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FREE TRAVEL GUIDE · NORZAGARAY, BULACAN

# Norzagaray Visitor's Guide

Rivers, caves, dam viewpoints and revolution-era history at the edge of the Sierra Madre — about two hours from Manila.


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# 01 Norzagaray at a Glance

### The place

- Norzagaray sits at the edge of the Sierra Madre range: flatland barangays in the west, mountain terrain toward Ipo and Angat dams in the east.
- The Angat and Ipo dams here are key water sources for all of Metro Manila.
- Pinagrealan Cave sheltered Andres Bonifacio and the Katipuneros during the Philippine Revolution against Spain.
- St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, under the Diocese of Malolos, is the civic and spiritual heart of the town.

### Picking your trip

- **History and caves:** Pinagrealan Cave — guided, half a day.
- **Views:** Ipo Dam and Angat Dam view decks — best at sunrise or sunset.
- **Rivers and swimming:** Bitbit River Park, Maramo River, Bakas River.
- **Overnight:** riverside campsites, farm stays and private resorts — see section 4.
- **Not sure?** The trip planner on discovernorzagaray.com builds a day-by-day plan for you.

> The dry season (November to May) is the easiest time for caves, rivers and falls. After heavy rain, river levels rise and mountain roads get slippery — check conditions before heading out.

# 02 Top Attractions

The best-documented spots, with the details you need to plan: what it costs, when it is open, and how hard it is to reach.

## Bitbit Norzagaray River Park

Park · Brgy. Bigte · ★ 4.6 (1087 Google reviews)

A riverside park with mountain views, a refreshing swimming spot, and the iconic 100-foot Bitbit hanging bridge.

Scan for photos, map & reviews

**ENTRANCE FEE**
₱20 – ₱50 (varies by area operator)

**OPEN**
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM daily

**BEST TIME**
Summer (March – May) for swimming

**DIFFICULTY**
Easy

**ADDRESS**
Barangay Bigte, Norzagaray, Bulacan

- Accessible by private vehicle or motorcycle via Barangay Bigte
- Riverbank access involves uneven, sometimes slippery terrain
- Not wheelchair accessible

Swimming | River trekking | Bridge crossing | Motorcycle riding routes

## Ipo Dam View Deck (Tanawan)

Viewpoint · Brgy. San Mateo · ★ **4.7** (576 Google reviews)

A cliffside lookout with an unobstructed view of Ipo Dam framed by the Sierra Madre mountain range.

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**ENTRANCE FEE**
₱5 – ₱10 donation

**OPEN**
6:00 AM – 6:00 PM daily

**BEST TIME**
Sunrise or late afternoon for the best light

**DIFFICULTY**
Easy

**ADDRESS**
Brgy. San Mateo, Norzagaray, Bulacan

- Best reached by private vehicle or motorcycle: limited public transport
- Tricycles for hire from Barangay Bigte (~₱300 one-way as of last check)
- Short walk from the parking area to the viewing ridge

Sightseeing · Photography · Picnics

## Pinagrealan Cave

Heritage · Brgy. Minuyan · ★ **4.5** (149 Google reviews)

A kilometer-long limestone cavern once used as a hideout by Andres Bonifacio and the Katipuneros.

Scan for photos, map & reviews

**ENTRANCE FEE**
₱50 (includes cave gear) + ₱60 guide fee per person

**OPEN**
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM daily

**BEST TIME**
Dry season (November – May), avoid after heavy rain

**DIFFICULTY**
Moderate

**ADDRESS**
Sitio Upper Bigte, Barangay Minuyan, Norzagaray, Bulacan

**CONTACT**
(044) 791-6604 · psyeaco@bulacan.gov.ph

- Reachable by private vehicle or habal-habal (motorcycle-for-hire) from the town proper
- Short uphill trek to the cave mouth before entering
- Not wheelchair accessible: narrow, uneven cave passages

Spelunking · Historical tour · Photography

Walk-ins accommodated; groups are encouraged to coordinate ahead with the Bulacan Provincial Tourism Office.

## Angat Dam View Deck (Hilltop)

Viewpoint · Brgy. San Lorenzo · ★ 4.4 (137 Google reviews)

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A government-built hilltop deck overlooking Angat Dam, the reservoir supplying most of Metro Manila's water.

