White Beach
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INTRODUCTION TO BORACAY

Boracay Island is one of the top destinations among the 7,641 islands that make up the Philippines. It is highly recognized not only in the country but also in the world. It was awarded as The Best Island in Asia by Conde Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards in 2019 and one of Asia's Best Beaches by TripAdvisor's Travelers' Choice Awards 2019.

The island is reborn into a laid-back and family-friendly destination after its six (6) – month rehabilitation. But the fun still continues whether you opt to indulge in one of Boracay Island's adrenaline-pumping water activities or simply stroll along its fine white sand. You may also plant a tree and be part of the island's program for sustainability and reforestation. It's a place to get your back massaged with hot stones, have yourself painted with henna, and walk around sipping a creamy milkshake. And no need to worry about your budget as the island offers a wide-range of options catering to every visitor from backpackers to luxury travelers.

With its long stretch of powdery white sand, clear blue waters, and world-renowned sunset, the island is truly a paradise.

BEACH REGULATIONS

To ensure the preservation of Boracay Island, we are strictly enforcing these regulations:

- NO LITTERING
- NO SMOKING
- NO DRINKING OF ALCOHOL
- NO ILLEGAL DRUGS
- NO EXCESSIVELY LOUD MUSIC
- NO PETS
- NO FIRE DANCING
- NO BUILDING OF COMMERCIAL SANDCASTLES
- NO STRUCTURES AND FURNITURE

BE A RESPONSIBLE TOURIST

Observe Boracay Island's beach regulations.
Your cooperation for the preservation of this paradise is significant for its sustainability.

A friendly reminder from The Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF).

Banana Boats

Riding a fruit might seem like an odd afternoon activity but it's one of the most popular water activities on the island. The end goal of this high-adrenaline adventure is not to slip off of the giant inflatable banana that's being dragged by a speedboat. Looks easy but it's harder than it sounds.

Step Back in Time

If you want a unique cultural activity, head to Motag Living Museum. This interactive museum in Aklan is only 10 minutes away from Caticlan airport. It will take you to an era that depicts the countryside life of the Filipinos before technology took place. Here, you will be greeted by an elderly who will guide you to travel back in time and will let you have a firsthand experience of traditional farming, harrowing, plowing, and planting. A carabao ride will be a fun experience too!

Helmet Diving

Done just about every activity there is to do? The island has incredible underwater activities like helmet diving, which lets you walk on the seafloor and make some fish friends along the way. Best to do this early in the morning to avoid choppy waves.

Paradise Island

Boracay Island is so much more than white sands and blue waters. Want to take a stroll? Head over to Puka Beach to experience the seashore without the sand. Need tranquility? You'll find peace and serenity on Diniwid Beach. Looking for adventure? Bulabog Beach is a mecca for adrenaline enthusiasts with watersports like kitesurfing, windsurfing, and skimboarding on offer. Feeling posh? You can check in at Station 1 hotels and unwind.

Sunset View

It takes effort to take a bad photo of a Boracay sunset. You'd have to purposely mute the brilliant pinks, purples, oranges, and blues, and mess up the perfect proportion of sky and sea (a futile effort). For the best sunset experience, hop on board a paraw (a traditional Filipino double-sailboat). On the water, with the sea and sky in front of you and the wind in your hair, you'll witness the impossibly beautiful. If you can, sit off on one of the paraw's bamboo outriggers for a front row seat in the Boracay sunset show.

Kevin Evora

Island Flavors

Starving after a day of fun-filled activities? Boracay offers a wide-array of gastronomic choices that cater to every taste and budget. From seafood to barbecue, the island is ready to satisfy your cravings!

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Shop and Dine

If you're looking for something specific like medicines, bikinis or even Gruyere, head to D'Mall. The island's commercial hub is a favorite meeting place for groups. And if you're craving seafood, head to D'Mall Wet Market or Tindahan It Boracay where you can pick and have it cooked on the spot. Don't forget to haggle for the cheap trinkets and souvenirs you find there.

