

Holland America Grand Australia & South Pacific 2028

San Diego, CA → San Diego, CA | January 30 – April 29, 2028

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Day-by-Day Itinerary

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DAY	DATE	PORT / LOCATION	TIMES
1	Sun, Jan 30	San Diego, California, US	Departs 5:00 pm
2	Mon, Jan 31	At Sea	Cruising
3	Tue, Feb 1	At Sea	Cruising
4	Wed, Feb 2	At Sea	Cruising
5	Thu, Feb 3	At Sea	Cruising
6	Fri, Feb 4	At Sea	Cruising
7	Sat, Feb 5	Kahului, Maui, US	In Port — 8:00 am to 9:00 pm
8	Sun, Feb 6	Kona, Hawaii, US	In Port — 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
9	Mon, Feb 7	Honolulu, Hawaii, US	In Port — 7:00 am to 9:00 pm
10	Tue, Feb 8	At Sea	Cruising
11	Wed, Feb 9	At Sea	Cruising
12	Thu, Feb 10	Crossing The Equator	Cruising
13	Fri, Feb 11	At Sea	Cruising
14	Sat, Feb 12	At Sea	Cruising
15	Sun, Feb 13	Pago Pago, Tutuila, American Samoa	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
16	Mon, Feb 14	At Sea	Cruising
17	Tue, Feb 15	Apia, Upolo, Samoa	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
18	Wed, Feb 16	At Sea	Cruising
19	Thu, Feb 17	Suva, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands	In Port — 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
20	Fri, Feb 18	Lautoka, Fiji	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
21	Sat, Feb 19	At Sea	Cruising
22	Sun, Feb 20	Easo, Lifou, New Caledonia	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
23	Mon, Feb 21	Noumea, New Caledonia	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
24	Tue, Feb 22	Mystery Island, Vanuatu	In Port — 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
25	Wed, Feb 23	Port Vila, Vanuatu	In Port — 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
26	Thu, Feb 24	At Sea	Cruising
27	Fri, Feb 25	Honiara, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands	In Port — 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
28	Sat, Feb 26	At Sea	Cruising
29	Sun, Feb 27	Rabaul, Papua New Guinea	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
30	Mon, Feb 28	At Sea	Cruising
31	Tue, Feb 29	Alotau, Papua New Guinea	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
32	Wed, Mar 1	Kiriwina Island, Papua New Guinea	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
33	Thu, Mar 2	At Sea	Cruising
34	Fri, Mar 3	Cairns, Australia	Arrives 10:00 am
35	Sat, Mar 4	Cairns, Australia	Departs 5:00 pm
36	Sun, Mar 5	At Sea (Great Barrier Reef)	Cruising
37	Mon, Mar 6	At Sea (Great Barrier Reef)	Cruising
38	Tue, Mar 7	Scenic Cruising Torres Strait	Cruising
39	Wed, Mar 8	At Sea	Cruising
40	Thu, Mar 9	Darwin, Australia	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
41	Fri, Mar 10	At Sea	Cruising
42	Sat, Mar 11	Broome, Western Australia, Australia	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
43	Sun, Mar 12	At Sea	Cruising
44	Mon, Mar 13	Exmouth, Australia	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
45	Tue, Mar 14	At Sea	Cruising
46	Wed, Mar 15	Fremantle (Perth), Australia	Arrives 10:00 am

47	Thu, Mar 16	Fremantle (Perth), Australia	Departs 9:00 pm
48	Fri, Mar 17	At Sea	Cruising
49	Sat, Mar 18	Albany, Western Australia, Australia	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
50	Sun, Mar 19	At Sea	Cruising
51	Mon, Mar 20	At Sea	Cruising
52	Tue, Mar 21	Adelaide, South Australia, Australia	In Port — 8:00 am to 11:00 pm
53	Wed, Mar 22	Penneshaw, Kangaroo Island, Australia	In Port — 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
54	Thu, Mar 23	At Sea	Cruising
55	Fri, Mar 24	Melbourne, Australia	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
56	Sat, Mar 25	At Sea	Cruising
57	Sun, Mar 26	Hobart, Tasmania, Australia	Arrives 8:00 am
58	Mon, Mar 27	Hobart, Tasmania, Australia	Departs 5:00 am
59	Tue, Mar 28	At Sea	Cruising
60	Wed, Mar 29	Sydney, Australia	Arrives 6:30 am
61	Thu, Mar 30	Sydney, Australia	Departs 5:00 pm
62	Fri, Mar 31	At Sea	Cruising
63	Sat, Apr 1	At Sea	Cruising
64	Sun, Apr 2	Cruising Fiordland Natl Park	Cruising
65	Mon, Apr 3	Port Chalmers (Dunedin), New Zealand	In Port — 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
66	Tue, Apr 4	Timaru, New Zealand	In Port — 7:00 am to 3:00 pm
67	Wed, Apr 5	Wellington, New Zealand	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
68	Thu, Apr 6	At Sea	Cruising
69	Fri, Apr 7	Tauranga (Rotorua), New Zealand	In Port — 7:00 am to 6:30 pm
70	Sat, Apr 8	Auckland, New Zealand	Arrives 7:00 am
71	Sun, Apr 9	Auckland, New Zealand	Departs 7:00 pm
72	Mon, Apr 10	Waitangi (Bay Of Islands), New Zealand	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
73	Tue, Apr 11	At Sea	Cruising
74	Wed, Apr 12	At Sea	Cruising
75	Thu, Apr 13	Nuku Alofa, Tonga	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
76	Fri, Apr 14	Cross International Dateline	Cruising
77	Sat, Apr 15	At Sea	Cruising
78	Sun, Apr 16	Bora Bora, French Polynesia	In Port — 8:00 am to 11:00 pm
79	Mon, Apr 17	Raiatea, Society Islands, French Polynesia	In Port — 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
80	Tue, Apr 18	Bahia D Opunoha, Moorea, French Polynesia	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
81	Wed, Apr 19	Papeete, French Polynesia	Departs 5:00 pm
82	Thu, Apr 20	Fakarava, Tuamotu, French Polynesia	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
83	Fri, Apr 21	At Sea	Cruising
84	Sat, Apr 22	Taiohae, Nuku Hiva, French Polynesia	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
85	Sun, Apr 23	At Sea	Cruising
86	Mon, Apr 24	Crossing The Equator	Cruising
87	Tue, Apr 25	At Sea	Cruising
88	Wed, Apr 26	At Sea	Cruising
89	Thu, Apr 27	At Sea	Cruising
90	Fri, Apr 28	At Sea	Cruising
91	Sat, Apr 29	San Diego, California, US	Arrives 7:00 am

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Currency Guide

Holland America Grand Australia & South Pacific 2028 — which currencies are actually worth carrying

Rule of thumb: only worth exchanging cash for a currency you'll use at **several** stops. On this cruise, **Australian Dollar (AUD)** covers the most — **12 of 40** port calls. Highlighted rows below (3+ stops) are worth carrying cash for.

CODE	CURRENCY	STOPS	PORTS
✓ WORTH EXCHANGING CASH FOR (3+ STOPS)			
AUD	Australian Dollar	12	Mystery Island, Cairns, Darwin, Broome, Exmouth, Fremantle, Albany, Adelaide, Kangaroo Island, Melbourne, Hobart, Sydney
XPF	CFP Franc	8	Lifou, Noumea, Bora Bora, Raiatea Island, Moorea, Papeete, Fakarava, Nuku Hiva
NZD	New Zealand Dollar	6	Dunedin, Timaru, Wellington, Tauranga, Auckland, Bay of Islands
USD	US Dollar	5	San Diego, Maui, Kailua-Kona, Honolulu, Pago Pago
PGK	PNG Kina	3	Rabaul, Alotau, Trobriand Islands
FEWER THAN 3 STOPS — SKIP EXCHANGING, USE A CARD OR USD INSTEAD			
FJD	Fijian Dollar	2	Suva, Lautoka
WST	Samoan Tala	1	Apia
VUV	Vanuatu Vatu	1	Port Vila
SBD	Solomon Islands Dollar	1	Honiara
TOP	Tongan Pa'anga	1	Nuku'alofa

San Diego, California, USA

Southern California's crown jewel docks cruise ships steps from the Gaslamp Quarter, a decommissioned aircraft carrier turned museum, and one of the world's great zoos — all under near-permanent sunshine.

Docked (pier) Typical call: 8-10 hrs (homeport or turnaround) USD English 266 sunny days per year

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 1 · Sun, Jan 30	Arrive: _____	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: Departs 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: B Street Pier (2 berths) or Broadway Pier — both on the downtown Embarcadero

Best For: Families, history buffs, foodies, and beach lovers

Walk to center: Gaslamp Quarter ~10 min; Little Italy ~15 min; USS Midway 5 min

Don't Miss: USS Midway Museum, San Diego Zoo, and the Coronado ferry

Getting around: **Taxi** \$8–20 · **Rideshare** Uber, Lyft · **Hop-on hop-off** Old Town Trolley Tours

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **USS Midway Museum** — The world's longest-serving 20th-century naval aircraft carrier is moored steps from the pier.
- **San Diego Zoo & Balboa Park** — Widely considered one of the world's best zoos, with 4,000+ animals in open-air habitats across 800 species.
- **Coronado Island & Hotel del Coronado** — Take the 15-minute ferry from Broadway Pier to Coronado.
- **Gaslamp Quarter & Downtown Walk** — San Diego's historic 16-block Victorian district buzzes with restaurants, galleries, and rooftop bars.
- **Maritime Museum of San Diego** — A fleet of historic vessels moored on the Embarcadero, including the Star of India (1863), the world's oldest active sailing ship.

BEST WALKS

- **Embarcadero Waterfront Walk** 3 miles round-trip · Flat · 60-90 min — The classic San Diego cruise walk: head south from the pier past the USS Midway, Seaport Village, and the bay promenade.
- **Gaslamp Quarter History Stroll** 1.5 miles · Flat · 45-60 min — Walk southeast from the pier into the Gaslamp Quarter's 16-block Victorian Historic District.

WEATHER IN JAN · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon Jan	High 64°	Low 48°	Rain 6d	Jan 6:51AM–5:05PM	
				Currency: USD. Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.	

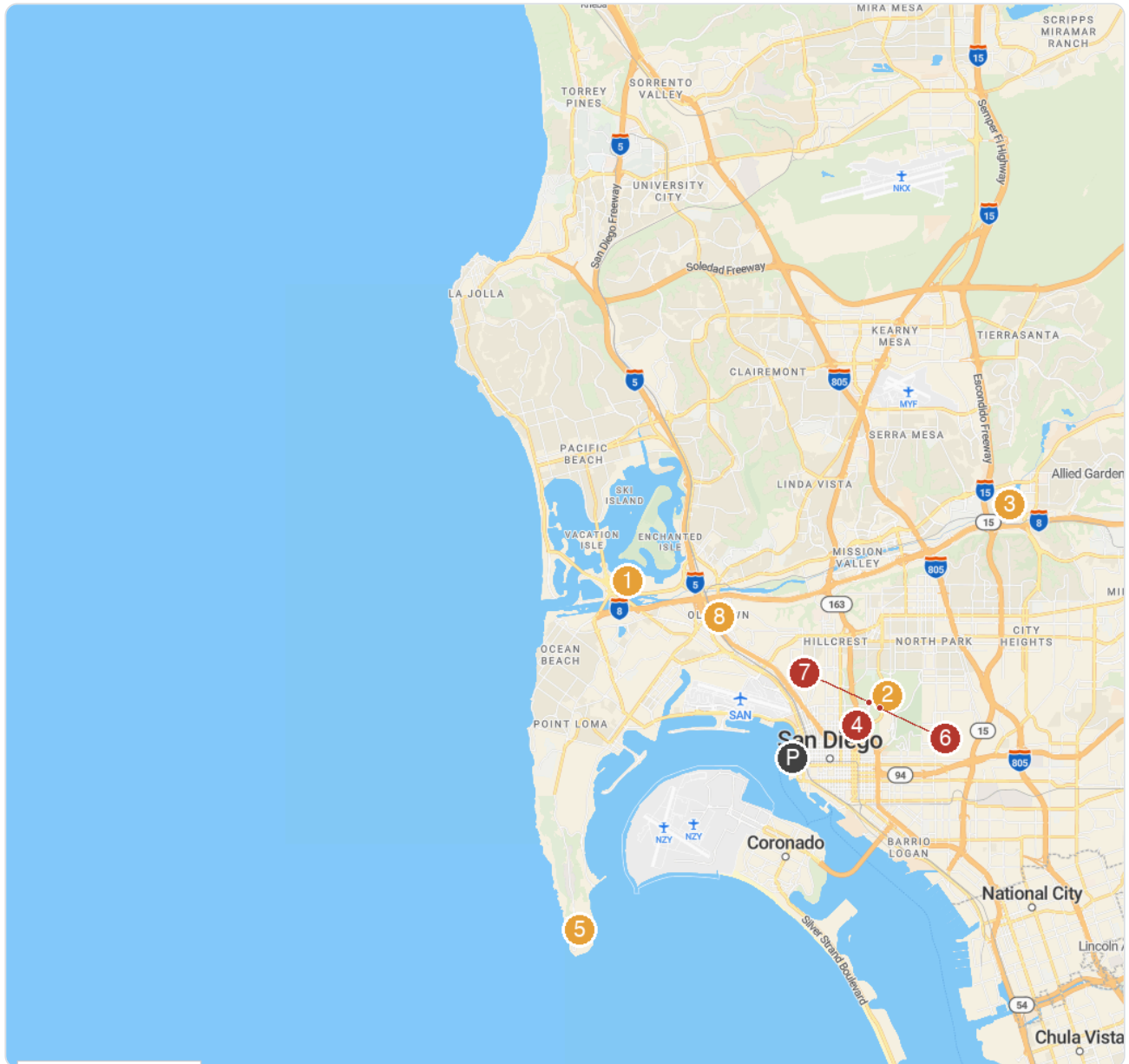
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sunscreen is non-negotiable. San Diego gets 266 sunny days a year and UV is intense even in winter. Apply before you leave the ship.
- Take the Coronado ferry. It departs from Broadway Pier, costs ~\$9 each way, and runs roughly hourly. Coronado Beach is worth every minute of that 15-minute ride.
- Book the Zoo in advance. The San Diego Zoo is world-class but lines for tickets can be long. Buy online before your cruise to skip the queue.
- Cards accepted everywhere. San Diego is very card-friendly — USD cash is rarely needed. Rideshares (Uber/Lyft) work seamlessly from both piers.
- Little Italy for lunch. Walk 15 minutes north along the waterfront to find some of San Diego's best Italian restaurants and a buzzing café scene around India Street.
- Homeport timing. Many San Diego calls are turnarounds — ships often clear the gangway by 7-8am and don't depart until late evening, giving a full day. Confirm your all-aboard time before heading out.

San Diego, California, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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|---|---|---|--|
| 1 SeaWorld San Diego | Marine theme park with shows, rides, and aquatic animals. | 2 Balboa Park | Vast urban park with museums, gardens, and cultural attractions. |
| 3 Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá | California's first Spanish mission, a historic Catholic church. | 4 San Diego Air & Space Museum | Museum showcasing historic aircraft and space exploration artifacts. |
| 5 Cabrillo National Monument | Historic monument with lighthouse, tide pools, and ocean views. | 6 Fleet Science Center | Interactive science museum with an IMAX dome theater. |
| 7 The San Diego Museum of Art | Museum featuring European, American, and Asian art collections. | 8 Old Town San Diego State Historic Park | Historic park preserving early California's first European settlement. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |

Kahului, Maui, Hawaii, USA

Maui's only active cruise terminal sits in a workaday harbor, but step off the ship and the whole island opens up — volcanic summits, jungle waterfalls, and snorkel-perfect craters await.

Docked (pier)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

USD

English / Hawaiian

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 7 · Sat, Feb 5	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 9:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 9:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Direct alongside berth at Kahului Harbor — no tender required

Best For: Haleakalā volcano, Road to Hana, Molokini snorkel, Iao Valley

Walk to center: Queen Kaʻahumanu Center ~1.5 mi (20-30 min); not scenic — take a shuttle or rideshare

Don't Miss: Molokini Crater snorkel or a sunrise/day summit at Haleakalā National Park

Getting around: Taxi ✓ ~\$20 flat rate · Rideshare ✓ Uber, Lyft · Hop-on hop-off ✓ Hula Hula Hopper

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Road to Hana** — Maui's legendary 64-mile coastal highway winds through rainforest, past waterfalls, and black-sand beaches.
- Haleakalā National Park Summit** — Drive to the 10,023-ft summit of a dormant shield volcano for sweeping crater views above the clouds.
- Molokini Crater Snorkel** — This partially submerged volcanic crater off Maui's south coast is ranked among the world's best snorkel sites
- visibility often exceeds 100 ft.
- Iao Valley State Monument** — A lush valley with the iconic Iao Needle — a 1,200-ft green basalt spire rising from the valley floor.
- Whale Watch Cruise (Dec–Apr)** — Kahului Harbor is right in the middle of North Pacific humpback whale winter grounds.

BEST WALKS

- Iao Valley Loop** 1.2 miles | Easy | Paved paths — Short paved loop through lush Iao Valley with views of the Iao Needle spire.
- Paia Town Stroll** 0.5 miles | Easy | Flat — Walk the main strip of Paia town from the iconic Paia Fish Market along Baldwin Avenue's galleries, boutiques, and juice bars toward Hoʻokipa Beach Park overlook.

WEATHER IN FEB · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon Feb	High 78°	Low 68°	Rain 10d
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DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Feb 6:55AM–6:24PM

Currency: USD. Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Rent a car for flexibility. Maui's best sights are spread out. Book your rental at Kahului Airport (OGG) well in advance — availability is tight on ship days.
- Reef-safe sunscreen only. Hawaii bans sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate. Buy reef-safe SPF 50+ before you arrive or at a local store.
- Leave buffer time. Road to Hana and Haleakalā are long days. Traffic back to Kahului can be slow — ship-tour guarantees are worth it for these trips.
- Molokini books out fast. If snorkeling is your priority, reserve a catamaran spot before you board your cruise — peak days sell out weeks ahead.
- Lahaina is partially closed. The historic Front Street area was devastated by the August 2023 wildfires. Check current access before visiting — some areas remain off-limits out of respect.
- Free shuttle to Queen Kaʻahumanu Center. Many lines run a complimentary bus to the mall, where you can catch Maui Bus public transit to Paia and elsewhere.

Kahului, Maui, Hawaii, USA — Port Map

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|--|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1 Maui Exposition | Venue for fairs, exhibitions, and community events. | 2 Kanaha Beach Park | Beach park popular for windsurfing and kitesurfing. |
| 3 Baldwin Beach Park | Long sandy beach with calm swimming areas. | 4 Maui Nui Botanical Gardens | Botanical gardens featuring native Hawaiian plants. |
| 5 Kahului Community Center Park | Local park with sports fields and community facilities. | P Cruise port / terminal | |

Kailua-Kona, Big Island, Hawaii, USA

Where volcanic coastline meets crystal-clear Pacific waters — Kailua-Kona delivers world-class snorkeling, world-famous coffee, and ancient Hawaiian history all within reach of the tender pier.

 Tender port (no docking pier)

 Typical call: 8–10 hrs

 USD

 English / Hawaiian

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 8 · Sun, Feb 6	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 6:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 6:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor in Kailua Bay; 15-min ride to Kailua Pier

Best For: Snorkeling, Kona coffee tours, manta ray night dives, Hawaiian history

Walk to center: Steps from the tender pier to Ali'i Drive shops and restaurants

Don't Miss: Kealakekua Bay snorkel, Hulihe'e Palace, Pu'uuhonua o Hōnaunau NHP

Getting around:  Taxi  \$6–12 in town ·  Rideshare  Uber, Lyft ·  Hop-on hop-off  Clark's Hawaii Tours

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kealakekua Bay Snorkel** — Boat tours from the pier run to this state marine preserve — one of Hawaii's best snorkel sites, with spinner dolphins, tropical fish, and the...
- Manta Ray Night Snorkel or Dive** — One of the Big Island's signature experiences: giant Pacific manta rays swoop through beams of light feeding on plankton.
- Pu'uuhonua o Hōnaunau (City of Refuge)** — Ancient Hawaiian sanctuary where lawbreakers could seek absolution.
- Kona Coffee Farm Tour** — The Kona coffee belt climbs the slopes of Hualalai and Mauna Loa just above town.
- Atlantis Submarine** — Descend 100+ feet below Kailua Bay in a passenger submarine operated from the pier.

BEST WALKS

- Ali'i Drive Historical Stroll** ~1.5 miles one-way · Flat · 30–45 min — Walk south along Ali'i Drive from the tender pier past Hulihe'e Palace, Mokuaukaia Church, Kahaluu Beach Park entrance, and open-air shopping.
- Kaloko-Honokōhau NHP Shoreline** ~2 miles · Easy · 1 hr · Short drive north — A flat shoreline walk through ancient Hawaiian fishponds and petroglyphs at Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park, a few miles north of the pier.

WEATHER IN FEB · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Feb	76°	67°	14d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Feb 6:52AM–6:23PM

Currency:  USD. Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing matters. The first tender run is always crowded. Unless you have a ship shore excursion, sleep in slightly and join the second wave — you'll spend less time in line and the same amount of time ashore.
- Sea turtles at Kahaluu. Kahalu'u Beach Park (a short walk south on Ali'i Drive) is one of the best free snorkel spots — Hawaiian green sea turtles feed in the shallows most mornings.
- Buy real Kona coffee. Tons of shops sell 'Kona blend' (10% Kona). Look for 100% Kona on the label — it costs more but it's the real thing. Farm-direct shops are your best bet.
- Kealakekua Bay books out fast. The best snorkel boat tours to the Captain Cook Marine Preserve sell out quickly, especially on days when multiple ships are in port. Book before you sail.
- Cash is handy. Most restaurants and shops accept cards, but the Kona Farmers Market (Wed/Sat on Ali'i Drive) and some farm stands are cash-preferred.
- Heat and sun. Kona is sunny and dry — the leeward side of the Big Island gets very little rain. Sunscreen, hat, and water are essential even on a short pier walk.

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Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, USA

Hawaii's capital delivers in one day: history at Pearl Harbor, iconic views from Diamond Head, legendary surf and sand at Waikiki — all from a deep-water pier steps from the Aloha Tower.

Docked (Pier 2 or Pier 11) Typical call: 8–12 hrs US Dollar (USD) English / Hawaiian

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 9 · Mon, Feb 7	Arrive: 7:00 am	All aboard: 9:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 7:00 am to 9:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier 2 (most lines) or Pier 11 near Aloha Tower Marketplace; all ships dock — no tendering

Best For: Pearl Harbor history, Diamond Head hike, Waikiki beach day, island circle tours

Walk to center: 5 min to downtown Honolulu; Waikiki is ~4 miles (taxi/trolley recommended)

Don't Miss: USS Arizona Memorial — book timed tickets online well before your cruise

Getting around: Taxi \$20–\$40 · Rideshare Uber, Lyft, Holoholo · Hop-on hop-off Waikiki Trolley · from 20

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Pearl Harbor & USS Arizona Memorial** — The most-visited site in Hawaii.
- **Diamond Head Crater Hike** — Climb inside the rim of this ancient volcanic tuff cone for panoramic views over Waikiki and the Pacific.
- **Waikiki Beach & Surfing Lesson** — The world's most famous beach sits 4 miles from the pier.
- **Iolani Palace & Downtown Historic Walk** — Tour Iolani Palace — the only royal palace on US soil — then walk to the King Kamehameha statue, Hawaii State Capitol, and historic Chinatown.
- **Oahu Circle Island Tour** — See the whole island in a day: the lush Windward Coast, Nuuanu Pali Lookout, the North Shore surfing mecca (Waimea Bay, Sunset Beach, Banzai...

BEST WALKS

- **Aloha Tower to Iolani Palace Walk** 1.5 miles • 30–40 min • Easy flat — Stroll from the pier past the 1926 Aloha Tower landmark, through the edge of Chinatown, up to the majestic Iolani Palace grounds, then continue to the King Kamehameha I...
- **Waikiki Beachfront Promenade** 1.5 miles • 30 min • Easy flat — Walk the full length of Waikiki Beach from Kapiolani Park and the Waikiki Aquarium end down to the Royal Hawaiian Hotel and the Duke Kahanamoku statue, with Diamond Head...

WEATHER IN FEB · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Feb 7:01AM–6:29PM	
Feb	76°	69°	9d	Currency: US Dollar (USD). Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.	

