



BORACAY
TRAVELLER'S
GUIDE

Happy Travellers Guide To Boracay

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE FOR FIRST TIME TRAVELLERS.

The island of Boracay has been consistently rated as one of the top worldwide beach destinations. It boasts some of the most beautiful beaches in the world as well as some of the most amazing culture, dining, nightlife and waterspouts that can be found anywhere in the world.

Boracay still boasts unspoilt beauty and powdery white sand beaches and retains a natural charm many other resorts have lost due to commercialism.

Boracay Island and its beaches have received awards from numerous travel publications and agencies. Boracay was awarded the 2012 best island in the world from the international travel magazine *Travel + Leisure*. In 2014, the resort island was at the top of the *Best Islands in the World* list published by the international magazine *Condé Nast Traveler*. In 2016, Boracay headed the magazine's list of *Top 10 destinations to watch*.

Apart from its white sand beaches, Boracay is also famous for being one of the world's top destinations for relaxation. It is also emerging among the top destinations for tranquility and nightlife.

It truly is a paradise on earth, but now with so many options for hotel and apartment accommodation, dining, nightlife and beach activities, the task of booking your dream trip can be a bit overwhelming. Have no fear as this guide will help arrange your visit with ease, these are the sections of the guide:

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WHERE IS BORACAY LOCATED?

Boracay is a small Island located 2km off the north west coast of Panay Island in the Philippines. The island comprises the barangays of Manoc-Manoc, Balabag, and Yapak in the municipality of Malay, in Aklan Province.



HOW TO GET TO BORACAY

By Air

Boracay is served by 2 airports on Panay Island. Caticlan airport is close to the port which connects to Boracay Island. Kalibo airport is about 90 minutes by road to Caticlan port, so Caticlan airport is preferable if you can get a direct flight there from your location or via Manila. However, you may find Kalibo is cheaper and offers more low cost flights if you are on a budget.

Airlines serving the two airports Caticlan Airport:

Cebu Pacific, Philippine Airlines, Air Asia.

Kalibo Transfer

You can take a bus from Kalibo Airport to Caticlan with a company such as Southwest Tours or Ceres. The bus transfer takes approximately 90 minutes. Approx cost 200 PHP.

Boat Transfer from Caticlan Port To Boracay

Cross from *Caticlan Jetty Port* to Boracay using the public boats. Approx cost – 175 terminal fee, boat ticket 25, environment fee 75. Approx 15 mins journey time. Get to your hotel or apartments using public shuttles freely available outside the Boracay port terminal.



Boracay Port Entrance.



Caticlan Port Boat Pickup

Where to Stay

Boracay has a huge selection of places to stay from budget traveller to high end five star hotels. It doesn't matter if you're a backpacker or if you want luxury, you can easily find a hotel or apartment to suit your needs.

For those who prefer the basics, the island is home to hostels, inns, and B&Bs that will provide clean and affordable rooms for the budget-conscious traveler.

Boracay White Beach Area is divided into three sections: Station 1, Station 2, and Station 3. The high end hotels are mostly located at Station 1, with the budget hotels more in Station 3.

Boracay Personal Guides

If you are a first timer, you may find it beneficial to get a personal local tour guide to maximize your stay on the island. But given Boracay is very small in size many say its best to explore on your own to get a more personal experience. At only 7km long and 1km wide at the narrowest point, it's also easily explorable by rented motorbike.

Beaches

- [Yapak](#) - known for powder white sands and picture perfect sunsets.
- [White Beach](#) - the largest at 4 kilometers long. The main attraction is its beauty, but also that you have everything you need there: resorts, restaurants, nightlife, activities, it's all available right in front of the beach. Split into Station 1, 2 and 3. White beach has many shops, hotels and restaurants right on the seafront. Stroll along the sand walkway between the beach and

hotels. Half way along White Beach at Station 2 you can find D'Mall, an open air shopping arcade with restaurants to suit every taste.

