

MARRY ME IN BELLARocca

Whether you are planning for a luxurious destination wedding or searching for the most romantic place to have your honeymoon, let the iconic and world-class island resort of Bellarocca lend itself to the realization of your big day.

Graciously rising above the cerulean waters of the Sibuyan Sea in Marinduque, the mystical island resort of Bellarocca offers its guests a breathtaking view of nature and a soulful respite from their daily routines in the city.

Bellarocca, or a beautiful rock in Italian, elicits the empyrean beauty of a real Athenian Acropolis, as it draws inspiration from the island of Santorini in Greece. When seen against the backdrop of any clear, blue sky, the lush, green landscape of the island boasts of scenic, white stucco structures and arches that are distinctly Mediterranean in style and form.

Guests, arriving by air or sea, can not help but marvel the beautiful design by which the island resort is known for – dramatic, white edifices that stand out of the terrain seamlessly blending into nature's picturesque beauty.

Every structure in the island was built with respect to the natural landscape of the area. The island resort and spa, which provides jobs to many locals, also promotes Marinduque's insightful history, heritage and culture.

A look at their website explains, "Bellarocca prides itself in becoming a major contributor to the economic development of Marinduque...by showcasing an environment-friendly community that is responsible and sustainable." Clearly, this Grecian-inspired island resort is guided by the principle that luxury must go alongside cultural, social and environmental responsibility.

Also worth noting is that, unlike other luxury resorts in the Philippines, Bellarocca begs away from the familiar beach resort image. Since it opened its doors to the public in February 2009, it has successfully marketed itself as "an integrated resort, spa and lifestyle island destination." True to its word, once guests step into their suites, it is easy to forget the outside world, paving for a truly private and meaningful getaway.

How to Get There?

Guests have the option to travel directly to Bellarocca via private helicopters, chartered flights or luxury yachts from Manila to Marinduque.

Marinduque is also accessible through commercial flights offered by Zest Air; however, available days for travel is only limited to Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

After a short 30-minute flight from Manila, guests are received by Bellarocca representatives at the airport. Cold towels and chilled bottles of water are distributed to guests, before the van departs for another 40-minute land transfer to the town of Lipata, Municipality of Buenavista.

The long drive is surprisingly entertaining, as each group is accompanied by one resort staff, who imparts interesting facts about Marinduque. Along the way, images of Marinduque's colorful past and old heritage becomes apparent as centuries-old houses dot the main roadway.

In Lipata, guests are transferred via speedboats for an exhilarating 5-minute ride to the scenic island resort and spa of Bellarocca. Upon arrival at the docks, the resort staff including Bellarocca's GM Rudolf Studer, warmly welcomes each guest, while a group called mamumutong performs the traditional Pufong ceremony, Marinduque's unique way of honoring their guests.



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What to do?

Bellarocca is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and offers services that will answer every guest's whim and fancy. Whether you are on your honeymoon, family vacation, meditation or religious retreat, Bellarocca has these following activities to suit your needs:

Relax by the Seaside Eternity Pool, Hotel Lap Pool or beach area while enjoying your favorite drink.

Engage in aquasports--Jet Ski, Aqua Scooter, Hobie Cat Sailing, Wind Surfing, Snorkeling and Kayak.

Island-hop your way to happiness. Sign-up for tours of the nearby islands of Dos Hermanas and the Las Tres Reyes.

Immerse yourself into Marinduque's local culture. Visit local museums, souvenir shops and centuries' old churches.

Play golf at Bellarocca's 9-hole Golf Course at the foot of Mt. Malindig.

Enjoy a fun round of Billiards game with friends or access the Internet from the Entertainment Room.

Borrow books and board games from the Library, or choose from a selection of DVDs and have a movie night with friends and family.

Sing your hearts out to a Karaoke challenge at the Cigar Lounge or the Sunken Garden.

Have a romantic picnic at the Garden or Helipad.

Stay fit. Jog around the estate or simply follow the exercise trail up to the viewing deck, the highest point of the island.

