

How To Get To Puerto Galera The Do It Yourself Way

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Directions to Leah Beach

There used to be a really neat do-it-yourself-way that involved driving to Leah Beach and having a private banka to take you to anywhere you requested. Since December 2008 this option has been removed because the beach has been closed to private bankas. The official rumour is that the coast guard decided that the services offered were potentially hazardous and could not be regulated sufficiently.

Watch this space for developments because there is pressure from resort owners to have another beach designated for the purpose.

Directions to Batangas Port

Take the South Superhighway to Calamba and exit right, signposted to Batangas. After approximately 6km take the Star Tollway to the right and follow this all the way to the roundabout. Take the Batangas Port exit from the roundabout (effectively straight across) and follow the road all the way towards the port area, over the flyover and the inconvenient speed bumps to the port.

At Batangas Port you can leave your car at one of the many private car space car aprks near the port are or you can enter the port complex and use the **Park'n Sail** facility but the prices are higher than outside the port complex. The Park'n Sail car park has 24/7 security and floodlighting at night and is considered safe. If the Park'N Sail car park is full (usually only happens during Holy Week/Easter) then you will have to take your pick of the private car space car parks; we offer no recommendations for the private car space car parks.

N.B. Currently the **first scheduled ferry trip** to Muelle Pier (Puerto Galera town) is at 07:00 hrs. (7.00 am) -- fare Php170 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 Php170 per person; 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 could take a tricycle to Leah Beach and take pot luck with the bankas there (usually cheaper than negotiating at the pier).

When you arrive at Puerto Galera (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.