

FERRY BOATS

: boats that ferries people and things between two places



One of the most convenient modes of transportation when visiting some of the many neighboring islands of Cebu are Ferry boats, it is a great way to be conveyed around the neighboring islands and is a favorite mode of transportation amongst the locals. A way to escape the vast city traffic is to take a ferryboat which also saves time and money. Besides daily commuting, it is also the best choice when doing the anticipated island hopping in Cebu! A small ferryboat can accommodate about 15 to 20 people, where locals and tourists can easily be mesmerized by the beautiful neighboring islands that Cebu has to offer. A ferryboat can help organize your busy itinerary and will give you more time to relish in the beauty of the neighboring islands.

VOCABULARY

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QUESTIONS

1. What do you think is the best mode of transport? Why?
2. How was mode of transport changed over the years?
3. If you were given \$1,000,000.00 to cross the vast ocean in a ferryboat, would you take the risk? Why or why not?

EXERCISE

Choose the correct word from the box and complete the sentences below.

mode convey vast itinerary relish

1. It took me 30 minutes to _____ everything that was happening.
2. We have to plan our _____ ahead of time.
3. After a busy week at work, there is nothing I _____ more than a month-long vacation.
4. The field is so _____ that the edge is hardly visible to the naked eye.
5. Planes are her usual _____ of travel, but she decided to take the train for a change.

HABAL-HABAL

: also known as Skylab; owing to its crude resemblance to the Skylab space station. It is a popular way of travelling in many areas in the Philippines



One of the most famous yet odd modes of transportation is the Habal-habal. It's a regular motorbike used as public transportation and can carry from 2 to 4 passengers! Probably, the best alternative ride to taxis and is a wise choice for commuters (esp. the locals) who want to get rid of the congested traffic. Besides being known for its speed and convenience, it can even access intolerable roads which will lead to ideal destinations that may otherwise be inaccessible like waterfalls, mountainsides and even beaches. Riding habal-habal is truly a ride of a lifetime because you need to take a risk and you also need to be very bold. This mode of transportation is best for people who seek adventure, which is how it earned its fame among tourists. You have not truly experienced Cebu until you have taken a ride on a habal-habal.

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QUESTIONS

1. How is habal-habal described in the article?
2. What do you think is the best solution for traffic congestion?
3. Why is habal-habal useful in the countryside?

EXERCISE

Choose the correct word from the box and complete the sentences below.

odd get rid of congested intolerable bold

1. I don't want to _____ my long hair.
2. She looks _____ in those clothes.
3. The expressway was _____ with hundreds of vehicles heading south.
4. The student's misbehaviour towards their teacher is _____.
5. It is _____ of her to say such ridiculous claims.

JEEPNEY

: Philippine jitney bus converted from a jeep.



A Jeepney is definitely considered the face of Filipino transportation, it earned its name as the national vehicle of the country. They were originally made from the US military jeeps remaining from World War II which were later decorated with piquant hues, plastic fringes, upholstered seating and they usually have an iconic horse at its forefront. It is considered the least expensive mode of transportation in the Philippines and can accommodate 20 to 30 people. To locate and board the jeepney, you can either go to its terminal or flag down one as it passes by. If you're not in a boarding area, then unfortunately you may be passed by and unable to board. Some areas are restricted by law to board passengers and therefore Jeepney drivers won't risk picking you up. Passengers sit in very close proximity and look face to face, especially when its full. As you arrive at your destination, tap a coin on its metal rail repeatedly while politely showing your face to your fellow commuters.

VOCABULARY

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QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever ridden a jeepney? Tell us about your experience.
2. Where was jeepney originated?
3. Explain the steps on how to board a jeepney.

EXERCISE

Choose the correct word from the box and complete the sentences below.

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1. Outsiders are not allowed to enter the _____ area.
2. As he eyed the lady, he could not help but marvel at her _____ appearance.
3. She managed to _____ a road train after several hours.
4. I entered the room and sat in the leather _____ chair beside the piano.
5. The place is know for its _____ landscape.

TRICYCLE

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



The tricycle is another very popular mode of transportation and that is evident as you travel around the city. In Cebu, you can find the tricycle almost everywhere other than major highways and the city center. It is comprised of a motorbike and a sidecar which can safely accommodate up to four or five passengers but often can be seen with six or seven commuters. Its sidecar may vary in style and it can also load luggage safely on the roof. Like a jeepney, you can catch them in small terminals while it's waiting to be fully occupied. It can also be the best bargain for family and friends to reach destinations like the beach safely. In Cebu the tricycle can be one of the most reasonable options for traveling around safely and cheaply.

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QUESTIONS

1. How many people can a tricycle accommodate?
2. Which would you prefer? To walk or ride a tricycle? Why?
3. Have you ever seen a vehicle like this in your country? If not, what other means of transport do you have?

EXERCISE

Choose the correct word from the box and complete the sentences below.

evident accommodate vary option reasonable

1. She only has one sleeping bag and it could only _____ two people.
2. Ideas of morality _____ widely from one culture to another.
3. That shop is famous for selling high quality bags with _____ prices.
4. It was _____ from his facial expressions that he's afraid.
5. You have to consider the _____ before making a decision.

TRISIKAD

: also known as “bike taxi”



This public vehicle is the bicycle version of the tricycle but the only difference is it is powered fully by a person and not by a motor. The word “sikad” means kick in the Cebuano dialects, thus, trisikad is a three-wheeled transportation which is powered by “kicking” or pedaling the bicycle. This vehicle can accommodate up to four people, which is three in the sidecar and one behind the driver and closely resembles the tricycle. Apart from its cheap fare, it is also eco-friendly since the vehicle has no motor and produces no carbon. Usually, you can see the drivers frolicking in the parks, street corners, and villages. They typically can only transport commuters to destinations that are within one kilometer. Trisikad drivers are usually very polite, welcoming you with a warm smile before welcoming you aboard their humble vehicle and taking you to your destination.

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QUESTIONS

1. Why is the trisikad considered the most Eco-friendly vehicle?
2. What is the difference between a bicycle and a trisikad?
3. Do you have a similar mode of transport? Tell the class about it.

EXERCISE

Choose the correct word from the box and complete the sentences below.

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1. She _____ her father very closely.
2. The Philippines has more than 700 languages and _____.
3. It's fun to watch sea creatures _____ on the beach.
4. Welcome to our _____ home Kris.
5. The exhibit is flooded with _____ designs, but it isn't always easy being green.

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