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The moving-to-Siargao starter kit.

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Everything a remote worker needs to turn a Siargao trip into a stay: the visa route people actually use, where to base, what a month costs, and how to not lose a workday. This is a starter kit, not legal or tax advice.

Visa: the route most nomads use

- ☐ Nationals of 157 countries enter visa-free for 30 days, then extend the tourist stay up to 36 months total
- ☐ First extension: +29 days, ₱3,030 (the official Bureau of Immigration breakdown)
- ☐ Later extensions: 1 to 2 months each, roughly ₱2,430–4,300
- ☐ Past 59 days you need the biometric ACR I-Card (about US\$50 one-time), which then unlocks online extensions
- ☐ Extend right here: the Bureau of Immigration opened an office in Poblacion, General Luna in March 2024, a short ride from Tuloy
- ☐ On exit: an Emigration Clearance Certificate (ECC) is needed if you stayed 6 months or more; airlines also check a printed onward ticket
- ☐ The EO 86 Digital Nomad Visa exists (12 months, renewable once), but most Siargao nomads still use the simpler tourist route

Where to base

- General Luna for almost everyone: closest to Cloud 9 and the densest cluster of cafes, scooters, coworking and boats.
- Inland Tourism Road and Catangnan is quieter, better value, and still minutes from the surf.
- Book monthly: monthly rates are a fraction of the nightly price, and the best long-stay deals are arranged directly.
- Confirm the internet before you book: the word "wifi" on a listing does not mean it holds up a video call.

Budget for a month

- ☐ Rent is the biggest line: a budget private room ≈₱15,000–25,000, a mid-range room or studio ≈₱25,000–45,000 a month
- ☐ Food from ≈₱80 local to ≈₱150–450 at a cafe; a scooter ≈₱5,000–9,000 a month; coworking from ≈₱2,500 a month
- ☐ A frugal month sits around ≈₱35,000–55,000; comfortable is ≈₱65,000–100,000

Never lose a workday

- ☐ Pick your accommodation for the internet first: Starlink is now common, so ask for a real number, not the word "wifi"
- ☐ Check there is a backup for a brownout: a second internet line and a generator or battery
- ☐ Keep a local SIM as a cheap hotspot fallback
- ☐ A real desk beats a dining table over a working month; add coworking (≈₱250 a day) for the days you want people around

Honest note: Visa figures are dated to 2026 and some are reported rather than officially published; confirm on evisa.gov.ph or with the Bureau of Immigration, and treat this as a starter kit, not legal or tax advice. The one thing that makes or breaks a working month is the internet plus a backup for the power cuts.

Ready to make Siargao home?

Tuloy is nine private ensuite rooms in General Luna on a simple monthly rate from ₱35,000: Starlink with a PLDT fibre backup, a real desk, and a community already here. Book at tuloy.siargao.com/book.