

Ferry

: a boat or ship for conveying passengers and goods , especially over a relatively short distance and as a regular service



Ferries are the most convenient and swift mode of transportation you can ride if you want to go to another island or another part of Cebu. The ferry travel saves commuters time and money and this is the local way of life in going to islands. The ferry can fit 15-20 people and passengers can enjoy the full view of some islands. Ferries are also use for island hopping which foreigners do love the most. You can see a lot of ferries here in Cebu especially in Mactan Island.

VOCABULARY

convey
swift
commuters
local
relatively

QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever ridden a ferry? How does it feel?
2. What do you usually do when riding a ferry?
3. Do you get sea-sick when riding a ferry?

EXERCISE

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from the story.

convey swift commuters local relatively

1. The local police took _____ action against the squatters.
2. The train was packed with _____.
3. The _____ people in Cebu are naturally hospitable.
4. He's a _____ good squash player.
5. Water flows into the channels and those channels _____ it to the fields.

Motorcycle taxi

Cart Bike = Habal Habal

: a motorcycle with extended seat to accommodate more passengers in a row at the rear seat



If you want an adventure then this mode of transportation is for you. It is one of the most popular fun rides here in Cebu. In fact, because of its extreme popularity among locals and definitely a favorite of foreign tourists, it has now become, as it is rightfully considered, an iconic public transportation particularly in the provinces. As most locals say, you have never truly experienced Cebu if you have not ridden a habal-habal particularly when touring the different tourists' attractions in the City and adjacent islands. It's a risky ride but then it's worth the risk.

VOCABULARY

accommodate
extreme
adjacent
extended
iconic

QUESTIONS

1. What is the most common mode of transportation in your place?
2. Do you think riding a " habal habal" is dangerous? Why or why not?
3. Would you consider " habal habal" as one of the exciting mode of transportation?

EXERCISE

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from the story.

iconic extended extreme accommodate adjacent

1. There wasn't enough space to _____ the files.
2. The little girl felt a sudden _____ pain on her legs.
3. They work in _____ buildings.
4. They are going on an _____ holiday in Russia.
5. Michel Jackson gained _____ status following his death.

Jeepney

: a Philippine jitney bus converted from a jeep

The word **JEEPNEY** is a combination of the words "jeep" and "knee" (from its knee to knee sitting)



Jeepneys are the most popular means of public transportation in Cebu. They were originally made from US military jeeps left over from World War II and are known for their flamboyant decoration and crowded seating.

To board the jeepney, you can either hop aboard when they're stationary (and seeking passengers) or you can flag one down as they drive past. If stationary, they are often at the beginning of the route and will usually not move until it's full or near full. To ask the driver to stop at your destination, you tap a coin repeatedly on metallic rail on the roof.

VOCABULARY

flamboyant
hop aboard
flag (down)
stationary
route

QUESTIONS

1. What's your favorite method of transportation?
2. How many different kinds of transportation have you been on?
3. How often do you use public transport?

EXERCISE

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from the story.

flamboyant hop aboard flag (down) stationary route

1. If you want to arrive faster, you have to take a direct _____ via the Highway.
2. There was a _____ car in the middle of the road.
3. The place displays a _____ western design.
4. Cruising is safer than flying and once you _____, everything is included while you travel to exotic locations.
5. The inspectors have to _____ all vehicles passing that route.

Motorized Tricycle

: a vehicle similar to bicycle, but having three wheels, two at the back and one at the front



Cebu City is the second biggest city in the Philippines. There are many famous places for tourist. When you arrive in Cebu, you can see some different transportation such as tricycle and jeepney but tricycle is more recommendable mode of transportation if you want to go anywhere in Cebu. Up to 6 or 7 people can sit, plus their luggage. Besides the driver, two people can sit on the outside next to the driver, a couple of people can sit inside the covered side and seemingly at least person is hanging outside the motorcycle. You can just catch them by waving your hand. Tricycle is very convenient transportation especially when you go to the beaches in Cebu and it also has cheaper price.

VOCABULARY

vehicle
recommendable
waving
convenient
cheaper

QUESTIONS

1. Do you have this kind of transportation in your country?
2. What mode of transportation do you have that is more convenient to tour around your place?
3. What is the cheapest mode of transportation you have in your country?

EXERCISE

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from the story.

convenient cheaper vehicle waving recommendable

1. A truck driver dies last night when his _____ overturned.
2. She is highly _____ architect.
3. I was _____ my hand madly but he never once looked in my direction.
4. A bike's a very _____ way of getting around.
5. There's a restaurant round the corner that serves _____ food.

Pedal Pedicab (Trisikad)

: a peculiar three- wheeled human powered vehicle



The word “sikad” means kick or pedal, so it's unclear if its meaning comes from pedaling the bicycle or when the driver kicks the foot brake on the front wheel. The brake is one of the most interesting feature of this type of Philippines pedicab as it's simply a foot brake on a sprung hinge over the front wheel, with a piece of car tire used as the brake onto the rubber bicycle tire.

This is used in smaller communities and people will have to ride on “trisikad” to go to main road for them to catch the jeepneys or tricycles. Trisikad is the mode of transportation wherever you go within the towns of Cebu. Foreigners find it interesting so they never miss a chance to ride on it.

VOCABULARY

pedal
foot brake
sprung hinge
peculiar
feature

QUESTIONS

1. What do you think of the transportation in other countries?
2. Are you happy with transportation services in your country?
3. What do you think is the most dangerous form of transportation and why?

EXERCISE

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from the story.

pedal foot brake sprung hinge peculiar features

1. Our latest model of phone has several new _____.
2. This sewing machine is operated by a foot _____.
3. You need to step on the _____ when you see a pedestrian crossing the street.
4. You can see the foot brake on the _____ over the front wheel.
5. My father has the most _____ ideas which I find it weird.