

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

Boracay covers only 10km², including farming land and preserved forest. Its main **White and Bulabog beaches** are on opposite sides of the island's central area, the narrowest point of which measures just 1km.

GETTING TO AND AROUND

You can fly from Manila and from Clark International airports to **Caticlan Airport** in about 65-75mins, and from Cebu to Caticlan in about 60mins. From there you can take a tricycle to Caticlan Pier for the 10-min ferry hop to Boracay. Fly into **Kalibo Airport** (70mins from Manila) then take a 2-hour van ride from Kalibo to **Caticlan Pier**.

There are also hour-long flights from Iloilo to Caticlan Airport (land travel takes 6hrs).

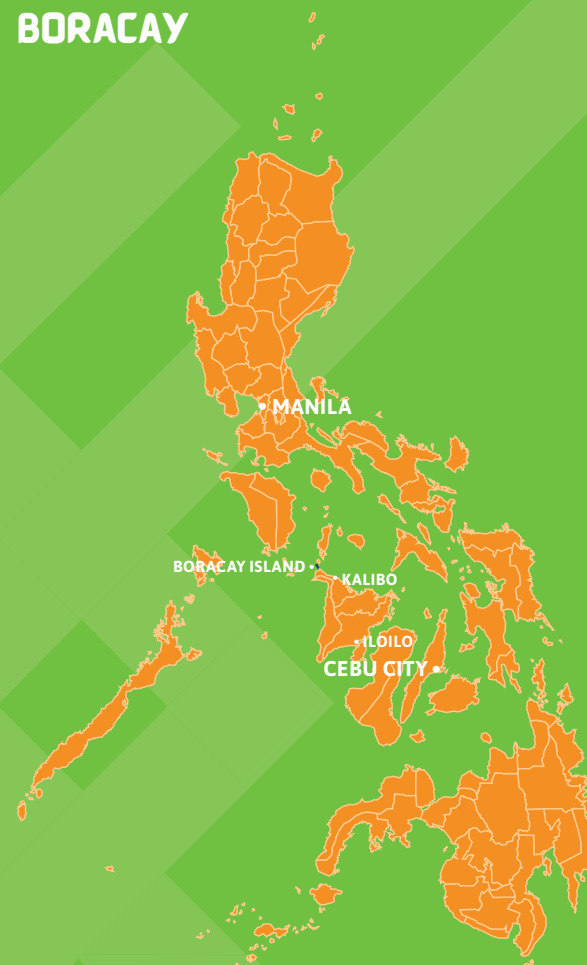
WHERE TO STAY

Most resorts, hotels and other forms of accommodation are congregated around White Beach, which is divided into **Boat Stations 1** (the most upmarket and relaxing), **2** (the most lively) and **3** (popular with budget travellers). The Stations names hark back to the existence of boat stations at which visitors arrived from the mainland.

Other places to stay are **Diniwid Beach** just north of White Beach – a quieter option with calm, shallow waters flanked by cliffs and hence ideal for those travelling with children. It also has viewing platforms down over the beach, lined by restaurants. Meanwhile, many couples opt for off-the-beaten-track **Puka Shell Beach** (Yapak Beach) at the island's northern tip – quieter and with deeper water ideal for swimming, snorkelling and paddle-boarding. (paddle-boarding is best at the White Beach front area).

The island's water sports capital, popular with kiteboarders and wind-surfers, **Bulabog** is the most popular area for budget travellers while being just a 10-min stroll from all the attractions of **White Beach**. Lastly, there's the undeveloped **Tambisaan Beach** with its coral reefs, offering homely and authentic places to stay along with lots of great street food.

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CLIMATE

Tropical, with an average of around 30°C but up to 39°C March to May. The rainy season (Habagat) lasts June to late October (with heavy but short showers) and the dry season (Amihan) November to May – the latter being the best time to kitesurf in Boracay.

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White Beach, Boracay



WELCOME TO BORACAY

Reopened on 26th October 2018 after 6-month rehabilitation and restoration work, Boracay just off the north-west tip of Panay Island now leads the way in sustainable tourism. Despite its small size, two of its beaches – White Beach and Yapak – were listed among TripAdvisor's Top 25 Beaches in Asia in 2020. It is also ranked second in Condé Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards for the Best Islands in the World in 2019. Once a notorious party island, this is now a laidback getaway destination perfect for everyone from couples to families.