**ENTRANCE FEE**
Free (donations welcome)

**OPEN**
Daytime hours; confirm locally as access is through security checkpoints

**BEST TIME**
Clear, dry-season days for the best visibility

**DIFFICULTY**
Easy

**ADDRESS**
Hilltop, Barangay San Lorenzo, Norzagaray, Bulacan

- Reached via Barangay San Lorenzo, Hilltop area: private vehicle recommended
- Passes through security sentry gates before the viewing area
- Photography restricted near the dam spillway

Sightseeing · Photography · Ecological park side-trip (Tarictic fun trail)

## Maramo River

Nature · Brgy. Bigte · ★ 4.4 (11 Google reviews)

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Nicknamed "Little El Nido," a crystal-clear river with cliff-jumping spots and caves to explore.

**ENTRANCE FEE**
₱30 – ₱50 (varies by area operator)

**OPEN**
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM daily

**BEST TIME**
Summer (March – May), avoid rainy season due to strong current

**DIFFICULTY**
Moderate

**ADDRESS**
Barangay Bigte, Norzagaray, Bulacan

- Accessible by private vehicle plus a short trek to the riverbank
- Rocky, slippery footing near the water: sturdy footwear recommended
- Not wheelchair accessible

Swimming · Cliff jumping · Cave exploring · Photography

## Adventure Resort (Eiffel Tower Replica)

Adventure · Brgy. Tigbe · ★ 4.0 (885 Google reviews)

A family resort built around a 125-foot Eiffel Tower replica used for rappelling, plus pools, a lagoon, and zip lines.

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**ENTRANCE FEE**
Approx. ₱125 entrance

**OPEN**
Daily, confirm current hours with the resort

**BEST TIME**
Dry season for pool and outdoor activities

**DIFFICULTY**
Easy

**ADDRESS**
Sitio Gulod, Barangay Tigbe, Norzagaray, Bulacan

- Reached via Barangay Tigbe, Sitio Gulod: private vehicle recommended
- Resort grounds are generally walkable; rappelling tower requires guided/safety gear

Swimming · Rappelling · Zip lines · Photography · Group functions

## Cely Farm

Park · Brgy. San Mateo · ★ 4.7 (87 Google reviews)

A hidden-gem farm getaway with mountain views, fresh air, and budget-friendly camping and picnic grounds.

Scan for photos, map & reviews

**ENTRANCE FEE**
₱10

**OPEN**
Daily, hours vary, call ahead

**BEST TIME**
Dry season for camping and overnight stays

**DIFFICULTY**
Easy

**ADDRESS**
Brgy. San Mateo, Norzagaray, Bulacan

**CONTACT**
+63 921 973 3589 · Facebook page · celyfarm.com

- Reachable by private vehicle or motorcycle via Barangay San Mateo
- Open grassy grounds, generally easy walking
- Not wheelchair accessible: unpaved farm terrain

Camping · Picnics · Birthdays & gatherings · Overnight bonding · Pet-friendly visits

Walk-ins welcome; call ahead for group reservations or tent rentals.

## Maranat Twin Falls

Nature · Brgy. Bulacan–Rizal boundary · ★ 4.6 (75 Google reviews)

Two cascading waterfalls on the Bulacan–Rizal boundary near Mt. Balagbag, a popular hiker's side-trip.

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**ENTRANCE FEE**
Environmental/permit fee required via DENR

**BEST TIME**
Dry season for safer trail conditions

**DIFFICULTY**
Challenging

**ADDRESS**
Near Mt. Balagbag / Mt. Oriod, on the Bulacan–Rizal boundary, Norzagaray, Bulacan

- Requires a guided hike from the trailhead: no direct vehicle access to the falls
- Moderate trekking terrain with stream crossings
- Not wheelchair accessible

Hiking · Camping · Swimming · Nature photography

## LIBLIB Garden Cafe and Villas

Nature · Brgy. Norzagaray · ★ 3.8 (57 Google reviews)

A garden cafe and private villa retreat tucked behind bamboo and hanging vines, with a pool and overnight stays.

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**OPEN**
8:00 AM - 10:00 PM (Mon-Thu, Sun) / 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM (Fri-Sat)

**BEST TIME**
Late afternoon, when the garden lights come on

**DIFFICULTY**
Easy

**ADDRESS**
W368+28, Norzagaray, Bulacan

Dining · Overnight stay · Swimming · Photo spots

## St. Andrew the Apostle Parish (Norzagaray Church)

Faith & Culture · Brgy. Poblacion · ★ 4.9 (15 Google reviews)

The town's historic Spanish-era parish, established in 1787 and dedicated to St. Andrew the Apostle.