- [Bulabog Beach](#) - is the wind and kitesurfing beach during windy season, which runs from November to April. During low season it's a parking spot for boats. It runs parallel to White Beach, on the opposite east-side of the island. The walking distance between the two is 5 to 10 minutes.
- [Puka Beach](#) - perfect spot for kiteboarding and surfing, is a great spot for adrenalin junkies. Puka Beach is fronted by a huge cliff that stretches along the entire length of the beach. It's a 20 minute tricycle ride away from the center, which makes it a relatively quiet place. At dusk you can see giant bats flying across the tops of the cliffs.

Boracay Nightlife

Boracay is well known for its vibrant, seven days a week nightlife. There are many different nightlife venues to choose from – from wild parties, to bars, to amazing restaurants and relaxing lounges with live music.



Most of Boracay's clubs only start to get going around midnight. The most popular clubs are: Epic, Club Paraw, Cocomangas, Summer Place, Boracay Stars, Guilly's Island.

Enjoying the Relaxing Side of Boracay

If you want to stay at beach away from the party crowd, then head to Yapak Beach, which is the perfect spot to experience the relaxing side of Boracay. Relaxing in Boracay would not be complete without experiencing the massage and spa packages designed to de-stress. There are many spas throughout the Island. There are also many masseurs offering their services right on the beaches, if you want to have a great massage without going out of your hotel.

Eating Your Heart Out While Enjoying the Sunset

Boracay has many options for travelers of every kind. Cheap eats are plenty for the budget-conscious traveller.



The island also has top restaurants and everything in between with all types cuisine on offer. Here are some recommendations:

[Nigi nigi Nu Noos](#)

Nigi Nigi Nu Noos lets you order as many eggs as you like with breakfast. You can try to break the record for most eggs eaten in one sitting for the chance to win free meals for the next 3 days. The current record stands at 42.



[Dancing Chefs at Sea Breeze Cafe Boracay Regency](#)

Sea Breeze offers a great buffet dinner with the added attraction of live music and dancing chefs. You can also wear the chefs hat and join the party! If you are walking down station 2 you are bound to come across them.



Red Coconut

If you're looking for a fantastic mouthwatering seafood bbq, try Red Coconut near Station 1.



Jammers - burgers

For delicious burger meals, at reasonable prices try the famous Jammers at the Station 2 entrance to D'Mall.



Rima - Shangri La Resort

Escape Boracay's busy nightlife for a romantic dinner at Shangri La's Rima restaurant. Amazing Italian food in beautiful location.



The Hobbit (D'Mall)

The Hobbit offers great food with live musicians plus the added attraction of it's waiters and waitresses!



Fire Dancing

Boracay has it's share of talented fire dancers who come out to outdoor restaurants at sunset. They are in a different breed here. You can see kids as young as two learning the ropes on the beach with glowing balls on string, and all this practice sure pays off. The 'fire magicians' as they are called are absolutely outstanding, twisting and turning the fire around their bodies like nothing you've ever seen before.



Tipping During Your Stay

Tipping for services is standard practice in most Philippines tourist resorts. Try to keep some small change to easily give little tips as you go along. If you get a driver or guide for the duration of your stay, it's best to give good tips so you will be assured of fantastic service.

Amazing Land and Sea Adventures

There are so many options for watersports and other activities on the island. Here is the best selection:

The Flying Fish! What a Crazy Ride!

This is a very exciting ride – you are pulled along by a speedboat while riding a huge inflatable fish! You can expect to get some airtime as the speed boat gains speed and launches you into the air. Gather your group and have a wild ride in Boracay!



Banana Boats

For many people, this activity sums up everything that is fun about Boracay.



Helmet Diving

Spend a blissful rendezvous underwater with vibrant fishes and corals through helmet diving. You will travel out to sea amid the spectacular panorama of the surrounding islands. Once under the water, an oxygen-pumped helmet will be put on your head and with the guidance of a dive master, you will then slowly transcend around five meters onto the sandy seabed with coral reefs, inhabited by colourful fishes. Experience the life of fishes immaculately living off in the lustrous coral reefs that sustain the beauty of the majestic Philippine sea.

You will also get to feed the fish and a firsthand look at these aquatic marvels. You will get digital photos and video of your underwater experience.