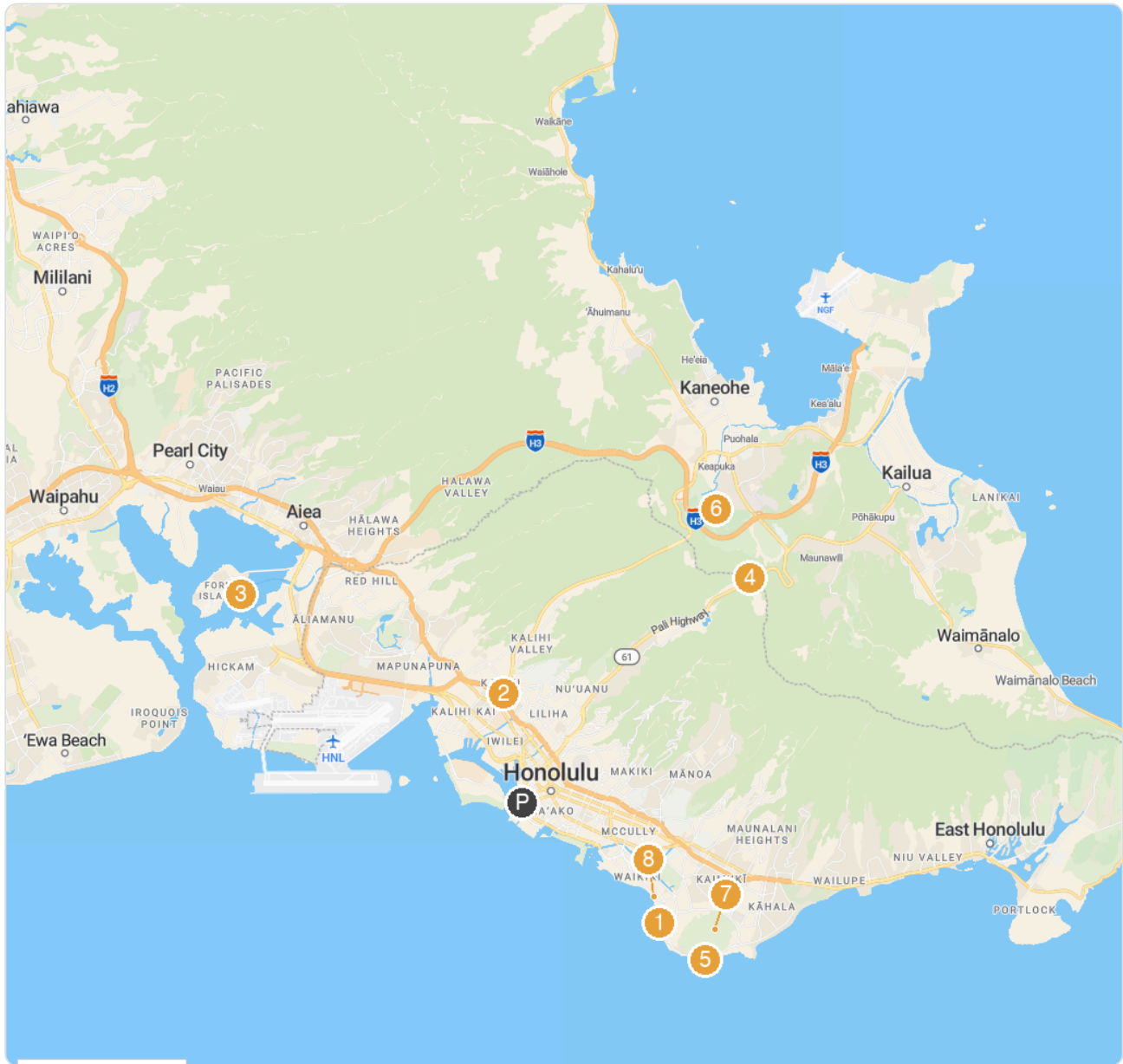
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Pearl Harbor in advance. Timed-entry tickets for the USS Arizona Memorial are free but limited — reserve at recreation.gov weeks before your cruise. Walk-up availability is rare.
- TheBus is your cheapest option. Honolulu's public bus goes to Pearl Harbor (Routes 20/42), Waikiki (Routes 8/19/20), and most tourist sites for just a few dollars each way. Exact cash or HOLO card required.
- Waikiki is 4 miles from the pier. Don't walk it in the heat — grab an Uber, take the Waikiki Trolley (~\$35 all-day pass), or hop TheBus. Allow 20–30 min each direction.
- Go early for Diamond Head. The crater gets hot and crowded by mid-morning. Aim for first entry (parking/entry fee required; timed tickets now required — book at gostateparks.hawaii.gov/diamondhead).
- Eat local at the food trucks. Skip the Waikiki tourist traps. The Ward Ave and Ala Moana area has excellent plate lunch spots — try garlic shrimp, loco moco, or musubi for authentic flavors.
- Cards accepted nearly everywhere, but carry a little cash for roadside shrimp trucks, farmers market stalls, and smaller food stands near the North Shore and Haleiwa.

Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Waikiki Aquarium | Waikiki Aquarium showcases Hawaii's diverse marine life. | 2 Bishop Museum | Bishop Museum preserves Hawaiian and Pacific cultural artifacts. |
| 3 USS Missouri (BB-63) - Battleship Museum | Tour the historic WWII battleship where Japan surrendered. | 4 Nu'uuanu Pali State Wayside | Enjoy panoramic views from this historic battle site. |
| 5 Diamond Head Beach Park | This beach park is popular for surfing and sunbathing. | 6 Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden | Explore a lush tropical botanical garden with scenic views. |
| 7 Diamond Head State Monument | Hike to the summit of an iconic volcanic crater. | 8 St. Augustine by the Sea | Visit this historic Catholic church near Waikiki Beach. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |

Pago Pago, Tutuila, American Samoa

One of the most dramatic harbor arrivals in the South Pacific — emerald cliffs plunging into deep blue water, a living Polynesian culture, and the only US National Park south of the equator.

Pier (Multiuse Wharf)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

USD (US Territory)

English & Samoan

Tropical — bring a poncho

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 15 · Sun, Feb 13

Arrive: 8:00 am

All aboard: 5:00 pm

Excursion: _____

Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Multiuse Wharf, downtown Fagatogo

Walk to center: 2 min — you step off into the town

Best For: Authentic culture, harbor scenery, hiking, beaches

Don't Miss: Jean P. Haydon Museum & Fagatogo Market

Getting around: **Taxi** \$2–\$35 · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **National Park of American Samoa Hike** — The only US National Park south of the equator.
- **Jean P. Haydon Museum & Downtown Walk** — Explore 650+ artifacts of Samoan history including ancient woven mats, traditional canoes, and the American Samoa flag that flew to the moon on...
- **Two Dollar Beach (Avaio Beach)** — Despite the name, entry is \$5 USD.
- **Tisa's Barefoot Bar — Beach Lunch** — A legendary South Pacific beach bar at Alega Beach.
- **Island Scenic Tour — Aiga Bus or Taxi** — Circle Tutuila's stunning coastline past villages, through the National Park, and to Fatu-ma-Futi (Flowerpot Rock), the dramatic volcanic islet...

BEST WALKS

- **Fagatogo Waterfront Loop** 30–45 min · Flat · Free — From the Multiuse Wharf, walk along the harbor road past the Fagatogo Market, the Historic District, and the Jean P.
- **Utulei Beach Stroll** 15 min each way · Flat · Free — Walk west along the harbor road to Utulei beach and Sadie's by the Sea.

WEATHER IN FEB · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Feb	81°	77°	25d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Feb 6:20AM–6:52PM

Currency: USD (US Territory). Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

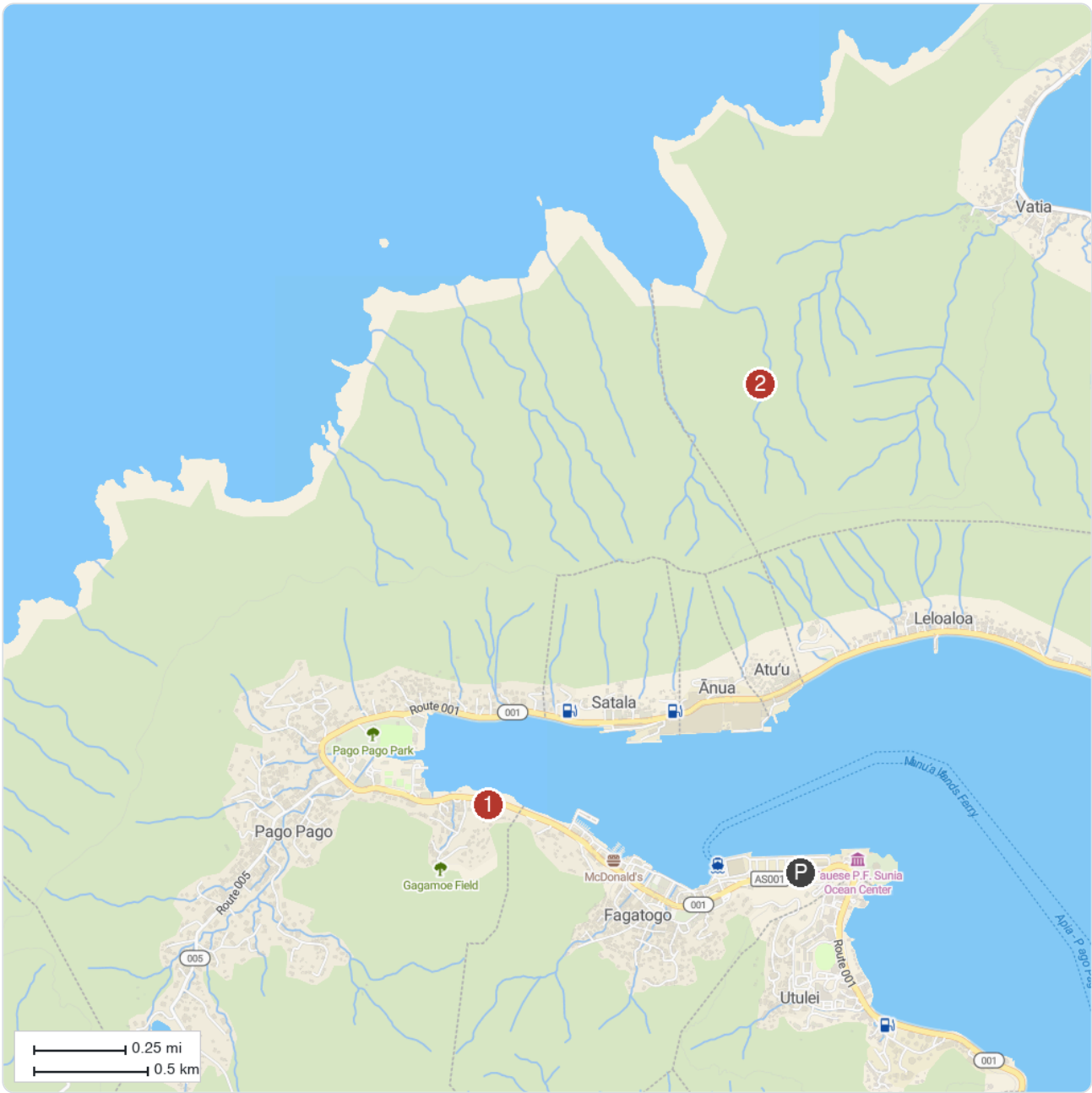
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Rainmaker Mountain is real: Mount Pioa traps passing clouds — sudden tropical downpours are common. Bring a compact poncho or umbrella; it typically clears in 10–15 minutes.
- The tuna smell: StarKist operates one of the world's largest tuna canneries in the harbor. Depending on wind direction, you'll smell it. Locals call it 'the smell of money.'
- Bring small USD cash: American Samoa uses US dollars. Cards are accepted at resorts but not at markets, aiga buses, or beach entry points. Small bills (\$1, \$5) are essential.
- Sunday is sacred — literally: If your ship calls on a Sunday, almost everything will be closed. No market, no most restaurants, no public buses. Only pre-booked excursions and a few resort restaurants will operate.
- Dress modestly in villages: Fa'a Samoa (the Samoan way) is conservative. Cover shoulders and knees when walking through residential areas or visiting any village, market, or church. Swimwear stays at the beach.
- Aiga buses: The open-air, brightly painted wooden buses are a cultural experience in themselves — \$1–2 per ride anywhere on the island. No fixed schedule; hail them anywhere and pull the cord when you want off.

Pago Pago, Tutuila, American Samoa — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 National Park of American Samoa Visitor Center

Get park info, maps, and learn about Samoan culture.

2 National Park of American Samoa

Explore rainforests, beaches, and coral reefs in this unique park.

P Cruise port / terminal

Apia, Upolu, Samoa

The laid-back capital of Samoa sits on the north coast of Upolu — ships dock a short walk from town, where fales open onto turquoise lagoons, a Victorian-era novelist rests on a jungle hilltop, and one of the Pacific's most dramatic swimming holes awaits just down the road.

Docked (Matautu Wharf)

Typical call: 7–9 hrs

Samoan Tala (WST)

Samoan / English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 17 · Tue, Feb 15

Arrive: 8:00 am

All aboard: 5:00 pm

Excursion: _____

Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Matautu Wharf, Apia Harbour

Walk to center: ~10 min to Apia town

Best For: Ocean Trench · RLS Museum

Don't Miss: To Sua Ocean Trench

Getting around: Taxi WST 5–15 (~\$2–6 USD) · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- To Sua Ocean Trench** — A giant natural swimming hole carved into the lava shelf on Upolu's south coast, connected to the sea via an underwater cave.
- Robert Louis Stevenson Museum & Mt Vaea Tomb** — The Scottish author of Treasure Island spent his final years at Vailima, his grand estate above Apia.
- Lalomanu Beach** — Consistently rated one of the finest beaches in the South Pacific — powder white sand, turquoise water, and traditional open-sided fales right on the...
- Piula Cave Pool** — A freshwater pool inside a sea cave beneath the Piula Methodist church on Upolu's north coast, about 20 minutes east of Apia.
- Papapapaitai Falls** — One of the tallest waterfalls in Samoa, plunging roughly 100 metres into a rainforest gorge in the highlands above Apia.

BEST WALKS

- Apia Waterfront & Town Centre** ~2.5 km · 1.5 hrs · easy — Stroll Beach Road from the wharf past the Apia Fish Market, the Immaculate Conception Cathedral (a striking colonial landmark), the town clock, and the colourful Fugalei...
- Palolo Deep Marine Reserve** ~1 km snorkel · easy — A protected lagoon reserve a short walk from central Apia where healthy coral and reef fish are visible in shallow, calm water.

WEATHER IN FEB · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Feb	85°	77°	26d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Feb 6:25AM–6:57PM

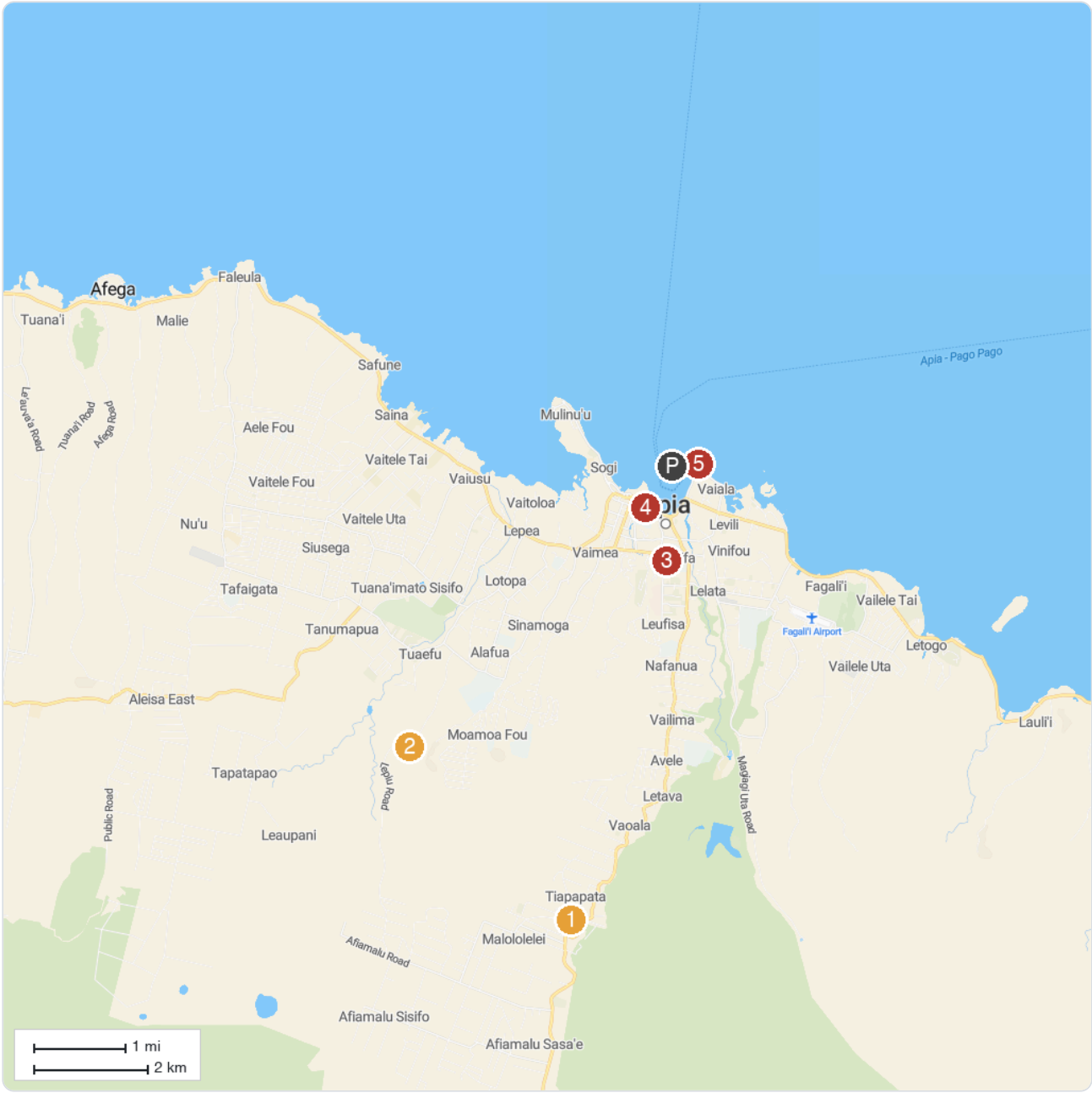
Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- To Sua is the headline act. If you only do one thing, hire a taxi or join a tour to To Sua Ocean Trench. The ladder swim is unforgettable and it's about 45 minutes from the port.
- Hire a driver for the day. A day-hire taxi to hit To Sua, Piula Cave Pool, and a beach runs WST 250–350 (roughly USD 90–130). Agree the price and itinerary before you leave the port.
- Dress modestly in villages. Samoa is deeply religious and conservative outside the beach. Cover shoulders and knees when visiting villages, churches, or inland areas.
- Tala, not USD. The local currency is the Samoan Tala (WST). ATMs are available in Apia town. Most tour operators and larger businesses accept cards; small vendors are cash only.
- Hot and humid year-round. Apia is tropical — average highs around 30 °C (86 °F) with high humidity. Light, breathable clothing and sunscreen are essential; bring water.
- The RLS Museum needs a morning. Vailima and the Mt Vaea tomb hike together take 2–3 hours — best combined with To Sua on a full-day south island circuit.

Apia, Upolu, Samoa — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Baha'i House Of Worship Samoa
- 3 Museum Of Samoa
- 5 Palolo Deep Marine Reserve

- 2 Papaseea Sliding Rocks
- 4 Immaculate Conception Cathedral
- P Cruise port / terminal

Suva, Viti Levu, Fiji

Fiji's capital is a proper city — a colonial waterfront, a world-class Fiji Museum, a bustling market, and lush rainforest trails just minutes from the dock. Warm, wet, and wonderfully alive.

Docked (Kings Wharf) Typical call: 7–9 hrs Fijian Dollar (FJD) Fijian · Hindi · English

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 19 · Thu, Feb 17	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 6:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 6:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Kings Wharf, Suva Harbour

Walk to center: 10–15 min on foot

Best For: Culture · Rainforest · Markets

Don't Miss: Fiji Museum, Thurston Gardens

Getting around: Taxi FJ\$8–15 (short city rides)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Fiji Museum & Thurston Gardens** — The finest museum in the Pacific, housed in a colonial building inside the beautiful Thurston Gardens.
- **Colo-i-Suva Forest Park** — A cool rainforest reserve 11 km north of the city with marked trails, natural swimming holes, and waterfalls.
- **Suva Municipal Market** — One of the most vibrant markets in the South Pacific — produce, root vegetables, tropical fruit, kava roots, fresh fish, and handicrafts all under...
- **Pacific Harbour & Arts Village** — About 45 km west of Suva, Pacific Harbour is known as the adventure capital of Fiji.
- **Colonial Suva Walking Tour** — Explore Suva's colonial heritage — the Grand Pacific Hotel (opened 1914, visited by royals), Government House, the Holy Trinity Cathedral, and the...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Fiji Museum** ~2 km · 1–1.5 hrs · easy — Walk the waterfront road from Kings Wharf past the seawall toward the city centre, then cut inland through Thurston Gardens to the Fiji Museum.
- **Downtown Suva market loop** ~2.5 km · 1.5 hrs · easy — From the wharf, walk into the city grid to Suva Municipal Market for kava, tropical produce, and crafts.

WEATHER IN FEB · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Feb 6:00AM–6:40PM	
Feb	84°	76°	25d	Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.	

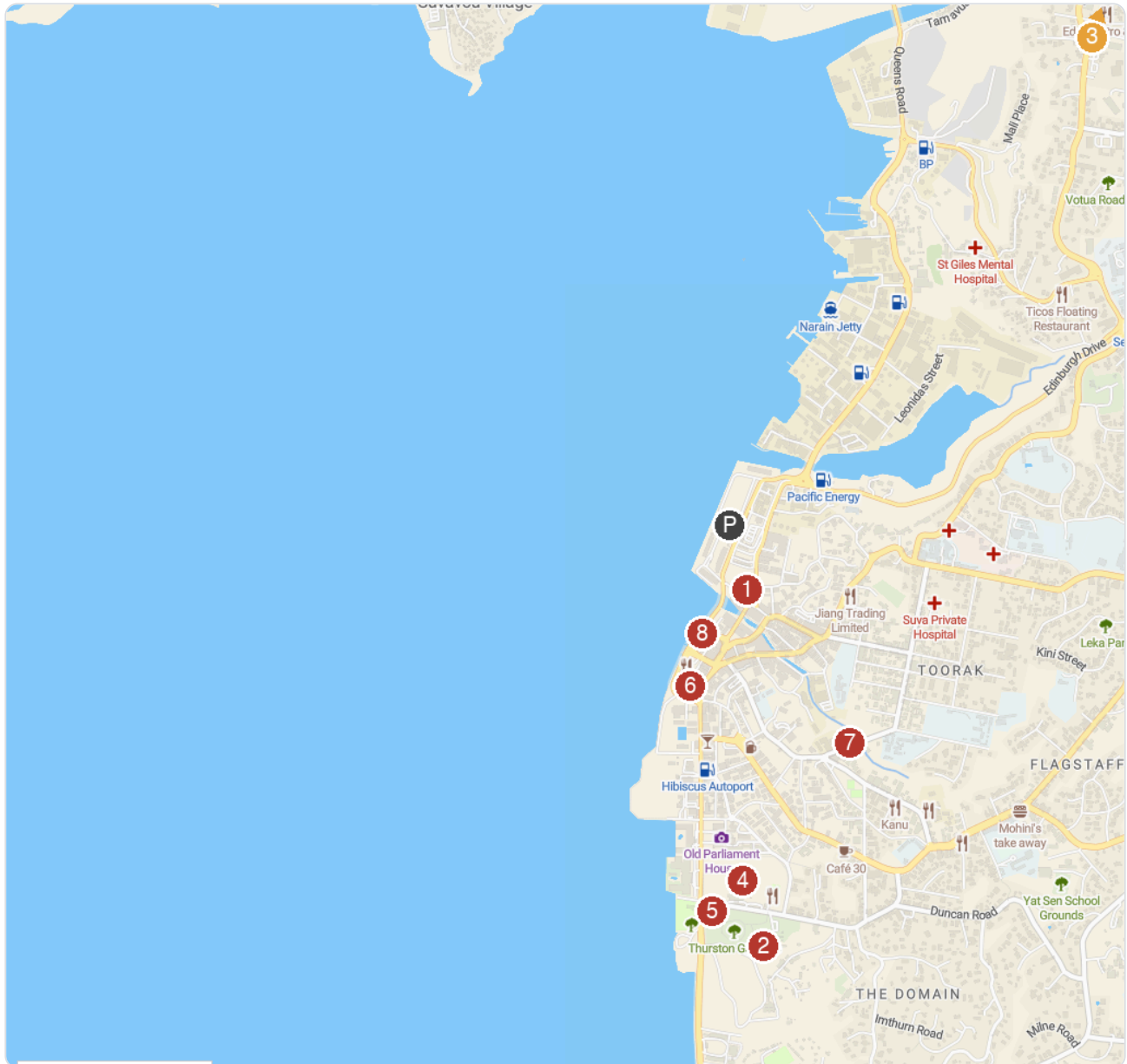
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pack a rain layer. Suva is the wettest capital city in the Pacific — short downpours are common year-round. A compact umbrella or light poncho is a must.
- Try kava. Fiji's ceremonial drink is sold in the market and offered on village tours. It's earthy and mildly numbing — say 'bula!' and drink the whole bilo in one go.
- Use FJD. Fijian Dollars are the local currency. ATMs are available in central Suva. USD is sometimes accepted in tourist spots but at poor rates — change money at the port or a bank.
- Negotiate taxis upfront. Taxis are cheap and plentiful but meters aren't always used. Agree on a fare before you get in, especially for longer trips like Colo-i-Suva or Pacific Harbour.
- Cover up for villages and temples. If you join a village tour or enter a Hindu temple, cover shoulders and knees. Remove hats when entering a village — it's a sign of respect.
- Suva ≠ Nadi. The famous Sri Siva Subramaniya Hindu temple is in Nadi on the west coast — about 3.5 hours away and not a realistic day trip from Suva's port. Enjoy what Suva itself offers.

Suva, Viti Levu, Fiji — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Suva Municipal Market | Bustling market for fresh produce, seafood, and local goods. | 2 Fiji Museum | National museum showcasing Fiji's rich history and culture. |
| 3 Colo-I-Suva Forest Park | Rainforest park with natural pools, waterfalls, and walking trails. | 4 Albert Park | Historic sports ground and public park in city center. |
| 5 Thurston Gardens | Historic botanical gardens with native plants and colonial trees. | 6 Ratu Sukuna Park | Waterfront park with bandstand, memorial, and harbor views. |
| 7 Laxmi Narayan Mandir | Colorful, prominent Hindu temple for worship and cultural insight. | 8 Municipal Handicraft Centre | Center for authentic Fijian handicrafts, souvenirs, and local art. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |

Lautoka, Viti Levu, Fiji

Fiji's second city earned its nickname from the sugar cane that perfumes the air — especially during crushing season. Skip the polish of Nadi and discover an everyday Fijian town with soulful Indo-Fijian food, a giant produce market, and easy taxi rides to hot springs and orchid gardens.

