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from
the Philippines



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Explore the Philippines—My country

Wow Philippines! The Philippines has over 7,000 islands and is the perfect getaway to experience a mix of nature, culture, and fun. If tropical islands, beautiful landscapes, and unending adventure are on your bucket list for a holiday trip, then you have found a gem of a destination in the Philippines. The Batanes group of islands is one of the most beautiful destinations in the Philippines and has a little bit of everything for different types of travelers: the mountains, the sea, the rolling hills, and the food. But above all, Batanes offers a unique type of refuge — peace and quiet, and the taste of a back-to-basics lifestyle. Batanes, called the Home of the Winds, is considered the smallest province in the Philippines, with only 230 kilometers of total land area. A trip to Batanes is a welcome escape from the hustle and bustle of city living. The name Batanes derives from the word Batan, the local word for the Ivatan people. Batanes is the perfect place to unwind and enjoy the wonders of nature. It's a magical, almost surreal place to go if you want to get away from your busy daily life.



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Rolling hills and sublimely beautiful seascapes stretch to the horizon



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Batanes is the northernmost province of the Philippines, comprises three islands and lies between Taiwan and the main Philippines archipelago



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The Basco Lighthouse in Batanes commands a stunning view of the vast Pacific Ocean

My job: I love my job because . . .

I feel that I am working with professionals who I can learn from and that they will push me to take on new and challenging opportunities, and I'm treated with respect and given daily encouragement. The flexibility to attend to family matters if necessary and the encouragement to come up with my own ideas and to provide input to the team is very important to me. I am proud to say I work for MOT-BARKO MANILA INC and am honored to still be a part of the family after 9 years. Between my team we are able to provide outstanding support to all crews deploying all over the world as well as contingency support for natural disasters. In the case of our seafarer's medical repatriation, which is part of my job, I will make sure that they are properly referred to a hospital and will properly coordinate their medical allowances and expenses with the insurance company. MOT-BARKO MANILA INC actually works towards their vision. We work as a team to help the underserved, and in return it makes me feel good about myself and what I do for others. People genuinely care about each other personally and work together as a team. I have freedom to make my own decisions, do not feel pressured to conform, and everyone is supportive and always willing to provide their help and experience to allow us to accomplish our goals. It is the most meaningful work I have ever done.

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São Paulo, a global city

Brazil is famous for its natural beauty, carnival, and soccer. Of course, we all love those things, but there is much more to know. Brazil is the largest country and the biggest economy in Latin America, as well as the world's largest country with Portuguese as its official language and one of the most multicultural and ethnically diverse societies anywhere. Although one of our most famous cities in Brazil is Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo is where everything happens: It has the largest GDP in Latin America and is the most populous city in Brazil, with 12 million people. Folks from all over the world came to work and build a life in São Paulo, with the result that around 1.5 million Japanese descendants live here, creating the biggest Japanese community in the world outside Japan. The neighborhood of Liberdade is famous for its food, shops, and culture, and is a little piece of Japan in São Paulo.



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Liberdade offers close contact with Japanese culture

100 years of history

In 1919, MUFG Brasil — at the time the Yokohama Specie Bank — was the first Japanese bank to open a subsidiary in Latin America. Today, with over 100 years of history in Brazil and about 230 employees, it is one of the biggest foreign banks in the country, focused on large national and multinational companies, offering a variety of services and products for corporate and investment banking. From 2012 to 2018, our branch received the bank's Corporate Social Responsibility Award in recognition of "Gives Back," a social work program that brings the whole team together every year to support a local cause in our community.



The communications team, MUFG Brasil (Photo from 2018)

São Paulo by a paulistana

I joined MUFG in 2017, and I currently coordinate the Risk and Control Self-Assessment program in Brazil. During my free time, I enjoy being with my family, cooking, and watching TV series. I also practice Kung Fu and volunteer at a local NGO as an English teacher. I was born and raised in São Paulo. My family history is no different from that of many paulistanos, since São Paulo was a major destination for immigrants. My father's family is from Chile, and my mother's has origins in Bahia, a northeastern state in Brazil, and also from Germany, as her mother was a daughter of German immigrants. What I love the most about São Paulo is its diversity of people, food, and opportunities, besides the challenges that a big metropolis faces. I believe it is a city for everyone who is committed to work hard and dream big.



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Avenida Paulista, known as the financial and cultural center of São Paulo

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