Hit the gym. Exercise at the Clubhouse's world class Fitness Center while looking out to the pristine Sibuyan Sea.

De-stress yourself. Enjoy a soothing full body massage at the glass-enclosed Hillside Spa Treatment Rooms or at the comfort of your own accommodation.

Savor the peace and tranquility of your surrounding. Do early morning yoga at the Meditation Sanctuary.

Have a quiet time and watch an unobstructed view of the sunset while sipping tea at the Tea Room.

Capture the beauty of Bellarocca. Go around the island and take pictures of nature's surreal beauty and the resort's fine architecture and interior design. The sunrise is best viewed from the Beach or Marina, while the sunset is most surreal when observed at the viewing deck, Helipad and Tea Room.



Accommodations

Bellarocca Island Resort and Spa has a total of over fifty accommodations designed to indulge guests with unparalleled luxury and comfort.

Hotel accommodations range from Deluxe Rooms, Junior Suites to One-Bedroom Suites, each appointed with its own spacious balcony that looks out to the sea and Mt. Malindig.

Guests who prefer to have a more, private vacation may opt to stay at the Casas, Terrazas or Garden/ Cliff-side Villas.

The Most Luxurious of them All

It is fairly easy to see which accommodation comes as the most luxurious. Guests staying at the Villas are reserved the island's best view of the sunset, a treat they could privately enjoy while relaxing in their own villa's Jacuzzi or infinity pool.

All ten Garden and Cliff-side Villas in the island are unique by structural design, yet each villa resonates the same Mediterranean vibe generously infused with local materials for interior design. Details such as local hard wood and Machuka tiles are stylishly blended with white Grecian columns, high ceilings and other geometric intricacies – a combination fit for that five-star living experience.

The Secret of the Terrazas

Meanwhile, guests who prefer waking up to the sound of waves can book the Terrazas for their vacation. These structures, built on the edge of the island high above the beach area, have a secret to reveal. Each of the two bedrooms in every unit of a Terraza opens to a spacious balcony where guests can marvel at the unobstructed view of Mt. Malindig.

Comfort and Luxury at its Finest

One of the many qualities for which Bellarocca is widely known for is the warm-hearted approach of their staff. Your trip will surely be made extra special with their genuine politeness and graciousness.

Add to that the following luxurious amenities, which are readily available to all rooms in the island:

- Skype – enabled Belkin telephone
- Personal bar and refrigerator
- Coffee and tea service
- Modern bath and shower facilities
- Complete range of top all-organic bathroom amenities in the following brands: L'Occitane, Aveda, REN and Molton Brown
- Plasma TV with complete DVD Player and home theatre stereo systems
- Ipod dock and hifi compact sound systems
- Golf cart service
- Complimentary Internet connectivity in the room
- Electronic safe deposit box

Weddings at Bellarocca

There's nothing more spectacular than tying the knot at Bellarocca. Depending on your wedding style, couples may choose to say their vows at the lovely Sunken Garden or at the Grecian temple-inspired Meditation Sanctuary.

Further arrangements could be made with the resort staff who will be more than willing to assist you in customizing your exclusive Bellarocca wedding.

In Bellarocca, whatever your fantasy or budget, they surely have something in store for you. You can be assured that whatever accommodation you choose, you will be treated to that same Bellarocca experience – cared for by the ever so hospitable staff and treated to the finest luxury and view of Marinduque's natural beauty.





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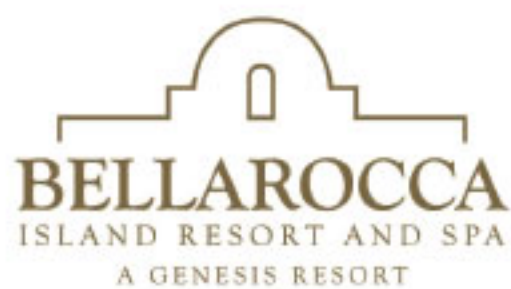

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