

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. 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 faster.

Air-conditioned buses that travel via the Star Tollway from the following companies are frequent and most provide Wifi Internet aboard: JAM Transit, DLTB, ALPS and Ceres Liner. Buses to Batangas Pier that use the South Super Highway and Star Tollway can be found either, at bus stops along EDSA (starting from Cubao) or, at the corner of Taft Avenue and Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue (Buendia) in Pasay City (leaving every hour or more frequently). 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 should allow two-and-a-half hours bus travel time from Metro Manila to Batangas for buses routed along the Star Tollway. The fare is around Php400 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 Balatero Port (Puerto Galera's main port) is at 07:00hrs. (7.00am) -- fare around Php700 per person (less on the Ro-Ro); last scheduled ferry trip to Balatero Port is around 14:00 hrs. (2.00pm), except on Friday, Saturday and Sunday when they may offer later ferries during peak-season.

Other charges: Batangas Port Terminal Fee is Php30 per person and the Puerto Galera EUF is Php120 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.

If you need to bring your car then choose the daily Ro-Ro services from Montenegro Shipping Lines and Island Water.

Check current ferry schedules here: <https://www.pgyc.org/ferry-sched.php>

Arriving at Balatero Port, look for a tricycle to take you to Muelle Pier (less than 10 minutes away) where you have a choice of the PGYC dinghy service to the PGYC Pier or you can take a leisurely walk along the new Mangrove Walk starting beside the replica Galleon sailing ship. The yacht club will be happy to serve hot and ice-cold beverages and a selection of meals or snacks.

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 Tourists entering Puerto Galera is Php120 per person. This is a one-time fee payable upon arrival at Balatero Pier.

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