

MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR

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DESCRIPTION/PHYSICAL FEATURES

○ HISTORY

Historical records show that Bacolor has been in existence as proposed settlement as early as 1571. When the Spaniards under the leadership of Ferdinand Blumentrit arrived they found "Baculud", its original name meaning level ground because Bacolor was formerly part of the Philippine coastline until eruptions from ancestral Mt. Pinatubo raised it above the ocean floor, on October 1, 1995, the lahar flows from the mountain raised it to its current level of an approximate 37 meters above sea level. Subsidence caused the constant reclaiming of parts of Pampanga by the Sea.

The first settlers of Bacolor were believed to be Malays that came from Atjeth Sumatra led by Panday Pira. It is believed to have been founded by Monmon, first cousin and sister-in-law of Malangsic, a son of Prince Balagtas. However, historians recorded the official foundation of Bacolor to have occurred in 1574 through a landlord named Guillermo Manabat, whose palatial house and resting place is now the site of the San Guillermo Church, hence the church's name.

The name Baculud was changed to Bacolor when the Spaniards came to the place. It was recorded to have been the first capital of Pampanga for two centuries (1698 to 1904) before San Fernando was declared the capital town of the province in July 1904. In 1757, the provincial building, Casa Real, was constructed at the place where the Bacolor Elementary School is now located.

During the Battle of Manila (1762) British Occupation of the Philippines, when Manila fell to the British, it became capital of the exiled government of Governor General Simón de Anda y Salazar from October 6, 1762 to May 30, 1764. The provincial offices were temporarily moved to Factoria (now San Isidro, Nueva Ecija). It remained the former capital town of Pampanga until the provincial seat of government was transferred to neighboring San Fernando City, Pampanga City in 1904. Through a decree of the King of Spain on November 9, 1765, Bacolor became "Villa de Bacolor", one of the only three villas in the Philippines and was granted a Spacial Coat

of Arms. Simon de Anda organized an army of natives with which he finally recaptured Manila from the British invaders.

The coming of the American colonizers broke up the military form of government and instead political and economic reforms were introduced. A civil form of government was organized and was inaugurated on February 13, 1901 by Com. William H. Taft which took place in the old "Escuela de Artes y Oficios de Bacolor" (formerly named Pampanga School of Arts and Trade) now known as the Don Honorio Technological State University the first state university in Pampanga.

The first provincial Civil Governor was Don Ceferino Joven and the first Municipal President of Bacolor was Don Estanislao Santos. Pampanga was acknowledged as the first province to have organized civil government in the Philippines by General Grant, the then President of the United State of America.

In 1956, the sitio of Mesalipit was converted into a barrio. An Act Creating the Barrio of Mesalipit in the Municipality of Bacolor, Province of Pampanga.

On the morning of October 1, 1995, over 20ft (6.1 m) of lahar from the slopes of Mount Pinatubo and surrounding mountains buried the entire town of Cabalantian among many others, killing hundreds of people. 18 out of the 21 barangay's of Bacolor were buried.

Bacolor's festivities include the Feast of San Guillermo and Nuestra Señora del Santissimo Rosario (La Naval) which are celebrated every 10th day of February and 3rd Sunday of November, respectively.

○ GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Villa de Bacolor is located at the heart of Pampanga and is bounded on the north by Porac and Angeles City, six kilometers away in the east by the province's Capital City, San Fernando, west by Sta. Rita and Guagua and south, by Minalin and Sto. Tomas.

○ POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

As to political subdivision, it is part of the Third District of Pampanga Province together with the municipalities of Arayat, Mexico, Sta. Ana and the City of San Fernando. It serves as a linkage in going to the western part of the Province and the Region as well via the Olongapo-Gapan National Road. In terms of size, it ranks 10th among the 21 municipalities. It is located 6 kilometers from the city proper of San Fernando, the provincial capital of Pampanga, the nearest major urban center and the regional seat of government in Central Luzon. It's total land area of 7,110 hectares or 71.10 square kms. is 3.2 percent of the total area in the province. It is virtually enclosed by a diking system built by the National Government after the Mt. Pinatubo eruptions to protect neighboring towns from lahar flows. The Mega Dike encloses the Pasig-Potrero River, the Gugu Creek and nine barangays namely: Concepcion, Dolores, Duat, Maliwalu, Parulog, Potrero, San Antonio, and Sta. Barbara within the Mega Dike is the Transverse Dike (dike within the dike) built on the northern portion to lessen the impact of lahar flows in the lower portion of the municipality. Likewise, it will protect the Olongapo-San Fernando-Gapan Road, the only