"Barefoot elegance is the prevailing vibe on the tiny island of Boracay, where the 2½-mile stretch known as White Beach is often singled out for having the softest sand in the world."

— Travel + Leisure

Note: Travellers must have a confirmed hotel booking before arriving on Boracay as the island maintains a daily cap on visitor numbers.



Fresh seafood



Diniwid Beach



Kitesurfing
Eric Beltran



WHY IT'S MORE FUN IN BORACAY

Water sports lead the way for the active in Boracay, although the likes of zip-lining, hiking and golf will lure you inland. For more relaxing interludes, award-winning beaches beckon, as do island-hopping trips and cultural pursuits ranging from beach meditation sessions and yoga to local cookery lessons.

CULTURE AND FOOD

Since its reopening, Boracay has become much more tranquil, with a cap on visitor numbers and wild beach parties in favour of low-key activities and events. Dining is casual too – focused on the latest catch, often simply grilled. Think *diwal* (angel-wings clam), lobster, oysters, prawns and tuna in both Asian and globally inspired dishes.



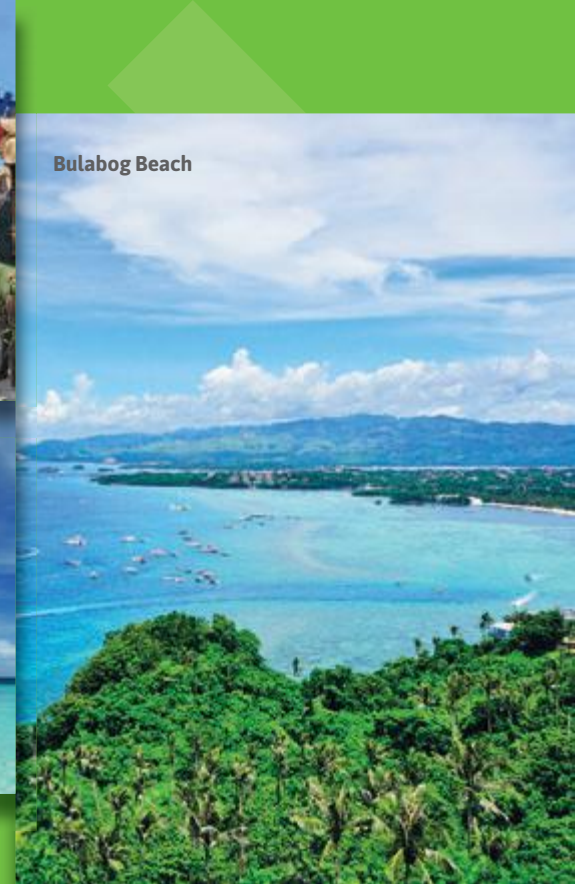
Coral reefs, Bulabog Beach



Ati-Atihan Festival
Marc Go



Boracay Grotto, Willy's Rock, White Beach



Bulabog Beach

TOP 10 ACTIVITIES

- **Snorkel or scuba dive** – boats can take you out to **walls, wrecks** and **drift dives**.
- Try eco-friendly, non-motorised water sports including kiteboarding and windsurfing.
- **Go hiking** in Boracay's hills
- Take to the air with a spot of **parasailing**.
- Alternatively, see Boracay from the sky with a **helicopter beach tour**.
- Go **island-hopping** around Boracay. Indulge in a **luxury sunset yacht cruise**.
- Head to the island of **Ariel's Point**, with more cliff diving plus kayaking and bamboo rafts.
- Play golf on the **18-hole, par 72 Graham Marsh-designed fairway**.
- Take an extension trip to experience the beauty and food culture of Kalibo, Iloilo, as well as Bacolod, specially during the Masskara Festival during the last week of October.
- Treat yourself to a massage in one of the spas, wellness centres or beach huts.

TOP EVENTS & FESTIVALS

- **Ati-atihan Festival, January** – the island's own colourful Santo Niño celebration.
- **Boracay International Funboard Cup, January** – a leg of the Asian Windsurfing Tour.
- **Boracay Dive Olympics, March and April**.
- **Love Boracay, May** – a week-long celebration of local rehabilitation efforts.