Docked (Queens Wharf)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Fijian Dollar (FJD)

English & Fijian

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 20 · Fri, Feb 18	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Queens Wharf, working industrial port

Walk to Center: ~1.5 km, but hot & dusty; take a taxi or shuttle

Best For: Authentic markets, hot springs, orchid gardens, Indo-Fijian food

Don't Miss: Lautoka Open-Air Market and Garden of the Sleeping Giant

Getting around: Taxi FJ\$5–10 to city center · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Garden of the Sleeping Giant** — Founded by actor Raymond Burr, this stunning hillside garden holds over 2,000 Asian orchid varieties and a boardwalk through tropical rainforest.
- Sabeto Hot Springs & Mud Pool** — Slather on warm volcanic mud, let it dry in the sun, then rinse in natural geothermal pools.
- Lautoka Open-Air Market** — One of the largest produce markets in the South Pacific — a riot of tropical fruit, fresh coconuts, kava root, and spices.
- Viseisei Village** — Said to be the oldest settlement in Fiji and the landing place of the first Fijians.
- Koroyanitu National Heritage Park** — Hiking trails through native highland forest with waterfalls and panoramic views toward the Yasawa Islands.

BEST WALKS

- Lautoka City Center Loop** ~2 km · 30-45 min · Easy — Start at the open-air market, walk past Shirley Park waterfront, swing by the Sri Krishna Kaliya Temple, and browse the main shopping street before looping back.
- Botanical Gardens Stroll** ~1 km · 20 min · Easy — A small, shaded garden near the colonial Governor's Mansion with tropical orchids, lily pond, and a respite from the midday heat.

WEATHER IN FEB · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Feb	84°	76°	25d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Feb 6:04AM–6:43PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sunday closures are real. If your ship docks on a Sunday, the market and most shops will be shut. Plan on a booked excursion rather than independent exploration.
- Eat the curry. Lautoka's large Indo-Fijian population means the curries are legitimate — try Singh's Curry House or any small local spot for a cheap and outstanding lunch.
- Beware the sword sellers. Vendors near the port gate may carve your name into a wooden ornament and then demand payment. Say 'No, vinaka' and keep moving.
- Beach? You'll need a taxi. The port area is industrial with no beach. Saweni Beach is 15-20 min away; Vuda Point (First Landing Resort) is 20-25 min.
- Village etiquette matters. Remove hats and sunglasses on entry to a Fijian village — wearing them is considered disrespectful to the chief. Dress modestly (shoulders and knees covered).
- Cash is king at the market. ATMs are in the town center and cards work at restaurants and supermarkets, but stalls and taxi drivers want FJD cash.

Lautoka, Viti Levu, Fiji — Port Map

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- 1

Lautoka Botanical Gardens

Lush municipal gardens showcasing Fiji's diverse tropical plant life near the town center.
- 2

Lautoka Jame Masjid

Lautoka's main mosque and a landmark of the city's significant Indo-Fijian community.
- P

Cruise port / terminal

Lifou, Loyalty Islands, New Caledonia

A coral atoll of turquoise bays and white-sand beaches — ships anchor off Easo while tenders ferry passengers to one of the South Pacific's most photogenic tender stops, rich in Kanak Melanesian culture.

Tender port (no pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

CFP Franc (XPF)

French / Drehu

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 22 · Sun, Feb 20	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — anchor off Easo

Best For: Snorkeling · Beaches · Kanak culture

Walk to center: Easo village is steps from tender dock

Don't Miss: Notre-Dame de Lourdes chapel clifftop view

 Getting around: **Taxi** Negotiated locally · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Jinek Bay Marine Reserve Snorkeling** — Jinek Bay (also called Peng Bay) is one of the finest snorkeling spots in the Loyalty Islands — a protected marine reserve with hard corals, tropical...
water and the anchored ship below.
- Kanak Village & Customary Welcome** — Experience a traditional Kanak (Melanesian) welcome in Easo or a nearby tribal village — dancing, weaving demonstrations, vanilla and coconut...
- Luengoni Beach** — Lifou's most beautiful beach — a sweeping arc of white sand, coral-clear water, and limestone caves at the headland.
- Jokin Cliffs & Coastal Scenery** — The dramatic limestone cliffs at Jokin in the north of Lifou offer some of the island's most striking coastal scenery — sheer drops into deep-blue...
- Notre-Dame de Lourdes Chapel** — The iconic white chapel perched on the cliff above Easo Bay offers sweeping views over the turquoise

BEST WALKS

- Easo Village to Notre-Dame de Lourdes Chapel** ~1 km · 30–40 min · moderate (steep climb) — From the tender dock, walk through Easo village and follow the path up the cliff to the white Notre-Dame de Lourdes chapel.
- Easo Village Stroll** ~500 m · 20 min · easy — A short wander through the Kanak village of Easo — local craft stalls, vanilla and coconut vendors, and a chance to chat with residents.

WEATHER IN FEB · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Feb	85°	73°	16d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Feb 6:05AM–6:19PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing is everything. Return to the tender dock at least 45 minutes before all-aboard — lines grow fast in the afternoon and there's no way to rush a missed ship.
- Cash in XPF is king. Local vendors and beach stalls work almost entirely in CFP Francs. Credit cards are rarely accepted outside ship-organized tours. Exchange or draw cash before you go.
- Bring your own snorkel gear. Lifou's reefs are exceptional, but rental availability ashore is limited and inconsistent. Packing mask, fins, and snorkel gives you flexibility at Jinek Bay or Luengoni.
- Reef-safe sunscreen only. New Caledonia's marine reserves ask visitors to use reef-safe products. Lifou's coral is pristine — keep it that way.
- Respect customary land. Much of Lifou is tribal customary land. Stay on marked paths, ask before photographing people or ceremonies, and buy direct from local vendors to support the community.
- Rent a scooter or bicycle for independence. If you want to explore beyond the village without a ship tour, scooters and bicycles are available to rent near the tender dock. The roads are quiet and mostly flat near the coast.

Lifou, Loyalty Islands, New Caledonia — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Queen Hortense Cave | Coastal limestone cave near Jozip where a Lifou queen once sheltered from tribal conflict in the 1850s. | 2 Santal Bay | Turquoise sheltered bay near Easo where cruise ships tender passengers ashore. |
| 3 Jokin Cliffs | Dramatic coastal cliffs on Lifou's north coast offering sweeping ocean views. | P Cruise port / terminal | |

Noumea, Grande Terre, New Caledonia

France in the South Pacific — a city of baguettes and coral reefs, where Renzo Piano's Kanak cultural centre meets turquoise lagoon waters and one of the world's great UNESCO marine ecosystems.

Docked (Gare Maritime, central)

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

CFP Franc (XPF)

French

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 23 · Mon, Feb 21

Arrive: 8:00 am

All aboard: 5:00 pm

Excursion: _____

Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Gare Maritime (Quai Ferry, central waterfront)

Walk to center: 5 min to Place des Cocotiers

Best For: Culture · Beaches · Lagoon

Don't Miss: Tjibaou Cultural Centre

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ ~555 XPF base + 123 XPF/km (~12 USD for city rides) · 🚗 **Rideshare** ❌ not available · 🚗 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅
Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Tjibaou Cultural Centre** — Renzo Piano's iconic Kanak cultural centre on the Tina peninsula — ten soaring wooden 'cases' housing Kanak art, history, and landscape gardens.
- **Amédée Island Lighthouse Day Trip** — A classic South Pacific excursion: boat out to tiny Amédée Island with its 19th-century lighthouse, snorkel the coral reef, lunch under palms, and...
- **Anse Vata & Baie des Citrons** — Noumea's two most popular swimming beaches, lined with cafés, restaurants, and watersports.
- **UNESCO Lagoon Sailing or Snorkeling** — New Caledonia's lagoon is a UNESCO World Heritage Site — one of the largest coral reef systems on Earth.
- **Aquarium des Lagons & City Walk** — The Aquarium des Lagons showcases the extraordinary marine biodiversity of New Caledonia's reef, including nautilus and local species rarely seen...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Place des Cocotiers** ~1.5 km · 30 min · easy — Walk from the Gare Maritime along the waterfront esplanade, past the Aquarium des Lagons, and into Place des Cocotiers — the leafy colonial square at the heart of Noumea.
- **Mont Coffyn Lookout** ~3 km · 1 hr · moderate — A short uphill walk or taxi ride to the Mont Coffyn lookout delivers panoramic views over Noumea, the lagoon, and the surrounding peninsula — a classic orientation stop.

WEATHER IN FEB · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Feb	83°	75°	20d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Feb 5:43AM–6:32PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

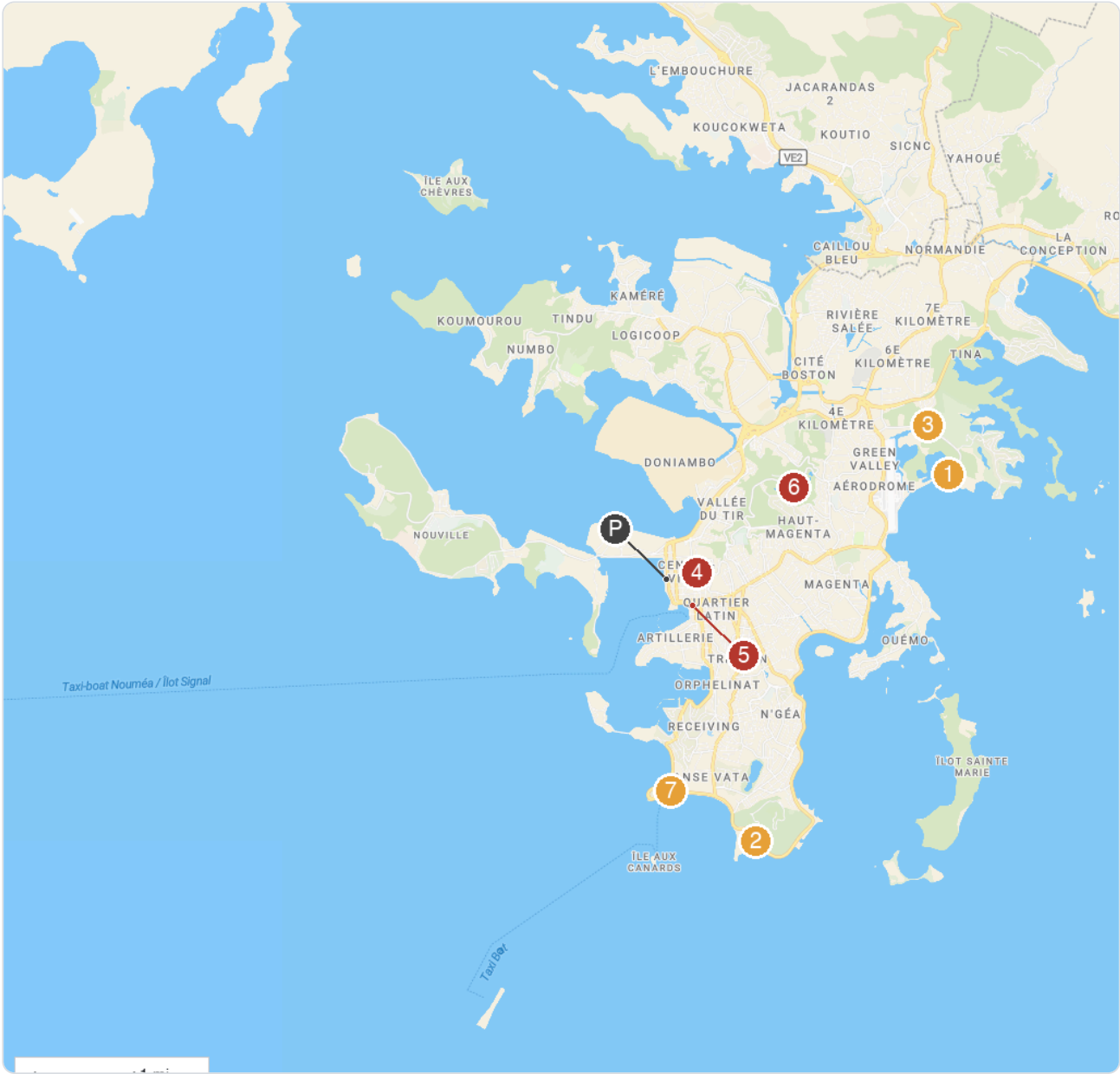
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- French is the working language. Menus, signs, and staff in smaller businesses are French-only. A few basic phrases go a long way; tourist sites near the waterfront have more English.
- CFP Francs are fixed to the Euro. Cards work in most shops and restaurants, but carry some XPF cash for markets, buses, and small cafés. ATMs are available near the pier.
- Tropical heat year-round. Noumea is hot and humid; reef-safe sunscreen, a hat, and water are essential. The dry season (May–October) is the most comfortable for cruise calls.
- Don't skip the lagoon. New Caledonia's UNESCO-listed lagoon is world-class — even a short snorkel off Amédée Island or a glass-bottom boat trip is unforgettable.
- Taxis are the easiest way around. The local Kaar'Bus network is inexpensive but can be slow; taxis are plentiful near the pier and are the quickest way to the beaches and Tjibaou Centre.
- Eat French-Pacific fusion. Noumea's waterfront cafés serve fresh baguettes, seafood, and local dishes like bougna (Kanak earth oven food). The morning market near the city center is worth a look.

Noumea, Grande Terre, New Caledonia — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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|---|--|--|
| 1 | Tjibaou Cultural Centre | Modern architecture showcasing Kanak culture and art. |
| 2 | Grand Casino | Try your luck at slots, tables, and entertainment. |
| 3 | Les Boucles de Tina | Coastal nature park with walking and cycling trails. |
| 4 | Musée de la Ville de Nouméa | Noumea's city museum detailing local history and heritage. |
| 5 | Noumea City Market | Vibrant market for local produce, crafts, and souvenirs. |
| 6 | Parc Zoologique Et Forestier Michel Corbasson | Zoo and botanical garden featuring New Caledonian wildlife. |
| 7 | Lagoon Aquarium | Aquarium showcasing diverse marine life from New Caledonia's lagoon. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | |

Mystery Island (Inyeug), Aneityum, Vanuatu

A tiny, uninhabited islet at the southern tip of Vanuatu, Mystery Island (Inyeug) is leased to cruise lines for the day — when the ship sails, it returns to silence. Walk the whole island in 30 minutes, snorkel a protected marine reserve, and eat grilled rock lobster under palm trees.

- Tender only (no pier)
- Typical call: 6–8 hrs
- AUD & Vatu (cash only, small bills)
- Bislama / English
- Beach destination

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 24 · Tue, Feb 22	Arrive: 10:00 am	All aboard: 6:00 pm
Excursion:	Notes: In Port — 10:00 am to 6:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Tender — ships anchor offshore; ~10-min boat ride to wooden jetty
- Best For:** Snorkeling, beach relaxation, local market shopping, fresh lobster
- Walk to beach:** 10 steps from the tender jetty
- Don't Miss:** Grilled rock lobster from beach BBQs; walk the WWII grass airstrip

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Beach Day & Snorkeling** — The island's perimeter is one continuous beach with a protected marine reserve.
- Aneityum Village Tour** — Local boats take you across the narrow channel to the populated island of Aneityum.
- Kayak & Stand-Up Paddleboard** — SUP boards and kayaks are rented directly on the beach near the jetty.
- Glass-Bottom Boat Tour** — A short boat ride over the coral reef reveals vibrant marine life without getting wet.
- Beach Massage** — Local women operate open-air massage huts along the sandy paths.

BEST WALKS

- Island Circumnavigation** 3 km loop · ~35 min · Flat sandy paths — Walk the entire perimeter of the island along sandy tracks.
- Market Stroll & WWII Airstrip** ~15 min walk · Easy · All flat — From the tender jetty, walk inland along the grass airstrip that runs down the middle of the island.

WEATHER IN FEB · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Feb 5:32AM–6:18PM	
Feb	83°	78°	21d	Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.	

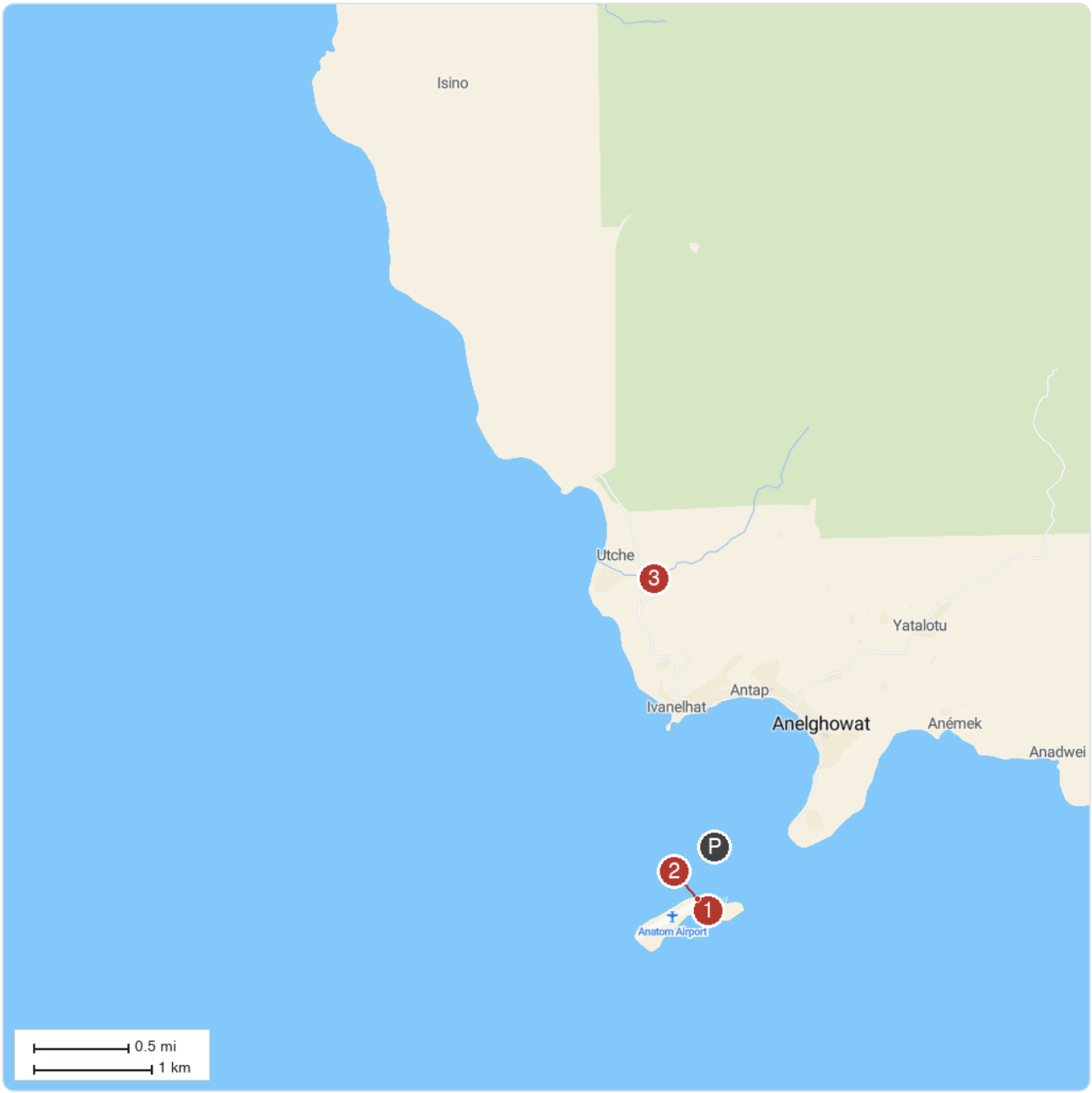
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash only, small bills. Australian Dollars (AUD) are universally accepted alongside Vanuatu Vatu. Bring \$5, \$10, and \$20 notes and coins — vendors cannot break \$50 or \$100 bills. There are no ATMs and no card facilities on the island.
- Eat the lobster. Locals BBQ fresh-caught rock lobster on the beach for around AUD \$20–30 each. It's incredibly fresh and one of the best cruise-day meals in the Pacific.
- Wear reef shoes in the water. The reef contains sharp coral, sea urchins, and potentially stonefish. Closed-toe water shoes protect your feet — sandals are not enough.
- Use reef-safe sunscreen. Vanuatu actively protects its marine sanctuary. Chemical sunscreens harm coral — bring biodegradable, mineral-based SPF.
- No Wi-Fi, no cell service. This is a true off-grid destination. Download offline maps and let people know you'll be unreachable for the day.
- Know your last tender time. The island is uninhabited once the ship leaves. Board early if seas are rough — tenders may stop earlier than scheduled in poor conditions.

Mystery Island (Inyeug), Aneityum, Vanuatu — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Fringing Reef Snorkel Site

Coral reef ringing the tiny islet, accessible directly from the beach with visibility up to 50 feet.
- 2

WWII Airstrip

Grass runway crossing the small islet, built by Allied forces during World War II and still visible end to end.
- 3

Anelghowat Village

Traditional village on nearby Aneityum Island reachable by local boat, with 19th-century mission church ruins.
- P

Cruise port / terminal

Port Vila, Efate, Vanuatu

The vibrant capital of Vanuatu blends Melanesian culture with tropical beaches, electric-blue lagoons, and a walkable waterfront market — all within easy reach of the main wharf.

Docked (commercial wharf)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Vanuatu Vatu (VUV) / AUD widely accepted

Bislama, English, French

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 25 · Wed, Feb 23	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 4:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 4:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Main Wharf on Wharf Rd; ~3 km southwest of town center. Occasional tender for largest ships.

Best For: Blue Lagoon swims, cultural villages, waterfall hikes, duty-free shopping

Walk to center: 30–40 min on foot; taxis, shuttle vans, and water taxis available

Don't Miss: Blue Lagoon, Mele Cascades, Ekasup Cultural Village, Port Vila Market

Getting around: Taxi 2,500–4,000 VUV (~\$21–33 USD) · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Blue Lagoon & Eden on the River** — Vanuatu's star attraction: a vivid turquoise swimming hole where fresh and salt water meet.
 - Mele Cascades Waterfall** — Tiered freshwater pools and a 35-metre waterfall set in lush tropical jungle.
 - Ekasup Cultural Village** — Step into traditional Melanesian life at this authentic cultural village.
- Hideaway Island Snorkel & Underwater Post Office** — A short boat ride to a marine reserve with calm, shallow snorkeling.
 - Lelepa Island Day Trip** — Boat to Lelepa Island for a bush-trail walk through native flora, snorkeling over giant clams, kayaking, and a BBQ lunch on the beach.

BEST WALKS

- Wharf to Port Vila Market & Waterfront** 2.5 km · 30 min · Easy — Follow Wharf Road northeast along the bay, past the Independence Park, into the heart of downtown.
- Waterfront Promenade & Duty-Free Strip** 1 km · 15 min · Flat — Stroll the palm-lined waterfront promenade past duty-free stores, café terraces, and the colourful fishing boats in the inner harbour.

WEATHER IN FEB · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Feb	84°	77°	23d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Feb 5:40AM–6:20PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry AUD or VUV. Australian dollars are accepted almost everywhere; Vanuatu Vatu is useful for markets and minivans. ATMs in town dispense VUV.
- Start early. Mele Cascades and the Blue Lagoon get crowded when multiple ships are in port. Head there first thing for smaller crowds.
- Negotiate taxi fares upfront. Taxis are unmetered — agree on a price before you get in. Shared minivans are much cheaper for short town hops.
- Hideaway Island's underwater postbox is real. Bring cash (roughly 1,000–1,500 VUV) and a waterproof postcard to mail from below the surface.
- Pack a light rain layer. Port Vila is tropical and can receive brief heavy showers year-round. Mornings are generally clearer.
- Kava etiquette: Clap once before drinking and once after — it's customary. Kava is mildly sedating; skip it if you have afternoon excursions requiring coordination.

Port Vila, Efate, Vanuatu — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Iririki Island Small island in Port Vila Harbour, former residence of the British High Commissioner, reachable by a short ferry ride.

3 Erakor Lagoon Clear, shallow lagoon a few kilometers south of town, popular for kayaking and spotting starfish.

2 Mele Cascades Series of aquamarine limestone waterfalls and natural pools climbing to a 35-meter main falls, northwest of town.

P Cruise port / terminal

Honiara, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands

The capital of the Solomon Islands sits on the shore of Ironbottom Sound, where dozens of WWII warships and aircraft rest on the ocean floor. Raw, authentic, and unforgettable — Honiara is history you can swim through.

Docked (new Millennium Terminal, 2024)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Solomon Islands Dollar (SBD) — cash preferred

English & Solomon Pijin

Major WWII history site

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 27 · Fri, Feb 25	Arrive: 10:00 am	All aboard: 6:00 pm
Excursion:	Notes: In Port — 10:00 am to 6:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Point Cruz — new Millennium Cruise Passenger Terminal opened Dec 2024; very large ships may still tender

Best For: WWII history, shipwreck snorkeling, local markets, Melanesian culture

Walk to center: 5–10 min flat walk to Mendana Ave; 15–20 min to Central Market

Don't Miss: Ironbottom Sound overlook, Honiara Central Market, Vilu Military Museum

Getting around: Taxi SBD 50–150 (~USD 6–18) per trip

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Vilu Military Museum & WWII Relics** — About 45 minutes west of town, this open-air museum displays Japanese and American fighter planes, artillery, and vehicles rusting in a jungle garden.
- Skyline Ridge US Guadalcanal Memorial** — High above town, this memorial honors Allied soldiers killed during the Guadalcanal Campaign and looks out over Ironbottom Sound — the graveyard of...
- Bonegi Beach Shipwreck Snorkeling** — The Kinugawa Maru, a massive Japanese transport ship, lies grounded right on Bonegi Beach 30 minutes west of town.
- Bloody Ridge (Edson's Ridge) Battlefield** — Scene of one of Guadalcanal's fiercest battles, now a National Peace Park.
- Honiara Central Market & Town Walk** — The Central Market on Mendana Avenue is a sensory overload of tropical fruit, fresh fish, betel nut, shell money, and hand-woven crafts.

BEST WALKS

- Mendana Avenue Town Loop** 1.5 km · 30–40 min · flat — Walk from Point Cruz terminal along Mendana Avenue past the National Museum, BSP bank, and shops to the Central Market, then loop back along the waterfront.
- National Parliament Building** 1 km each way · easy · 20 min — Head uphill from Mendana Avenue to the distinctive conical-roofed Parliament Building.

