

sy Brigadoon's notes 2013
of Busuanga/ Coron and Culion islands



Dicapadiac Is



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Diboyoyan Is



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Calauit park



Black Is.



Port Borac - village. Good anchorage, kids came out to boat to sell fish. Fishing stakes in bay. 12° 02N 120°19E

Calibauan Is - hard to find anchorage, lots of buoys marking off areas of pearl farms.

Port Caltom - shallow area to close to shore, resorts here. Boats out on jetties. Good internet coverage in bay in front of tower.

Dicapadiac Is - NE corner. Small shelf to anchor in. Men in jetboat took our names, seemed to be minders of the pearl farms further in the bay. 12° 11N 120° 08E

Dimaquiant Is - mooring buoy in front of Paradise Resort. We did not stop. Looked very smart.

Diboyoyan Is - found small shelf for anchoring. Sea turtles welcomed us, and more around the tip of the island. Snorkling. Property fenced, with 3 guards insitu. Hopefully keeping "bad men" of ruining the coral. 12° 16N 120° 05E

Illutuk Bay - Calauit park - home of wildlife park, set up by the Marcos's in the 70's. Now a small area. Zebras, girrafe and deer. P400pax, P50 to feed girrafe & P1000 vehicle use (the rules on vehicle use change - check these, as a very easy and pleasant walk) Not a have to do experience. Very good anchorage, watch for reef on northern point of entrance to bay. Sml sari sari stall on opposite bank to park, dry goods only. 12° 16N 119° 53E



Pearl Bay



Al Faro resort



Pearl Farms



Port Culion



Kayangan cove



Cabulauan Is



Coron town

Malajon Is/ Black Is - very pretty, mooring buoy in 60ft, close to land. Snorkling. Caves P150 pax

Pearl Bay 119° 58N 12°01E Good mooring buoys. Owned by Mike, of Puerto del Sol resort (NE corner). 09289559994. Al Faro resort wonderful infinity pool. Need to make dinner reservations. (we actually slept in the stairwell of this resort for typhoon Haiyan) Busuanga Bay lodge, new at entrance on left, great views. Ddives operate out of bay for wreck diving. www.ddives.com

Tangat Is - Resort, South Bay, Andy Pownall 0920 9544 328. Wreck for snorkling on eastern side.

Coron town - we came here on 2 trips, once very busy & other not. You need to use Coron town for stocking up on your main supplies. There's small shops tucked away in side streets, that sell western products. A good bakery, for non sweet bread. Markets, not great, produce weary. Can sometimes get butter in the bakeries. Petrol/ diesel/ hardware. Hire tricycle to take you to first 2. We entered via western route. Shallow reef area in front of township. Anchor on the edge of the local bangkas. Great mango shakes in market. 11° 59N 120° 11E

Port Culion - old leper colony, very laid back. Great for a wander around, can do history tour following the well laid out plaques. Museum 10 -4 pm Mon - Fri. Reasonable supermarket at back of village. Market at waterfront. Can buy fish at port in evening. No diesel. Now the local hospital. Bone 'setter' insitu if needed. 11° 53N 120° 02E

Coron Island - Skeleton wreck and general snorkling. Signs asking for P100pax at each site, but no one around to collect money. We put anchor down not so far away, and used dingy in the area.

Kayangan Cove - lovely anchorage. Locals wanted P500 for anchoring, but we did not get around to paying them. Went ashore, and paid P200 pax to go to one of the many fresh water lakes. Nice swimming. But hundreds of mosquitos. 11°58N 120°14E

Heading south :

Bulalacao Is "shooting star" for night. Lots of narrow shelves. 11°46N 120° 09E

Ditaytayan Is, looked very nice, but supposedly many sandflies also. Did not stop.

Cabulauan Is - very friendly people, home to 400 families. Wonder how they where in the typhoon. Buy fish. 11°23N 120° 05E Internet fine if near a tower, just not so many towers. Globe main phone provided. Sun did not work for us. Pearls farms in various locations, move with wind & tide, generally left unattended for you to go through. Most of the islands do not have supplies, only where you see larger settlements. ATMs at Coron town. Can buy fish from fisherman, but not so many fisherman near the pearl farms.