



# Palacio *de* Memoria

a restored pre-war mansion holding the memories of Manila's past, and making memories anew



# History

Built in the 1930s during the American colonial period and originally a two-floor Colonial Revival-style house on a 1.3-hectare property attributed to Antonio Zobel-Melian of El Hogar. The concrete house surprisingly survived the tragic Battle of Manila.



Stories by local seniors narrate the bayside house being used as temporary headquarters by Lieutenant General Joseph Swing after liberating Paranaque and on way to liberating Manila. Other stories narrate the compound which features a 12-foot deep pool, being used as the temporary Manila Polo Club before its relocation to Makati.

After the war, was acquired by Dr. Francisco Villaroman Sr. and proceeded to add five floors and a tower to accommodate his growing family, and hold space for his medical practice. Interiors were redone in Filipino art deco style, but exteriors were kept to Spanish Colonial Revival.

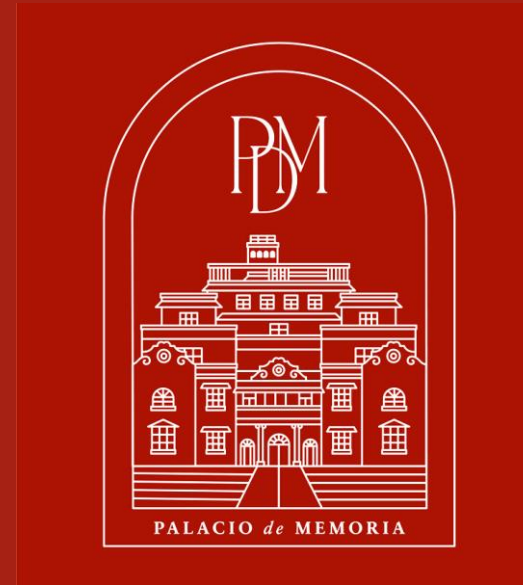


# Restoration

Was abandoned in the 1980s and sold to the family of Amb. Philippe J. Lhuillier who are the current owners in 2005. Restoration of the house began in 2015, including removal of small quarters and bathrooms to reveal the original architecture of the space, conservation of floors, walls, and ceilings and conscientious repainting. Terrazzo flooring in mother-of-pearl encompassing the ballroom depicting the tinikling and bahay kubo scenes by National Artist for architecture Juan Nakpil were revealed under the dirt and grime.

By adaptive reuse, the house is now used as arts and events center, including venue rental spaces, a museum, auction house, café, and retail stores for international art and antiques. Roxas Boulevard, or Dewey in its day, was home to large estates of prominent families, with access to Manila Bay. The Palacio is one of the last remaining homes with access to the Boulevard.





# Event Venues

This restored grand, historical ballroom features a festive Art Deco terrazzo floor by National Artist for architecture, Juan Nakpil. | 132 sqm

*Previously used for entertainment, soirees, and parties.*

#### Venue Capacity

Sit-down / Dinner | 70 pax

Cocktails Set-up | 90 pax

Social Distancing | 50 pax

## Los Tamaraos Ballroom



The Palacio's red collection, harmonized by Italian and Venetian pieces from the 17th-18th centuries.

| 30 sqm

*Previously receiving area of Dr. Villaroman.*

### Venue Capacity

Sit-down / Dinner | 10 - 15 pax

Cocktails Set-up | 15 - 20 pax

Social Distancing | 10 pax

## Salon Rojo

Red Room



Also called the Ladies' Tea Room, exhibits mostly feminine pieces in an ebonized and elegant Parisian-inspired interior. | 30 sqm

*Most likely originally a salon with seaside view.*

### Venue Capacity

Sit-down / Dinner | 10 - 15 pax

Cocktails Set-up | 15 - 20 pax

Social Distancing | 10 pax

## Salon de te Gris

Grey Room



Homage to the Lhuilliers' French lineage, the Ambassador's Dining Hall showcases mostly Vieux Parisien pieces. | 50 sqm

*Previously dining hall used by Villaroman family.*

#### Venue Capacity

Sit-down / Dinner | 15 - 20 pax

Cocktails Set-up | 20 - 30 pax

Social Distancing | 10 pax

## El Comedor del Embajador

Ambassador's Dining Hall





A sunny area with a veranda view featuring original narra parquet flooring from the house's history.

