

# How To Get To Puerto Galera

## The Do It Yourself Way

### BY CAR AND WATER TAXI / FERRY

You have two choices of routes to get to Puerto Galera if you choose to drive your own vehicle instead of taking public transport or private vehicle hire. You can choose to use the Water Taxi service to Puerto Galera or the scheduled Ferry Services. Your choice will be made by either the time of day you intend to travel and whether you need your car while in Puerto Galera - if you need your car while in Puerto Galera then you must use the scheduled Ferry Services and select a Ro-Ro or, if you are planning to travel in the late afternoon and you do not need your car while in Puerto Galera then you will need to use the Water Taxi service.

#### Water Taxi - directions to Berberaby Pier

Take the South Superhighway to Calamba and join the Star Tollway link-road, then follow this all the way to the roundabout (about 100Km from Manila). Tip: get an RF-Tag for fastest travel on Tollway. 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 12.5km from the Star Tollway exit. Parking at Berbarabe is along the waterfront and is charged at the rate of around Php150 per night plus an Entrance Fee of Php130 per person.

If you choose this route then you should arrange a Water Taxi in advance, this can be done through most resorts. If you do not arrange a Water Taxi in advance then you may be able to hop aboard a Water Taxi going back to Puerto Galera but this is not a guarantee. Water Taxi rates are around Php8,000 per trip and most are designed to carry at least 10 passengers.

Alternatively . . .

#### Scheduled Ferry Services - 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). Tip: get an RF-Tag for fastest travel on Tollway. 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 have a choice: you can leave your car at one of the many private car space car parks near the port area; 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 specific recommendations for the private car space car parks.

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: [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 Php120 per person. This is a one-time fee payable upon arrival at Balatero Pier.

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