WEATHER IN FEB · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Feb	84°	76°	26d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Feb 6:22AM–6:46PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring cash in SBD or AUD. BSP and ANZ ATMs on Mendana Ave work but run out on cruise days. USD is less universally accepted. Many small vendors and taxi drivers prefer local cash.
- Sunday = shuttered city. If your ship calls on a Sunday, nearly everything — the market, shops, most restaurants — will be closed. Book a ship excursion or pre-arrange a private driver before you arrive.
- Dress modestly in town. The Solomon Islands is a conservative Christian country. Cover shoulders and knees when walking around Honiara — swimwear only at beaches and resorts.
- Always negotiate taxi fares upfront. There are no meters. A private driver for the day costs roughly SBD \$100–150/hr and is the best way to reach the Vilu Museum and Bonegi Beach.
- The red stains are betel nut. Locals chew betel nut (a mild stimulant) and spit red juice everywhere — on footpaths, walls, and steps. It's harmless but watch your step and clothing.
- It's hot and humid, always. The cruise season runs November–June. Bring water, sunscreen, a hat, and lightweight clothes. Start sightseeing early before the midday heat peaks.

Honiara, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 National Museum | Compact museum covering Melanesian cultural artifacts, traditional shell money, and WWII history. | 2 Guadalcanal American Memorial | Hilltop monument on Skyline Ridge honoring US forces killed in the 1942-43 Guadalcanal Campaign, with harbor views. |
| 3 Bloody Ridge Battlefield | Site of the decisive September 1942 battle of the Guadalcanal Campaign, still marked by trench lines. | 4 Central Market | Honiara's main produce and handicraft market on the waterfront, a good look at everyday island life. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |

Rabaul, East New Britain, Papua New Guinea

A port unlike any other: moored inside a flooded volcanic caldera, with a smoking cone on the horizon and buried streets from the catastrophic 1994 eruption. Rabaul is equal parts ghost town, WWII time capsule, and raw Pacific drama.

Pier — Rabaul Main Wharf

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

PNG Kina (PGK) — USD/AUD accepted by some operators

Tok Pisin & English

Active volcano in harbour

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 29 · Sun, Feb 27	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion:	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Deep-water pier at Rabaul Main Wharf, Simpson Harbour; occasional tender for large ships

Best For: WWII history, volcano experiences, remote South Pacific culture

Walk to centre: 15–20 min to old Rabaul (very limited); Kokopo (most attractions) is 40 min by taxi

Don't Miss: Mt. Tavurvur & hot springs, Japanese barge tunnels, Yamamoto's Bunker

Getting around: **Taxi** Negotiate on arrival · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Mt. Tavurvur Volcano & Hot Springs** — Boat to the foot of Rabaul's smoking cone, watch volcanic gases vent, and dip into geothermal hot springs where locals harvest megapode bird eggs...
- **Japanese WWII Tunnels & Yamamoto's Bunker** — Explore the vast network of hand-dug tunnels the Japanese built to hide barges, ammunition, and hospitals.
- **Kokopo War Museum & Bitapaka Cemetery** — The Kokopo Museum holds Japanese planes, tanks, and occupation-era relics; the Bitapaka War Cemetery (about 45 min out) is a beautifully maintained...
- **Baining Fire Dance** — The Baining people dance barefoot through roaring bonfires wearing towering bark-cloth spirit masks.
- **WWII Wreck Diving & Snorkelling** — Simpson Harbour is a watery graveyard of WWII Japanese ships and planes that have become thriving artificial reefs.

BEST WALKS

- **Wharf to Rabaul Market & Ghost Town** 1.5 km · ~20 min · Easy (dusty/ash underfoot) — Walk from the Rabaul Main Wharf along Mango Avenue toward the Rabaul Market.

WEATHER IN FEB · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon Feb	High 84°	Low 77°	Rain 26d
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DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Feb 5:58AM–6:12PM

Currency: PNG Kina (PGK) — USD/AUD accepted by some operators. Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Kina is king at the market. USD and AUD are sometimes accepted by larger tour operators, but local taxis and market vendors only take PNG Kina. Exchange on the ship — dockside ATMs in Kokopo are frequently out of service.
- Ash can blow. When wind shifts, volcanic ash drifts across Simpson Harbour and irritates eyes and throat. Pack a light buff or face covering and closed shoes — sandals fill with ash fast.
- Negotiate taxis before you board. Fares are unmetered; agree on price first. Kokopo should cost K30–50 each way. When a ship is in town, vehicles go fast — don't wait.
- Extreme heat and humidity. Rabaul is equatorial — hot, sticky, and dusty. Wear light breathable clothing, a wide-brimmed hat, and high-SPF sunscreen. Drink bottled water only.
- Book the Baining Fire Dance if offered. This is one of the rarest cultural performances in the Pacific. It's often only available on cruise-line excursions — don't assume you can arrange it independently.
- Stay with a group or guide beyond the wharf. The port area is fine for the market and ghost-town walk, but infrastructure is limited. For WWII sites and the volcano, an organised tour is safer and far more informative.

Rabaul, East New Britain, Papua New Guinea — Port Map

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1 Rababa Hot Springs Natural geothermal springs offering warm, mineral-rich waters for bathing.

P Cruise port / terminal

Alotau, Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea

Capital of Milne Bay Province and site of the first Allied land victory over Japan in WWII, Alotau greets cruise visitors with vivid sing-sing performances, a bustling market, and some of the friendliest communities in the Pacific.

 Docked (commercial wharf)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Papua New Guinean Kina (PGK)  Tok Pisin & English

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 31 · Tue, Feb 29	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock at Sanderson Bay wharf — no tendering required

Walk to center: ~15-20 min walk or short taxi ride to Alotau Market

Best For: WWII history, traditional sing-sing performances, local markets

Don't Miss: Alotau War Memorial Park and a dockside sing-sing welcome dance

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~PGK 10 / AUD \$5 each way to town; negotiate longer trips

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Traditional Sing-Sing Performance** — Watch elaborately costumed village groups perform traditional dances, drumming, and chanting — one of the most striking cultural displays in the...
- **Alotau War Memorial Park & WWII Sites** — The Battle of Milne Bay in 1942 was the first Allied land defeat of Japanese forces in WWII.
- **Alotau Market & Town Walk** — Dive into daily life at the bustling Alotau Market near the pier — fresh tropical fruit, seafood, carved wooden masks, bilum string bags, and woven...
- **Snorkeling in Milne Bay** — Milne Bay's warm, calm waters shelter over 850 fish species and healthy coral reefs.
- **Milne Bay Village Life Visit** — Small-group tours to nearby villages offer clay-pot cooking demonstrations, traditional craft making, and a genuine window into Milne Bay community...

BEST WALKS

- **Wharf to Alotau Market Loop** 1.5 km one-way · 20 min · Easy — Walk from the Sanderson Bay wharf through the commercial strip to the Alotau Town Main Market.
- **War Memorial Park Stroll** ~2 km round trip · 30-40 min · Easy — From the town center, walk to the Alotau War Memorial Park with its black granite monument commemorating the Battle of Milne Bay.

WEATHER IN FEB · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Feb 5:59AM–6:24PM	
Feb	87°	76°	22d	Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring Kina: The Papua New Guinean Kina is the only reliable currency. Some vendors take AUD or USD but at poor rates. Draw cash from the port ATM early — it can run dry on cruise days.
- Dress modestly: Shoulders and knees covered are expected, especially in villages. Light, loose-fitting clothes are both culturally respectful and practical in the heat.
- It's hot and humid: Alotau is tropical year-round. Bring sunscreen, a hat, and a full water bottle from the ship — dehydration is a real risk after even a short walk in midday sun.
- Ask before photographing: Many locals welcome it but some do not — always ask first. Buying a small item from a vendor is a good way to build rapport before reaching for the camera.
- Mosquito repellent: Bring it from the ship. Malaria is present in Papua New Guinea — consult your doctor about prophylactics well before the cruise.
- Guided tours for distant sites: The market is safe to explore solo, but for WWII memorials, villages, or East Cape, stick with ship excursions or a reputable local guide for safety and context.

Alotau, Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea — Port Map cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Alotau Market** Colorful local produce and betel-nut market by the harbor.
- 2 Milne Bay War Memorial** Commemorates the WWII Battle of Milne Bay, Japan's first land defeat.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

Trobriand Islands (Kiriwina), Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea

One of the most culturally intact destinations in the South Pacific — the Trobriand Islands offer an extraordinary window into a matrilineal society that has shaped its own cricket, its own exchange economy, and some of the finest woodcarving in the world.

- Tender (no pier)
- Typical call: 6–8 hrs
- PGK (Papua New Guinea Kina)
- Kilivila & Tok Pisin
- Expedition-style port

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 32 · Wed, Mar 1	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion:	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Tender — ship anchors offshore; 15–20 min ride to Kaibola Beach or Losuia jetty
- Best For:** Cultural immersion, woodcarving shopping, snorkeling, village walks
- Walk to center:** Villages are immediately adjacent to landing sites; no transport needed
- Don't Miss:** Trobriand cricket match, decorated yam houses, ebony woodcarvings at the landing market

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Trobriand Cricket Match** — This is unlike any cricket you've seen.
 - Village & Yam House Walk** — Walk through traditional villages like Kavataria near Losuia or Omarakana, home of the paramount chief.
 - Kalopa Burial Cave** — A sacred limestone cave containing ancestral skeletal remains — a rare and sobering window into Trobriand traditions of honouring the dead.
- Kaibola Beach Day** — Stunning white sand beach on the north tip of Kiriwina with calm turquoise water and healthy coral just offshore.
 - Snorkeling the Reef** — Coral health around the Trobriand Islands is exceptional — the reefs are largely unspoiled.

BEST WALKS

- Kaibola Beach to Kavataria Village** ~1 km one-way | Easy | 20–30 min — From the beach landing, follow the sandy path south through coconut palms into Kavataria village.
- Losuia Jetty & Government Station** Flat walk | Easy | 15–20 min loop — If your tender lands at Losuia, the small government station, hospital, and a local market are all within a short walk.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring small Kina notes. There are no ATMs or card machines on the island. Exchange Papua New Guinea Kina (PGK) onboard your ship before going ashore. Bring 5, 10, and 20 Kina notes — locals can't easily change large bills. Some sellers may accept Australian or US dollars at a reduced rate.
- Dress modestly in villages. Cover shoulders and knees when walking through village areas — a sarong or light wrap is ideal. Swimwear is fine on Kaibola Beach, but put clothes back on before entering any village.
- Woodcarvings are exceptional — declare them. Trobriand ebony woodcarvers are among the best in PNG. Buy what speaks to you, but note that raw wood items must be declared at Australian and NZ customs. Many ships will fumigate purchases onboard — ask crew.
- Eat on the ship. There are no restaurants, cafes, or food stalls on the island. The one local exception: vendors sell fresh coconuts (kulau) — safe to drink and refreshing. Do not drink any tap water ashore.
- Apply DEET and sunscreen. Malaria is present in PNG (daytime cruise visit risk is low but real). Use a DEET-based repellent. The tropical sun is fierce — hat and high-SPF sunscreen are essential.
- Skip the candy and cash for kids. Handing out sweets or coins encourages begging and causes harm. If you want to give something meaningful, bring school supplies (pencils, notebooks) or basic first aid items and give them to a teacher or the village chief to distribute.

Trobriand Islands (Kiriwina), Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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Kaibola Beach A white-sand beach on Kiriwina's north coast with clear turquoise water and reefs just offshore.
- 2

Omarakana Village The traditional seat of the Trobriand paramount chief, known for its decorated yam houses and canoe carving.
- 3

Losuia Market A twice-weekly market near the airstrip where villagers sell garden produce, earth-oven food, and local carvings.
- P

Cruise port / terminal

Cairns, Queensland, Australia

Two UNESCO World Heritage sites, one port call. Cairns puts the outer Great Barrier Reef and ancient Wet Tropics rainforest within easy reach of the cruise terminal.

Docked (most ships) or tender at Yorkeys Knob (large vessels)

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

Australian Dollar (AUD)

English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 34–35 · Fri, Mar 3 – Sat, Mar 4

Arrive: 10:00 am

All aboard: 5:00 pm

Excursion:

Notes: Fri, Mar 3: Arrives 10:00 am; Sat, Mar 4: Departs 5:00 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Most ships dock at Trinity Wharf in the city centre; very large vessels anchor in Trinity Bay and tender to Yorkeys Knob (~20 min shuttle to town)

Best For: Great Barrier Reef snorkel/dive, Kuranda Scenic Railway, wildlife parks

Walk to centre: 5 min on foot to Esplanade; 7 min to Reef Fleet Terminal (reef tour departures)

Don't Miss: Full-day outer reef tour — departures are steps from the pier at Reef Fleet Terminal

Getting around: **Taxi** AU\$15–25 · **Rideshare** Uber, DiDi · **Hop-on hop-off** Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Outer Great Barrier Reef Day Tour** — Sail 90 minutes to the outer reef pontoon for snorkelling, semi-submersible rides, underwater viewing chambers, and optional scuba dives.
 - Kuranda Scenic Railway & Skyrail Cableway** — Ride the historic 1891 Kuranda Scenic Railway through rainforest gorges and waterfalls to the village of Kuranda, then glide back over the treetops...
 - Green Island Day Trip** — A 45-minute catamaran ride from Cairns reaches this coral cay on the inner reef — snorkel off the beach, take a
- glass-bottom boat, or simply relax...

 - Mossman Gorge & Daintree Rainforest** — Head north to Mossman Gorge for a guided Kuku Yalanji Aboriginal walk through ancient rainforest, then continue into the Daintree — the world's...
 - Whitewater Rafting on the Tully River** — Grade 3–4 rapids through tropical gorges on the Tully River, one of Australia's top whitewater runs.

BEST WALKS

- Esplanade Lagoon & Waterfront Walk** 2 km · Flat · 30–45 min · Free — Head north from Trinity Wharf along the Esplanade to the famous free saltwater swimming lagoon, parklands, playgrounds, and boardwalks overlooking Trinity Bay.
- City Centre & Night Markets Stroll** 1.5 km loop · Flat · 20–30 min — From the terminal, walk through The Pier shopping centre and into the Cairns CBD.

WEATHER IN MAR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Mar	85°	75°	19d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Mar 6:19AM–6:31PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

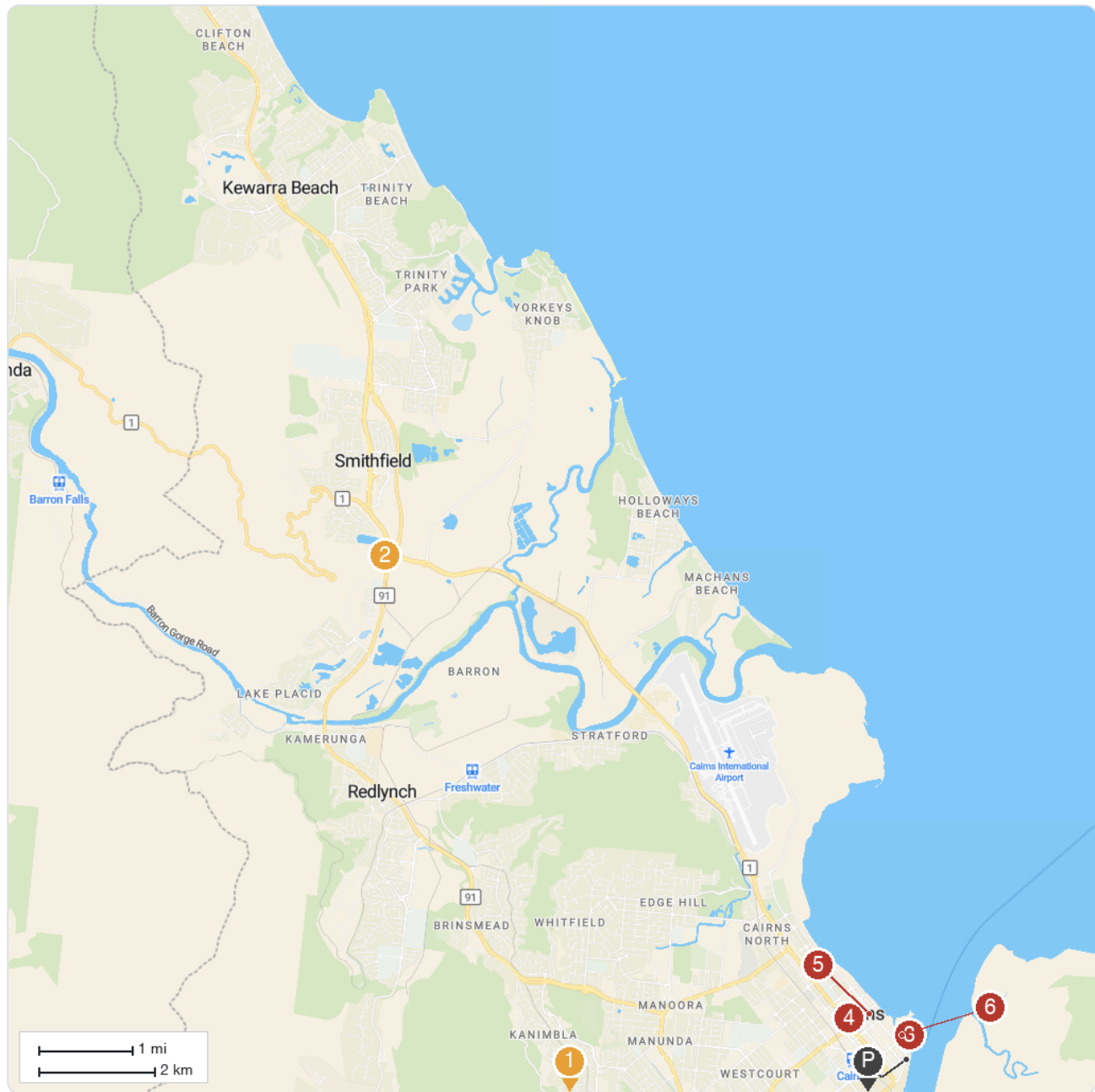
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book reef tours early. Popular outer-reef operators sell out weeks in advance — book before you board, or as soon as you dock at the Reef Fleet Terminal information booths.
- Stingers in summer (Nov–May). Marine stingers (box jellyfish) are present in northern Queensland waters. Opt for reef tours that provide lycra stinger suits, and avoid swimming off beaches without enclosures.
- Sun is intense. Cairns sits just south of the tropics. Bring SPF 50+, a hat, and a rash vest for reef activities — you'll burn faster in the water than you expect.
- Tendering to Yorkeys Knob? Build in extra time — the tender plus shuttle adds 45–60 minutes each way. Factor this into any independently booked tour timings.
- Cash is largely unnecessary. Cards are accepted virtually everywhere in Cairns. ATMs are available at The Pier shopping centre adjacent to the terminal.
- Crocodiles are real. Do not swim in rivers, estuaries, or unfenced lake areas around Cairns — crocodile warning signs are not decoration. Stick to the Esplanade Lagoon or reef.

Cairns, Queensland, Australia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Down Under Cruise & Dive - Evolution Outer Reef Cruise | Outer Great Barrier Reef cruise for snorkeling and diving. | 2 Munro Martin Parklands | City park with tropical gardens, walking paths, and events. |
| 3 Cairns Aquarium | Explore Queensland's aquatic life, from rainforest to reef. | 4 Fogarty Park Sound Shell | Outdoor performance venue in a park, often hosting events. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |

Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia

Australia's tropical frontier capital — a sun-baked port city where saltwater crocs lurk beneath the surface, WWII history runs deep, and the Mindil Beach sunset turns the sky to fire.

 Docked (Fort Hill Wharf)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Australian Dollar (AUD)  English

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 40 · Thu, Mar 9	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Fort Hill Wharf (central)

Walk to center: ~10 min to Waterfront Precinct

Best For: Crocs · WWII history · tropical nature

Don't Miss: Crocosaurus Cove Cage of Death

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  AU\$15–25 to city center ·  **Rideshare**  Uber ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Big Bus Darwin

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Crocosaurus Cove — Cage of Death** — Right in the Darwin CBD, Crocosaurus Cove lets you descend into a perspex cage surrounded by massive saltwater crocodiles.
- **WWII Oil Storage Tunnels & Military History** — Darwin was bombed more times than Pearl Harbor.
- **Museum & Art Gallery of the NT** — Darwin's excellent free museum houses the preserved wreck of Sweetheart (a famous 5-metre problem croc), the haunting Cyclone Tracy exhibit, and a...
- **Litchfield National Park Day Trip** — About 100 km south of Darwin, Litchfield delivers spectacular spring-fed waterfalls (Wangi, Florence, Tolmer), magnetic termite mounds, and...
- **Jumping Crocodile Cruise** — A cruise up the Adelaide River (about 60 km east of Darwin) where wild saltwater crocodiles launch out of the water for dangling meat.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to CBD Loop** ~3 km · 1.5 hrs · easy (flat) — From the Waterfront Precinct wave lagoon, stroll along the boardwalk to Darwin's compact CBD, past Bicentennial Park's clifftop views over the Timor Sea, and on to...
- **WWII Tunnels & Waterfront Walk** ~2 km · 1 hr · easy — A short walk from the wharf area to the WWII Oil Storage Tunnels, then back along the waterfront esplanade with views of Darwin Harbour.

WEATHER IN MAR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Mar 6:50AM–7:00PM	
Mar	87°	79°	24d	Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.	

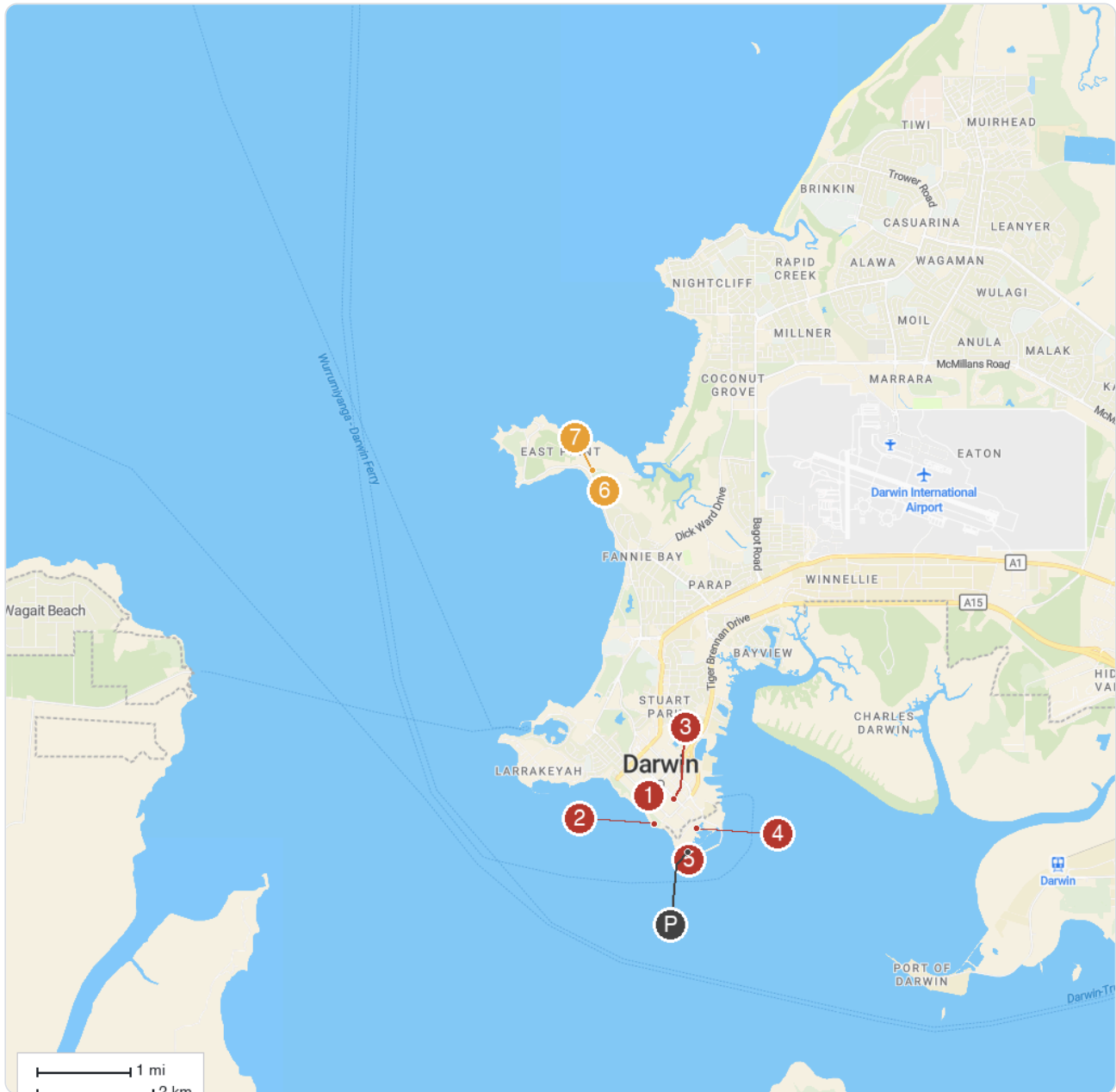
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- It is always hot. Darwin sits 12° south of the equator. Expect 30–35 °C with high humidity during cruise season. Carry water, wear a hat, and pace yourself.
- Do not swim in the harbour or unknown water. Saltwater crocodiles are present in Darwin Harbour and surrounding waterways. Stick to designated swimming areas like the Waterfront wave lagoon.
- Check the Mindil Beach Market dates. The famous Thursday/Sunday evening market runs April–October only. If your port day falls on a Thursday or Sunday in season, make it a priority.
- Cards accepted everywhere. Australia is largely cashless — tap-to-pay works at virtually every shop, restaurant, and attraction. A little AUD cash is handy for smaller market stalls.
- Taxis and rideshares are your friends. Darwin is spread out and the heat makes long walks unpleasant. Rideshare apps work well; taxis are available at the wharf. Budget AUD 10–15 for most city trips.
- Book Litchfield early. It's Darwin's best full-day excursion but requires a tour or hire car — distances and the heat make it impractical to improvise. Book through your ship or a local operator before the cruise.

Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia — Port Map

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| 1 Crocosaurus Cove | City wildlife park with crocodiles, reptiles, and aquatic life. | 2 Darwin Cenotaph War Memorial | Memorial commemorating Darwin's war service and sacrifice. |
| 3 Mason Gallery | Gallery showcasing contemporary and traditional Indigenous Australian art. | 4 Darwin Waterfront Precinct | Vibrant precinct with swimming lagoon, restaurants, and shops. |
| 5 Fort Hill Wharf | Main cruise ship terminal and port area. | 6 Lake Alexander | Man-made saltwater lake for swimming and recreation. |
| 7 Mangrove Boardwalk | Scenic boardwalk through a unique mangrove ecosystem. | P Cruise port / terminal | |

Broome, Western Australia, Australia

Red pindan cliffs meet turquoise ocean where the Kimberley meets the sea. Broome is outback Australia with a pearling soul — Cable Beach stretches 22 km, camels plod at sunset, and Chinatown glitters with South Sea pearls.

 Docked (port jetty)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  AUD  English  Dry season: May–Oct

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 42 · Sat, Mar 11	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Port of Broome jetty, ~6 km south of town; shuttle buses to Chinatown

Best For: Cable Beach sunsets, South Sea pearl shopping, Horizontal Falls seaplane tours

Walk to centre: Not walkable — free cruise-line shuttles run to Chinatown/Napier Terrace

Don't Miss: Camel ride on Cable Beach, dinosaur footprints at Gantheaume Point (low tide)

 Getting around:  Taxi  A\$22–28 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cable Beach Camel Ride at Sunset** — A Broome institution: ride a camel along 22 km of pristine white sand as the sun drops into the Indian Ocean.
- **Horizontal Falls Seaplane Tour** — Fly by seaplane into the Kimberley to see the extraordinary Horizontal Falls — tidal water rushing through narrow gorges creating a cascade effect...
- **Gantheaume Point & Dinosaur Footprints** — Red pindan cliffs plunge into turquoise sea at Gantheaume Point.
- **Malcolm Douglas Crocodile Park** — Meet massive saltwater crocodiles relocated from the wild at this well-regarded park just outside Broome.
- **Pearl Luggers Museum & Chinatown** — Broome's multicultural pearling past is preserved at the Pearl Luggers Museum — restored 19th-century pearl luggers, dangerous diving stories, and...

BEST WALKS

- **Chinatown Heritage Stroll** 1 km · Flat · 30–45 min — From the shuttle drop at Napier Terrace, explore Broome's historic Chinatown — pearl showrooms, the Sun Pictures outdoor cinema (oldest operating in Australia), and the...
- **Cable Beach & Gantheaume Point Loop** 3 km · Easy sand/path · 1-1.5 hrs — Take the Explorer Bus to Cable Beach, walk south along the sand toward Gantheaume Point.

WEATHER IN MAR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Mar 5:53AM–6:05PM	
Mar	93°	81°	9d	Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.	

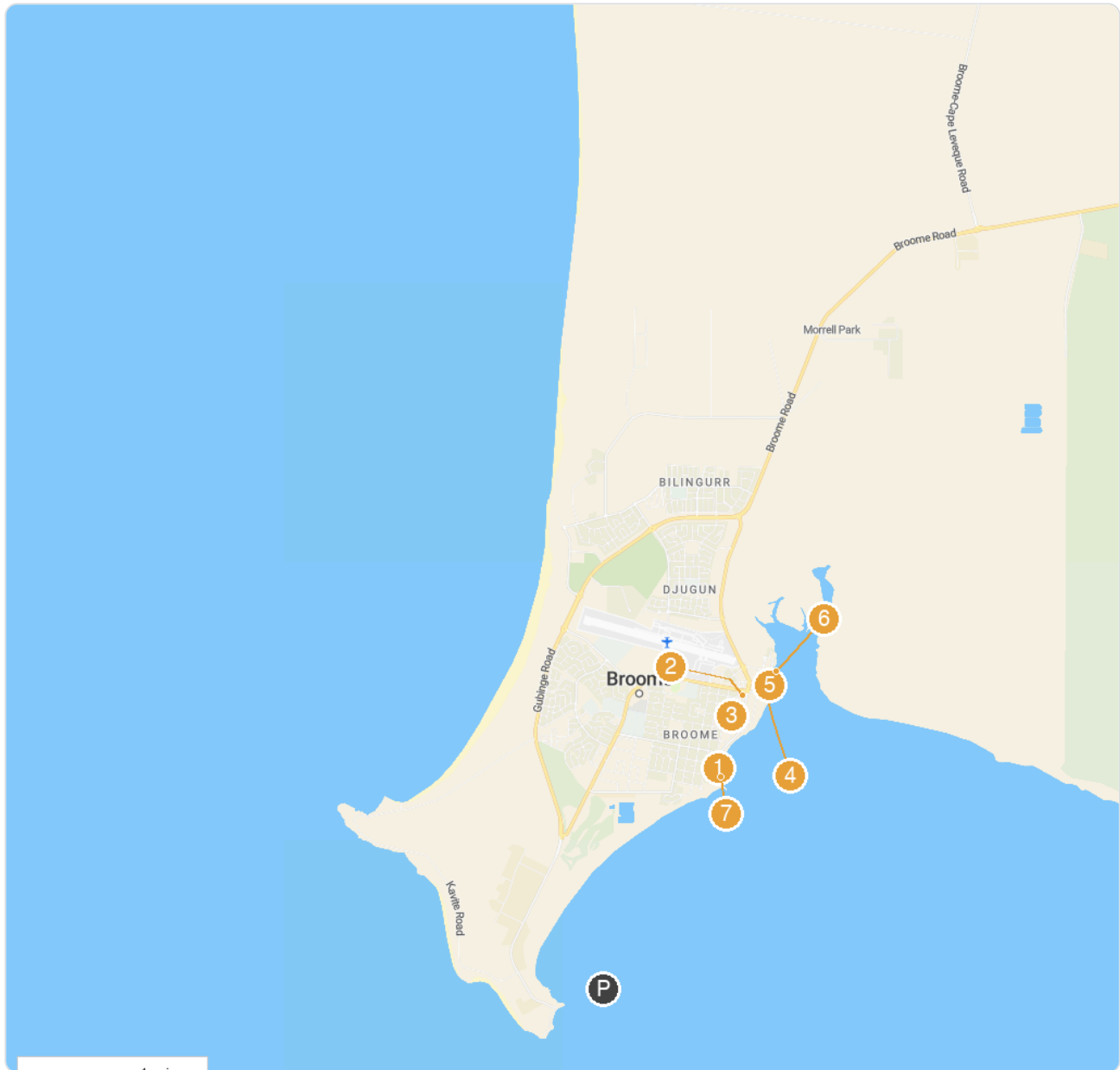
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Take the shuttle — don't walk. The pier is 6 km from town in an industrial area. The free cruise-line shuttle is your primary transport; it drops at Napier Terrace, Chinatown.
- Pearl prices vary widely. Chinatown has dozens of pearl showrooms — quality and pricing differ significantly. Shop multiple stores before buying.
- Check the tidal chart for Gantheaume Point. Dinosaur footprints are only exposed when the tide is very low. The port schedule and tide tables don't always align.
- Book Horizontal Falls in advance. Seaplane tours to the Horizontal Falls are expensive (~AUD 600+) and sell out months ahead. Ship-organised excursions are the most reliable option.
- Dress for the heat. Broome is in the tropics — even in the dry season (May–Oct) it's 25-32°C. Sunscreen, a hat, and water are essential, especially on Cable Beach.
- Sunset camel rides book out fast. If your ship is in port for the afternoon, book a Cable Beach camel ride before you disembark — walk-up spots disappear quickly.

Broome, Western Australia, Australia — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Broome Historical Museum** Explore Broome's rich history and pearling heritage.
- 3 Our Lady Queen of Peace Cathedral** Visit Broome's unique cathedral, built with local shell and stone.
- 5 Pearl Luggers Broome** Discover Broome's pearling past aboard restored historic luggers.
- 7 Town Beach** Relax on this family-friendly beach, perfect for swimming and picnics.

- 2 Broome Courthouse Markets** Browse unique stalls under boab trees at the historic courthouse.
- 4 Roebuck Bay Lookout** Enjoy panoramic views of Roebuck Bay and its famous red cliffs.
- 6 Streeter's Jetty Broome** Walk this historic jetty, a gateway to Broome's pearling past.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

Exmouth, Western Australia, Australia

Where the red outback meets a UNESCO World Heritage reef — and whale sharks cruise the same clear water you're snorkeling in. Exmouth is remote, raw, and unlike anywhere else a cruise ship calls.

Tender port — no pier

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

Australian Dollar (AUD)

English

Ningaloo Reef UNESCO site

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 44 · Mon, Mar 13	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Exmouth Boat Harbour

Best For: Snorkeling, whale sharks, reef wildlife

Walk to centre: ~3 km from marina (shuttle recommended)

Don't Miss: Turquoise Bay drift snorkel

Getting around: Taxi AUD —

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Swim with Whale Sharks** — Ningaloo hosts the world's largest aggregation of whale sharks (March–July).
- Turquoise Bay Drift Snorkel** — Widely voted one of Australia's best beaches.
- Cape Range National Park Tour** — Red limestone gorges, kangaroos, rock wallabies, and sweeping Indian Ocean views.
- Humpback Whale Watching** — June to November, thousands of humpbacks migrate past the North West Cape.
- Glass-Bottom Boat — Ningaloo Reef** — See the coral and marine life without getting wet.

BEST WALKS

- Town Heritage & Emu Stroll** 1–2 km · Flat · 30–45 min — From the shuttle drop-off at the Ningaloo Centre, wander the main street to Froth Craft Brewery, the town's WWII memorial, and nearby Town Beach.
- Yardie Creek Trail** 2 km return · Easy–moderate · 1 hr · National Park entry required — A short gorge-top walk above the turquoise creek with red limestone cliffs and sightings of the endangered black-flanked rock wallaby.

WEATHER IN MAR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Mar	51°	41°	14d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Mar 6:27AM–6:18PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

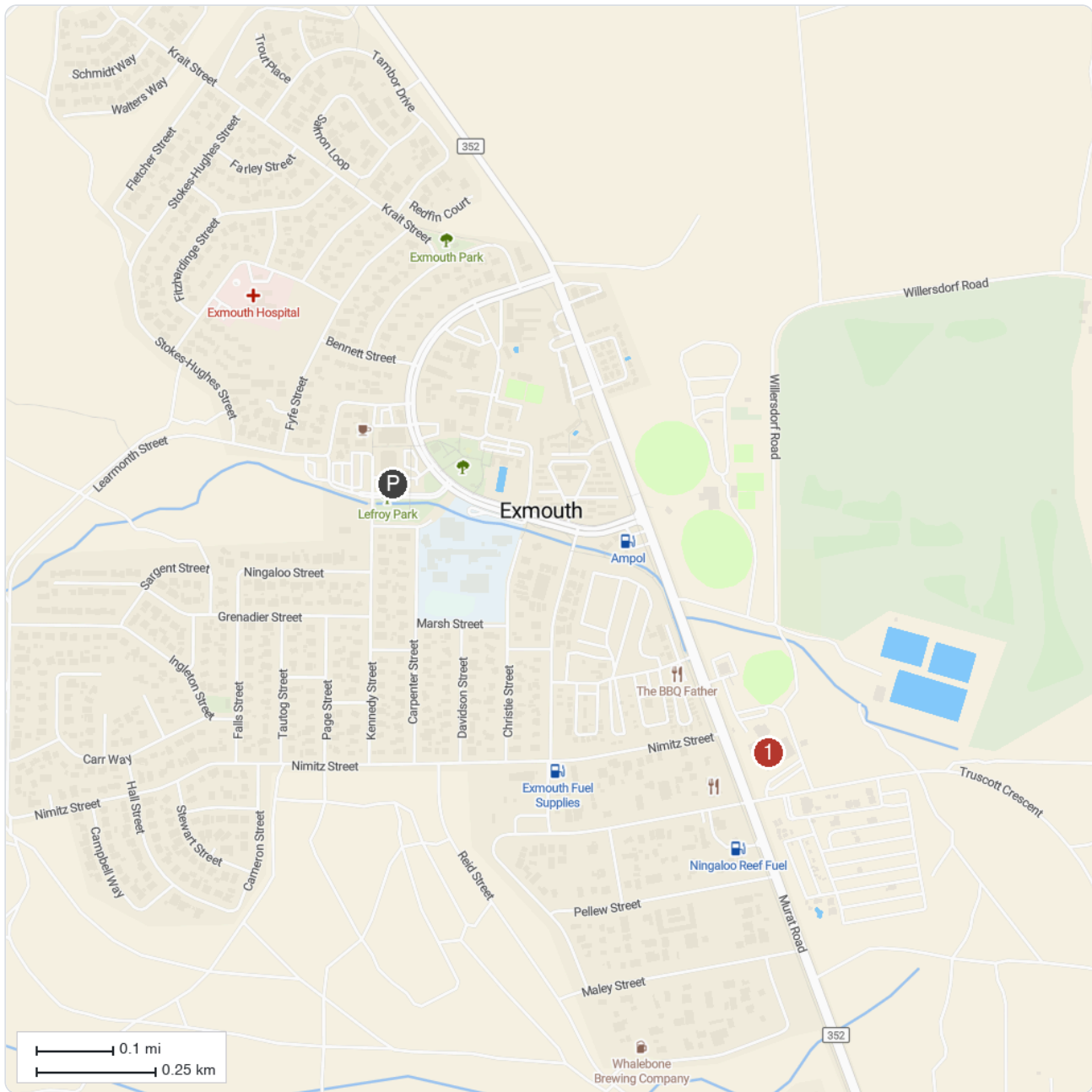
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book tours months ahead. Whale shark swims and rental cars sell out before the ship even departs — Exmouth has very limited capacity. Don't wait until you're on board.
- Sun protection is non-negotiable. UV index regularly hits extreme levels even in winter. SPF 50+, rash vest, hat, and reef-safe (zinc-based) sunscreen for snorkeling.
- Take the shuttle to town. The marina is 3 km from the centre with no shade and fierce heat. Walk only early morning.
- Check tides before snorkeling Oyster Stacks. This site is only safe at medium-to-high tide. Low tide exposes sharp coral and is dangerous.
- WA biosecurity is strict. Do not bring fresh fruit, vegetables, or meat ashore — heavy fines apply under Western Australian biosecurity laws.
- Bush flies can be relentless in spring and autumn. A cheap fly net from the local supermarket is worth every cent if you're heading into Cape Range.

Exmouth, Western Australia, Australia — Port Map

cruiseports.org

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1 Ningaloo Centre
Visitor centre, library, and exhibition space about Ningaloo Reef.

P Cruise port / terminal

Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia

"Freo" is the rare port where the ship docks steps from a world-heritage prison, a cannon-firing colonial fort, and the birthplace of Australian craft beer. Perth is 30 minutes by train if you want a city fix.

🚢 Pier — Fremantle Passenger Terminal, Victoria Quay

🕒 Typical call: 8–12 hrs (some overnights)

💰 Australian Dollar (AUD) — nearly cashless, tap & pay everywhere

🗣️ English

☀️ UV very high — hat and sunscreen essential

🔪 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 46–47 · Wed, Mar 15 – Thu, Mar 16
Excursion: 16

Arrive: 10:00 am

All aboard: 9:00 pm

Notes: Wed, Mar 15: Arrives 10:00 am; Thu, Mar 16: Departs 9:00 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Fremantle Passenger Terminal, Victoria Quay (Berths C & D). No tender.

Best For: History buffs, foodies, craft beer fans, day-trippers to Rottnest Island

Walk to centre: 10–15 min to High Street / Town Hall; WA Maritime Museum is right next to the terminal.

Don't Miss: Fremantle Prison tour, Rottnest Island quokkas (ferry from Victoria Quay), fish & chips at Fishing Boat Harbour

🚗 Getting around: 🚖 Taxi ✓ AUD \$45–65 · 🚗 Rideshare ✓ Uber, DiDi · 🚏 Hop-on hop-off ✓ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Fremantle Prison Tour** — UNESCO World Heritage convict prison built in the 1850s and in use until 1991.
- **Rottnest Island Quokka Day Trip** — Hop on the 30-minute ferry from Victoria Quay to Rottnest Island, home of the famously selfie-friendly quokka.
- **Fremantle Markets & West End Heritage Walk** — Explore the 1897 Fremantle Markets (open Fri–Sun only — verify your port day), then stroll the West End's intact Victorian gold-rush streetscape.
- **Fishing Boat Harbour & Craft Beer Trail** — Walk south to Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour for legendary fish and chips at Cicerello's or Kailis', then hit Little Creatures Brewery (birthplace of...)
- **Perth City Day Trip by Train** — Walk to Fremantle Train Station (5–10 min) and take the Fremantle Line to Perth CBD — 30 minutes, ~\$6 AUD.

BEST WALKS

- **Victoria Quay to West End Heritage Loop** 2.5 km · ~45 min · Easy — flat pavement — From the terminal walk past the WA Maritime Museum, through Esplanade Park, up to the Round House for Indian Ocean views, then east along High Street's gold-rush...
- **Waterfront to Fishing Boat Harbour** 3 km one-way · ~35 min · Easy — flat coastal path — Head south from the terminal along the harbour foreshore past Bathers Beach (good for a swim), around to the Fishing Boat Harbour boardwalk for fish and chips at...

WEATHER IN MAR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Mar	81°	65°	5d

🇦🇺 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY

Mar 6:16AM–6:34PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

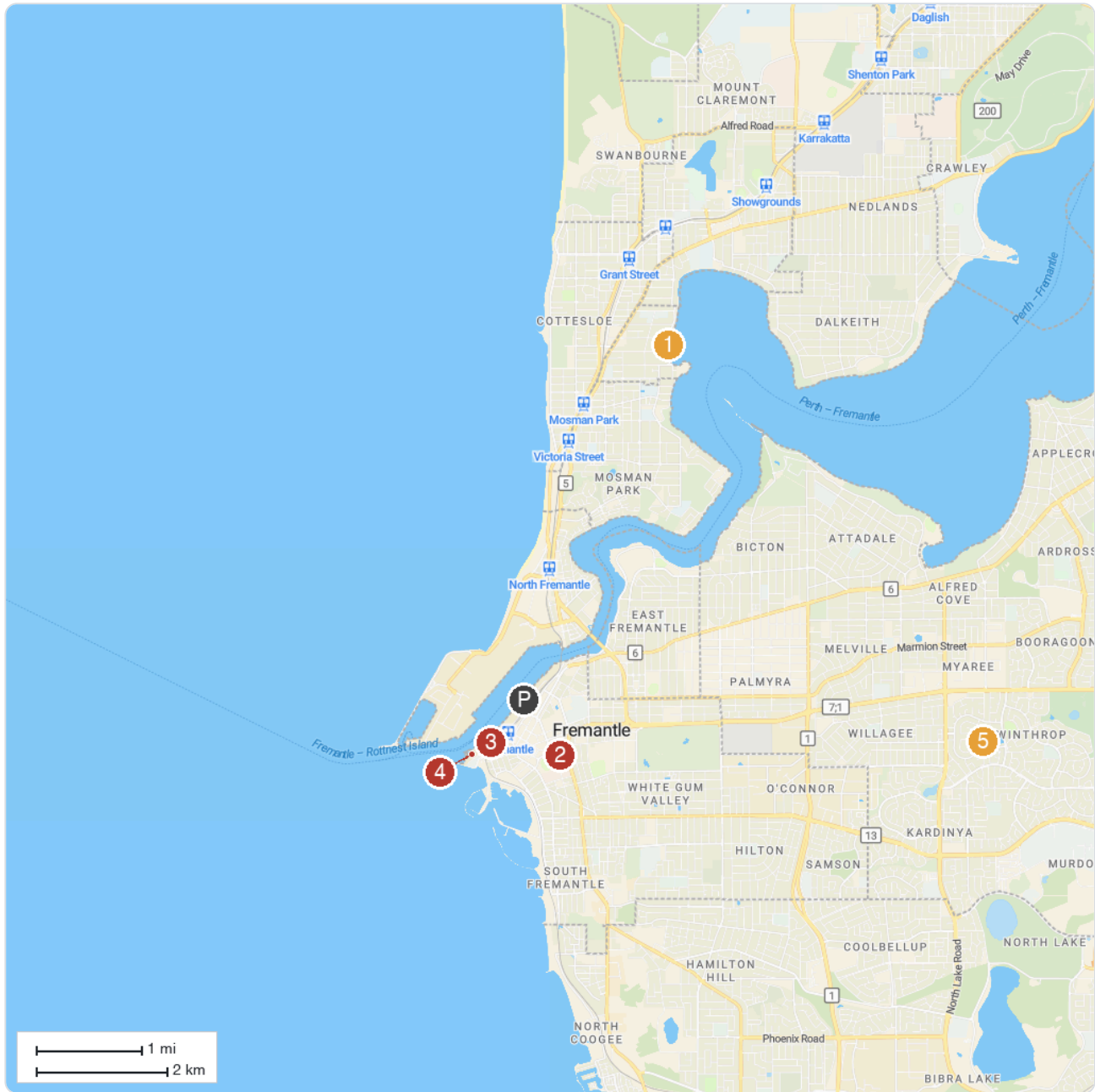
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Check your port day: Fremantle Markets only open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and public holidays. On weekdays the building is closed — plan accordingly.
- Rottnest Island — book ahead: The Rottnest Express ferry from Victoria Quay (right next to your ship) sells out early. Pre-book online before port day and choose the earliest departure to maximise time on the island.
- Western Australian sun is brutal: UV regularly reaches 'Extreme' even on cloudy days. Wear a hat, sunglasses, and SPF 50+ — you'll be walking outdoors for hours.
- Cashless Australia: Virtually every café, pub, and market accepts tap-and-pay by card or phone. Cash is rarely needed, but ATMs are available in the town centre.
- The Freo Doctor: Fremantle's famous afternoon sea breeze off the Indian Ocean can arrive strong from midday onwards. A light layer is handy if you're at the harbour in the afternoon.
- Biosecurity is serious: Sniffer dogs patrol the terminal. Do not bring fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, or honey off the ship. Fines start in the hundreds of dollars.

Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Freshwater Bay
- 3 E Shed Markets
- 5 Robert Smith Park

- 2 Fremantle Prison
- 4 WA Maritime Museum
- P Cruise port / terminal

Albany, Western Australia, Australia

Western Australia's oldest European settlement, Albany rewards cruise visitors with world-class ANZAC heritage, a dramatic Southern Ocean coastline, and wild national parks just minutes from the pier.

Docked (Princess Royal Harbour)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Australian Dollar (AUD)

English

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 49 · Sat, Mar 18

Arrive: 8:00 am

All aboard: 5:00 pm

Excursion: _____

Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Cruise ships dock at the Port of Albany commercial terminal in Princess Royal Harbour; occasional anchor-and-tender in strong winds

Best For: ANZAC history, dramatic coastal formations, whale watching (May–Oct), Great Southern wine region

Walk to Centre: ~1.5–2 km (20 min walk); free shuttle buses run to York Street near Albany Visitor Centre

Don't Miss: National Anzac Centre on Mount Clarence and Discovery Bay Historic Whaling Station

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ A\$11-A\$13 to central Albany; about A\$13-A\$16 from town to the National Anzac Centre · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **National Anzac Centre** — This award-winning interactive museum on Mount Clarence tells the stories of individual ANZACs who departed from Albany in 1914.
- **Discovery Bay Historic Whaling Station** — Australia's last operating whaling station, now an interactive museum.
- **The Gap & Natural Bridge, Torndirrup National Park** — Stand on a suspended platform 40 m above the Southern Ocean at The Gap, where swells thunder through a granite chasm — one of Australia's most...
- **Whale Watching (May–October)** — Albany is one of Australia's best whale watching spots.
- **Great Southern Wine Region & Denmark** — Albany sits within one of Australia's premier cool-climate wine regions.

BEST WALKS

- **York Street Heritage Stroll** 1.5 km · 30 min · Easy — From the Albany Visitor Centre on York Street, walk south along the historic main street past the Town Hall and colonial shopfronts, then loop back along Stirling...
- **Foreshore Footbridge to Town** 0.5 km · 10 min · Easy — Walk the 250 m footbridge directly from the port precinct across to the CBD waterfront — the quickest route between ship and town centre.