| 88 sqm

*With a view of then- Dewey Boulevard at the original terrace.*

Venue Capacity

Sit-down / Dinner | 30 - 40 pax

Cocktails Set-up | 40 - 50 pax

Social Distancing | 30 pax

## Foyer

Receiving Area



A bright, sunlit hall lined with glass windows that illuminate the Art Deco terrazzo flooring original to the mansion. | *145 sqm*

*Previously bedrooms with restroom and kitchen.*

### Venue Capacity

Sit-down / Dinner | 50 - 60 pax

Cocktails Set-up | 70 - 80 pax

Social Distancing | 50 pax

## Sala Villaroman

Villaroman Hall



An elegant, private quarters , with a queen-size bed and spacious shower. | *75 sqm*

### Venue Capacity

Capacity | 15 - 20 pax

Social Distancing | 10 pax

## El Suite Nupcial

Bridal Suite



The Bunker Bar features a bar top and wine cellar, decorated with war memorabilia and hunting trophies. | *39 sqm*

*Previously a therapeutic pool.*

### Venue Capacity

Sit-down / Dinner | 20- 30 pax

Cocktails Set-up | 30 - 40 pax

Social Distancing | 30 pax

## Bar del Arcon

Bunker Bar



Outdoor cafe with an open lawn and deck, and a petite stage beside a blue pool, original to the mansion. | *420 sqm*

*Previously site for the interim Manila Polo Club.*

### Venue Capacity

Sit-down / Dinner | 50 - 60 pax

Cocktails Set-up | 60 - 75 pax

Social Distancing | 50 pax

**El Loggia**  
(Red Bricks)

The Loggia



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A truly versatile venue, the Clear Tent can be converted as an al-fresco garden pavillion, or an air-conditioned closed space for large crowds. A blank canvas that holds creative potential for all types of events. | *450 sqm*

### Venue Capacity

- Sit-down / Dinner | 200- 300 pax
- Cocktails Set-up | 300 - 400 pax
- Social Distancing | 100 pax

## El Pabellon del Jardin

Clear Tent



A spacious tree-lined garden with an elegant fountain and a full view of the mansion. | *1960 sqm*

*Inspired by the historical Los Tamaraos polo club which was situated at the now Los Tamaraos Village.*

Venue Capacity

Sit-down / Dinner | 100- 200 pax

Cocktails Set-up | 200 - 300 pax

Social Distancing | 100 pax

## El Jardin de la Fuente

Front Garden



An expansive, bright, and open space accented by coconut trees reminiscent of the bay front scene along then Dewey Boulevard. | *2048 sqm*

*Seaside garden with original coconut trees from the bayside period.*

#### Venue Capacity

Sit-down / Dinner | 100- 200 pax

Cocktails Set-up | 200 - 300 pax

Social Distancing | 100 pax

## El Jardin de Dewey

Back Garden





Inspired by the swinging 60's and radical 70's. A retrofitted Antonov 24B Russian aircraft. With side garden. | *150 sqm*

*Previously a passenger carrier in the 50s and 2000s.*

Venue Capacity

Sit-down / Dinner | 20- 30 pax

Cocktails Set-up | 30 - 40 pax

Social Distancing | 20 pax

## Mosphil Lounge



A religious heritage museum that brings the history of Christian contributions to Manila's collective memory. | *100 sqm*

*Previously a carriage house / garage.*

Venue Capacity

Sit-down / Dinner | 15- 20 pax

Cocktails Set-up | 20 - 25 pax

Social Distancing | 10 pax

## PDM Museum & Chapel



# Terms & Conditions

These terms and conditions apply to all bookings made to use the venue at Palacio De Memoria, whether made via our website, by email or over the telephone. They contain important information about your event and we kindly ask that you read these carefully. If there is anything you would like to discuss regarding your booking or these terms and conditions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## Booking and Reservations

- Fill out the Venue rental request form.
- Prior booking is required to avail of venue rental requests. Confirmation from the Palacio is required to be accommodated for this venue rental.
- To confirm the booking, the Client must give a non-refundable reservation fee-down payment of 30% of the total package cost in amount.
- Client must settle the balance of the chosen venue service for venue rental at most Five (5) days prior to the event, and shall be non-refundable.
- Client shall pay the outstanding amount immediately after the event period.

