WHAT TO DO UPON ARRIVAL IN ILOILO AIRPORT?

Upon arrival at Iloilo International Airport in Cabatuan, Iloilo, there are three (3) options on how to get to Iloilo City (note: Iloilo airport is 28 kilometers from Iloilo City):

**Option 1: via Taxi services** (preferably Light of Glory or Merriam, as they are the biggest taxi companies in Iloilo). Upon exiting the airport’s arrival area, you will be greeted (or haggled) by ushers offering taxi services on a fixed rate, ranging from 300-400 pesos depending on the company. Though this option is the most expensive, it is also the most convenient, as the taxi will take you directly to your hotel’s doorstep. Travel time, 30-45 minutes depending on traffic conditions.

**Option 2: via Airport van-for-hire** (Merriam or Susie Star). Upon exiting the airport’s arrival area, you will see parked white vans (with bulldog stickers) just across the street. Tell the driver/conductor to drop you at SM City Iloilo. The ride costs 50 pesos and travel time may take 30 minutes to an hour depending on traffic conditions. Note that they cram 14 people into the van; not the most comfortable. Upon arrival at SM City Iloilo public transport terminal, you can take a taxi to your hotel (fare is no more than 100 pesos for hotels listed). If you are staying inside the UP campus (Balay Ilonggo or GDP), you can take the jeepney (Leganes or SM City Proper). Just tell the driver to drop you off at UP. Jeepney fare costs 7.50 pesos.

**Option 3: via Multicab.** This option is the cheapest and will take the longest travel time. Upon exiting the airport’s arrival area, turn right and take a short walk (50 meters) towards the end departure area. You will see white multicabs plying the airport-Santa Barbara route. The ride costs 15 pesos and will take you to their terminal across Total Gas Station in Santa Barbara town. After the multicab ride, take a jeepney (Santa Barbara) going to SM City Iloilo. Jeepney fare from Santa Barbara to SM City Iloilo is 15 pesos. Upon arriving at SM City public transport terminal, you can take a taxi or another jeepney ride as stated in option 2. Travel time for this option may range from an hour to an hour and a half depending again on traffic conditions.

**Friendly tips:**

1. Before exiting the airport, you can ask the guards on duty to direct you to the taxi, van, or multicab terminals. Ilonggos are very loving and gentle people, and are always willing to help.

2. SM City Iloilo is your point of reference when traveling from and to the airport. Airport vans have their own terminal at the SM carpark, so you’ll never miss them. Fare from Iloilo Airport to SM City Iloilo is 50 pesos, while SM City Iloilo to Iloilo Airport is 70 pesos.

3. Above all, enjoy commuting. Iloilo is quite a small city so arguably, you’ll never get lost.