

A STUDY ON CHURCHES

Here is a comparison of some churches in the Ilocos region versus the church in Tanjay.

All these churches are really old, dating back to the 17th or 16th century. Those in the Ilocos region follow a pattern: there is the church structure, and beside it is a separate bell tower.

Most of the churches in the Ilocos region have not been drastically renovated; at the most, the roofs have been replaced and modernized with galvanized iron roofing and new wood or metal trusses from the original tile roofs. And also, the façade of the church sometimes has been resurfaced and spruced up. But in most of all cases, the sides of the church have remained intact with the thick walls, and with buttresses to give further support.

We understand that the Tanjay church has undergone numerous renovations: from the walls, to the façade, to the roof. In contrast, the Amlan church has retained much of its originality.

Here are selected sets of photos.



Paoay church, with preserved façade and bell tower. Church cornerstone laid 1704; bell tower 1793.



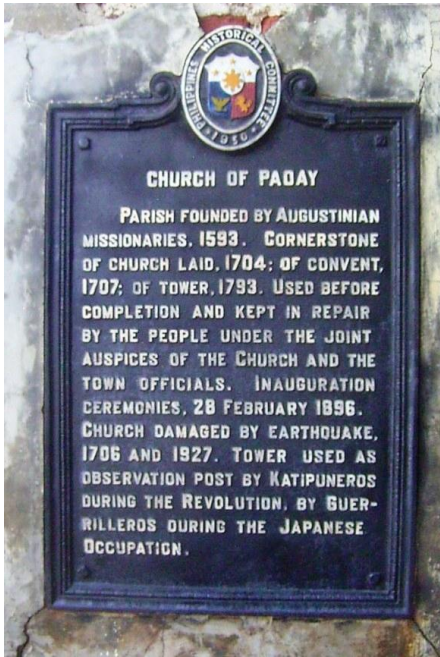
Sign indicating it is a World Heritage Site, with flying buttress reinforcing left side wall.



Inside Paoay church, new roof, mainly held up by pillars.



Paoay right side wall and line of buttresses.



Paoay plaque.



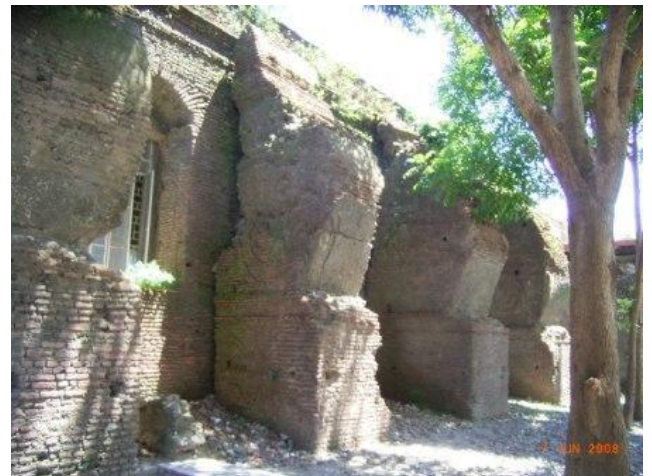
Paoay pulpit. Note how pillars look almost similar to those of Tanjay.



Badoc church and bell tower. Façade is whitewashed, but walls shown left & right below are original stone.



Inside the narrower church, no original posts, just like Amlan church. Has new roof, and like Paoay, still needs new ceiling.



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