major road linking the provinces of Bataan and Zambales to other provinces in Luzon. On the lower end portion is the Tail Dike located in the boundaries of Sto. Tomas and Minalin enclosing eight barangays: Cabalantian, Cabambangan, San Vicente, Sta. Ines, Cabetican, Talba, Tinajero and Mesalipit. Other bodies of water that traverse Bacolor include Gugu Creek, Potrero Creek, San Antonio Creek and Banlic Creek. Prior to the lahar devastations, Bacolor is basically an agricultural area. Its land belongs to non-forest areas and has a flat terrain and a downward sloping area which was found out to be the result of lahar flows from the Mt. Pinatubo. Some portions are rich source of fine gravel and sand which are good raw materials for construction activities. Today, Bacolor's terrain is higher by 6.5 or more meters due to lahar that buried major portions of the municipality. It is traversed on the west portion by the Pasig-Potrero River where millions of tons of lahar flowed burying 18 of the 21 barangays in the town.

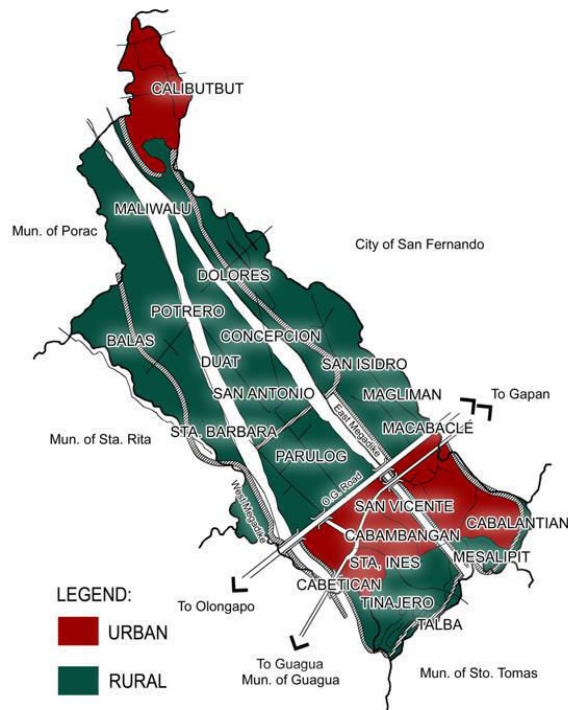
Bacolor took another significant time in the world history when Mt. Pinatubo erupted in 1991 and subsequent lahar flows between 1991-1995 devastated 95% of the entire town, burying 20 of its 21 Barangays.

To date, 21 years after the horrible Tragedy, Bacolor is starting to rebuild and recover into a more developed and progressive community. Various infrastructure works were undertaken such as: reconstruction of roads, school buildings, public market, hospital.

R.A. 9506 otherwise known as the Bacolor Rehabilitation Act was framed/approved to give way to the construction and implementation of critical projects geared towards the total rehabilitation of Bacolor

❖ **Total Land Area - 7,110 hectare Land Area By Barangay (In Has.)**

- Balas – 283.05
- Cabalantian - 991.09
- Cabambangan- 27.98
- Cabetican- 327.06
- Calibutbut- 387.16
- Concepcion- 245.00
- Dolores- 273.77
- Duat- 132.98
- Macabalce- 116.27
- Magliman- 105.53
- Maliwalu- 1,216.72
- Mesalipit- 164.93
- Parulog- 104.22
- Potrero- 501.10
- San Antonio- 350.84
- San Isidro- 572.68
- San Vicente- 224.13
- Sta. Barbara- 673.71
- Talba- 126.69
- Tinajero- 231.19



MAP OF BACOLOR

○ **ANNUAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS**

MONTH	FESTIVAL/EVENT	DESCRIPTION	POINT PERSON
February 10	Feast of San Guillermo	Celebration in honor of San Guillermo, the Hermit.	Rev. Fr. Manny Sta. Maria
3 rd Sunday of November	Makatapak Festival Nuestra Señora del Santissimo Rosario (La Naval)	Makatapak Festival aims to celebrate the strength of the Bacolor folk spirit and to attract attention to the town which has been steadily recovering from the 1991 eruption.	Rev. Fr. Jesus Manabat

