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The “Bahay ni Rizal”, as the locals of

Calamba used to call it, is a reproduction of the Spanish period stone house where national hero Jose Rizal was born on June 19, 1861 and lived until he started his formal studies in Biñan. It was located adjacent to the St. John the Baptist's Parish Church, where he was christened as Jose Protacio Rizal Mercado y Alonso Realonda. Later on, this historic site would be known as the Rizal Shrine Calamba and consequently became a popular destination for both local and foreign tourists, fieldtrips and academic researches. Under the direct supervision of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, the Rizal Shrine Calamba is now a modernised museum known as Museo ni Jose Rizal (Museum of Jose Rizal), Calamba that recaptures not only the era of Jose’s childhood but his travels across the world as well. With an area of 3,704 square meters, the Museum of Jose Rizal has six galleries that house several facsimiles, photographs, replicas and authentic artifacts which are related to Dr. Jose Rizal and has several interactive and traditional exhibits. Guests can enjoy a free tour inside the house, different galleries, as well as a stroll along the vast garden where the remains of Francisco Mercado and Teodora Alonso were buried. **Permanent collections:** furniture, houseware, manuscripts, books, paintings, sculptures, bills and coins.

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