## Changing or Cancelling

- Rescheduling of event date may be made, but shall be subject to the availability of schedule. A minimal rebooking fee of Php1,000 applies, unless waived in agreed cases.
- In case of force majeure, 10 days prior or on the event date, postponement to a later date will be allowed subject to venue's availability and agreement of both parties. However, should the client prefer cancellation, 30% down payment shall be non-refundable.
- A cancellation must be confirmed in writing by sending an email to [hello@palaciodememoria.com](mailto:hello@palaciodememoria.com). Verbal cancellations are not considered final.

## Charges

- The Client will conduct a complete inspection of the venue prior the event. The Client and/or the contractors hired shall be fully responsible of the venue for the entire event period.
- Client must remove all its personal property, trash, and effects after the event period. If client fails to do so PDM shall do the cleaning, hiring of additional housekeeping staff and sanitizing and charge the costs.
- Client agrees to pay or repair in full charge all damage caused by it or its employees, guests, contractors, or subcontractors, whether done through fault or negligence, to any of Palacio De Memoria's facilities, auction item, property and /or painting housed by Palacio De Memoria by any of the aforementioned persons within the like period.

# House Rules

- Your venue will be rented from the indicated date & time only, which is inclusive of setting-up and dismantling/clearing ("event period"). Client and/or the contractors hired shall be fully responsible of the Venue for the entire event period.
- Food and Drinks: Palacio De Memoria offers options for food and drink in-house, please refrain from bringing in from outside food or beverages unless medically necessary.
- Loitering: Please do not loiter, or venture into areas not included in your booking.
- Do not touch and move: Please do not touch any of the art works. Antiques are sensitive and fragile. Flash photography on paintings damages its surface. Please do not move any of the furniture. If absolutely necessary, our staff can move the pieces.
- No Smoking: The Venue has designated smoking areas. Smoking outside of the said area will subject violators to a fine.
- Accidents: Guests must report any accident or injury they or their guests may have whilst on the premises immediately to a member of management and in any event, within 24 hours of the incident. This information is needed in order to comply health and safety obligations.
- Damage and Loss: The Palacio shall not be liable for the compensation of any losses, damages, injuries, sickness, deaths, theft or any other untoward incident that may be incurred by the visitor during the duration of the event.
- Parking: Parking slots shall be on a "first come-first serve" basis and shall be intended for a car park purposes only. No other activity shall take place therein without prior written approval by the management.
- Press: Being a historical landmark, Client shall be liable for any bad or negative publicity it will subject the venue brought about by the actions or omissions of the Client, talents, guests, contractor or subcontractor and shall indemnify PDM accordingly and hold it harmless against any and all actions that may arise from its use of the venue.
- Other important terms: Force Majeure occurs 10 days prior or on the event date, postponement to a later date will be allowed subject to venue's availability. However, should the client prefer cancellation, 30% down payment will be non-refundable while the 70% payment and security deposit shall be refunded.

# Health & Safety Guidelines

- The Event Organizer must provide PDM a program or schedule of usage of all booked venues including the duration of the event as well as the number of participants, in accordance with government issuances and advisories relation to public health and safety.
- While PDM has installed sanitizing hand rub dispensers, supply tissues, and closed bins in prominent places for guest use, the Event Organizer must have an agreed preparedness plan for Covid-19 prevention in the venue, including an isolation plan and medical provisions.
- All Event Organizers, participants, suppliers, and visitors entering PDM must accomplish the Daily Health Symptoms Questionnaire and submit negative results of their antigen tests done within 2 days before the event, at the client's expense to PDM's designated events safety officer prior to entry.
- Individual Temperatures will be checked and duly recorded.
- Seating should be arranged so that participants are at least 1 meter apart.
- The Event Organizer should communicate to their employees, contractors, and guests about the event protocols and make sure they are aware of the safety plan before the event.
- Masks shall be provided by the guest or the Event Organizer and should be worn at all times while inside PDM.
- PDM will not held liable for any case of contract with the virus by event organizers, suppliers or visitors and will not be obligated for any compensation due to mismanagement of the Event Organizer of aforementioned protocols.

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