○ **MAN-MADE ATRACTION**

ATTRACTION	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	POINT PERSON
San Guillermo Parish Church	Churches/Shrines	The San Guillermo Parish Church of Bacolor Pampanga was named after the town's Patron Saint, San Guillermo. The Church was originally constructed by the Augustinian Friars in 1576 – also the town's founding – with Fr. Diego Ochoa, OSA, as the town's first parish priest having been installed as such two years after. In 1880, the church was destroyed by an earthquake only to be built by Fr. Eugene Alvarez in 1886. On September 3, 1995, Lahar flow from the slopes of Mt. Pinatubo which erupted into the world notice on June 15, 1991,	Rev. Fr, Jesus Manabat

		<p>buried the church at half its 12-m height prompting of its more than 50,000 town residents to evacuate to safer grounds in resettlement areas.</p>	
<p>Our Lady of Lourdes Church/Shrine</p>	<p>Churches/Shrines</p>	<p>On the bright summer morning of May 16, 1906, many people witnessed a very glorious event, the arrival of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Cabetican, the Immaculate Mother of God. She was taken out from the river of Cabetican on a big banca and borne on the shoulders of devoted persons of her sanctuary. The first church of Our Lady was made of bamboo and its roofing was made of nipa. After a few years, the chapel was constructed into semi-concrete through the united efforts of the people. The grotto was beautifully made of wood. And as the years went by, some of the faithful devotees of Bacolor donated a sum of money to have it constructed into a concrete one.</p> <p>Then, in subsequent years, some layleaders of the barrio approached the Archbishop and asked to make Cabetican a parish. But Msgr. Oscar V. Cruz did not agree to the proposition because Cabetican had no other barrios to include as a parish.</p> <p>Instead, the Archbishop</p>	<p>Rev. Fr, Jesus Manabat</p>

		declared it a Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes for the whole archdiocese. The faithful devotees of Cabetican as well as those for the whole Pampanga joined together to construct the edifice for the Blessed Mother. This has been the place of many pilgrims especially during first Saturdays of the month.	
Museo De Bacolor	Museum	Part of the Church is the Recuerdos Sagrados de Bacolor (Sacred Memorabilia of Bacolor)	Rev. Fr. Manny Sta. Maria
Juan Crisostomo Soto Statue	Heritage Site	He was a journalist, poet, playwright, and revolutionary. He was also known as the Father of Pampanga Literature.	Gloria T. Cruz
Felix Napao Galura	Heritage Site	He was the Father of Capampangan Grammar which brought honor, prestige and historical significance to the Municipality of Bacolor. Aside from being a Revolutionary Leader and the first member of the Katipunan in the province of Pampanga, he served as the Capitan natural (Municipal Mayor) of his beloved town, Bacolor for Ten years and brought in the celebration of festivities one of which, the Feast of San Guillermo.	Gloria T. Cruz
Don Pablo David Angeles	Heritage Site	His dedication and commitment in public service as a renowned magistrate and statesman. His political career and government services	Gloria T. Cruz

		brought honour and prestige to our beloved town, Bacolor and the Province of Pampanga whom chose to serve best.	
Judge de Jesus Ancestral House	Structures/House	The Only ancestral house to be rehabilitated/restored after the Mt. Pinatubo devastations located at Cabambanagan (Poblacion), Bacolor.	Gloria T. Cruz
Rodriguez' Ancestral House		Located at Poblacion, Bacolor, Pampanga	Gloria T. Cruz
Malig's House		Located at Poblacion, Bacolor, Pampanga, where Jose Rizal stayed.	Gloria T. Cruz
Joven's House		Located at Poblacion, Bacolor, Pampanga	Gloria T. Cruz
Buenviaje's House		Located at Poblacion, Bacolor, Pampanga	Gloria T. Cruz
De Leon's House		Located at Poblacion, Bacolor, Pampanga	Gloria T. Cruz

○ FOOD/RESTAURANTS

ATTRACTION	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	POINT PERSON
Apag Marangle Restaurant	Local Restaurant	Located at Cabetican, Bacolor, Pampanga	
Mundang Seafood and Restaurant	Local Restaurant	Located at Macabacle Bacolor, Pampanga inside King's Royale Hotel	

○ SHOPPING

○ Grocery/Supermarket

NAME	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	POINT PERSON
Bacolor Public Market	Wet and Dry Market	Located at Poblacion, Bacolor, Pampanga	Hon. Jose Maria O. Hizon