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Thirst Quenchers

If you need a natural cooling system to stave off the heat, grab a refreshing fruit shake just about anywhere in the Island. Choose from as many different flavors as there are colors in the sunset.

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Deep-sea diving

You don't go to Boracay just for diving, but you might just stay for it. The two dozen dive spots off the island will bring you face-to-face with sea animals like sharks, turtles, and nudibranchs. The most exciting is Yapak – a sea wall with a 70-meter vertical drop.

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The Grotto

This landmark rock formation is so beloved by Filipinos so much that it has its own Facebook page. People usually pose in front of or swim by it. But it also has a set of stairs that can take you to its peak. Make your pilgrimage early in the morning when it's low tide and there are less tourists.

FUN THINGS TO DO

Protect our shorelines

Spare some time to make a difference. Help protect Boracay Island's shoreline by planting a mangrove seedling. Head to Barangay Manoc-Manoc, a 15-minute tricycle ride from White Beach, and support the island's reforestation project. It will truly make you proud!

Become a mermaid

Walk along the shore and you might run into men and women in colorful tails. Yes, in Boracay Island, your mermaid dreams can come to life as the island offers mermaid swimming lessons. Or you can just pose with one for a crazy profile picture.

Go cliff diving

Cliff diving is just 30 minutes away via boat from White Beach. Take the plunge in Buruanga, known as a free-fall and cannon paradise. A day trip package around 55 USD includes a round-trip ride, full use of amenities, and eat-and-drink-all-you-can at Ariel's Point.

Fly like a kite

Imagine a child running and pulling a kite across the sky. Now imagine yourself as that kite. Parasailing is a breathtaking activity that gives you a different view of Boracay. It's definitely one of the best island highs. Even better – you can share the experience with up to two other people.

Save time for a massage

After a day full of activities, relax your body and have a massage. Depending on your budget, affordable to high-end and award-winning spas are available around the island. Licensed massage therapists will surely satisfy to soothe your soul.

THINGS TO KNOW

How to get there

The easiest way to get to Boracay is to fly into Caticlan Airport from Manila, then take a boat to the island. But Caticlan's airstrip can only take so many flights. Other options include flying to Kalibo Airport, Roxas City Airport, Evelio Javier Airport, and Iloilo International Airport from Manila, Cebu or any major Asian country, take a van bus to the town of Caticlan, then take a boat to Boracay. There aren't any direct boats from other islands but you may take a Roro or Fastcraft from Batangas, Roxas (Mindoro) or Bulalacao (Mindoro) to Caticlan. Be sure to have a confirmed hotel booking first before flying to Boracay.

How to get around

As long as you're staying on White Beach, you're fine with just your feet. Stations 1, 2 and 3 are all walkable. But if you plan to explore the inner island or the back side of the beach, then it's best to hire a tricycle. Bigger hotels will provide shuttles. Bikes and motorcycles are also available for rent.

Where to stay

Your accommodations depend on what experience of the island you're looking for. Station 1 has relaxing resorts on the beachfront. Stations 2 and 3 have budget hotels close to the action. Station 3 is basic accommodations. Barangay Yapak has timeshares and convention hotels. Bulabog Beach has apartments and hostels. Diniwid Beach has quiet villas. Wherever you are, we're sure you'll have a great time.

Internet

Numerous hotels in Boracay provide internet access to their guests. Restaurants could also be your go-to place to get an internet connection. On-the-go options are pre-paid local SIM cards, pocket WiFi devices, and USB dongles. The latter two aren't available on the island, so you'll have to get them in Kalibo or another big city. All mobile carriers have an amazing data bundle offers so make sure to ask your vendor for those codes.

Language

Located on the Island of Panay, the main dialect spoken by the locals of Boracay is Ilonggo, although Aklanon is still widely used. Few from the ethnic minority of the Ati speak the traditional language of Inati. Exposure to TV programming and tourists from Manila has taught locals Filipino. They have a good grasp of English as well. Depending on where they work, they might even know some German, French, Italian, or Korean!

Currency

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