



## FILIPINO CELEBRATIONS

August is a great time to visit the Philippines. There is a three day cultural show with festivities commemorating the arrival of Rajah Baguinda who was responsible for the spread of Islam and reinforcing the Sultanate Government in the Sulu Archipelago. In the third week of August the island celebrates the bountiful harvests of fruits and orchids.

A religious festival is held in August to honor Our Lady of Peñafrancia. Bicol's most revered patrones highlighted by the fluvial procession of the Lady's image down the Bicol river. The week-long-celebration includes a civic-military parade, sportsfests, exhibits, cultural shows, beauty pageants and colorful competitions.

August 23 is a day to remember. Nino Aquino, is the man who was assassinated on returning to his country from exile and whose death catapulted his widow to the presidency - ending the 20 year Marcos regime.

To get a delightful sense of being Filipino in the USA read "The lost Art of Haggling" at [www.livinginthephilippines.com](http://www.livinginthephilippines.com).

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