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4. **How far is Mindanao from Manila?**

From the *Microsoft Encarta Interactive Atlas*, Mindanao is to the south of Manila. Davao City, the largest city on Mindanao, is some 970 kms to the south-east of Manila. A map showing Mindanao and Manila is attached.¹

5. **How far and how long would it take to travel from Mindanao to Manila by ferry?**

Davao City is some 970 kms to the south-east of Manila.² Ozamiz city is some 790 kms south-east of Manila.³ Ferry travel times from Mindanao to Manila vary. Two sources indicate ferry travel times from Davao to Manila of 31 hours and 54.5 hours. Estimates of travel times from Ozamiz and Manila are 42 and 43 hours.

Based on information in a Lonely Planet travel publication,⁴ ferry travel from Davao to Manila takes some 31 hours.⁵ According to a SuperFerry schedule for June 2010, a SuperFerry 19 departing Davao on Tuesday 1 June 2010 at 10.45am, arrives in Manila on Thursday 3 June 2010 at 4.30pm [some 54.5 hours].⁶

Based on information in the Lonely Planet travel publication ferry travel from Ozamis to Manila takes some 43 hours.⁷ According to a SuperFerry schedule for June 2010 a

¹ 'Mindanao-Manila' 2000, *Microsoft Encarta Interactive Atlas* – Attachment 7.

² 'Mindanao-Manila' 2000, *Microsoft Encarta Interactive Atlas* – Attachment 7.

³ 'Ozamiz-Manila' 2000, *Microsoft Encarta Interactive Atlas* – Attachment 8.

⁴ Lonely Planet can be a useful research tool for general background information only such as the location of a place of worship in a town, the address of a post office, the contact details of a hospital, the time taken to travel from A to B etc. **Care should be exercised when using Lonely Planet for any other reason.**

⁵ Rowthorn, Chris et al. 2003, *Philippines*, June, 8th ed., Lonely Planet Publications Pty. Ltd., Footscray, p.422 – Attachment 9.

⁶ 'Route: Davao City – Manila' 2010, SuperFerry website, June

<http://www.superferry.com.ph/schedules/schedules.asp> – Accessed 31 May 2010 – Attachment 10.

⁷ Rowthorn, Chris et al. 2003, *Philippines*, June, 8th ed., Lonely Planet Publications Pty. Ltd., Footscray, p.416 – Attachment 9.

SuperFerry 5 departing Ozamiz Pier on Saturday 5 June 2010 at 3.45pm arrives in Manila on Monday 7 June 2010 at 9am [some 42 hours]⁸.

6. For a child to obtain their own passport in the Philippines would they need the consent of both parents?

The *Philippine Passport Act of 1996* indicates that consent of both parents is not required for a child under 18 year to obtain a passport. The consent of either parent is required. A “natural or legal guardian” may request that a passport be denied to a minor.

According to the *Philippine Passport Act of 1996* the requirements for the issuance of a passport in respect of a minor include:

SEC. 5. Requirements for the Issuance of Passport.

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f) For an applicant who has not reached the age of majority, **an affidavit of consent from a parent as indicated in the passport application** if the minor is travelling with either parent, and a clearance from the Department of Social Welfare and Development, if the minor is travelling with a legal guardian or a person other than a parent;⁹

The Philippine passport application includes a section serving as an Affidavit and Consent to Travel for minors.¹⁰

On the denial of a passport to a minor, the *Philippine Passport Act of 1996* allows for a “natural or legal guardian” to request that a passport be denied to a minor:

SEC. 8. Grounds for Denial, Cancellation or Restrictions.

– The application for passport may be denied, cancelled or restricted only on the following grounds:

a) Denial of Passport

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2. When so requested by the natural or legal guardian, if the applicant is a minor;¹¹

Attachments

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⁸ ‘Route: Ozamiz City – Manila’ 2010, SuperFerry website, June <http://www.superferry.com.ph/schedules/schedules.asp> – Accessed 31 May 2010 – Attachment 11.

⁹ *Philippine Passport Act of 1996*, Republic Act No. 8239, Sec. 5.f http://www.google.com.au/search?source=ig&hl=en&rlz=1G1GGLQ_ENAU376&q=Philippine+Passport+Act+of+1996+&btnG=Google+Search&aq=f&aqi=&aql=&oq=&gs_rfai – Accessed 31 May 2010 – Attachment 12.

¹⁰ ‘E-Passport Application’ (undated), Republic of The Philippines, Department of Foreign Affairs website <http://dfa.gov.ph/main/index.php/consular-services/passport> – Accessed 31 May 2010 – Attachment 13.

¹¹ *Philippine Passport Act of 1996*, Republic Act No. 8239, Sec. 8.a)2 http://www.google.com.au/search?source=ig&hl=en&rlz=1G1GGLQ_ENAU376&q=Philippine+Passport+Act+of+1996+&btnG=Google+Search&aq=f&aqi=&aql=&oq=&gs_rfai – Accessed 31 May 2010 – Attachment 12.

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<http://www.superferry.com.ph/schedules/schedules.asp> – Accessed 31 May 2010.
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