Island Hopping

Explore the amazing wonders around Boracay Island in a day on an Island Hopping Tour. On a sail boat, you and a group of fun

seekers can cruise along the island's vibrant coast to a virgin-like spot like Puka Beach.

You will have the place all to yourselves to share on the secluded beaches. After an hours stay you can continue the adventure and witness many more wonders like hidden coves, limestone cliffs and hollow caves until you come across Crocodile Island., and outcrop of rock looking like a crocodiles head. You can also visit many other islands such as Magic Island and go Cliff Diving at Aeriels Point.



Snorkeling / Scuba Diving

Along White Beach, if you swim out several meters, you will see some fish, including spotted puffer fish, but these fish are white or light brown (which blend in against the sand) so difficult to spot.



There are many great snorkelling / diving sites in Boracay starting at the end of White Beach.

“Crocodile Island“. The island is shaped like a crocodile, This is an amazing dive site with banded sea snakes, moray eels, parrot fish, etc.

Other Sites include

- Crystal Caves, which are on Laurel Island.
- Balinghai Cove, which is north of White Beach.

[‘Mermaiding’](#)

Have the chance to pose as a real mermaid!



[Paraw Sailing](#)

Paraw Sailing is a local sail boat sport. The boats use two outriggers and two sails. Experience the traditional way of sailing and discover the best sites around the island, perfect for photography. Paraw sailing around Boracay is a great way to ease yourself into the sea and find out how much you like it.



Parasailing

If you have never gone parasailing in Boracay, you are missing out on one of the most exciting activities on the island. Even if you are new to water sports, this is one you will enjoy.



Kitesurfing

Kitesurfing in Boracay is a way of life and practiced by many passionate people. The vibe here is amazing – from kitesurfing in the early mornings on Bulabog beach, the time when everyone starts to have fun practicing their own thing, to the late evenings on the White Beach, where everyone gathers in their favourite restaurant or bar and continues having fun late into the night.



Windsurfing

Windsurfing is especially popular in Boracay because safer than kite-boarding and a bit easier to learn. It's still a really exiting sport.



Cliff Diving At Ariels Point

Cliff diving is an exciting sport that has been enjoyed for centuries by both professionals and amateurs.

There are five different cliff diving platforms at Ariel's Point. Their distances from the water varies with the tides, but the highest platform is 15 meters above the water. The lower platforms are 7-meters, 6-meters, 5-meters, and 3-meters high. People who want to enter the water without cliff diving can do so by walking to a

bamboo dock near the entrance to Ariel's Point or by climbing down a ladder located near the 3-meter platform.



The Zorb Ball

Ride the Zorb Ball at Yapak beach. It is a giant inflatable bouncing ball made from transparent plastic that is rolled down the hill.



Jet Skiing

Feel the adrenaline rush as you speed along the ocean's blue water! You rent the jet skis for 30 minutes at a time.



Newcoast Zipline

The Boracay Cable car and Zipline is a thrilling adventure. Dare yourself to try this amazing adventure which provides a truly breathtaking view of the island. Fly like superman while being harnessed and rocketed down the cable.



Sunset Cruises

If you wander down to Station 1 at about 5pm before sunset you can hire your own outrigger boat for half an hour or more. Take along some drinks and have a beer while watching the sunset.

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Boracay Oceanway - Island Paradise

Located in Boracay, 5 minutes from Exclusive Yapak Beach, Boracay Oceanway Residences - Island Paradise offers nearby restaurants and sea views. Complimentary WiFi is provided throughout the property. Featuring a terrace, all units are fully air conditioned and include a dining area and a seating area with a flat-screen TV with Cable Channels. There is also a fully fitted kitchen with microwave oven. All units have 1 double bed in Master Bedroom with en-suite bathroom. Also Double Sofa Bed in Living Area. Total capacity is 4 Adults plus 2 children (11 and under). The apartment offers an outdoor pool with Jacuzzi. A private beach area is available on site and many watersports and other activities can be enjoyed within close proximity of the property. Popular points of interest near the units include D'Mall Boracay, Ciymall, Station 1, Yapak, Bulabog and Yapak Beaches.