WEATHER IN MAR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Mar	75°	58°	9d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Mar 7:06AM–7:01PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

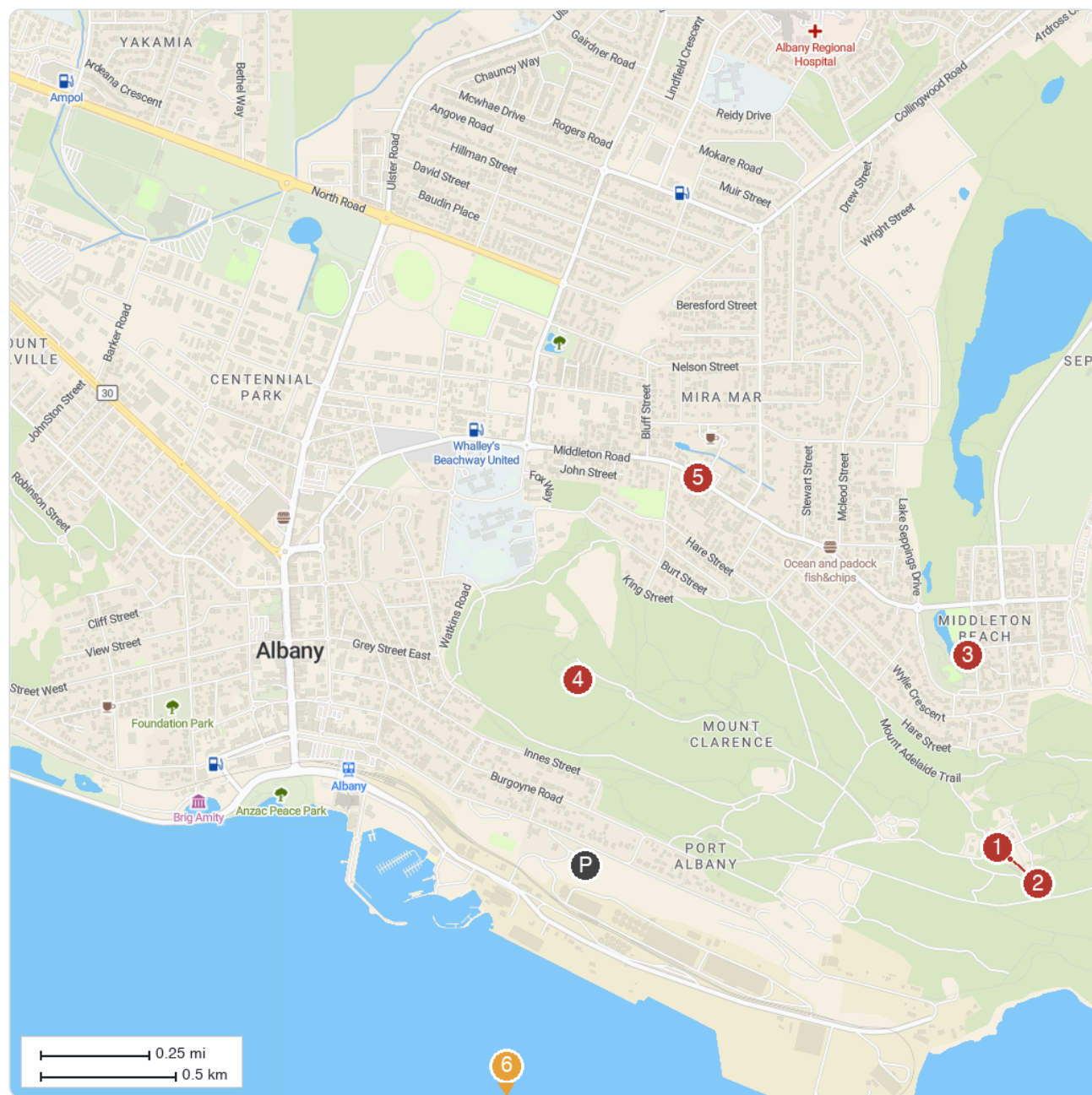
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Take the free shuttle: The Port Authority shuttle to York Street saves a 20-minute walk and runs frequently while ships are in port.
- Book coastal excursions early: Tours to Torndirrup National Park (The Gap) and the whaling station fill up quickly — pre-book before sailing.
- Whale season bonus: If you're calling May through October, add a whale watching boat tour — Albany is one of Australia's premier viewing spots.
- Card widely accepted: Albany is a modern regional city; credit cards work almost everywhere. ATMs are on York Street.
- Dress in layers: The Southern Ocean can push cold, blustery weather even in summer. Wind at The Gap and Mount Clarence can be strong — bring a jacket.
- Try the local wine: The Great Southern region produces excellent Riesling, Shiraz, and Cabernet. Pick up a bottle at a York Street bottle shop or book a winery tour.

Albany, Western Australia, Australia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| <p>1 National ANZAC Centre</p> <p>3 Eyre Park</p> <p>5 Strawberry Hill</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>A poignant museum dedicated to Australia's WWI ANZACs.</p> <p>Family-friendly park with playgrounds and a lake.</p> <p>Albany's oldest farm, now a historic house museum.</p> | <p>2 Princess Royal Fortress</p> <p>4 Desert Mounted Corps Memorial</p> <p>6 The Gap & Natural Bridge</p> | <p>Historic coastal gun battery beside the ANZAC Centre with harbor views.</p> <p>Memorial statue honouring the Desert Mounted Corps.</p> <p>Dramatic granite coastal formations with a glass viewing platform.</p> |
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Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

South Australia's cultured capital parks cruise ships at the historic Outer Harbor, where a direct train whisks you to world-class wine country, a vibrant food market, and a sun-bleached waterfront lined with colonial mural art.

Docked (Outer Harbor)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

AUD (Australian Dollar)

English

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 52 · Tue, Mar 21	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 11:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 11:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Outer Harbor Passenger Terminal — all major lines dock alongside

Best For: Wine lovers, foodies, and history buffs

Train to city: ~45 min direct to Adelaide Railway Station; ~20 min to Port Adelaide

Don't Miss: Barossa Valley wine tour or Port Adelaide Maritime Museum precinct

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✓ AUD \$40–75 · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✓ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Barossa Valley Wine Tour** — Australia's most celebrated wine region is 65 km from the port.
 - **Port Adelaide Maritime Precinct** — A 20-minute train ride delivers you to a compact waterfront packed with the South Australia Maritime Museum, National Railway Museum, City of...
 - **Adelaide Central Market & Rundle Mall** — The city's beloved Central Market has been running since 1869 — a vibrant covered market of
- fresh produce, cheese, charcuterie, and street food.

 - **Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary River Cruise** — A gentle cruise along the Port River to spot the resident wild bottlenose dolphins in the Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary — one of the largest urban...
 - **Glenelg Beach** — South Australia's most popular beach suburb sits 30 min by tram from the city centre.

BEST WALKS

- **Port Adelaide Heritage & Murals Walk** 2–3 km · Easy · 1.5–2 hrs · Flat — From Port Adelaide Station, head to the waterfront and meander through the historic precinct.
- **Semaphore Beach Stroll** 2 km · Easy · 1 hr · Flat seafront — The beachside suburb of Semaphore is a short hop from Port Adelaide.

WEATHER IN MAR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Mar	77°	60°	5d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Mar 7:14AM–7:33PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Buy a metroCard at the station. A one-day Cruise Ship metroCard covers all trains and buses — much cheaper than individual tickets. Available at Outer Harbor Station's ticket machine.
- Barossa requires a full day. It's 65 km away. Book a cruise ship excursion or organised tour — you don't want to drive yourself if you're tasting wine.
- Train timetables matter. Check the last train back to Outer Harbor before you head into the city — missing it means a costly cab ride.
- Cards accepted everywhere. Australia is nearly cashless. ATMs are available in the city and at Port Adelaide. No need to rush to exchange currency.
- Pack sunscreen. Adelaide's UV index is brutal year-round, especially November–March. A hat is essential.
- Dolphin cruise is worth it. The Port River dolphin population is resident and reliable year-round — a genuinely unique experience close to the ship.

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The map displays the Adelaide region, including the coastline and surrounding suburbs. Key locations marked with numbers 1 through 8 are as follows:

- 1: Adelaide CBD
- 2: Port Adelaide
- 3: Dulwich
- 4: Payneham South
- 5: Mile End
- 6: Richmond
- 7: Glenside
- 8: Croydon

Other labeled areas include St Kilda, Garden Island, Dry Creek, Wingfield, Kilburn, Enfield, Prospect, Fitzroy, North Adelaide, Norwood, Kensington Gardens, Leabrook, Glenside, Richmond, Ashford, Netley, West Beach, Fulham, Fulham Gardens, Seaton, Grange, Tennyson, Hendon, Cheltenham, Alberton, Rosewater, Ethelton, Glanville, Exeter, Port Adelaide, Largs Bay, Largs North, Osborne, Adventure Island, Penfield, Waterloo Corner, Direk, Edinburgh, Salisbury North, Salisbury South, Salisbury Park, Brahma Lodge, Wynneville, Modbury Heights, Para Vista, Para Hills, Mawson Lakes, Greenfields, Parafield, A20, A16, A10, A2, R1, and A1.

A scale bar indicates distances of 2 miles and 3 kilometers.

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Kangaroo Island, South Australia, Australia

A zoo without fences, Australia's third-largest island is a sanctuary of wild sea lions, ancient granite boulders, and some of the country's best honey and gin — all just a tender ride from your ship.

Tender port (no pier)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Australian Dollar (AUD)

English

Wildlife & nature

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 53 · Wed, Mar 22

Arrive: 8:00 am

All aboard: 6:00 pm

Excursion:

Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Penneshaw Jetty

Walk to center: ~400 m uphill from the jetty

Best For: Wildlife encounters, pristine beaches, food & wine

Don't Miss: Seal Bay sea lions or Remarkable Rocks (both need a tour)

Getting around: **Taxi** Varies by group size · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Seal Bay Conservation Park** — Walk a guided beach tour among a wild colony of endangered Australian sea lions.
 - Remarkable Rocks & Admirals Arch** — Enormous lichen-stained granite boulders perched above the Southern Ocean at the western tip of Flinders Chase National Park.
 - Dudley Wines & Kangaroo Island Spirits** — Dudley Wines sits on a cliff overlooking Backstairs Passage — grab a pizza and a glass 15 minutes from port.
- Raptor Domain Bird Show** — An acclaimed wildlife rescue and education center famous for its in-flight bird of prey show — owls, eagles, and falcons fly over the audience in an...
 - Stokes Bay Hidden Beach** — Walk through a boulder labyrinth to emerge onto a hidden white-sand beach with a natural rock pool — voted Australia's best beach in 2023.

BEST WALKS

- Penneshaw Wallaby Track** 3 km loop · 1-1.5 hrs · Easy coastal path · Free — Start at the Penneshaw Jetty, follow the coastal track past the penguin interpretive display and clifftop lookouts, looping back into town.
- Penneshaw Sculpture Trail** 1.5 km · 30-45 min · Easy bushland path · Free — A gently winding trail through native bushland in the heart of Penneshaw, dotted with sculptures by South Australian artists.

WEATHER IN MAR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

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DAYLIGHT & MONEY

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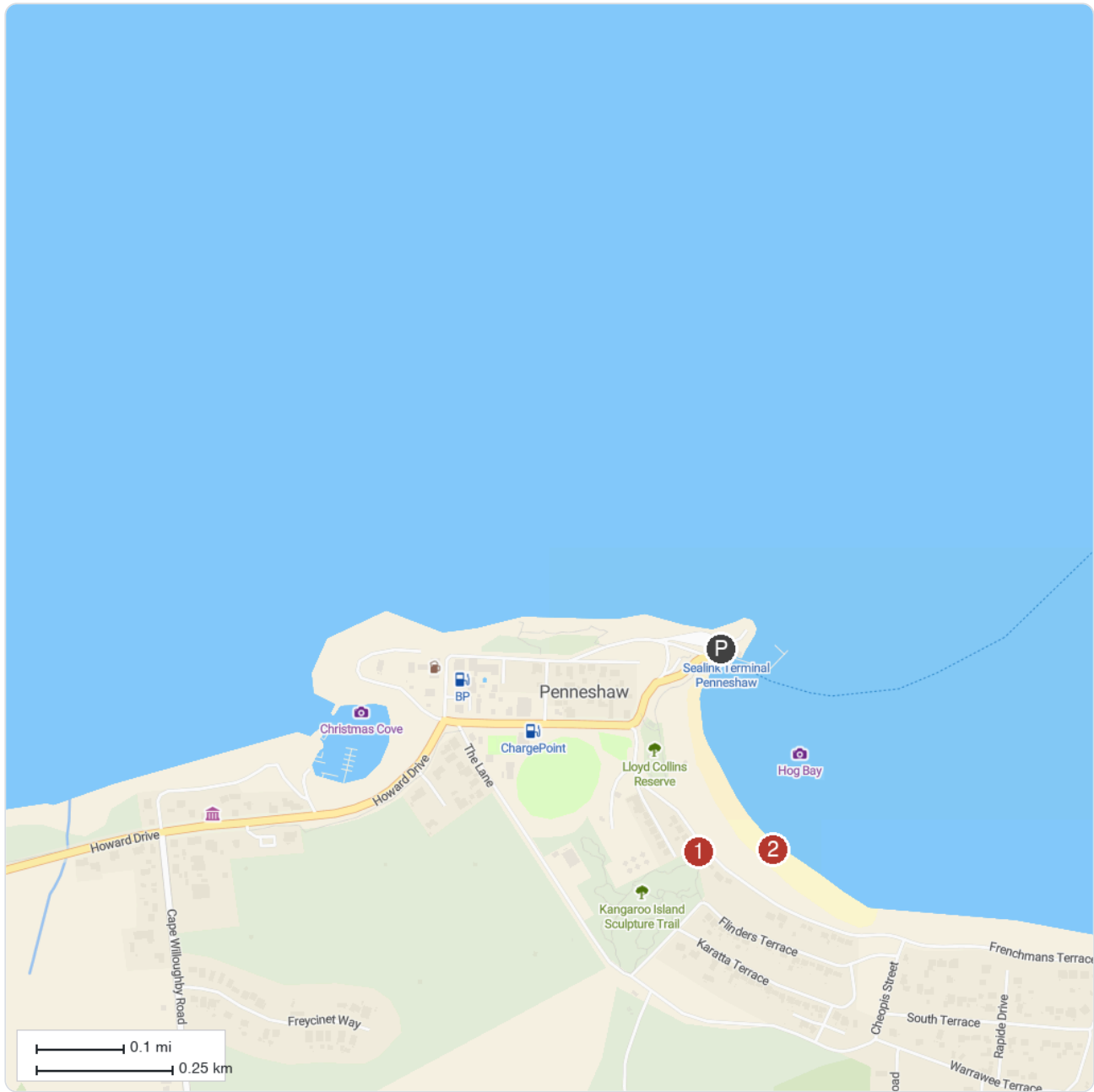
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book transport months ahead. There is no Uber, no taxis, and no public buses. Rental cars and private tours sell out for busy cruise days — if you haven't booked, plan a walkable Penneshaw day.
- Biosecurity is enforced. Do not bring honey, potatoes, or unwashed fruit/vegetables ashore. Sniffer dogs work the jetty; fines apply. Ligurian honey is KI's claim to fame — its purity is protected by law.
- Flinders Chase is a full-day commitment. It's 2+ hours each way on slow roads. Only attempt it on a sanctioned ship excursion — the ship will not wait for independent travelers running late.
- Dress in layers. The island is windier and often cooler than the Adelaide mainland. Even on sunny days the Southern Ocean breeze can be biting, especially on the west coast.
- Mobile coverage drops off quickly. Telstra has the best coverage on the island but signal disappears in Flinders Chase. Download offline maps before leaving the ship.
- Try the local food. Ligurian honey ice cream, KI Spirits gin, Dudley Wines cliff-edge pizza, and local marron (freshwater crayfish) are genuine regional specialties worth seeking out.

Kangaroo Island, South Australia, Australia — Port Map

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1

Kangaroo Island Sculpture Trail

An outdoor trail showcasing unique sculptures by local artists.

2

Penneshaw Beach

A sheltered, sandy beach perfect for swimming and relaxing.

P

Cruise port / terminal

Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Australia's cultural capital rewards cruise visitors with brilliant food, vibrant street art, and easy tram access to world-class museums — all from a purpose-built terminal just minutes from the CBD.

 Docked — Station Pier  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Australian Dollar (AUD)  English

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 55 · Fri, Mar 24	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Station Pier, Port Melbourne — ships dock directly, no tender

Walk to centre: ~4.5 km / 2.8 mi; Route 109 tram in ~20 min

Best For: City culture, street art, wildlife, regional wine & coastal scenery

Don't Miss: Hosier Lane street art, Queen Victoria Market, Federation Square

 Getting around:  Taxi  A\$16–25 ·  Rideshare  Uber ·  Hop-on hop-off  Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Melbourne City Highlights & Laneways** — Explore Federation Square, Melbourne's famous street-art laneways (Hosier Lane, Croft Alley), the historic Queen Victoria Market, and the Southbank...
- **Wildlife Encounter** — **Moonlit Sanctuary or Werribee Zoo** — See kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, and Tasmanian devils up close.
- **Great Ocean Road & Twelve Apostles** — One of the world's great coastal drives.
- **Yarra Valley Wine & Gourmet Food** — Victoria's oldest wine region is around an hour from the city.
- **Sovereign Hill Gold Rush, Ballarat** — An open-air living museum in Ballarat (~90 min west) recreating the 1850s Victorian gold rush — pan for gold, watch a gold pour, and explore the...

BEST WALKS

- **Bay Trail: Station Pier to St Kilda** ~6 km one-way | ~70 min | Flat, paved path — Follow the sealed Bay Trail south-east from the pier along Port Phillip Bay, passing Lagoon Pier and the foreshore to St Kilda Beach and Luna Park.
- **CBD Laneways Walking Loop** 3 km loop | ~90 min with stops | Flat city streets — Take the #109 tram to the Free Tram Zone, then walk: Federation Square → Flinders Street Station → Degrares Street → Hosier Lane (street art) → Melbourne Central → Queen...

WEATHER IN MAR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

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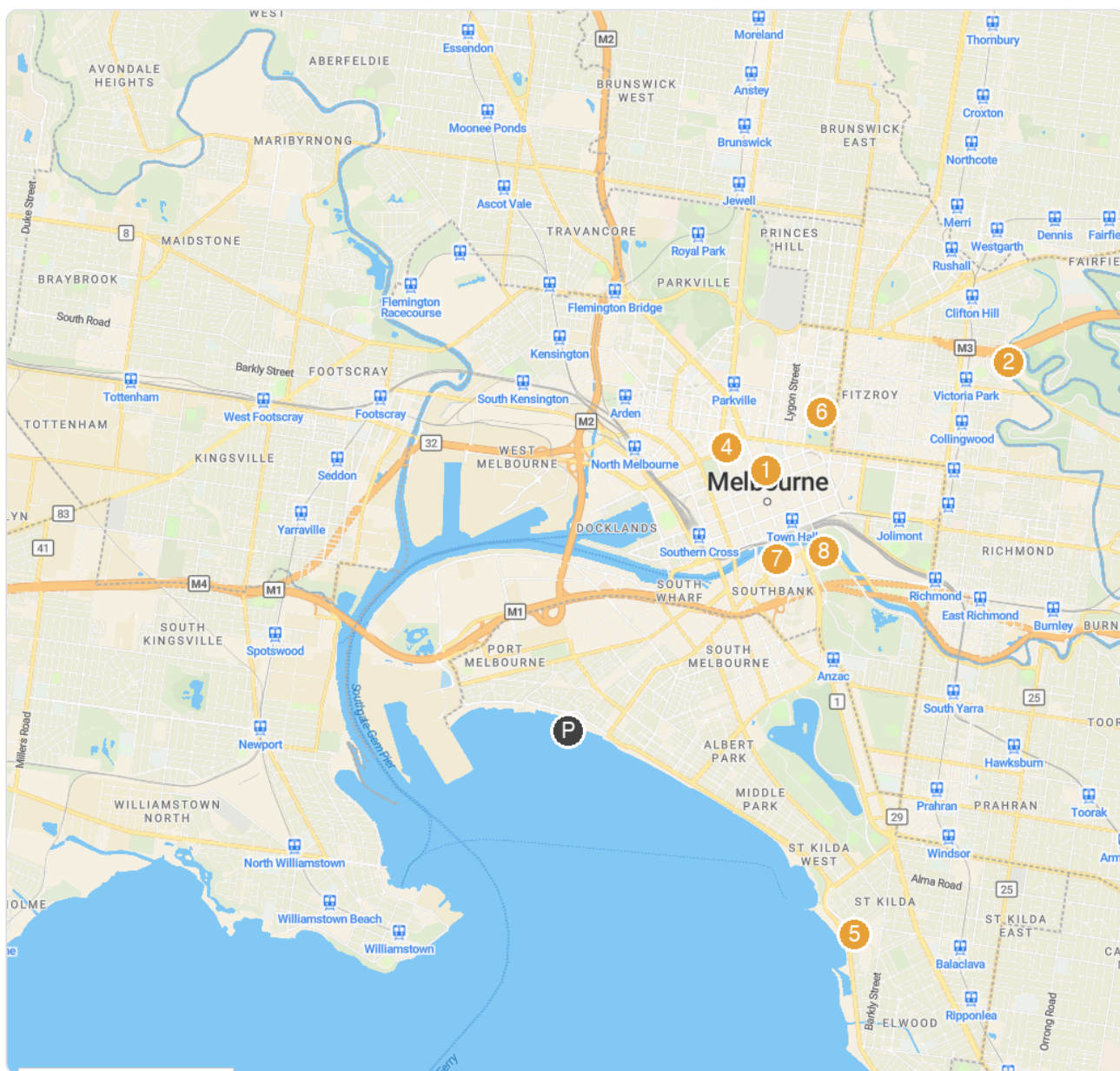
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Get a Myki card at the terminal — the A\$15 Explorer pack covers unlimited public transport all day. Once inside the CBD free tram zone, no Myki needed.
- Melbourne weather is famously fickle — pack a light layer and a compact rain jacket even on a sunny morning. 'Four seasons in one day' is a local cliché for a reason.
- Book Great Ocean Road tours in advance — this is the most popular excursion and spots fill quickly, especially on busy cruise days.
- Queen Victoria Market opens early (Tue–Sun from 6 am) and is best before noon — fresh produce, local snacks, and souvenirs all under one roof.
- Cards are accepted almost everywhere — tap-and-pay is the norm in Melbourne. ATMs are plentiful in the CBD but avoid dynamic currency conversion.
- Penguin watching at St Kilda Breakwater is free and self-guided — but only worthwhile after sunset, so only viable on late-departure days.

Melbourne, Victoria, Australia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 Shot Tower Museum | Historic shot tower museum within Melbourne Central shopping centre. | 2 Dights Falls | Small natural waterfall on the Yarra River. |
| 3 Elsternwick Park | Large urban park with a lake and golf course. | 4 Queen Victoria Market | Historic open-air market selling fresh produce and goods. |
| 5 Luna Park Melbourne | Historic amusement park with rides and a famous entrance. | 6 Melbourne Museum | Australia's largest natural and cultural history museum. |
| 7 Melbourne Skydeck | Southern Hemisphere's highest observation deck with panoramic city views. | 8 Alexandra Gardens | Riverside park with lawns, trees, and a boathouse. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |

Hobart, Tasmania, Australia

Tasmania's capital punches well above its size — a walkable waterfront with Georgian sandstone warehouses, the provocative MONA gallery, and a wild mountain looming right behind town.

Pier (Macquarie Wharf)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Australian Dollar (AUD)

English

Tasmanian wildlife & wilderness

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 57–58 · Sun, Mar 26 – Mon, Mar 27

Arrive: 8:00 am

All aboard: 5:00 am

Excursion: 27

Notes: Sun, Mar 26: Arrives 8:00 am; Mon, Mar 27: Departs 5:00 am

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: All ships dock at Macquarie Wharf No. 2 — no tender required

Best For: Art lovers, history buffs, wildlife, and great food & whisky

Walk to centre: ~800 m flat walk to Salamanca Place and the CBD

Don't Miss: MONA (Museum of Old and New Art) — take the ferry upstream

Getting around: Taxi AUD \$23–\$27 · Rideshare Uber · Hop-on hop-off Red Decker

TOP THINGS TO DO

- MONA — Museum of Old and New Art** — Australia's most talked-about gallery is a 25-minute ferry ride up the Derwent River.
 - kunanyi / Mount Wellington Summit** — The 1,271 m peak towers over the city and offers panoramic views to the Derwent Valley and Southern Ocean.
 - Port Arthur Historic Site** — A UNESCO World Heritage-listed convict settlement on the Tasman Peninsula, about 90 minutes by road.
- Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary** — Hand-feed kangaroos and get close to Tasmanian devils at this conservation sanctuary 25 minutes north of Hobart.
 - Richmond Village & Oldest Bridge** — A well-preserved Georgian village 25 km from Hobart, home to the oldest bridge in Australia (1823) and the oldest continuously-used Catholic church...

BEST WALKS

- Waterfront to Salamanca Loop** 1.5 km | Easy | 30-45 min — Walk from Macquarie Wharf along the waterfront past Constitution Dock and Fishing boat harbour to Salamanca Place, then loop back via Davey Street.
- Battery Point Heritage Walk** 2 km | Easy | 45-60 min — From Salamanca Place, climb the short rise into Battery Point — Hobart's oldest residential suburb with 19th-century cottages, St George's Anglican Church, and Arthur's...

WEATHER IN MAR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Mar	68°	52°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Mar 7:07AM–7:31PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book MONA ferry early. The ROMA ferry fills up — pre-book online before your cruise if MONA is on your list. Ferry runs from Brooke Street Pier, not the cruise wharf.
- Saturday = Salamanca Market. If your ship calls on a Saturday (8am–3pm), the market is a must-do and is free to browse. Easily the best farmers/craft market in Tasmania.
- Layer up for the mountain. kunanyi/Mt Wellington can be 10°C colder than the waterfront and often has strong winds or low cloud even on mild days in the city below.
- Cards accepted everywhere. Hobart is a modern Australian city — Visa/Mastercard tap-to-pay works in virtually every shop, café, and restaurant. AUD cash rarely needed.
- Bonorong vs. zoo. Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary (25 min north) is the best wildlife option near Hobart — smaller, more personal, and your entry fee funds devil conservation.
- Port Arthur needs a full day. It's 90+ minutes each way by road. Only attempt it if your ship is in port for 9+ hours — and book a guided coach tour to ensure timely return.

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Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Australia's harbour city delivers one of cruising's great arrivals — the Opera House and Harbour Bridge framing the skyline as your ship sails through Sydney Heads at dawn. Whether you step off at Circular Quay or transfer from White Bay, one of the world's great urban harbours is waiting.

Docked (two terminals — see below) Typical call: 8–12 hrs Australian Dollar (AUD) — city is nearly cashless English

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 60–61 · Wed, Mar 29 – Thu, Mar 30
Excursion: 30

All aboard: 5:00 pm

Notes: Wed, Mar 29: Arrives 6:30 am; Thu, Mar 30: Departs 5:00 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Overseas Passenger Terminal (Circular Quay) or White Bay Cruise Terminal (Rozelle)

Walk to center: Immediate (OPT) or 20-min taxi/ferry (White Bay)

Best For: Opera House · Harbour Bridge · Beaches · Day trips

Don't Miss: BridgeClimb or the dawn sail-in through Sydney Heads

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ AU\$15–20 (OPT to CBD); AU\$20–40 (White Bay to CBD) · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, DiDi · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Big Bus Sydney

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Sydney Opera House & The Rocks** — Walk off the ship at Circular Quay and you're already there.
- **BridgeClimb Sydney Harbour Bridge** — Walk to the 134 m summit of the Harbour Bridge for a 360-degree panorama of harbour, city, and ocean.
- **Bondi Beach & Coastal Walk** — Train from Circular Quay to Bondi Junction, then bus to Bondi Beach (45 min total).
- **Taronga Zoo by Ferry** — A 12-minute ferry from Circular Quay Wharf 2 lands at the foot of Taronga Zoo, home to koalas, wombats, platypus, and giraffes overlooking the harbour.
- **Manly Beach by Ferry** — The 30-minute Manly Ferry from Circular Quay is one of the world's great harbour rides.

