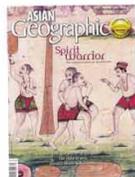


Asian Geographic Magazine publishes a 4 page article including 7 photographs of the Imbayah Festival in Banaue, North Philippines by Mike Smith of AsiaPhotoStock

Asian Geographic Magazine published a 4 page travel article on the Imbayah Festival in Banaue, Philippines in its No 75 issue 6/2010 "Games of Asia Issue". The festival involves the Ifugao ethnic people competing in sport, music & cultural events over 3 days. See the magazine & associated images below.



A sporty sorta shindig
The Imbayah festival of the Philippines

BANAUE, northwestern Luzon, is one of the world's oldest UNESCO sites, famous for the three-day Ifugao rice terraces that have been inscribed as a World Heritage site. The steeply sloping terraces are an impressive feat of engineering and agriculture. We arrived early morning at the mountain town to find a hot and a lot of altitude, welcomed by a group of Ifugao tribes and a smiling woman who was clearly offering us to be welcomed to the town. I decided to return myself of my mountain before my experience, as I had read that the Wanda Lodge Hotel. Located on the mountain's main street, it was clean, friendly and very cheap—less than US\$1 a night for a single room. It was basic, but adequate.

By mid-morning I was ready to explore, so I climbed a steep hill to the back of my hotel, just past the town. The mountain split to the top of an old "bamboo" tree that had been cut down. The forest was thick, and the ground was very muddy. I had heard that the forest was very muddy, and I was not sure if I should go. I decided to go anyway, and I was not sure if I should go. I decided to go anyway, and I was not sure if I should go.

Having covered my feet with the mud, I was ready for something more challenging, so I went to the mountain's main street. I was not sure if I should go. I decided to go anyway, and I was not sure if I should go.

The Imbayah Festival, which celebrates Ifugao culture, is a time of dancing and feasting, and it is held in the town of Banaue. It is a time of dancing and feasting, and it is held in the town of Banaue. It is a time of dancing and feasting, and it is held in the town of Banaue.

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