○ **GASOLINE STATIONS**

NAME	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	POINT PERSON
Northern Gasoline	Gas Station	Located at Jose Abad Santos Road, Bacolor, Pampanga	
PHOENIX	Gas Station	Located at San Vicente, Bacolor, Pampanga	Juan Carlo Del Rosario
Shell	Gas Station	Located at Sta. Ines, Bacolor, Pampanga	
Maxi-Oil	Gas Station	Located at Cabalantian, Bacolor, Pampanga	
Fil-Oil	Gas Station	Located at Cabambangan, Bacolor, Pampanga	

○ **HOSPITAL/CLINIC**

NAME	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	Contact Number/Contact Person
Ricardo P. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital	Hospital	Located at Cabambangan, Bacolor, Pampanga	Dr. Abner Tungol
Jesus S. Datu Memorial Hospital	Hospital	Located at San Vicente, Bacolor, Pampanga	

○ **TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICES**

NAME	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	Contact Number/Contact Person
Bacolor Municipal Hall	Information Center	Located at Cabambangan, Bacolor, Pampanga	(045) 458-0500

○ RESORTS/HOTEL

RESORT	ADDRESS	CONTACT	NO. OF ROOMS	STANDARD ROOM RATES	FACILITIES
King's Royal Leisure Park	Macabacle Bacolor, Pampanga	Tel No. (045) 961-7000 Fax: (045) 961-0325	51 rooms	Standard Rooms P 2,400	Dining, Spa and Salon, Casino and Resort, Function Hall
Nuan Farm and Resort	San Vicente, Bacolor, Pampanga		5 rooms 1 room	9,000 4,500	Resort, Villas
Jerlen's Farm and Resort	San Isidro, Bacolor, Pampanga		4 Rooms	P 2,000	Function Hall, Resort, Villas
Diaspora Farm and Resort	Sta. Barbara, Bacolor, Pampanga				Function Hall, Resort, Farm, Villas
Villa Pajita Resort	Cabetican, Bacolor, Pampanga				Resort, Villas
St. Agnes Resort	Sta. Ines, Bacolor, Pampanga				Resort, Function Hall, Villas
EB Farm Resort	San Isidro, Bacolor, Pampanga				Resort, Villas
Vic's Ville Resort	San Antonio, Bacolor, Pampanga				Resort, Villas
D' Farm	San Isidro, Bacolor, Pampanga				Resort
Villa Hermaria Resort	Cabetican, Bacolor, Pampanga				Wave Pool, Villas
Andreyanna's Garden	San Isidro, Bacolor, Pampanga				Piknikan
Mula de Leticia Bed and Breakfast	Cabalantian, Bacolor, Pampanga				Resort, Function Hall, Villas

○ SCHOOLS

NAME	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	Contact Number/Contact Person
Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University	State University	Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University (DHVTSU) began when the Augustinian friar Fr. Juan P. Zita dreamed of helping the youth of Bacolor. Aided by benevolent civic leader Don Felino Gil, the school was officially founded on November 4, 1861 upon the approval of its statutes by Governor-General Lemery and was then called "Escuela de Artes Y Oficios de Bacolor."	Dr. Enrique G. Baking Tel: (045) 900-0691 Fax: (045) 910-0046
Don Bosco Academy	Private School (Secondary)		
Bacolor High School	Public School (Secondary)		

11 Elementary Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bacolor Elem. School ○ Cabetican Elem. School ○ Cabalantian Elem. School ○ Eliseo Belen Elem. School ○ San Isidro Elem. School ○ Calibutbut Elem. 	Elementary Schools		
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<p>School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sta. Barbara Elem. School○ Tinajero Elem. School○ Don Antonio Lee Chi Uan Integ. School,○ San Antonio Elem. School○ Isidrian Academy			
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○ BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS