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**ENTRANCE FEE**
Free

**OPEN**
6:00 AM – 7:00 PM daily; Mass schedules vary

**BEST TIME**
Town fiesta, November 30

**DIFFICULTY**
Easy

**ADDRESS**
Barangay Poblacion, Norzagaray, Bulacan

**CONTACT**
Facebook page

- Located at the town proper: accessible by tricycle, jeepney, or private vehicle
- Paved grounds, generally accessible for most visitors

Church visit · Prayer · Cultural & heritage appreciation

# 03 Where to Eat

Local favourites with known price ranges. The Food Trip guide lists all 28 spots.

## The Farmhouse Café

Café · Brgy. Partida · ★ 4.9 (455 Google reviews)

An Instagram-worthy farmhouse-style café in Partida serving coffee alongside hearty chicken and pork plates.

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**PRICE RANGE**
₱100 – ₱300 per person

**BEST TIME**
Weekdays 1:00 PM – 10:00 PM, weekends 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

**WHERE**
#555 J&J Subdivision, Barangay Partida, Norzagaray

**Must try:** Brewed coffee · Chicken rice meals · Pork dishes

- Reservations can be made through their Facebook page
- Contact: 0995 826 4572
- Air-conditioned seating with Wi-Fi

## JL Jamie's Crispy Pata and Restaurant

Restaurant · Brgy. Poblacion · ★ 4.3 (116 Google reviews)

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Norzagaray's go-to spot for crispy pata, boiled over four hours then deep-fried to order, served nipa-hut style.

**PRICE RANGE**
₱120 – ₱650 per dish

**BEST TIME**
Lunch or dinner, open daily 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM

**WHERE**
0646 A. Payumo St., Municipal Access Road, Barangay Poblacion, Norzagaray

**Must try:** Crispy Pata (₱550 – ₱650) · Crispy Ulo (₱480 – ₱500) · Sisig · Kinilaw na Tanigue

- Also has a Minuyan branch for those on that side of town
- Call ahead for group orders: Norzagaray branch 0906-882-3657 / (044) 8158108
- Best enjoyed with a group given the portion sizes

## G'ray Countryside Cafe

Café · Brgy. Tigbe · ★ 4.5 (20 Google reviews)

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"Tastes like home" comfort meals, milk tea, and coffee along Tigbe-Norzagaray Road, ranked among the top-rated spots in town.

**PRICE RANGE**
₱80 – ₱200 per item

**BEST TIME**
Open until 8:00 PM

**WHERE**
Tigbe-Norzagaray Road, Barangay Tigbe, Norzagaray

**Must try:** Milk tea · Frappe · Home-style rice meals

- Ranked among the top restaurants in Norzagaray on review sites
- Quiet, homey atmosphere

## Mang Bumbay Biryani House

Street food · Brgy. Poblacion · ★ 4.4 (16 Google reviews)

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Filipino-style biryani and ulam with a loyal local following, available for delivery, pickup, or dine-in.

**PRICE RANGE**
₱100 – ₱250 per order

**WHERE**
Norzagaray town proper, order online at mangbumbay.com or by phone

**Must try:** Filipino-style biryani · Ulam plates

- Contact: 0916 463 7488
- Delivery and pickup available, GCash or cash on delivery

## Bakuran Restawran

Restaurant · Brgy. Tigbe · ★ 4.5 (21 Google reviews)

A restaurant and bar along Tigbe-Bitungol Road serving Filipino and Asian dishes with outdoor seating.

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**PRICE RANGE**
₱150 – ₱400 per person

**BEST TIME**
Tuesday – Sunday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM

**WHERE**
65 Macario St., Tigbe-Bitungol Road, Barangay Tigbe, Norzagaray

**Must try:** Filipino comfort dishes · Bar pulutan

- Closed Mondays
- Offers dine-in, outdoor seating, and in-store pickup
- Contact: bakuranrestawran@gmail.com

## Chill'Out Grill and Restaurant

Restaurant · Brgy. Norzagaray · ★ 4.1 (20 Google reviews)

A grill-focused restaurant serving barbecue and Filipino grilled favorites.

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**PRICE RANGE**
₱150 – ₱350 per person

**WHERE**
Villarama Road, Norzagaray, Bulacan

**Must try:** Grilled barbecue platters

- Contact for bookings: +63 926 748 8861

# 04 Where to Stay

Resorts, campsites and farm stays. Most take bookings by phone or Facebook message — reserve ahead for weekends.

## Falcon Crest Resort

Accommodation · Brgy. Partida · ★ 4.1 (81 Google reviews)

A private resort in Partida with pool facilities and accommodation for day tours and overnight stays.

