

# How To Get To Puerto Galera

## The Do It Yourself Way

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### Directions to Barberaby Wharf

After exiting the Star Toll road take the signs to Batangas City (effectively a left turn at the roundabout. Follow the road to the Lions monument and then follow the signs to SM Mall. After passing SM Mall continue on this road past the refineries and the milling factory. The total distance is about 12km. Parking is along the waterfront and is charged at the rate of Php50 per night.

If you choose this route then you should arrange a banka in advance, this can be done through most resorts. If you do not arrange a banka in advance then you may be able to hop aboard a banka going back to Puerto Galera but this is not a guarantee.

Alternatively . . .

### Directions to Batangas Port

Take the South Superhighway to Calamba and join the new Star Tollway link-road 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 into 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 Php220 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 Php250 per person. Other charges: Port Terminal Fee is Php30 per person and the EUF is Php50 per person. If you 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".

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.

What is the "EUF"? The EUF is the Environmental Usage Fee charged by municipal authorities governing tourist destination around the Philippines. The EUF may vary depending on the destination.

The current EUF for non-residents entering Puerto Galera is Php50 per person. Within 2011 the EUF is expected to be raised to Php120 per person. This is a one-time fee payable before you enter the Batangas Pier Passenger Terminal building.

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