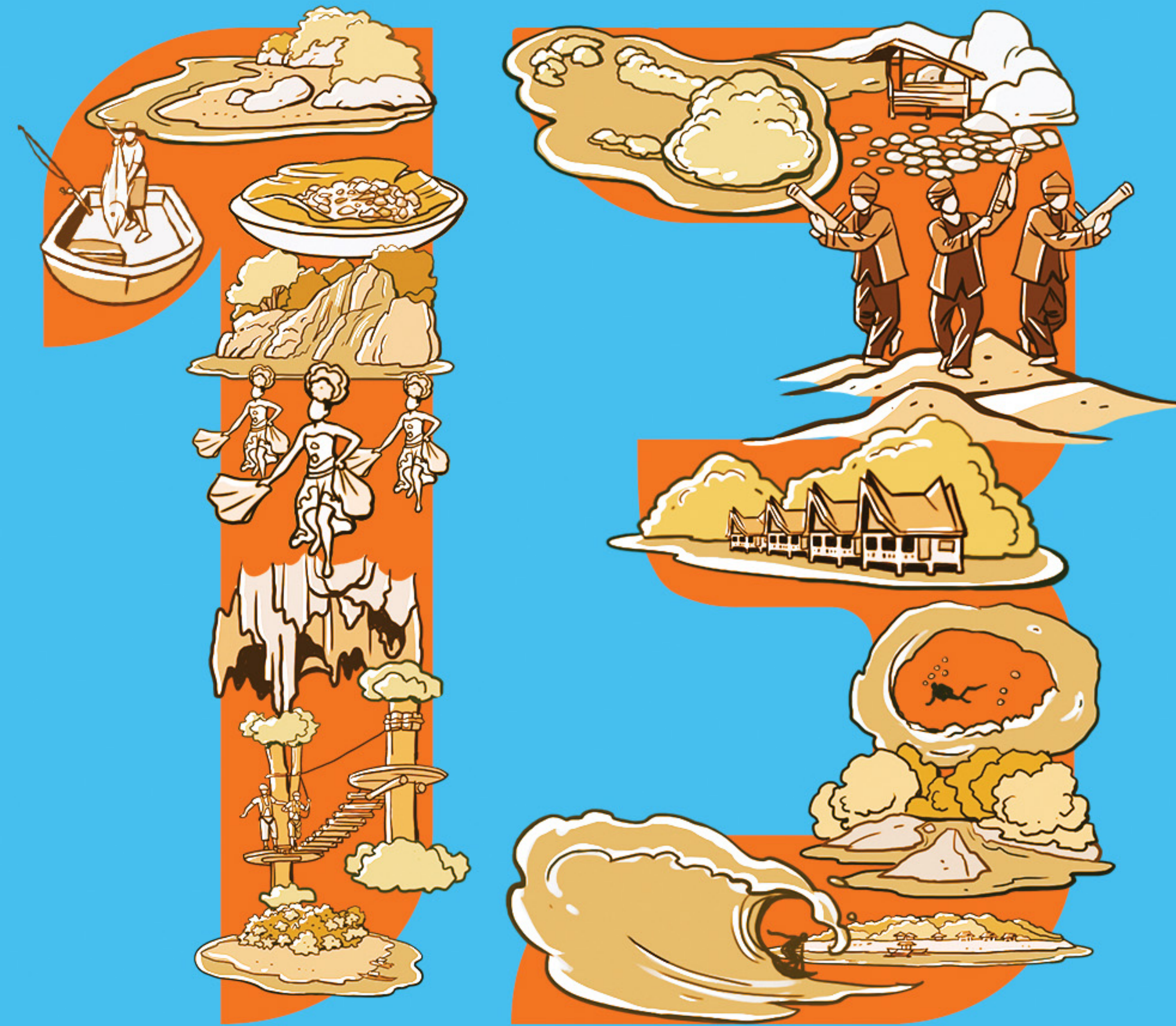


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CARAGA REGION

The region of CARAGA has seen a steady rise in tourism in recent years. Its breathtaking shorelines, mystical lakes, evergreen forests, and of course, the epic seafood are being discovered by more and more tourists. “Caraga” comes from the Visayan “kalag” (soul) and “an” (the people of), making it the land of soulful people. Its beauty rivals the best the country has to offer.





