Philippines, Manila

Cinemas
All cinemas can be crasy, especially in the orchestra, waiting-lounge or toilet areas. Be cautious -- there are many dangers. The following cinemas are said to be AYOR because of police, blackmailers and a combination of both.

DELTA THEATER, Quezon Boulevard Extension at the back of Circle Theater.
UNIVERSAL, Escolla Avenue
MAXIM, C.M. Recto Avenue
GOTESCO, C.M. Recto Avenue
STATE THEATER, Rizal Avenue
CIRCLE THEATER, Timog Avenue, Quezon City
NEW FRONTIER, Very near the Arena Coliseum in Cubao
ALL 1 & 2. Located in the Ali Mall shopping complex.

Holiday Introductions

Outside Cruising
Aurora Gardens, opposite Congress Building in Rizal Park. Best to go with a local gay. Outside cruising goes on virtually all over downtown Manila and it pays to just look around everywhere.
Lido and Miramar Beach Resorts, Cavite City near U.S. Naval Base and Sengley, well out of the city.
Rizal Park on Roxas Boulevard, evenings until late.
Rizal Avenue, Corredor Avenue in front of Good Earth Bazaar (Fla). Bleriar swimming pool in U.P., Quezon City.
Mehan Gardens, Sitinig Kayamanang park (16-24) in front of Main Post Office (YCR AYOR at night)
Entire foreshore of Manila Bay is rewarding. Best spots in afternoon are near U.S.A. Embassy, Culture Centre and Philippine Plaza Hotel. Youths swim there and can easily be contacted.
Manila Zoo

V. D. Treatment
Most government hospitals have their own V.D. Clinics where free treatment is available to Filipinos and the following clinics can give treatment to foreign tourists for a nominal fee:
THE FAMILY CLINIC AND HOSPITAL, 1474 Maria Clara Street, Sampaloc, Manila (20 70 61 to 72)
THE POLYMEDIC GENERAL HOSPITAL, INC., 163 E. de los Santos Avenue, Mandaluyong, Rizal (70 75 21), Makati Medical Centre, Corner Aranzazu and de la Rosa Streets, Makati, Rizal (87 60 11 & 87 85 31)

Olongapo Luzon Province

Clubs
D'OLONGOPO'S 400 GAY CLUB (B D C in R St) YGC (2050-12) Magaysay Drive, Olongapo City
YUG YUG CLUB (B d M WE YC) Magaysay Drive, Olongapo City

Pagasanan Laguna Province

50 minutes from Manila by bus
A small village on a river a couple of hours distance from Manila. Here you can stay in a primitive hotel -- the Falls Lodge Hotel -- where you can eat poor quality food, sleep in a room with bathroom which only works part of the time, and be ripped off by everyone from the management down to the room boys. You can also shoot the rapids in a canoe. There are plenty of youths available cruising the grounds of the hotel, many of them suffer from skin diseases, heavy cough and a continuous awareness of how much money they hope to extract from you.

Such are the delights remaining for future gay tourists in this resort which was once one of the most delightful places any gay person could go to in the whole world.

There are gay tours in a crowd at $20 a head, including lunch and a canoe trip. If you want to avoid this and see something of the real Pagasanan, then go alone or with a Manila friend to show you the way by public bus (BATANGAS LAGUNA TAYABAS BUS COMPANY) from the terminal in E. de los Santos Avenue, Pasay City (Suburban to Sant Cruz. There are three hotels in Pagasanan and most gay people go to the Pagasanan Falls Lodge. The Falls Hotel, which is the best of the three, does not allow visitors to be taken to the rooms. At the Pagasanan Falls Lodge the hotel consists of some bungalows, a house boat, a restaurant and a swimming pool. The house boat has three bedrooms and it's possible to rent the entire boat for a modest price. The bungalows are in an area called Coco Grove and most of them have balconies overlooking the river. There is another building known as the "Green House" which many of our readers recommend. In any case trips to see the falls and shoot the rapids go from the hotel.

Reservations should be made in advance and this can be done by your hotel in Manila. On the canoe trip to see the rapids everybody gets quite wet so you are advised to dress accordingly and wrap your camera in strong plastic.

Most young men in Pagasanan are available, though not all of them are gay. One could say that the youth of Pagasanan are a rental industry in itself, at grossly inflated prices.

Pagasanan ist ein kleiner Ort an einem Fluss, ein paar Autostunden von Manila entfernt. Hier kann man in einem einfachen Hotel, dem Pagasanan Falls Lodge, unterkommen. Des Essens ist mies, des...