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**DIFFICULTY**
Easy

**ADDRESS**
388 Partida, Linawan, Norzagaray, Bulacan

**CONTACT**
0917 795 2119 · www.falconcrestresort.com

Swimming | Day tour | Overnight stay | Swimming pool | Overnight rooms | Function area | Parking

## Destiny For You Campsite

Accommodation · Brgy. Norzagaray · ★ 4.9 (13 Google reviews)

A small, highly rated campsite for overnight camping and quiet weekends away from the town centre.

**DIFFICULTY**
Easy

**ADDRESS**
W337+GX6, Norzagaray, Bulacan

**CONTACT**
0947 313 7741

Camping · Overnight stay · Camping grounds · Restrooms · Parking

Scan for photos, map & reviews

## Jaika Park

Accommodation · Brgy. Matictic · ★ 4.9 (10 Google reviews)

A camping park in Matictic with cabins, open around the clock for overnight guests.

**OPEN**
Open 24 hours

**DIFFICULTY**
Easy

**ADDRESS**
Lambak, Matictic, Norzagaray, Bulacan

**CONTACT**
0917 514 2797

Camping · Overnight stay · Picnic · Camping cabins · Tent grounds · Parking

Scan for photos, map & reviews

## Kalia Forest Campsite and Cottages Resort

Accommodation · Brgy. San Mateo · ★ 4.7 (7 Google reviews)

Forest campsite and cottages in Sitio Banahaw, San Mateo, for overnight stays under the trees.

**DIFFICULTY**
Moderate

**ADDRESS**
Sitio Banahaw, San Mateo, Norzagaray, Bulacan

**CONTACT**
0970 781 3812

Camping · Overnight stay · Nature walks · Cottages · Camping grounds · Parking

Scan for photos, map & reviews

## Bernabe Campsite and Riverfront Resort

Accommodation · Brgy. Sitio Coral · ★ 4.6 (5 Google reviews)

A riverfront campsite in Sitio Coral, open around the clock for overnight camping by the water.

**OPEN**
Open 24 hours

**DIFFICULTY**
Easy

**ADDRESS**
Sitio Coral, Norzagaray, Bulacan

**CONTACT**
0997 784 6705 · Facebook page

Camping · Overnight stay · Swimming · Riverfront camping · Restrooms · Parking

Scan for photos, map & reviews

# 05 Getting There & Around

Most visitors come from Metro Manila and nearby Bulacan towns, including Quezon City, Caloocan, San Jose del Monte, Bulacan, Sta. Maria, Bulacan.

| GETTING AROUND BY | WHAT TO EXPECT |
|---|---|
| Private Car | Most flexible and comfortable for groups |
| Motorcycle | Great for narrow barangay roads, limited pax/cargo |
| Van / Multicab (Group) | Good for bigger groups, a bit slower on rough roads |
| Public Transport | Bus/van plus jeepney or habal-habal transfers |

Habal-habal (motorcycle-for-hire) is the usual way up to caves, rivers and viewpoints that cars cannot reach. Agree on the fare and the pick-up time before you set off, and save the driver's number.

# 06 Before You Go

A short checklist that saves most trips from the usual surprises.

## Pack

- [ ] Valid ID (some spots log visitors at the entrance)
- [ ] Small bills and coins, since entrance fees and vendors are usually cash-only
- [ ] Reusable water bottle
- [ ] Power bank, plus offline map screenshots or directions saved beforehand
- [ ] Basic first-aid kit and any personal medication
- [ ] Sunscreen and a hat
- [ ] A trash bag: pack out what you pack in

## Good to know

- Mobile signal gets weak in the far mountain barangays, so screenshot directions and contact numbers beforehand.
- Roads to river and mountain spots can get rough or slippery after rain, so a private vehicle or habal-habal handles them better than a sedan.
- Coordinate with local guides or caretakers ahead of time for caving, camping, or larger group bookings.
- Bring exact change: entrance and environmental fees are usually small (₱10–₱60) and cash-only.
- Respect the environment: leave no trace, and ask permission before entering private farms or land.

## Useful contacts

| | |
|---|---|
| **Emergency (police, fire, ambulance)** | 911 — the national emergency hotline |
| **Municipal Tourism Office** | (044) 791-6604 · Poblacion, Norzagaray, Bulacan |
| **Bulacan Provincial Tourism Office** | psyeaco@bulacan.gov.ph — for group visits to Pinagrealan Cave |
| **Plan a trip, ask questions** | discovernorzagaray.com/plan-your-trip · or ask Jade, the site's assistant |

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