort & Holistic Park**  
 J-CASZ Resort must be the perfect place away from the stress of the city. Be delighted by the splash of the water, and have time for contemplation to build your religious ties especially when it is Holy Week! **ENTRANCE FEE** P250 **Overnight:** P150 **ROOM RATES** P350- P1500 **COTTAGE RATES** P2800- P4000 **For inquiries and reservations you may contact them at** 722-3005; 702-6329; 09173293986; 09568050178

**Sa Malaking Bahay Events Place and Party Pool**  
**WEEK DAYS RATE**(Monday to Thursday) Day Time: (9am - 6pm) Minimum of 10 pax 4000php Adult 400php Kids 200 **Night Time:** (7pm - 7am) Minimum of 10 pax 5000php Adult 500php Kids 250 **22 Hours:** (9am-7am/7pm-5pm) Minimum of 10 pax 8000php Adult 800php Kids 400 Room w/ Toilet, A-C Room & Living Room 1 Mini Room w/ A-C **WEEKENDS/HOLIDAY RATE** (Friday to Sunday) Day Time: (9am - 6pm) Minimum of 10 pax 5000php Adult 500php Kids 250

**Nollyn's Resort & Event Center**

The facility has an open Pavilion that can cater different events like weddings, conferences, birthdays or small gatherings and can accommodate 200 guest seated. A 8mx20m adult and children's Swimming Pool, 3 Cabanas and 6 Nipa Huts.

**Aya Grande Resort**  
 Aya Grande's guests will be welcomed by the variety of fruit bearing trees as well as the blooming ornamental plants. It could also be a place for any occasion--birthday, wedding, debut, meeting, team building. **CONTACT DETAILS** Call 09204218558 **FB Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/pg/tasteofnature23> **Entrance Fee** P100.00 per day. P150.00 overnight P2800.00 - 400.00

**Paraiso Village Farm**



The Paraiso Village Farm at Brgy. Sabang, San Jose, Batangas is a 6.5-hectare eco-farm resort that is built upon stewardship for natural resources and solidarity among the land owners, investors and local farmers. It also nurtures the growth of everyone who communes in this little paradise. Visitors are highly recommended to dine and try the fresh and organic produce of farmers, get indulged with the serene ambiance of the place and interact with the farm animals. And after a productive and invigorating day with Paraiso, air-conditioned rooms are open to lodge visitors.

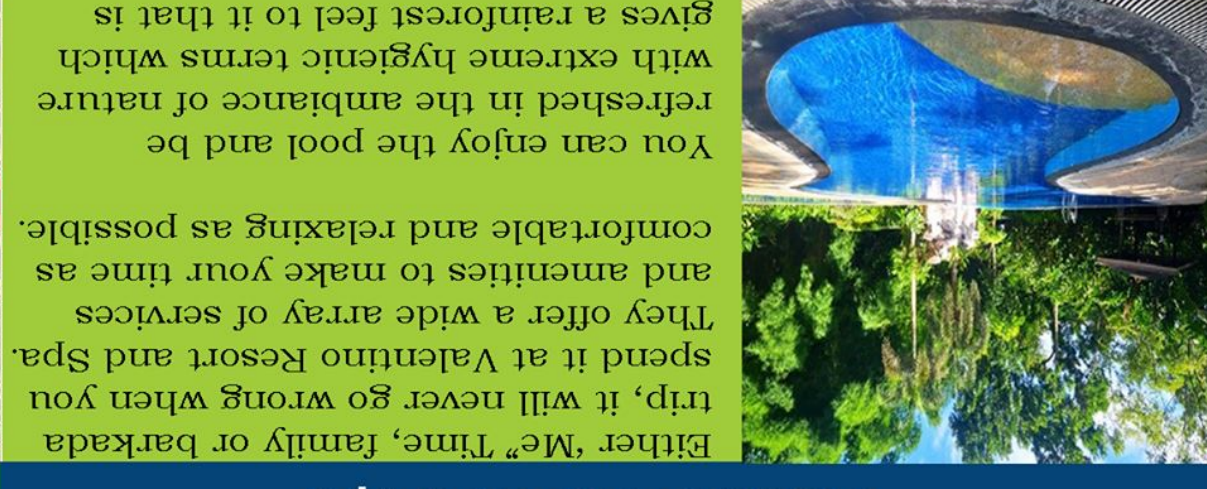
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**Batangas Egg Producers Cooperative**

BEPCO is composed of 53 members – egg farmers, feed millers and stakeholders, who has been actively supporting the development of the livelihood of its members and committing their selves to uplift and moderate the egg industry in Batangas. An agricultural cooperative that manufactured Quick-Egg Pasteurized Liquid Eggs. Quick-Egg has three variants: Whole Egg, Egg Yolk and Egg White. **What are the Pasteurized Liquid Eggs?** These are eggs that have been separated from shell, pasteurized using minimum thermal requirements, packed in food-grade materials and more manufactured in compliance with the food manufacturing standard.

**CARIÑO & SON'S Agri Development, Inc.**  
 CASADI stands for Cariño and Sons Agri-Dev., Inc. It is an integrated poultry processing plant located in San Jose, Batangas. The business was the first toll partner of San Miguel and operates in the support activities for agriculture and forestry industry.

