

# How To Get To Puerto Galera

## The Do It Yourself Way

### BY BUS AND FERRY

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. Some now tout the sign “via ACTEX” or “Non-stop” - these are typically even quicker.

Air-conditioned buses that travel via the Star Tollway from the following companies are frequent and most provide Wifi Internet aboard: Jam Transit, DLTB and Ceres Liner.

Buses to Batangas Pier that use the South Super Highway and Star Tollway can be found at bus stops along EDSA or at the corner of Taft Avenue and Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue (Buendia) in Pasay City (leaving every hour or more frequently). We only recommend the air-conditioned buses as opposed to the “ordinary” (non-air-conditioned) buses to Batangas Pier. Some of the Ceres Liner buses, departing from the Jac Liner depot (corner Taft Avenue and Sen, Gil Puyat Avenue) now feature on-board toilets!

Under normal circumstances you can allow two-and-a-half 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 per person. Note: Bus operators use the first-come-first-served method of seat allocation; there is no advance booking.

Currently the **first scheduled ferry trip from** Batangas to Muelle Pier (Puerto Galera town) is at 05:00hrs. (5.00am) -- fare Php300 per person; **last scheduled ferry trip** to Muelle Pier is around 18:00 hrs. (6.00 pm). Other charges: Batangas Port Terminal Fee is Php30 per person and the Puerto Galera EUF is Php50 per person at arrival. If you miss the last ferry then you will need to find accommodation in the Batangas City. Due to changes in regulations (1<sup>st</sup> July, 2018) regarding passenger vessel construction (no outrigger boats) there are no current sailings direct to Sabang or White Beach.

Arriving at Muelle Pier, look for the Puerto Galera Yacht Club dinghy service that will take you directly to the Club.

As an alternative, there are a few, daily Ro-ro vessel sailings between Batangas Port and Balatero Port (Puerto Galera), offered by Starlite Ferries, Montenegro Shipping Lines and Atienza Interisland Ferries that accommodate passengers as well as vehicles. The schedules are somewhat variable and change with the seasons and vessel availability. At Balatero there are a fleet of tricycles that meet every ferry arrival, taking passengers to all points of Puerto Galera.

Starting September 2019 there are four, truly fastcraft ferry services from Batangas to Balatero Port, with travel times of 45-60 minutes (depending on the vessel), operated by Atienza Interisland Ferries, Island Water, Montenegro Shipping Lines and Ocean Ferries. The first fastcraft from Batangas to Balatero is scheduled for 05:45 (5.45 am) and the last is at 19:25 (7.25 pm).

Check all ferry schedules here: [www.pgyc.org/ferry-sched.php](http://www.pgyc.org/ferry-sched.php)

What is the “EUF”? The EUF is the Environmental Usage Fee charged by municipal authorities,

governing tourist destinations around the Philippines. The EUF may vary depending on the destination. The current EUF for non-residents entering Puerto Galera is Php50 per person. This is a one-time fee payable upon arrival at Muelle or Balatero piers.

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