

Siargao lands in world's top 10 surf spots

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Siargao Island, faces the Pacific Ocean and the Philippine Deep, the second deepest water in the world, at more than 11 km below sea level. The area is pure tropics with the plenty activities including snorkelling, ...more island hopping, waterfalls, swimming holes and of course awesome waves and friendly locals. (Photo and caption from [AmazingSiargao.com](#))

A Mindanao beach hailed by the Tourism department as a “surfing mecca” has been named among the top 10 surf spots in the world.

Cloud Nine in Siargao, Surigao del Norte ranked 9th in the [“World’s 50 best surf spots” recently released by CNN Travel](#).

“This dramatic and powerful reef break, which crashes onto shallow razor-sharp coral, offers right and left death rides,” CNN said.

The Siargao surf spot is the only Philippine beach in the top 10, and is only one of three Southeast Asian beaches.

The two other beaches from Southeast Asia are both from Indonesia: Uluwatu and Kuta in Bali (4th) and Lance's Right in Sumatera Barat (10th).

Pipeline beach in Oahu, Hawaii topped the list, followed by Supertubes beach in South Africa, and Teahupo'o in French Polynesia.

Rounding out the list of top 10 beaches were P-Passin the Federated States of Micronesia (5th), Maverick's in California (6th), Hossegor in France (7th) and Puerto Escondido in Mexico (8th).

The list was based on recommendations CNN gathered from its editors, professional surfers as well as editors of Surfing Magazine.

Siargao Island is dubbed the "surfing capital of the Philippines" but the Tourism department says it is "not all about surfing."

"It's also well known for game fishing. In fact, a game fishing event is held every summer," the Tourism department said in its website.

Siargao's coast also abounds with tuna, mackerel, marlin, and even crabs, squids, octopus, and sting rays, the government feature said further.

The island has also been named one of the [25 emerging tourism hot spots in the country](#) by international consultancy firm Isla Lipana & Co.

"Apart from surfing, Siargao is also open to other activities such as cave explorations and rock climbing," the firm said in its Philippine Gems site.

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