BEST WALKS

- **Circular Quay to The Rocks & Harbour Bridge Pylon** ~3 km · 2 hrs · easy — Walk from the Opera House along the waterfront to the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, into The Rocks historic precinct, and up to the Harbour Bridge Pylon Lookout...
- **Royal Botanic Garden & Mrs Macquaries Chair** ~4 km · 1.5 hrs · easy — Walk east from Circular Quay through the Royal Botanic Garden along the harbour foreshore to Mrs Macquaries Chair, a sandstone bench carved in 1810 with the best Opera...
- **Bondi to Coogee Coastal Walk** ~6 km · 2–2.5 hrs · moderate — Sydney's best free coastal trail runs from Bondi Beach south along sandstone cliffs past Tamarama, Bronte, Clovelly, and Gordons Bay to Coogee Beach.

WEATHER IN MAR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Mar	76°	65°	16d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Mar 6:54AM–7:13PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

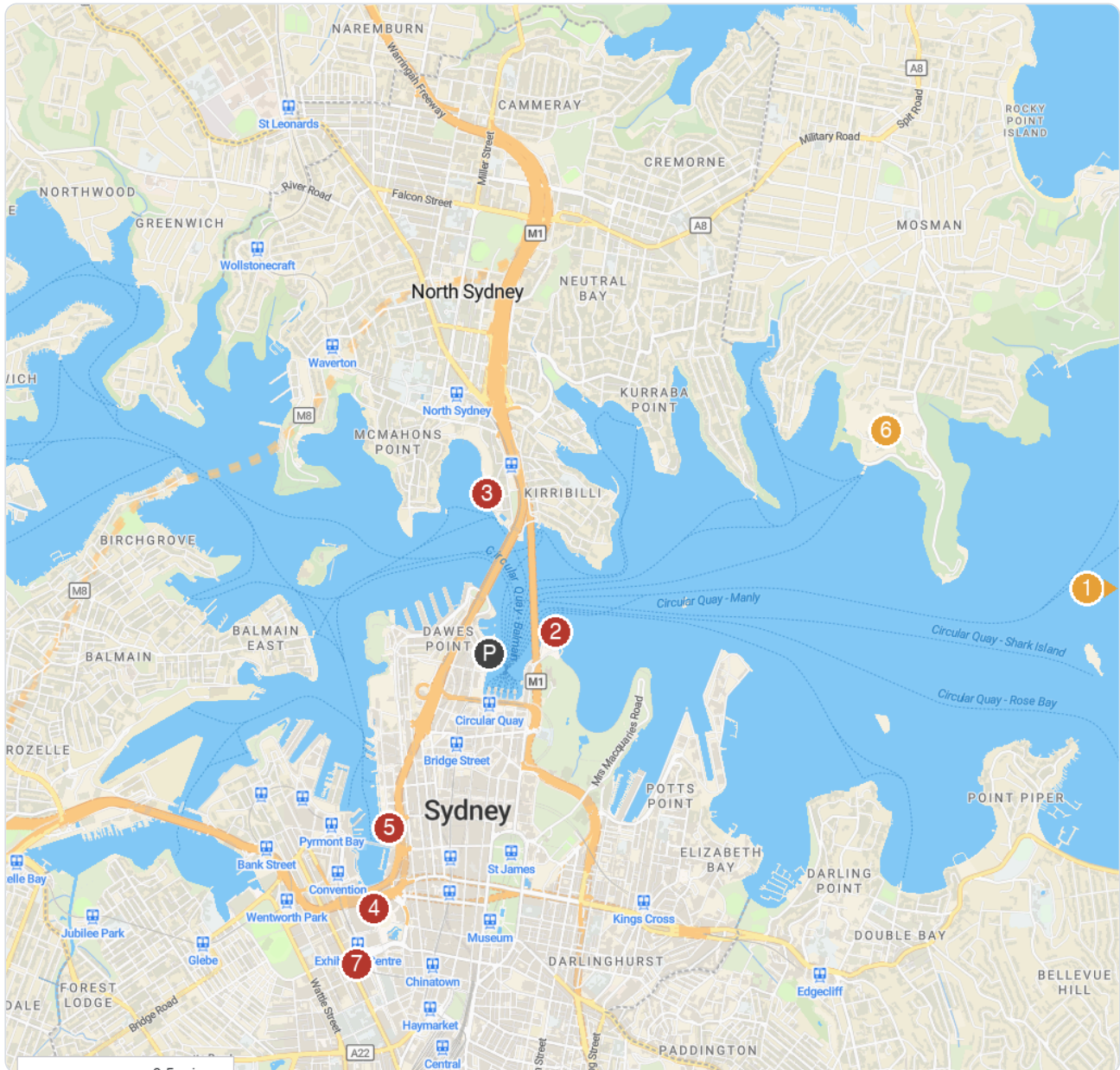
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Check your terminal first. OPT at Circular Quay = walk straight off into Sydney. White Bay = budget AUD 20–25 and 15 minutes for a taxi/rideshare, or catch bus 442 to Darling Harbour. It makes a big difference to your whole day.
- Book BridgeClimb before you leave home. Port-day slots sell out weeks in advance. The Express Climb (90 min) is best if time is short. Book at [bridgeclimb.com](https://www.bridgeclimb.com).
- Declare biosecurity items or bin them at the terminal. Australia is strict about fresh fruit, wooden items, and many food products. Fines start at AUD 400+ and are issued on the spot. Biosecurity bins are at the terminal entrance — when in doubt, use them.
- Sydney is nearly cashless — tap your card everywhere. Trains, buses, ferries, cafes, and markets all accept contactless payment. Tipping is not expected; restaurants may add a 10–15% surcharge on Sundays and public holidays.
- The UV index is extreme, even on cloudy days. Apply SPF 50+ sunscreen, wear a hat, and drink plenty of water. Australia's UV regularly hits 'Extreme' from November through March.
- Sydney Fish Market is worth the detour. Take the L1 light rail from Central Station to the Fish Market stop. Order freshly shucked Sydney Rock Oysters or Singapore chili mud crab and eat on the boardwalk — and watch out for seagulls.

Sydney, New South Wales, Australia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Macquarie Lighthouse | Australia's oldest working lighthouse, offering stunning ocean views. | 2 Sydney Opera House | Iconic performing arts centre with distinctive shell-like sails. |
| 3 Luna Park Sydney | Historic amusement park with rides and harbour views. | 4 Darling Harbour | Vibrant harbourside precinct with dining, entertainment, and attractions. |
| 5 SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium | Large aquarium showcasing Australian marine life, including sharks and dugongs. | 6 Taronga Zoo Sydney | Premier zoo with native and exotic animals, plus harbour views. |
| 7 Powerhouse Ultimo | Museum of applied arts and sciences, featuring technology and design. | P Cruise port / terminal | |

Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand

New Zealand's "Edinburgh of the South" pairs grand gold-rush architecture with world-class wildlife — where royal albatross soar over the ocean just minutes from the city.

Docked at pier (Port Chalmers)

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

New Zealand Dollar (NZD)

English

Wildlife capital of NZ

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 65 · Mon, Apr 3

Arrive: 7:00 am

All aboard: 6:00 pm

Excursion:

Notes: In Port — 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked at Port Chalmers wharf (~13 km from city center)

Walk to center: Not walkable — shuttle or public bus Route 14 required

Best For: Wildlife, Victorian history, Scottish heritage, local seafood

Don't Miss: Royal Albatross Centre at Taiaroa Head, Otago Peninsula

Getting around: **Taxi** NZD 45–60 to city center · **Rideshare** Uber · **Hop-on hop-off** Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Royal Albatross Centre — Taiaroa Head** — The world's only mainland breeding colony of Northern Royal Albatross sits at the tip of the Otago Peninsula.
 - Larnach Castle & Gardens** — New Zealand's only castle was built in 1871 by politician William Larnach and features ornate Victorian interiors, sweeping harbour views, and...
- Dunedin City Heritage Walk** — Dunedin's Victorian and Edwardian core is one of the best-preserved in the Southern Hemisphere.
 - Tunnel Beach Coastal Walk** — A short but dramatic hike through farmland leads to a hand-carved tunnel opening onto a secluded sandstone beach flanked by towering cliffs and...
 - Craft Beer & Local Seafood** — Emerson's Brewery — a NZ craft-beer pioneer — is a short walk from the University with an excellent restaurant attached.

BEST WALKS

- Port Chalmers Heritage Stroll** 30 min · flat · from pier — Port Chalmers has a compact Victorian main street with cafes, a heritage museum, and harbour views.
- Dunedin Station to Octagon Loop** 1 hr · easy · city center — From the spectacular Flemish Renaissance Railway Station, walk through the Toitū Museum precinct, past Olveston Historic Home, and into the eight-sided Octagon for...

WEATHER IN APR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	59°	46°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:14AM–6:01PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

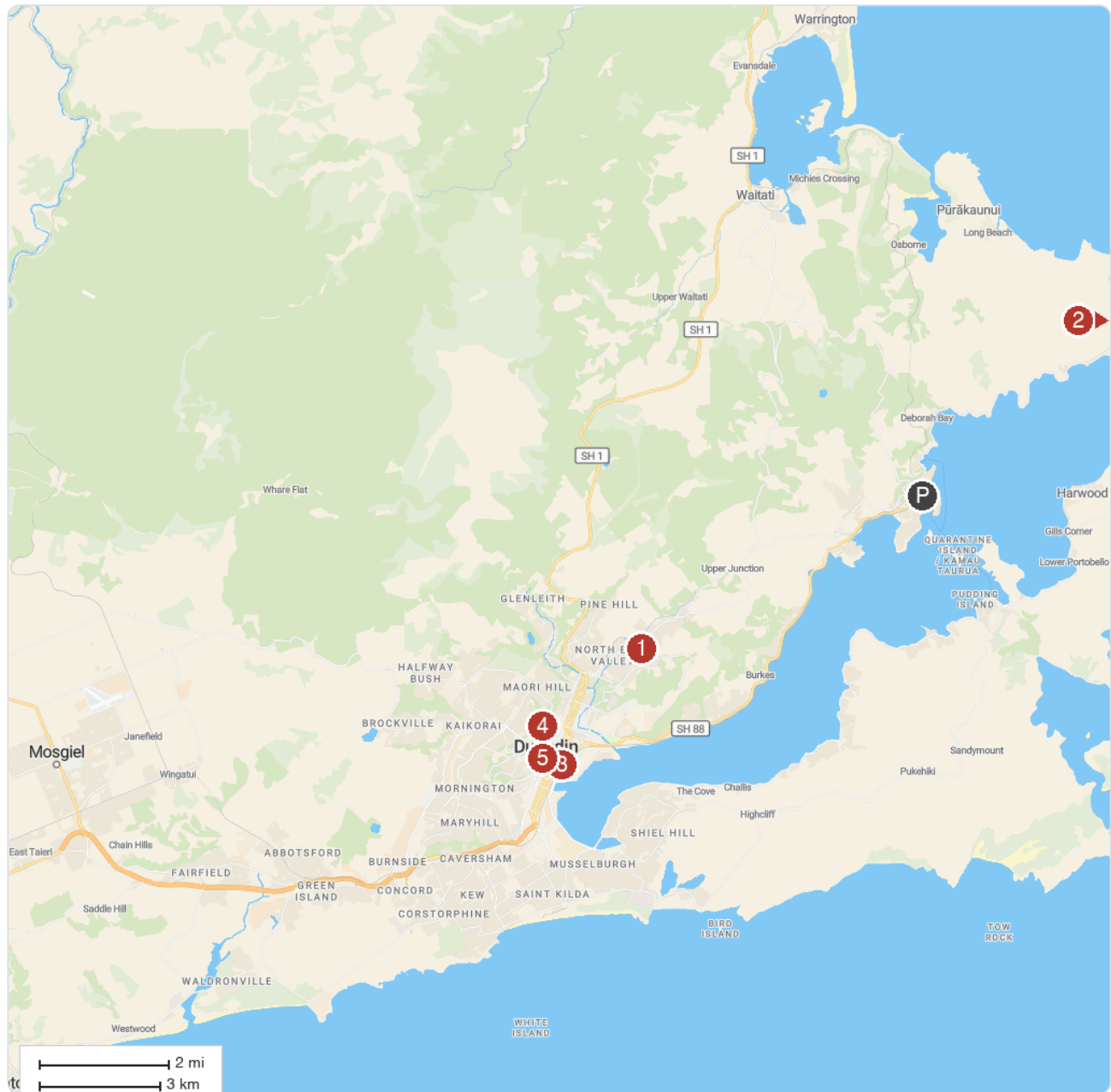
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Plan transport early. The cruise shuttle sells out on busy days. Book via your ship's shore-excursion desk or buy a public bus ticket (Orbus Route 14) before leaving the pier.
- Book Otago Peninsula tours in advance. The Royal Albatross Centre is timed-entry and fills fast. Pre-book online or through your cruise line — walk-in access is not guaranteed.
- Four seasons in one day. Dunedin's weather is famously changeable — pack a windproof, waterproof layer even if the morning looks sunny.
- Strict biosecurity. New Zealand has zero tolerance for bringing fresh food ashore. Do not carry fruit, sandwiches, honey, or meat off the ship — sniffer dogs patrol the gangway, and fines start at NZ\$400.
- Card-friendly country. Credit and debit cards (Visa/Mastercard) are accepted almost everywhere in Dunedin, including small cafes. Tipping is not customary.
- Yellow-eyed penguin timing. Hoiho (yellow-eyed penguin) viewing at penguin conservation reserves on the Otago Peninsula is best at dusk — confirm with your tour operator whether it fits your ship's departure time.

Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand — Port Map

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|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|
| 1 Baldwin Street | Officially the world's steepest residential street, a quirky landmark in a hillside neighborhood. | 2 Royal Albatross Centre | The world's only mainland royal albatross breeding colony, with a visitor center and viewing platforms. |
| 3 Dunedin Railway Station | Flamboyant Edwardian railway station considered one of New Zealand's most photographed buildings. | 4 Olveston Historic Home | Preserved Edwardian mansion offering guided tours of its original furnishings and art collection. |
| 5 St Paul's Cathedral | Anglican cathedral in the Octagon built of Oamaru stone, a centerpiece of the city center. | P Cruise port / terminal | |

Timaru, South Canterbury, New Zealand

Built on ancient lava flows and dressed in dark bluestone, Timaru is South Canterbury's compact, walkable port city — with a crescent beach, world-class Māori rock art, and a charming historic centre just a shuttle ride from the wharf.

- Pier (PrimePort Timaru)
- Typical call: 7-9 hrs
- NZD
- English / Te Reo Māori
- Little Blue Penguins

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 66 · Tue, Apr 4	Arrive: 7:00 am	All aboard: 3:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 7:00 am to 3:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — No. 1 Wharf or North Mole, PrimePort Timaru

Best For: Bluestone architecture, Māori culture, beach walks, South Canterbury day trips

To Town: Free shuttle to Stafford St / Caroline Bay (5-10 min); walking through port not permitted

Don't Miss: Te Ana Māori Rock Art Centre & Caroline Bay beach

Getting around: Taxi NZD 10–18 · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Te Ana Māori Rock Art Centre** — Explore one of New Zealand's richest collections of ancient Māori rock drawings.
- Bluestone Heritage Walk & South Canterbury Museum** — Follow the free heritage trail through Timaru's intact Victorian and Edwardian CBD — dark volcanic bluestone buildings line Stafford Street.
- Caroline Bay Beach & Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden** — Timaru's showpiece beach is sheltered by the harbour breakwater, making it one of the safest swimming beaches on the South Island.
- Aigantighe Art Gallery** — The South Island's third-largest public art collection, housed in a historic home with a sculpture garden.
- Lake Tekapo & Mackenzie Basin Day Trip** — About 2.5 hours inland, Lake Tekapo's turquoise glacial waters, lupins (Nov–Dec), and Church of the Good Shepherd are iconic South Island sights.

BEST WALKS

- Caroline Bay & Boardwalk Loop** 2 km · 30-45 min · Easy · Free — From the shuttle drop-off near Stafford Street, head to the foreshore path along Caroline Bay.
- Stafford Street Heritage Stroll** 1.5 km · 20-30 min · Easy · Free — Walk Stafford Street end-to-end to take in Timaru's remarkable bluestone commercial precinct.

WEATHER IN APR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	63°	43°	0d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:09AM–6:00PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

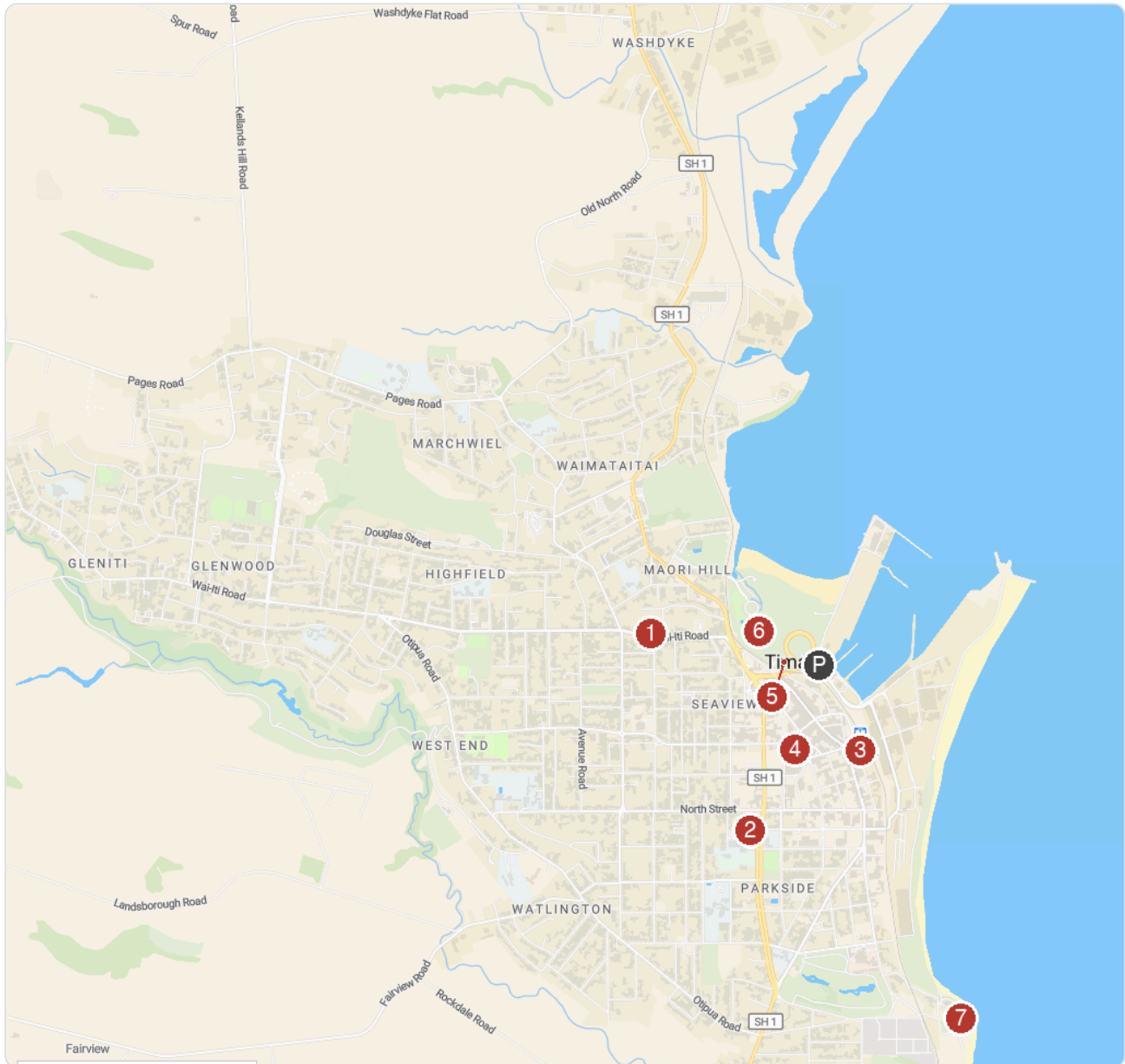
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Shuttle is mandatory, not optional. PrimePort is an active industrial port and pedestrians are not permitted to walk through. The free shuttle runs throughout the ship's call — no booking required.
- Biosecurity is serious in NZ. Do not bring fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, honey, or plant material off the ship. Fines start at NZD \$400 on the spot, no exceptions.
- Cards work everywhere. New Zealand Dollar (NZD) is the currency. Visa and Mastercard are accepted even in small cafes. ATMs are available on Stafford Street if you need cash.
- Little Blue Penguins come ashore at dusk near Caroline Bay marina. Only relevant if your ship has a late departure — daytime callers won't see them.
- Weather changes fast. Canterbury's 'nor'west' wind can bring sudden warmth or cool sea breezes. Bring a light windbreaker regardless of how sunny the morning looks.
- Sunday openings are limited for some boutique shops, but the South Canterbury Museum, Te Ana Māori Rock Art Centre, and Caroline Bay are open and welcoming all week.

Timaru, South Canterbury, New Zealand — Port Map

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- 1 Aigantighe Art Gallery** Timaru's public art gallery, featuring New Zealand and international works.
- 3 Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre** Discover ancient Maori rock art and culture.
- 5 Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden** Beautiful public rose garden with many varieties.
- 7 Patiti Point** Scenic coastal point for walks, views, and wildlife.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Sacred Heart Basilica** Stunning historic Catholic church with beautiful architecture.
- 4 South Canterbury Museum** Local history museum showcasing South Canterbury's heritage.
- 6 Caroline Bay Association** Manages Timaru's popular Caroline Bay beach and recreation area.
- 8 Jack's Point Lighthouse** Historic lighthouse offering coastal views and history.

Wellington, North Island, New Zealand

New Zealand's wind-swept capital punches well above its size — a harbour city of world-class museums, quirky neighbourhoods, and stunning hilltop lookouts, all within reach of a cruise day ashore.

Docked (Aotea Quay or Queens Wharf)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

NZD (NZ Dollar)

English & Māori

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 67 · Wed, Apr 5

Arrive: 8:00 am

All aboard: 5:00 pm

Excursion:

Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: CentrePort Aotea Quay (larger ships) or Queens Wharf (smaller ships); shuttle to city centre

Best For: Museums, culture, wildlife, café-hopping, Lord of the Rings fans

Walk to Centre: ~10 min shuttle or 20 min walk from Queens Wharf; walking from Aotea Quay not permitted

Don't Miss: Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington Cable Car & Botanic Garden

Getting around: Taxi NZ\$15–25 · Rideshare Uber · Hop-on hop-off Transit Coachlines

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Te Papa Tongarewa National Museum** — New Zealand's flagship national museum is a short shuttle ride from the port and free to enter.
 - Wellington Cable Car & Botanic Garden** — Ride the historic red cable car from Lambton Quay up to Kelburn for panoramic harbour views, then stroll downhill through the 25-hectare Botanic...
 - Zealandia Ecosanctuary** — A predator-fenced urban wildlife sanctuary just 2 km from the city centre, home to kiwi, tuatara, kākā
- parrots, and rare wētā.

 - Weta Workshop Unleashed** — Go behind the scenes at the world-famous special-effects studio responsible for Lord of the Rings, Avatar, and more.
 - Seal Coast Safari** — A 4WD safari along Wellington's rugged south coast to see New Zealand fur seals on the rocks at Red Rocks Reserve.

BEST WALKS

- Waterfront to Cuba Street** 2-3 km · 45-60 min · Flat · Easy — Start at the Te Papa waterfront, stroll north past Frank Kitts Park and Civic Square, then cut west up Manners Street to Cuba Street — Wellington's bohemian heart of...
- Mount Victoria Lookout** 3 km loop · 60-90 min · Moderate hills · Great views — From the city centre, follow the signs up to the summit of Mount Victoria (196 m) for 360° views of Wellington Harbour, the Remutaka Range, and Cook Strait.
- Heritage Cable Car Walk** 3 km one-way · 90 min · Downhill · Easy — Take the cable car from Lambton Quay to Kelburn, explore the Botanic Garden, then walk downhill through Thorndon past Old St Paul's Cathedral and the historic Parliament...

