



Discover Malapascua with DiversGems & Dive Subculture

Nestled off the northern tip of Cebu in the Philippines, Malapascua Island offers a blend of tranquility and adventure, making it an ideal destination for divers. At just 2 km by 0.5 km, the island is small enough to explore on foot in 1-2 hours. With a population of around 7,000, Malapascua thrives on tourism, fishing, and traditional boat-building. Witnessing the local artisans construct *bangkas* (traditional wooden boats) by hand is an experience in itself.



A Name with a Story: The name Malapascua means “Bad Christmas” in Cebuano. Legend tells that Spanish explorers first landed on the island on a stormy holiday in the 1500s, naming it after their ordeal. However, since “pascua” also translates to “Easter” in Spanish, there remains some mystery about whether it was a stormy Christmas or Easter.

Over the last few decades, Malapascua has evolved into a renowned dive destination, thanks to the discovery of thresher sharks in its waters. With its white sandy beaches, crystal-clear waters, and friendly locals, the island continues to charm travelers from around the world.





Traveling to Malapascua Island with DiverGems

We offer seamless travel arrangements to make your journey smooth and hassle-free.

Private Transfers

Our team can arrange a private taxi and boat transfer from Cebu Airport, your hotel, or Cebu port directly to Malapascua Island. Enjoy a stress-free ride to Maya Port, followed by a private boat crossing to the island.

- Travel Time: 4-6 hours (depending on traffic)
- Flight Connections: Plan your arrival before noon to ensure you catch the last boat, as crossings stop between 4:30 and 5:30 PM.

Cebu-Malapascua Island (One - Way)

Guest	Total	Per Head
1 Guest	Php 8,500	Php 8500
2 Guests	Php 9,300	Php 4650
3 Guests	Php 10,100	Php 3450
4 Guests	Php 10,700	Php 2750

Cebu-Malapascua Island (Round - Way)

Guest	Total	Per Head
1 Guest	Php 16,000	Php 16,000
2 Guests	Php 18,600	Php 9,300
3 Guests	Php 17,200	Php 5,730
4 Guests	Php 17,500	Php 4,375





Transfer Rates

Travel Duration:

- Cebu Airport to Maya Port: Approximately 3-4 hours by private car.

Maya Port Boat Schedule:

- First Departure: 06:00
- Last Departure: 16:30

Arrival Recommendation:

To ensure a smooth transfer, we recommend arriving at Cebu Airport by 12:00 at the latest. Early arrivals provide ample time for travel and reduce the chance of missing the last boat to Malapascua.

Included in Your Transfer Package:

- Private Car Transfer: Comfortable ride for up to 2 passengers.
- Private Boat Transfer: Direct to Malapascua Island.
- Refreshments: Mineral water provided upon airport arrival.
- Environmental Fees: Covered at Maya Port.
- Porter Service: Luggage assistance by Maya porters.

* **Flights:** Cebu-Mactan International Airport offers direct flights to cities such as Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, and Dubai. Domestic flights connect Cebu with Manila, Boracay, and other key destinations.

* **Ferries:** Daily ferries link Cebu with Manila, Bohol, Dumaguete, and Leyte. Always confirm schedules, as they can change frequently.

Money and Payments

- **ATMs:** There is 5ATM on the island, but it's not always reliable. We recommend bringing cash
- **Payment Options:** Dive Subculture Technical / DiverGems accepts:
- Cash (PHP, USD, EUR, GBP)
- Bank Transfers (Philippines, UK, EU, USA, and more)
- Online Payments via Wise.com or Revolut
- Paypal (5% transaction fee applies)

For further assistance or special requests, feel free to reach out to us. Safe travels, and we look forward to welcoming you to Malapascua





Do It Yourself - DIY Traveling to Malapascua

Cebu City -Maya Harbor (North Tip of Cebu) NO BUSES AFTER 9pm so plan ahead

Taxi	Bus (Northern Bus Terminal)	Van (SM City Mall)
<p>Price: PHP 4000 - PHP 7000</p> <p>Duration: 3 - 4 Hours</p> <p>* Note Standard airport taxi price is approximately PHP 5,000</p>	<p>Price (A/C) : PHP 320 Price (N/AC) : PHP 270</p> <p>Busses (Yellow Ceres or Rough Riders) leave from Northern Bus Terminal</p> <p>* Non-AC Buses: Faster, no stops, about 4 hours. Run every 20 - 30 minutes * AC Busses: Slower with stops, about 4 hours. Run every 20 - 30 minutes.</p>	<p>Price: PHP 350 - PHP 400</p> <p>Duration: 3 - 4 Hours</p> <p>Public Bus/Van: Available to Maya.</p> <p>Black Taxi Vans: More spacious, air-conditioned (PHP 350-400), departing continuously from 5:00 AM near Bayfront Hotel parking lot. White vans are an option but less comfortable.</p>

Maya Harbor -Malapascua Island

Private Boat	Public Boat
<p>Price: PHP 2500+ (per person)</p> <p>Duration: 30 minutes</p> <p>* Note The fare varies depending on the time of day. Boats usually drop passengers at the main pier, but you can request to be taken directly to Dive Subculture Technical / DiverGems or your resort.</p>	<p>Price: PHP 200 (per person) + PHP 20 - 50 (per bag)</p> <p>Duration: 30 minutes</p> <p>* Note Boats depart once full. If you're on the last boat, an extra charge may apply if it's not full.</p> <p>Boat Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maya to Malapascua: 6:00 AM – 4:30/5:30 PM (varies by season) • Malapascua to Maya: 6:00 AM – 4:00 PM

