#### Palaui Travel Guide 2017



## How to get to Palaui Island from Manila

#### Via Plane to Tuguegarao City to Sta. Ana

My friends and I opted to fly to Tuguegarao City to save time. From the airport, we took a tricycle to Brickstone Mall, which is beside the van terminal, where you can ride a van to Sta. Ana, Cagayan for *Php180/pax*. It's usually a 2-hr van ride, but it took us 3-hrs.

Note: There are vans that offer a ride to Sta. Ana for Php3000, exclusive to you and your friends. If you're a big group, you can choose that, otherwise, just go to the van terminal

#### Via Bus to Tuquegarao City to Sta. Ana

You can ride a bus to Tuguegarao City via Victory Liner. There are three terminals where you can book a ride to Tuguegarao: Caloocan, Kamias, and Sampaloc. To check the available schedules please check this <u>Victory Liner Terminal Guide</u>. Depending on the time, the bus fare could range from Php643 to Php860. Head to the van terminal, and catch a ride to Sta. Ana, Cagayan.

#### From Sta. Ana to San Vicente Port

You can talk to the driver of the van to take you to San Vicente Port without any additional cost, just let them know that you're headed there once you ride the van. Usually, the van stops at the Sta. Ana Commercial Center, where you can buy what you need, like food and water, to Palaui Island. From there, you can take a tricycle to San Vicente Port.

#### From San Vicente Port to Palaui Island

At the port, you can hire a boat to Punta Verde. In our case, we stayed two nights at Punta Verde, so we went directly to Punta Verde and went the next day to Palaui Island. What made our trip easier was calling a boatman beforehand to wait and pick us up from the port.

Here's the process of their tourism from San Vicente Port:

- 1. Go to the PASAMOBA Cooperative office. Kuya Jun manages the office and will assist you.
- 2. Choose a tour.
- 3. Pay for the environmental fee of Php75 and the boat rental (price depending on your chosen tour).

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#### Boat Rental

It seems like the tours in Palaui Island are now standardized. We did contact Kuya Edwin, a boatman that was recommended by our homestay, a week before our trip. But Kuya Edwin is not a boatman anymore. I believe that he now manages the tourism in that area, I am unsure, and we actually met him during our Cape Engano tour as our guide. His brother, Kuya Jun, was assigned as our boatman.

Contact Kuya Edwin at **+63 926 9064657** 

### Where to Stay

You have two options for accommodations:

- 1. Rent a hotel in Sta. Ana and have a day tour to Palaui Island
- 2. Spend a night or two at a homestay in Punta Verde

We chose option #2. We contacted Elsa Lagdaran to reserve a room for 4 adults.

Contact Elsa's Homestay in Punta Verde: +63 905 2832559

There are 3 rooms in her house that can be rented, and it costs Php250/head. She can also cook your food which costs Php100/head/meal. Please note that her rooms have 2 queen-sized beds with 2 pillows and 2 blankets per bed. Each room has a basic private bathroom. (Our review of Elsa's Homestay will be uploaded soon)

## Tour Packages

You can arrange your tours once you arrive at San Vicente Port, or you may contact them in advance.

Contact Kuya Eliseo "Jun" Tangcora +63 975 857 2321

Please note that the maximum boat capacity is 8 persons. Single destinations should only be within 6-hours from the time of boarding to arrival. An additional Php100 will be charged for every hour of extension.

Special Trip - Php 3500 (Day) / Php3800 (Overnight)

We recommend getting this package, as it showcases the best of Palaui Island. You will visit the following places for the special trip:

- Cape Engaño
- Punta Verde
- Anguib Beach

## Crocodile Island



## By Destination

LONG DISTANCE			
Destination	Destination Estimated Travel Time		
Cape Engaño	45 minutes	Php 1800	
Anguib	25 minutes	Php 1500	
Siwangag	30 minutes	Php 1500	
Puzurubo	1 hour	Php 1800	

SHORT DISTANCE			
Destination Estimated Travel Time Price		Price	
Crocodile Island	5 minutes	Php 500	
Punta Verde	15 minutes	Php 1000	
Pugo Moro	5 minutes	Php 500	

# Combination Tours

Destinations	Price
Crocodile Island (2 hours)	Php 500
Crocodile Island (6 hours)	Php 800
30 Minutes Cruising around Crocodile	Php 1000
Island and Pugo Moros Island	
Anguib Beach/ Cape Engaño	Php 3000
Punta Verde / Cape Engaño	Php 2800
(Overnight)	
Punta Verde / Mabolbol (Overnight)	Php 2500
Crocodile Island / Anguib Beach	Php 1800
Cape Engaño / Siwangag	Php 2200
Siwangag / Anguib Beach	Php 3000
Cape Engaño / Crocodile Island	Php 2200
Punta Verde / Anguib Beach	Php 2200
Snake Island / Crocodile Island	Php 1500
Punta Verde / Crocodile Island	Php 1300
Punta Verde / Cape Engaño (Trekking)	Php 2500

# Takuli (Traditional Kayak) Experience

Rates	
Takuli for 3 persons	Php 600



Takuli for 2 persons	Php 300
Eco-guide Fee	Php 300

#### **ECO Tours**

GUIDE FEE: Php 300		
1 to 4 visitors	1 tour guide	
5 to 8 visitors	2 tour guides	
9 to 12 visitors	3 tour guides	
Destination	Trail	
From Punta Verde to Cape Engano	Lagunzad's Trail	
From Punta Verde to Siwangag	Leonardo's Trail	
	Siwangag Trail	

New Rates		
Punta Verde to Cape Engano	Php 500	
(ride a boat to Siwangag)		
Siwangag to Punta Verde	Php 500	
Plus Baratubut Falls	Php 50	

## What to Experience:

- Bird watching
- Cape Engano Lighthouse
- Dos Hermanas Island
- Protected Landscape / Seascape
- Breathtaking vistas and scenery