

Calaguas Island

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March 7 – 9, 2010

	Cost (per person)
Air Transfers	
Cebu Pacific	PHP 1,139.52
Manila Domestic Terminal Fee	PHP 200.00
Naga Domestic Terminal Fee	PHP 20.00
Taxi to and from Manila Airport	PHP 650.00
Taxi to and from Naga Airport	PHP 362.50 ¹
Accommodations	
Calaguas Island	PHP 50.00 ²
Hotel Dolor, Daet	PHP 428.00 ³
Transport	
Van to Daet	PHP 145.00
Van to Paracale	PHP 50.00
Calaguas boat rental	PHP 625.00 ⁴
Van to Daet (from Paracale)	PHP 50.00
Apuau boat rental	PHP 250.00 ⁵
Van to Naga	PHP 145.00
Tricycle	PHP 63.00
Jeep	PHP 20.00
Food Expenses	
Meals, snacks and drinks	PHP 912.00 ⁶
Miscellaneous	
Calaguas Island entrance fee	PHP 100.00 ⁷
Internet	PHP 30.00 ⁸
Total	PHP 5,240.02

1 Taxi to and from the airport is expensive! From the airport, they charged me Php300 (I was alone since my travel buddies flew in to Legazpi). Going to the airport, the driver asked for Php 250. To be fair, it's quite far, about 14 kilometers.

2 Php200 for a cottage we did not use. We were able to use their gazebo, so it's all good. Plus, we also used the caretaker's toilet and bathroom.

3 The room is big, has aircon and cable TV. There are two single beds in the room, so we paid extra for two additional beds and breakfast. Total cost for the four of us is Php1,710.

4 The original price the boatman gave us was Php 3,000, but Leidy was able to haggle it down to Php 2,300. Nelson and his crew were all so nice and helpful that we gave them Php 2,500 instead.

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5 Php 1,000 for a 30-minute ride one-way to an island we only stayed at for about 30 minutes.

6 Meals include lunch at a carinderia (canteen) in Paracale, take out dinner for our night in Calaguas, instant noodles and other junkfood for breakfast the following day, breakfast at Jollibee, baby back ribs dinner at Graceland in Daet, and the juiciest fried chicken at Biggs in Naga.

7 The caretaker originally priced it at Php 150, but again, Leidy was able to bring the price down to Php 100. Our boatman tells us that the locals of Paracale only pay Php 30, or sometimes even free.

8 Php 15 per hour!