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The Siargao arrival checklist.

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From the plane to settled-in, in order. The reliable route in is via Cebu, the transfer across the island takes 45 to 60 minutes, and a short first-48-hours list turns a chaotic arrival into an easy one.

Getting here (as of 2026)

- ☐ Fly via Cebu: it is the reliable route to Sayak Airport (code IAO), roughly 55 to 80 minutes, and there are no direct Manila flights
- ☐ Book morning flights: they are less exposed to the day's accumulated delays
- ☐ A shortboard under 6 feet flies on the Cebgo ATR (pre-book it as a surfboard add-on); longboards take the ferry via Surigao or rent on-island
- ☐ Ferry alternative: Surigao City to Dapa on the Evaristo and Sons fastcraft, about 1.5 hours for ≈₱420–520
- ☐ Philippine domestic schedules are volatile in 2026: confirm your route with the airline before you pay

Sayak Airport to General Luna

OPTION	TYPICAL 2026 COST	NOTE
Shared van	≈₱300–500 per person	The standard option; leaves when full
Private van	≈₱2,000–4,000	Whole vehicle, straight to the door
Habal-habal (motorbike taxi)	≈₱350	You plus one soft bag
Environmental fee	₱20	Collected in cash on arrival

Your first 48 hours

- ☐ Land with pesos in hand: it is a cash island and the ATMs are unreliable
- ☐ Buy a Globe or Smart SIM (register it with your passport); buy in Cebu or in town, not at the tiny Sayak airport
- ☐ Rent a scooter for the month (≈₱5,000–9,000): helmet included, your licence is valid 90 days, an International Driving Permit is recommended, and checkpoints check for a licence and helmet
- ☐ Set up a water refill: never drink the tap; a 5-gallon refill is ≈₱15–30
- ☐ Note the nearest hospital is in Dapa (Siargao Island Medical Center, about 30 to 40 minutes); confirm your insurance covers medical evacuation

Honest note: Philippine domestic flight schedules are volatile in 2026 because of fuel-crisis route cuts: confirm your route with the airline before you pay. There is no hospital in General Luna; the island hospital is in Dapa and serious cases fly to Cebu, so travel insurance with medical evacuation is not optional.

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