

Itinerary: Mt. Guiting-Guiting Reverse Traverse

Sample Itinerary for 3D2N Reverse Traverse (Olango – Tampayan Trail)

Day 1

1700 Assemble at Buendia Bus Terminal
1745 Take bus from Manila to Batangas Port
2000 Arrival at Batangas Port
2200 ETD from Batangas Port to Romblon Port, Romblon

Day 2

0600 Arrival at Romblon Port, Romblon
0700 ETD at Romblon Port to Ambulong Port, Sibuyan Island (Transfer to MV Querubin)
1000 ETA at Ambulong Port, Sibuyan
1100 Lunch at Bagumbayan Beach Resort
1200 ETD DENR for registration and briefing
1300 ETA DENR Sibuyan Sub-station. (PENRO or Protected Area Office)
1330 Head to San Fernando, Romblon. Drop by the market to buy supplies.
1600 ETA San Fernando, Romblon.
1700 ETA Jump-off site (Sitio Olango)
1900 Dinner. Overnight stay at Remy's Cottages (lead guide's place).

Day 3

0500 Wake up call / Breakfast
0630 Start Trek
1200 Lunch at Camp 2
1300 Resume Trek
1600 ETA Campsite 3. Set up camp
1800 Dinner / Socials

Day 4

0200 Wake up call
0215 Break camp / Breakfast
0315 Start Trek
0430 ETA Crash Site
0530 ETA RemValdely's Peak
1230 Resume Trek
0630 ETA G2 Summit
0700 Breakfast
0830 Start Trek
1030 ETA Peak of Deception
1200 ETA Mabel's Spring. Lunch and Rest.
1330 Resume Trek
1430 Start of Knife-edge Ridge
1600 ETA at Mayo's Peak

Day 5

0500 Wake up call
0515 Watch Sunrise
0600 Break Camp
0630 Start Trek
0700 Bulod's Spring
0800 Breakfast
0900 Resume Trekking
1130 ETA at Camp1
1330 ETA River/River Crossing
1500 Arrival at DENR. Proceed to Bagumbayan Beach House

1730 ETA Bagumbayan in Magdiwang. Check-in Bagumbayan Beach Resort. Settle guide fees and have Dinner.

Day 6

0500 Wake up call
0600 Breakfast
0800 ETD Beach to hop on a boat for Cresta de Gallo
1000 ETA Cresta de Gallo and Camp (bring gallons of water and food)

Day 7

0500 Wake up call
0600 Ride pumpboat back to San Fernando
0830 Proceed to Ambulong port by tricycle
1000 Take M/V Maria Querubin From Ambulong Port to Romblon
1300 ETA at Romblon Port, Romblon
2100 ETD at Romblon Port, Romblon

Day 8

0500 ETA Batangas Port. Take bus back to Manila

Few Notes:

- Contact guide weeks ahead and get a permit. Mt. Guiting-Guiting National Park is a highly protected area, so hikers should only follow established trails with a DENR climbing permit, and must be accompanied by local guides. Also, pitch camp only in designated campsites. Ratio is 3 climbers : 1 guide + 1 porter-guide. Olango Trail (Reverse Traverse) lead guide and our contact person: Remy Robiso +63 921 732 2462
- Flights and boat trips can get delayed or cancelled due to bad weather so it makes sense to have extra days to cover. unspoilt beaches and other points of interest.
- Our estimated total budget was Php8,000++ but ended up spending ~Php12,000.
- Bagumbayan Beach Resort accommodation on the last day is already included in our Mt. Guiting-Guiting climb package.
- Secure at least 1 First-aid kit for the group. Do carry some medicines (e.g. loperamide, paracetamol, ibuprofen, antihistamine), hydration salt, betadine, sterile gauze pads, elastic bandage, triangular bandage etc.
- Budget trail water to stay hydrated. With sparse water sources, one should keep in mind to take only sips instead of gulping and secure trail water that you can manage to last until the next water spring.
- Make scrambling easier with anti-slip breathable gloves. Useful to protect your hands from rough boulder surface and prickly plants.

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