

**WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM OUR DEAR RETIREES THAT TRAVEL ADVISORIES WERE ISSUED FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES TO THEIR CITIZENS:**

**1. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

As per the travel advisory level of the US government as of April 2018, the Philippines is at Level 2: Exercised Increased Caution due to terrorism, crime, measles outbreak, and civil unrest.

Do not travel to: The Sulu Archipelago, including the southern Sulu Sea, and Marawi City in Mindanao

Reconsider travel to: other areas in Mindanao

**Link:** <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/philippines-travel-advisory.html>

**2. UNITED KINGDOM**

Updated last 29 October 2018, The Government of United Kingdom's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (CFO) advised not to travel to (due to clashes between military and insurgent groups and terrorist activity):

- Western and Central Mindanao and the Sulu archipelago.
- Against all but essential to the remainder of Mindanao (excluding Dinagat, Camiguin, and Siargao Islands) and to the south off Cebu province, up to and including the municipalities of Dalaguete and Badian.

**Link:** <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/philippines>

**3. CANADA**

The government of Canada advised their citizens to exercise a high degree of caution in the Philippines due to threat of terrorism and high level of crime, updated as of November 9, 2018.

Mindanao Region and vicinity – Avoid all travel

Sulu Archipelago and the southern Sulu Sea – Avoid all travel

Davao City – Avoid non-essential travel

**Link:** <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/philippines>

#### **4. AUSTRALIA**

The official advice of the Australian Government to their citizens is a high degree of caution with the following advice levels:

- High Degree of Caution: Philippines overall
- Reconsider Need to Travel: Eastern Mindanao
- Do Not Travel: Central and western Mindanao, including the Zamboanga Peninsula and the Sulu Archipelago and southern Sulu Sea area

**Link:** <https://smartraveller.gov.au/Countries/asia/south-east/Pages/philippines.aspx>

#### **5. NEW ZEALAND**

Reviewed last 15 August 2018, travel advisory to the Philippines (due to threat of terrorism, risk of kidnapping, and violent clashes) was posted on the Safe Travel website of the New Zealand Government. They are as follows:

Do not travel: Central and western Mindanao (including the Sulu Archipelago).

Avoid non-essential travel: remaining provinces of Mindanao

Exercise increased caution: elsewhere in the Philippines including in Manila

**Link:** <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/philippines>