

How To Get To Puerto Galera

The Do It Yourself Way

BY CAR AND BANKA

Directions to Barberaby Wharf

Take the South Superhighway to Calamba and join the Star Tollway link-road and follow this all the way to the roundabout (about 100Km from Manila). After exiting the Star Tollway 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 around 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.

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Directions to Batangas Port

Take the South Superhighway to Calamba and join the Star Tollway link-road and follow this all the way to the roundabout (about 100Km from Manila). 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 parks 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.

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 (1st 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

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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