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# FAITH AND CULTURE TOUR



## ST. JOSEPH THE PATRIARCH

St. Joseph, the patron saint of San Jose, was the husband of Mary and the father of Jesus. He is believed to be a carpenter who also had knowledge of masonry. A descendant of David, St. Joseph came from Bethlehem in Judea. Most of our knowledge about St. Joseph's life came from the gospels of Matthew and Luke, and some from other apocryphal writings. In contrast to modern depictions, St. Joseph was a young and well-built man when he married Mary. He is believed to have died before Jesus started his missionary works. St. Joseph is usually depicted to carry a staff with a white flower.



## Oblates of St. Joseph

The Oblates of St. Joseph (OSJ) is a congregation of men founded by St. Joseph Marelllo in 1878. The Oblates aim to serve the interests of Jesus by answering to the needs of the poor, disabled, and uneducated. They first arrived in 1915 at San Jose Malaquing Tubig (now known as part of the Municipality of San Jose).



Oblates of St. Joseph Minor Seminary, Brgy. Poblacion I

## Feast Days of St. Joseph

March 19 - Feast of St. Joseph The Patriarch  
 January 23 - Feast of the Holy Spouse Mary and Joseph  
 May 01 - Feast of St. Joseph the Worker  
 Every Wednesday is the day of Week devoted to St. Joseph. This day is observed by praying the novena and offering prayers to Saint Joseph.



## Archdiocesan Shrine & Parish of St. Joseph The Patriarch

The parish of St. Joseph was established by Augustinian friars in 1765. St. Joseph the Patriarch Parish was appointed as an "archdiocesan shrine" on March 19, 2001. The church is located in Poblacion I, San Jose, Batangas and is known for its Baroque style architecture. During the Lenten season, the parish has always been in the list of various pilgrimages.



Top: Façade of the church and the interior of St. Joseph Parish  
 Bottom: Altar of St. Joseph and the interior

## St. Joseph Marelllo Prayer Garden

The prayer garden consists of various statues that shows the Stations of the Cross, the Seven Joys an Sorrows of St. Joseph, the OSJ Ossuary, a prayer Grotto, and statues of various saints. The devotion to the Seven Sorrows of St. Joseph started during the 1500s. The Seven Joys of St. Joseph Marelllo Prayer Garden is located behind the St. Joseph Parish.



Left: Entrance to the prayer garden. Right: The prayer Grotto of Mary.

## Religious and Historical Sites in San Jose

### Paraiso Village Farm Chapel

This contemporary-styled chapel was built in the Paraiso Village Farm in Anus, San Jose, Batangas. It was donated by Robert "Bobby" Lim Joseph, one of the farm's investors. The Paraiso Village Farm was established by Gawad Kalinga founder Tony Meloto with the goal of helping farmers and promoting ecotourism.



San Jose, Batangas  
 Paraiso Village Farm Chapel in Anus.

### San Jose Old Municipal Hall Building

The old municipal hall was built along Makalintal Ave. in Poblacion IV, and it has been the center of government in the municipality of San Jose for years before finally relocating it in Don Luis, San Jose, Batangas.



Old Municipal Hall Building in Poblacion IV, San Jose, Batangas

### Masilungan Ancestral House

Also known as "Kamaling", this ancestral house is owned by the Masilungan family, one of the well-known families in San Jose. The house's architecture is similar to other ancestral houses found in other towns in Batangas.



Masilungan Ancestral House in Major-Tampoy San Jose, Batangas

### Ona Ancestral House

The Ona family was one of the well-known families in San Jose. This ancestral house is one of the old houses that can be found along Makalintal Avenue. Other ancestral houses are also located around the Poblacion area.



Ona Ancestral House along Makalintal Ave., Poblacion, San Jose, Batangas

### M.P.S. Agustín Bell

This bell was named after M.P.S. Agustín in 1870 and installed by Fr. Roman S. Sierra, OSJ. Damaged by earthquake in 1942, and taken from the belfry in 1953. This belfry was initiated by Fr. Rony Alkonga, OSJ in 2000, erected by Rev. Fr. Jose V. Alipin in 2001, and completed by Rev. Fr. John A. De Castro, OSJ in 2003.



Belfry at the St. Joseph Parish patio

## History of San Jose

It is believed that the first inhabitants in the land currently occupied by the municipality of San Jose were the Aetas. They were displaced by new groups of settlers who named the area "Malaking Tubig". After the eruption of Taal Volcano in 1754, Malaking Tubig was separated from Bauan and was established as the town of San Jose de Malaquing Tubig in April 26,



Sinuam Festival also serves as the foundation day anniversary of San Jose.

1765. The barrios of Labac, Dita, Ibabao, Dalipit, and Makulot were previously part of San Jose, but were separated in 1877 to become part of Cuenca.

Today, the municipality celebrates its founding anniversary every April of the year through its Sinuam Festival. The festival is also a way of giving thanks to the town's patron saint for the good harvest and for the thriving poultry industry in San Jose.

## Notable People from San Jose



Statue of former Chief Justice Querube C. Makalintal located at the town plaza

- Col. Victoriano Luna**  
Surgeon General and Chief of Medical Service of the Philippine Army. The AFP's V. Luna Hospital was named after him.
- Dr. Concepcion A. Aguila**  
A noted civic leader and co-founder of Centro Escolar University.
- Hon. Querube C. Makalintal**  
11th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines and served as speaker of the Interim Batasang Pambansa during the Marcos regime .
- Hon. Roman A. Ozaeta**  
A former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

## TRIVIA



Did you know that the first cacao tree in the Philippines was planted in San Jose? In 1670, the Spanish mariner Pedro Bravo de Lagunas planted the first cacao in the town before it flourished in other parts of the country.