

How To Get To Puerto Galera The Do It Yourself Way

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Many buses from different companies travel between Manila and Batangas Port. The only way to distinguish them is to determine whether they travel through Lipa City or via the Star Tollway. Choose a bus that has these two signs in the front window: “Batangas Pier”; and, “Calabarzon”, which means via Star Tollway.

Both Tritran and Jam Transit operate air-conditioned buses every hour that use the South Super Highway and Star Tollway on their way to Batangas Port; both have a depot near the corner of Taft Avenue and Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue (Buendia) in Pasay City. We only recommend the air-conditioned buses as opposed to the “ordinary” non-air-conditioned buses to Batangas Pier.

Under normal circumstances you can allow three hours travel time for buses routed along the Star Tollway and four hours for those that go through Lipa City. The fare is around Php200.

Note: Bus operators use the first-come-first-served method of seat allocation; there is no advance booking.

N.B. Currently the **first scheduled ferry trip** to Muelle Pier (Puerto Galera town) is at 07:00 hrs. (7.00 am) -- fare Php200 per person -- and the first scheduled ferry to Sabang is around 08:15 hrs. (8.15 am); **last scheduled ferry trip** to Muelle Pier is around 16:00 hrs. (4.00 pm) and the last scheduled ferry to Sabang Beach is 16:15 hrs. (4.15 pm) -- fare Php200 per person plus a Php50 per person environmental usage fee; after that you are at the mercy of the independent bankas and their prices vary in direct proportion to your apparent desperation to travel. If you do miss the last ferry then you will need to find accommodation in the Batangas City because the coast guard has recently enforced a “no nighttime sailing policy”.

Arriving at Muelle Pier waterfront, simply walk along to your right (West end) and look for the Puerto Galera Yacht Club dinghy service that will take you directly to the Club.

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