SOHOTON COVE NATIONAL PARK IN BUCAS GRANDE ISLAND

If you talk to anyone who's been to Bucas Grande Island, one common thing you'll hear is how it's an all-in-one destination. It is said that the island is a stunning mix of Boracay, Palawan, Bohol, Tagaytay, and other famous spots. The island is abundant in colorful flora and fauna. The beaches are blessed with powdery white sand. The caves are filled with stalagmites and stalactites. Bucas Grande Island truly lives up to the hype.

MAGPUPUNGKO ROCK POOLS

Start your mornings right by taking a dip in the Magpupungko Rock Pools. This natural rock formation houses a crystal-clear body of water. There are deep and shallow parts of the pool, so you can just chill or explore its depths.



CLOUD 9

Siargao is currently one of the most popular islands in the country, often featured in social media posts as a scenic destination. Apart from the pristine shoreline, this teardrop-shaped island is most popular for its surfing area called Cloud 9, the Surfing Capital of the Philippines. If you're a certified surfing enthusiast, challenge your skills and brave the waves here.



ENCHANTED RIVER

There is a reason why this river in Hinatuan is called the Enchanted River. Many believe that underneath the mesmerizing blue water is an endless stretch leading to the unknown. For those who like to be in the known, you can still enjoy its beauty from a viewing deck.



TINUY-AN FALLS

Tinuy-an Falls is often referred to as the country's version of Niagara Falls with its wide water curtain. It's one of the region's most popular destinations, with family picnics as one of the top activities. But the beauty of the falls is more than enough to convince even solo travelers to visit.



AGUSAN MARSH

Nature lovers must make time to visit Agusan Marsh. This nature and wildlife sanctuary covers more than 14,000 hectares, with 1,332 species of birds, 112 species of plants and ferns, 2 species of crocodiles, 65 types of butterflies, and even 200 species of migratory birds from Northern Asia and Siberia. See how many you recognize.



FUN THINGS TO DO

Sun and Beach



CARAGA has some of the most stunning beaches in the country. The region is full of hidden beaches that are still waiting to be discovered. Expect only the most pristine shorelines and the clearest waters when you visit the islands of CARAGA as many of them are untouched.

Dive



The region is one of the premiere diving destinations in the country. Divers from all over the world fly to the islands of CARAGA to experience some of the most breathtaking underwater adventures. Discover beautiful coral reefs and diverse marine life as you explore the waters of CARAGA.

Food and Hospitality



With the richest produce and the freshest seafood, visitors can expect to eat wholesome and delicious dishes. They can also visit the different farms and resorts offering their own fresh organic goods. They also teach visitors about organic agriculture and innovative farming methods.

Nature and Adventure



Nature is at the center of every trip to CARAGA. From relaxing river cruises to extreme mountain trekking, the region offers a thrilling experience no matter what kind of traveller you are. With so many activities and places to choose from, there's always a reason to come back to CARAGA.

Events and Culture



There's more to CARAGA than surfing and beach activities. Make sure to check out the different festivals to really get a glimpse of the local culture. Some festivals honor patron saints while others pay tribute to great tribal leaders.

TOP 5 FESTIVALS



Naliyagan Festival

Dive into the indigenous heritage of Agusan del Sur with this cultural festival! Watch as people celebrate Naliyagan with ancient rituals, an agri-industrial trade fair, an "Agri-lympics," and a great street dance competition to top it off.

WHEN: June 12-17
WHERE: Agusan del Sur



Bonok-Bonok Festival

This festival celebrates culture, religion and the indigenous Mamanwa tribes of Surigao. Here, you'll see a multitude of colors as street dancers in costumes fill the roads to display the tribal culture of road moving. That means road parties are up ahead!

WHEN: September 9
WHERE: Surigao City



Balangay Festival

Before there was even a Philippines, there was Butuan. Transients settled in Butuan on boats they called Balangay/ Balanghai boats. This festival celebrates this event with ten groups in costumes of the social ensembles of that time as they parade and perform through the city.

WHEN: May
WHERE: Butuan City



Kahimunan Festival

Much like the Sinulog Festival of Cebu, the Kahimunan Festival also gives honor to the city's patron saint, Santo Niño. This festivity is usually celebrated with the usual costumed dancers performing on the streets of the city with a dance competition as well.

WHEN: First Sunday of January
WHERE: Butuan City



Kaliguan Festival

Similar to the Padigosan Festival of Digos City, Davao, the Kaliguan Festival also pays tribute to Saint John the Baptist. The difference would be in how it is celebrated. The Kaliguan Festival is known for their Perlas ng Kaliguan Pageant along with other shoreline activities.

WHEN: Last week of June
WHERE: Cagwait, Surigao del Sur

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