

## Summer in the City



Summer is not always about long hours of travel. If tourism numbers soar higher this year, chances are, you will have to face throngs of vacationers on top of your usual travel workings. With daycationing, you can get the entertainment and relaxation you need with fewer expenses, lighter niceties, and in spaces with just the right amount of crowd.

And yes, they're around the corner:

### Liquid Pool and Lounge

If you want summer and the nightlife vibe under one roof, the Liquid Pool and Lounge of Manila Ocean Park is for you. This intimate party nest has managed to combine the two with its outdoor jacuzzi and indoor swimming pools, artfully walled by shindig lights and cave-like architecture. Liquid completes your clubbing experience with cocktail drinks. There is also a wide range of menu that is perfect for those who want to hold intimate events and functions. Gastronomic choices include Pinoy favorites like grilled liempo and cold desserts to beat the heat. Liquid Pool and Lounge is located outside Hotel H20 and near other attractions, such as Sharks & Rays Encounter and the Oceanarium. Manila Ocean Park is behind Quirino Grandstand that is located in Rizal Park.

### Chef's Barrel Dining & Pub

The stellar epicures of Uncle Cheffy's, Larry Cortez and chef Mauro Arjona of Chef's Barrel Group of Restaurants, are also the brains behind one of the most interesting additions to the line of dining establishments at River Park, Alabang. Chef's Barrel is their modern version of a European pub, styled with wood furniture and standing beside a streaming river at Filinvest City. Among the kitchen's highlights are the Rib Republic platter of various grilled meats and potato wedges and their no-cheese pizza that can be served with the toppings of your choice: seafood, vegetable, all-meat, or a combination of seafood and vegetables. The pub experience

is not complete without the thirst quenchers: a vast selection of imported wines, cocktail drinks, and yesterday's music. Chef's Barrel offers guests a mini-Octoberfest during weekends, when they can enjoy unlimited tapa, barbecue, and beer. River Park is the newest expansion project of Festival Mall, located at the heart of Filinvest City.

### **Solaire's Sky Tower**

If you want world-class spree in the city, Sky Tower is the place. Guests can enjoy modern leisure activities, such as gaming and theater viewing, with a view of the Manila Bay sunset in the new leisure complex by Solaire Resort and Casino. The exciting spaces of this tropical casino resort destination are the 17-storey five-star hotel and the new gaming facilities at the third level, where the House of Zhou and The Macallan Whisky Bar are exclusive for VIP gamers. Family summer reunions and other intimate events can be held in one of the rooms at The Forum, a 2,000-square meeting facility that includes eight meeting rooms, two boardrooms and a column-free grand ballroom. There are two restaurants in the complex: Waterside Restobar serves Latin American and Mediterranean delicacies, with a wide range of tapas, classic cocktails and spirits, and an extensive selection of wines. The Oasis Garden Café stands on a relaxing garden setting, facing two waterfalls where guests can enjoy breakfast, a quick business lunch, or cocktails under the stars. The highlight of Sky Tower is its lyric theater called The Theater. It is a 1,760-seat space equipped with superior audio-visual experience that is perfect for theatre plays and musicals, dance performances, concerts, and amplified music and speech events.

### **The Deck Bar**

For family or group escapades, the Crimson Hotel's Deck Bar lets you experience open-air banqueting and conversations at the 8th floor. Deck Bar is a poolside lounge for those who want to ease up and enjoy the summer skies. The bar offers cocktail drinks, a la carte dishes, and wines and spirits. Its best sellers are mojito, cosmopolitan, and margarita. Culinary treats include salad, sandwiches, pasta, pizza, and desserts. Every Friday and Saturday night, a barbecue buffet will satiate guests. Crimson Hotel is the newest addition to the cluster of business and lifestyle centers at Filinvest City in Alabang. Alex Aquino, Marketing Communications Manager of Crimson Hotel, told Metro that the bar is strategically situated beside the poolside to give guests a chic setup to hangout and relax in and for "after-work chill" as they enjoy the breeze and the view. The hotel is located in front of Festival Supermall and is 10 minutes away from Madrigal Business Park.

### **Century Park Hotel**

Century Park Hotel is surrounded by business and entertainment centers in Malate, but its classic and warm vibe makes it a prominent leisure landmark. That's its charm. With nothing but the hotel's pools and amenities on the side between you and the sky, you would forget that you are in the city. There's an Olympic-sized lap pool for serious swimmers, a leisure pool for families, and a Jacuzzi for complete relaxation. Catering to the swimmers is Palm Grove, a mini-bar that is open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to serve cocktail drinks and refreshments. Other resto bars hotel guests can access are the Atrium Lounge, Café in the Park, and Century Tsukuji.

## **The Palace day club**

Adding to the roster of glitzy clubbing destinations in Manila is Valkyrie Nightclub at The Palace. Running this new party complex are also the people behind Republic, Gramercy, Embassy, and Encore. The twist is that Valkyrie also offers day clubbing experience in an area that can accommodate 10,000 people. Tim Yap, one of the partners, said in an interview that Valyrie is set to be a "paradise of sorts." This newest hotspot will include two restaurants, two swimming pools, cabanas, a lounge, and its own distillery. The Palace is located at 9th Avenue corner 36th Street, Uptown Bonifacio, Taguig.