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FOREWORD

Boracay Island is one of the top tourist destinations in the Philippines. Many have enjoyed its famous White Beach, rated among the world's best tropical beaches.

All visitors to Boracay quickly find that the Island is much more than stunning beaches and coves. It is also a fascinating microcosm of nature, people and cultural influences seldom found in Southeast Asia on such a small scale. Different cultures live side-by-side on this 1083 hectare "Paradise Island" amidst a variety of tropical landscapes. A multitude of sports, a pulsating night life, and a varied and exciting cuisine are all there for visitors to enjoy in Boracay's wonderfully friendly ambiance.

Up to now no guide book existed for Boracay Island, which attracted over 300,000 visitors last year. Now there is *Boracay. The Island Guide!* Brought to you in the popular and convenient "souvenir book" format, *Boracay. The*

Island Guide is not only captivating and practical, it is also easy and entertaining to read with many impressive pictures of the Island.

Boracay. The Island Guide provides all information needed by visitors to this unique island, at the same time familiarizing the reader with its charm and ambiance. Boracay. The Island Guide is essential for all visitors looking for relaxation and enjoyment on Boracay whatever their age, whether they are alone, a couple or with friends and family, or whether they are sports lovers, backpackers or business people.

The Boracay. The Island Guide will help you understand why Boracay often is called "Paradise Island". October 2003

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ARRIVAL · DEPARTURE

How to get there

BY PLANE

The fastest way to Boracay is to fly to Caticlan Airport. There are also many flights to Kalibo. Flight time from Manila to either Caticlan or Kalibo is about the same (50 minutes), and from Cebu City the flight takes 30 minutes. Flight schedules vary, so consult the airline companies below.

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LOCATION & SIZE

Boracay Island lies approximately 350 kilometers south of Manila. The Island is a short distance off the northwestern tip of Panay Island. which is in the Western Visayas. Administratively, Boracay Island is part of the Municipality of Malay in Aklan Province. Boracay Island is about 7 kilometers long and 1 to 4 kilometers wide, comprising an area of 1,083 hectares. The middle of the Island, where the population of approximately 15,000 people is concentrated, is flat and narrow. Both the southern and northern ends of the Island are wider and hilly, with the highest point (Mt. Luho, 100 meters) located in the north. Boracay has more than a dozen beaches and many coves. The most famous beach is the almost 4 kilometer long White Beach, which has been named one of the best beaches in the world.