

## 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 or, 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 Berberabe Port**

Take the South Superhighway (SLEX) to Calamba and continue on to the Star Tollway link-road, then follow this all the way to the Batangas City roundabout, after the exit from the tollway (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 Shell refinery and the grain storage & milling facilities, until you see the sign on the right to Berberabe Port. The total distance is about 12.5km from the Star Tollway exit. Parking at Berberabe Port 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 or directly using the contacts below. If you do not arrange a Water Taxi in advance then you may be able to hop aboard an empty Water Taxi returning to Puerto Galera but this is not a guarantee. Water Taxi rates are around Php8-10,000 per trip and most are designed to carry at least 10 passengers (some will take up to 14), so you share the per-trip fee between however many there are aboard.

Here are the contact details for four water taxi companies that regularly ply the route between Berberabe Port and Puerto Galera and can be booked in advance:

Hagibis PG	Princess Dhea	Hap & Go	MiCorazon
+63 915 333-5528	+63 917 898-6124	+63 905 318-7237	+63 917 532-4555

Alternatively . . .

### **Scheduled Ferry Services - directions to Batangas Port**

Take the South Superhighway (SLEX) to Calamba and continue on the Star Tollway link-road and follow this all the way to the Batangas City roundabout after the exit from the tollway (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, to 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. 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 from Puerto Galera 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 maritime regulations (1st July, 2018) there are no current sailings direct to Sabang or White Beach – everything happens in Balatero Port.

If you must bring your car to Puerto Galera 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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