NAME	LOCATION	BUSINESS TYPE	Contact Number/Contact Person
CHRYSTARA (CARATS MANUFACTURING, INC.)	Angeles Industrial Park Calibutbut, Bacolor, Pampanga	Manufacturer	Tel: (6345) 636-6036 (636)246-8346 Fax: (63645)636-6038/887-2651 www.chrysara.com
Country Accents Inc.	Country Accents Inc. Marlboro Street, Calibutbut Bacolor, Pampanga	Furniture Designer and Manufacturer	Tel: +63458882693 Fax: +63458882693 www.countryaccentsfurniture.com
Far East Furniture Marketing Corp.	Marlboro Street, Calibutbut Bacolor, Pampanga	Manufacturer	Tel: (6345)887-3474 Fax: I6345) 887-4029 www.far-east-furniture.com
Jackbuilt Industries Inc.	San Isidro Bacolor, Pampanga	Manufacturer	N/A
Durastress Corporation	Calibutbut Bacolor, Pampanga	Concrete Poles	N/A
Italfil Manufacturing Inc.	Calibutbut Bacolot, Pampanga	Tiles	N/A
B-12 Trading Corporation	Farmville Calibutbut, Bacolor, Pampanga	Contractor	N/A
Calibu Power Plant	Angeles Industrial Park, Calibutbut, Bacolor, Pampanga	General Services	N/A
Dolomatrix Phil. Inc.	Calibutbut, Bacolor, Pampanga	Environmental Services	N/A
JDN& Sons Inc.	Calibutbut, Bacolor, Pampanga	Subdivision Operator	N/A

○ OTHER IMPORTANT KEYS

FAMOUS PEOPLE

- **Sec. Jose De Jesus** – former Secretary of Dept. of Transportation and Communication, Cabalantian
- **Atty. Estelito Mendoza** – Lawyer; former Solicitor General, former Governor of Pampanga, Sta. Barbara
- **Ms. Celia C. Yangco** – Former USEC, Department of Social Welfare & Development, Talba
- **Ex Mayor Emerito de Jesus (deceased)** – former Under Sec. of National Defense, San Vicente

PRODUCTS/DELICACIES

- **Ms. Beatriz Rodriguez** – (deceased) (ensaymada, tocino Del cielo, mammon tostado and native dishes) Sta. Ines Bacolor, Pampanga
- **Mrs. Irene “Apung Nene” M. Cruz** – (Native Rice Cake, Putong Puti & Kutsinta, Kapit, Ube, Kalame, Duman, Maja Blanca)Blk. 163 Lot 20, Bulaon, City of San Fernando (Sta. Ines, Bacolor)
- **Marietta Vitug “Nerimar’s”** - (Turones de Casoy, Sansrival, Uraro and other s) Bulaon Resettlement, City of San Fernando (San Vicente, Bacolor)
- **Lolita O. Hizon** – “ **Pampanga’s Best**” (Tocino, Longanisa, Ham and other Processed meat products) Dolores, San Fernando, Pampanga (Cabalantian)
- **Apung Doring Miranda** – (Mamon Tostado, Puto Seko) Zone 6, Cabalantian, Bacolor, Pampanga
- **Apung Loring Kabigting** – (Tamalis) Zone 5, Cabalantian, Bacolor, Pampanga

○ TOURIST ARRIVALS

Average Tourist Guests as of 2017

January:	Local: 1,067	Foreigners: 264
February:	Local: 914	Foreigners: 125
March:	Local: 12,337	Foreigners: 475
April:	Local: 18,755	Foreigners: 755

May:	Local: 4,815	Foreigners: 237
June:	Local: 2,170	Foreigners: 205
July:	Local: 2,860	Foreigners: 155
August:	Local: 4,403	Foreigners: 176
September:	Local: 5,785	Foreigners: 257
October:	Local: 5,545	Foreigners: 350
November:	Local: 4,137	Foreigners: 41
December:	Local: 471	Foreigners: 0

Average Tourist Guest as of 2018

January:	Local: 210	Foreigners: 15
February:	Local: 100	Foreigners: 20
March:	Local: 52	Foreigners: 30
April:	Local: 53	Foreigners: 0
May:	Local: 112	Foreigners: 0

PROPOSED PLAN

Programs, Projects and Activities

1. Development of an Eco-Park.
2. Construction of a Bacolor Museum.
3. Continuous maintenance of existing landmarks and monuments.
4. Establishment of “souvenir shops” and Bacolor specialty stores/Pasalubong Center.
5. “Re-creation” of ancestral houses by constructing a picture and history pillar on their original sites.
6. Regular cleanliness and greening of the environment.
7. Promotion of the town’s “native kakanin”/delicacies, resorts, hotels and tourism related services providers in LGU’S website.
8. Installation/Construction of a landmark name “I VILLA DE BACOLOR.”

CLIMATE AND WEATHER

Summer and Rainy Seasons