WEATHER IN APR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon Apr	High 62°	Low 55°	Rain 11d
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DAYLIGHT & MONEY

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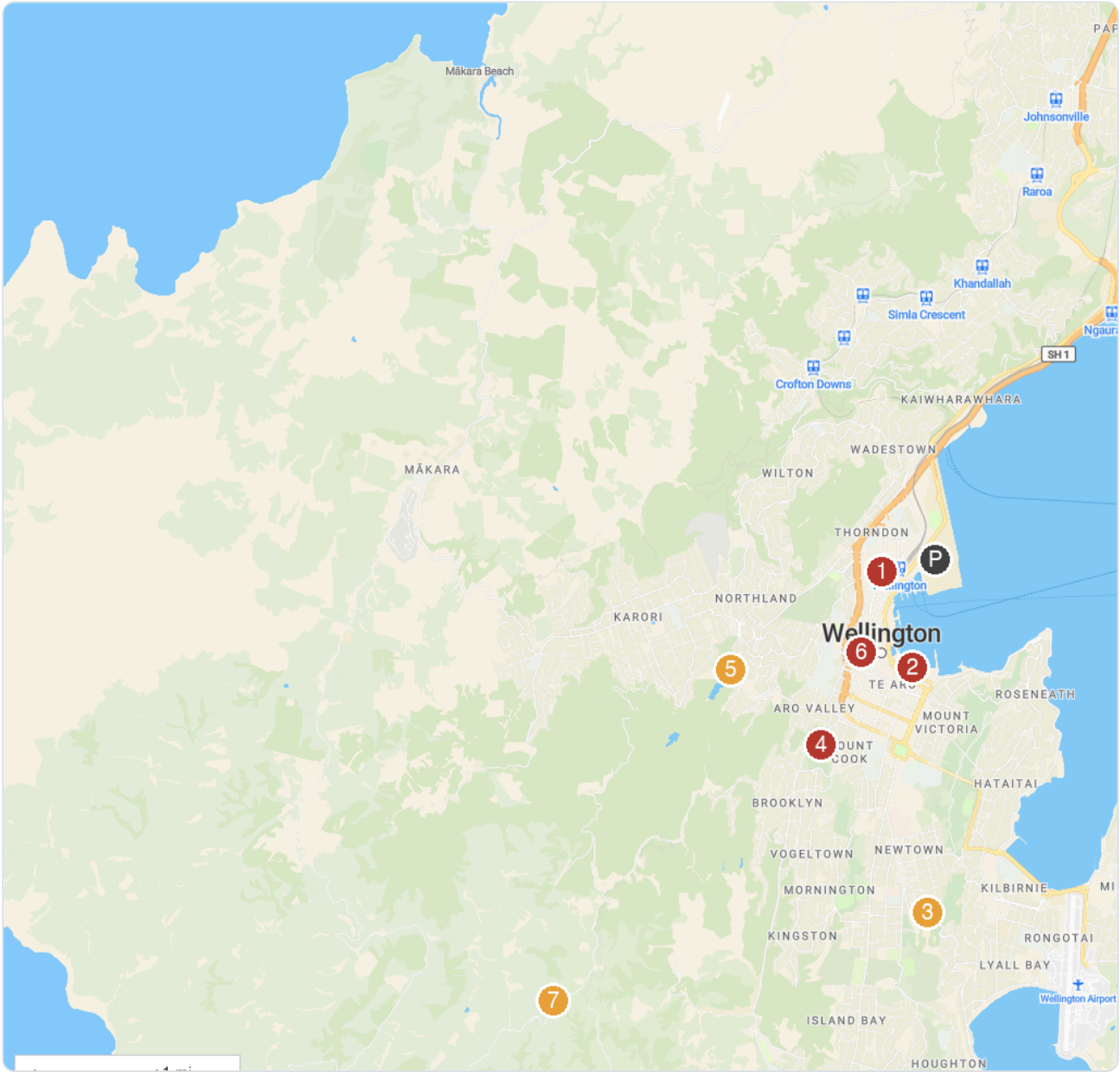
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pack a windproof layer. Wellington earns its 'Windy Wellington' nickname — the harbour gap funnels strong southerlies year-round. Even on sunny days a jacket is essential.
- Don't miss the shuttle back. The last shuttle from Lambton Quay to Aotea Quay runs before all-aboard — confirm the schedule with your ship. Walking back through the working port is not allowed.
- Card is king. New Zealand is largely cashless — most cafés, shops, and attractions accept Visa/Mastercard contactless. A little NZD cash is handy for small markets.
- Te Papa is free. New Zealand's national museum on the waterfront charges no admission — an outstanding way to spend two or three hours without spending a cent.
- Wellington coffee is world-class. The city has a fiercely proud café culture. Skip the chain coffee and ask a local for their favourite flat white — you won't be disappointed.
- Book Weta Workshop early. The guided Weta Workshop Unleashed tour is popular and sells out during cruise season (October–April). Book online before your voyage.

Wellington, North Island, New Zealand — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1	Wellington Cenotaph	Wellington's national war memorial honours fallen soldiers.	2	Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa	New Zealand's national museum showcases history, art, and culture.
3	Wellington Zoo	Wellington's zoo is home to diverse native and exotic animals.	4	Central Park	A historic city park with walking trails and playgrounds.
5	Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne	A fenced urban wildlife sanctuary for native New Zealand species.	6	National Shrine of St Mary of the Angels	A beautiful historic Catholic church, a national shrine.
7	Hawkins Hill Radar Dome	A distinctive radar station offering panoramic city views.	P	Cruise port / terminal	

Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand

Where golden beaches meet geothermal wonders. Dock in Mount Maunganui and choose between climbing a volcano before breakfast or jumping straight on a bus to Middle-earth.

 Docked (Salisbury Wharf)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  NZD (cards widely accepted)  English / Te Reo Māori

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 69 · Fri, Apr 7	Arrive: 7:00 am	All aboard: 6:30 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 7:00 am to 6:30 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Salisbury Wharf, Mount Maunganui — no tender needed

Walk to center: Mount Maunganui main beach & shops: 5 min on foot; Tauranga CBD: 15-20 min drive

Best For: Rotorua geothermal, Hobbiton movie set, Mauao hike, beaches

Don't Miss: Summit Track up Mauao for 360° Bay of Plenty views

 Getting around:  Taxi  NZD \$35 fixed to CBD ·  Rideshare  Uber ·  Hop-on hop-off  Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Hobbiton Movie Set — The Shire** — Step into Middle-earth at the original Hobbiton set in Matamata, preserved after filming The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies.
- **Rotorua Geothermal & Māori Culture** — Te Puia's Pōhutu Geyser and boiling mud pools sit alongside a living Māori cultural village with carving and weaving masters.
- **Kaituna River White-Water Rafting** — Tackle Grade 5 rapids and a 7-metre waterfall on the Kaituna River, one of the most accessible commercially-rafted waterfall drops in the world.
- **Mauao Summit Hike** — The 232-metre extinct volcano right next to the pier offers two routes: the easy 45-min base track around the mountain or the steeper 30-min summit...
- **Kiwifruit Orchard & Honey Tasting** — The Bay of Plenty is New Zealand's kiwifruit heartland.

BEST WALKS

- **Mauao Base Track** 3.4 km loop | ~45 min | Easy | Paved path — A flat, fully sealed loop around the base of Mauao (Mount Maunganui) with harbour views on one side and ocean surf on the other.
- **Mauao Summit Track** ~2 km return | 1 hr | Moderate | Steep steps — Branch off the base track to climb Mauao's summit via the zigzag path.
- **Mount Maunganui Village Stroll** ~1 km | 15 min | Easy | Flat — Maunganui Road from the pier area to the village centre is lined with cafes, surf shops, and bakeries.

WEATHER IN APR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon Apr	High 66°	Low 55°	Rain 11d	Apr 6:41AM–5:48PM	
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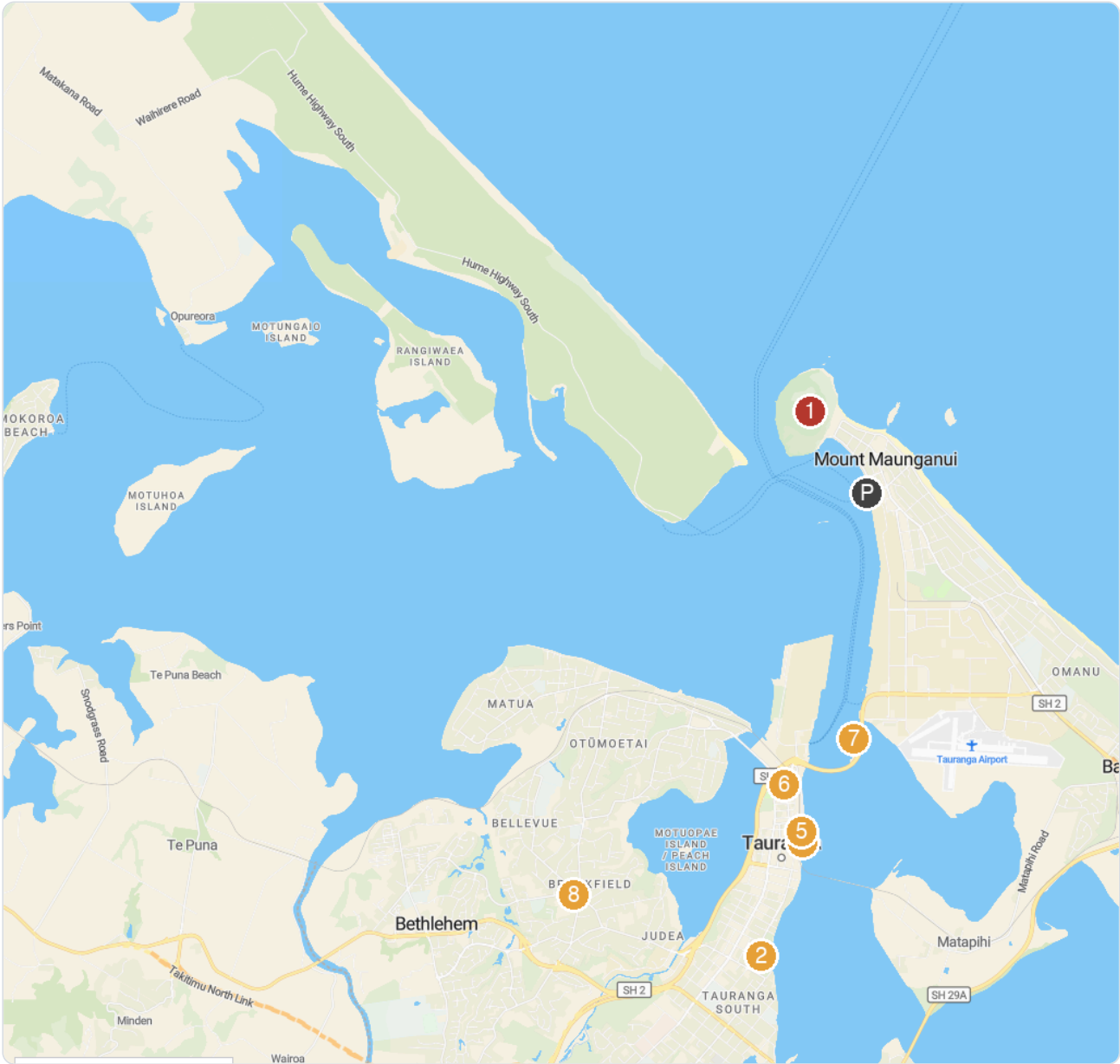
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- NZD is king but cards work everywhere. ATMs are at the pier visitor centre and throughout Mount Maunganui village. Most operators accept Visa/Mastercard.
- Weather can shift fast in Bay of Plenty. Pack a light rain layer even on blue-sky mornings — showers are brief and the sun usually returns quickly.
- Hobbiton and Rotorua take a full day. If your ship is in for less than 9 hours, pick one or the other — trying to do both means rushing. Rotorua alone is doable in 6-7 hrs.
- Kiwifruit everywhere. The Bay of Plenty grows most of NZ's supply. Grab fresh-cut kiwifruit from roadside stalls for a fraction of the price you'd pay at the pier.
- Mount Maunganui Main Beach is patrolled in summer (Oct–Apr). Swim between the flags. Water can be cold in winter cruise season — the hot pools are the better bet May–Sep.
- Independent travel is easy. Baybus routes connect Mount Maunganui to Tauranga CBD. Taxis and rideshares (Zoomy) are plentiful and cheaper than ship-organised transfers.

Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand — Port Map

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- 1

Mauao / Mount Maunganui summit

Iconic volcanic cone offering panoramic views of the coast.
- 2

Memorial Park

Waterfront park with playgrounds, memorials, and a large pool.
- 3

Morland Fox Park

Large sports park with fields for various community activities.
- 4

Bay Explorer - Dolphin and Wildlife Cruises

Boat tours for dolphin watching and marine wildlife encounters.
- 5

Hairy Maclary and Friends Sculpture

Bronze sculptures of beloved Hairy Maclary children's book characters.
- 6

The Elms | Te Papa Tauranga

Historic mission house and gardens, one of New Zealand's oldest heritage sites.
- 7

Orca Wild Adventures | Dolphin Swims

Guided tours offering the chance to swim with wild dolphins.
- 8

Sydenham Botanic Park

Tranquil botanic park showcasing diverse plant collections and walking paths.
- P

Cruise port / terminal

Auckland, North Island, New Zealand

The City of Sails docks you right in the heart of the waterfront CBD — volcanic islands, world-class wineries, and Maori culture are all within easy reach of the pier.

Docked (CBD piers)

Typical call: 8-12 hrs

NZD (New Zealand Dollar)

English & Māori

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 70–71 · Sat, Apr 8 – Sun, Apr 9

Arrive: 7:00 am

All aboard: 7:00 pm

Excursion: _____

Notes: Sat, Apr 8: Arrives 7:00 am; Sun, Apr 9: Departs 7:00 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Princes Wharf or Queens Wharf — both in the CBD, steps from shops and transport

Best For: Waiheke Island wine tours, Sky Tower, Rangitoto volcano, Maori culture

Walk to center: 5 min to Queen Street; ferry terminal and Britomart train hub are adjacent

Don't Miss: A ferry to Waiheke Island or Rangitoto — Auckland's harbour is the star

Getting around: Taxi NZD \$10–\$20 · Rideshare Uber, Bolt · Hop-on hop-off Auckland Explorer Bus

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Waiheke Island Wine Tour** — A 35-minute ferry ride delivers you to Waiheke Island's world-class vineyards.
 - Rangitoto Island Summit Hike** — Catch the ferry to Rangitoto, Auckland's youngest and largest volcano.
 - Maori Culture & Auckland Museum** — The Auckland War Memorial Museum on the Domain holds one of the world's finest collections of Maori and Pacific taonga (treasures).
- Sky Tower & Harbour Bridge Climb** — Auckland's two signature adrenaline experiences: the Sky Tower offers a glass-floor observation deck (328 m) and a SkyJump; the Harbour Bridge Climb...
 - Hobbiton Movie Set (Full Day)** — Two hours south of Auckland in the Waikato, the Shire set from Peter Jackson's films is fully preserved for guided tours.

BEST WALKS

- CBD Waterfront & Viaduct Walk** 2 km · Flat · 30-45 min · No guide needed — Turn right off the pier to explore the Viaduct Harbour — Auckland's America's Cup hub, now filled with restaurants, bars, and superyachts.
- Queen Street to Sky Tower** 1.5 km · Gentle uphill · 20 min walk — Walk up Queen Street — Auckland's main shopping spine — through the CBD to the base of the Sky Tower.
- Mount Eden Summit** 6 km round trip from CBD · Allow 2-3 hrs · Moderate — Auckland's most accessible volcanic summit offers sweeping 360° views of the harbour, city, and Hauraki Gulf.

WEATHER IN APR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

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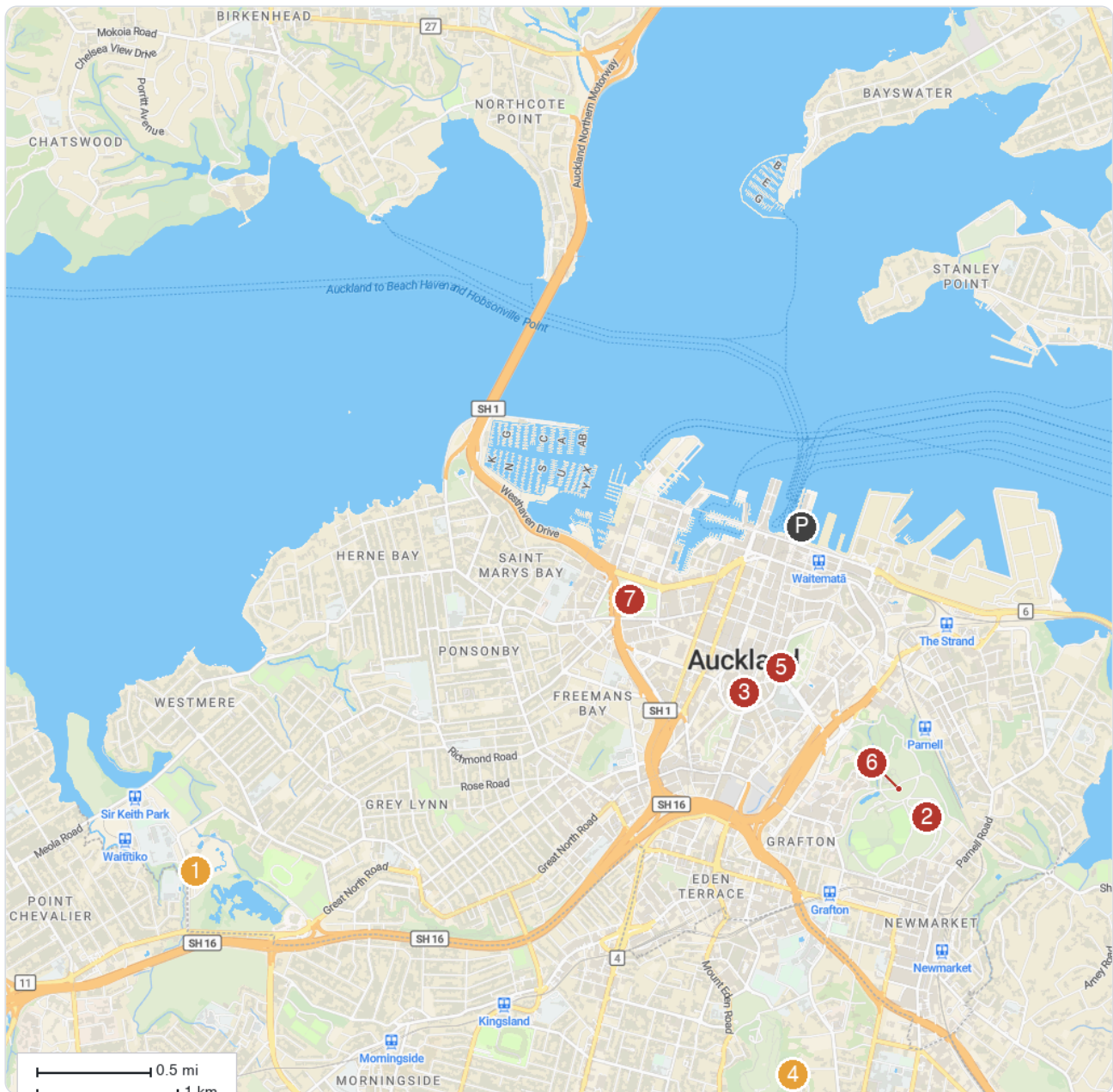
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Waiheke early: The ferry to Waiheke runs every 30 min from the Downtown Ferry Terminal (5 min walk from Queens Wharf). In peak season the 9-10am departures fill up — buy Fullers360 tickets online ahead of time.
- Currency is NZD: Cards are accepted almost everywhere. ATMs are at Britomart and on Queen Street. The exchange rate matters — NZD ~0.60 USD. Skip the wharf money changers.
- Four seasons in one day: Auckland weather is famously changeable. Pack a light waterproof layer even on sunny mornings — afternoon squalls are common October–April.
- Hobbiton takes the whole day: If you're on a 12+ hour call, Hobbiton is doable; under 10 hours, prioritise Waiheke or Rangitoto instead. Missing the ship is not an option — plan buffer time.
- Eat local: The Wynyard Quarter and Britomart precinct have excellent New Zealand seafood — green-lipped mussels and whitebait fritters are the standouts. The Fish Market at Wynyard is walkable from the pier.
- AT HOP card not worth it for one day: For a single port day, pay cash fares or use contactless card on buses and trains. The AT HOP transit card requires loading credit and isn't worth the hassle for a day visitor.

Auckland, North Island, New Zealand — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Auckland Zoo | See New Zealand and international animals at this conservation zoo. | 2 Auckland Museum | Explore Māori culture, natural history, and war memorials. |
| 3 Auckland Town Hall | Historic civic building and grand concert venue. | 4 Eden Garden | Beautiful volcanic rock garden with diverse plant collections. |
| 5 Auckland Art Gallery | Discover New Zealand and international art collections. | 6 Auckland Domain | Auckland's oldest park, built around a volcanic cone. |
| 7 Victoria Park | Historic urban park for sports, recreation, and relaxation. | P Cruise port / terminal | |

Bay of Islands, Northland, New Zealand

Where New Zealand's founding document was signed and 144 islands spill into a sparkling blue bay — the Bay of Islands rewards every kind of curious cruiser, from history buffs to dolphin-chasers.

Tender port

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

NZ Dollar (NZD)

English / Te Reo Māori

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 72 · Mon, Apr 10	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Waitangi Wharf, near Paihia

Best For: Māori history, boat cruises, wildlife, scenic walks

Walk to centre: 5-min shuttle or 20-min waterfront walk to Paihia

Don't Miss: Waitangi Treaty Grounds & Hole in the Rock cruise

Getting around: Taxi NZD \$30 minimum

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Waitangi Treaty Grounds** — Walk a few hundred metres from the tender wharf to where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840 — NZ's founding document.
- Hole in the Rock Cruise** — A classic Bay of Islands bucket-list trip — cruise out to Cape Brett and pass through the sea arch carved into Motukokako Island.
- Historic Russell** — New Zealand's first European town and briefly its capital.
- Island Cruise & Snorkel** — Half-day tours explore the bay's 144 islands, stopping at Urupukapuka or Motuarohia (Robertson Island) for swimming, snorkelling, and short walks.
- Cape Reinga Day Trip** — Long but spectacular: a guided coach tour to NZ's northernmost tip where the Tasman Sea meets the Pacific Ocean, often including a sandboarding run...

BEST WALKS

- Waitangi Wharf to Waitangi Treaty Grounds** 1.2 km | 20 min | Easy | Flat waterfront — Walk north along the waterfront from Waitangi Wharf, cross the Waitangi Bridge over the Waitangi River estuary, and arrive at the Treaty Grounds entrance.
- Russell Historic Waterfront Walk** 1.5 km | 30 min | Easy | Ferry required — From Russell Wharf, stroll The Strand south past the Duke of Marlborough Hotel, Christ Church (1835), and the Pompallier Mission.
- Flagstaff Hill (Te Maiki), Russell** 2 km return | 45 min | Moderate | Some uphill — From near the boat ramp on The Strand, a short track climbs to Flagstaff Hill for panoramic views over the Bay of Islands, Paihia, and Urupukapuka Island.

WEATHER IN APR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	69°	58°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:47AM–5:59PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

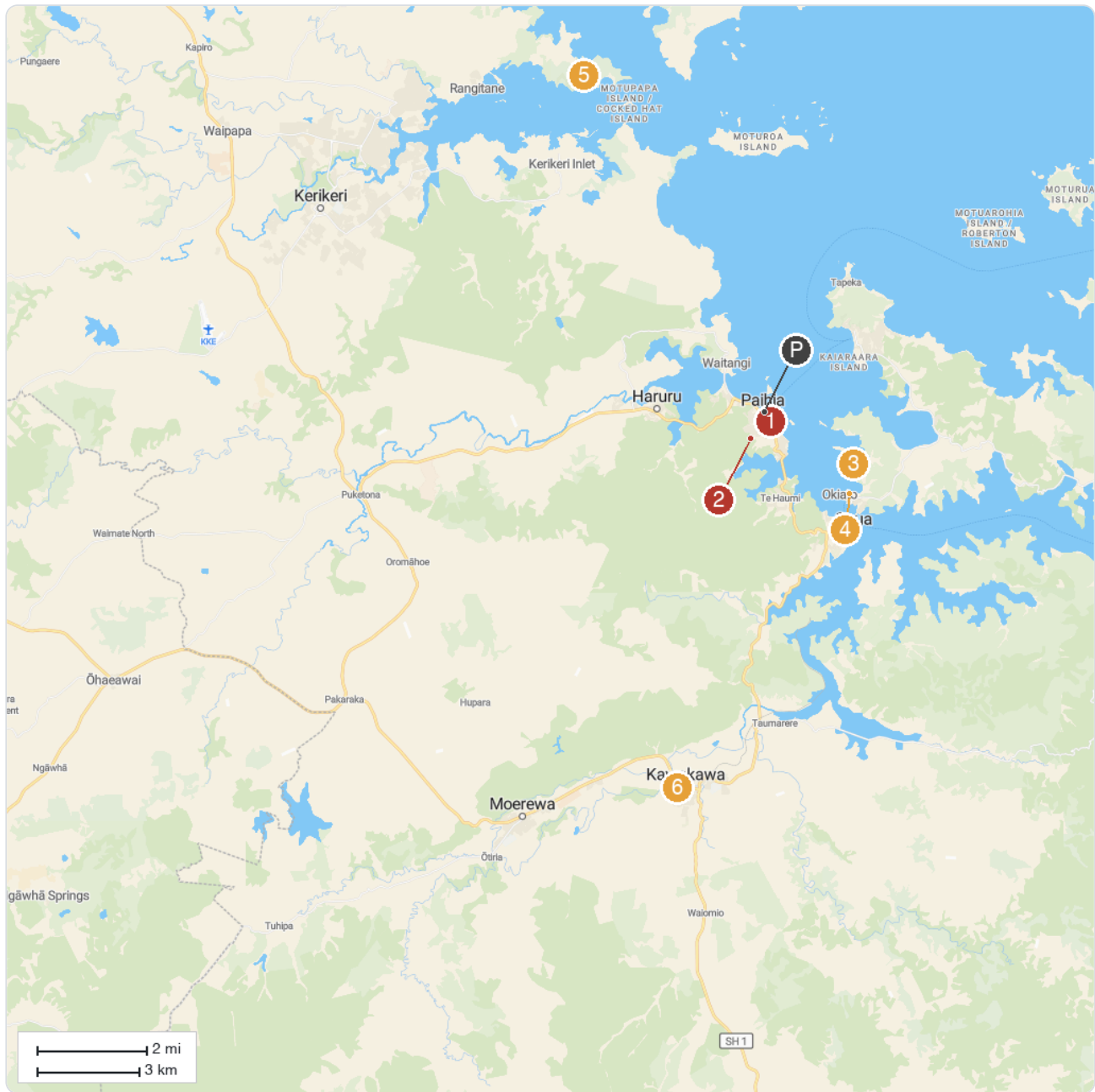
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender early. Queues build quickly on busy ship days — get ashore in the first wave to maximize time, especially if heading to the Treaty Grounds or booking a full-day Cape Reinga tour.
- Waitangi admission is worth it. The entry fee (~NZ\$60 adult) covers guided tours, a Māori cultural show, and two museums. It's the single best use of 2-3 hours in port.
- Russell ferry is easy. Catch the passenger ferry from Paihia Wharf (runs every 20 min, ~NZ\$13.50 return). Russell's historic sites are compact and walkable from the wharf.
- Bring NZD cash or a tap card. Most operators accept cards but small ferry and market stalls prefer cash. ATMs are available in Paihia township.
- Swimming with dolphins is prohibited in the Bay of Islands. You can still see them on boat tours — operators know where to look.
- Weather is changeable. Northland summers (Dec-Mar) are warm and humid; winter calls (Jun-Aug) can be cool and rainy. Pack a light layer even on sunny days.

Bay of Islands, Northland, New Zealand — Port Map

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| <p>1 Barefoot Sailing Adventures</p> <p>3 Omata Estate Vineyard & Kitchen</p> <p>5 Kerikeri Cruising Club & Marina</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Enjoy scenic sailing tours and island adventures.</p> <p>A beautiful vineyard offering wine tasting and delicious food.</p> <p>A vibrant marina and club for boating enthusiasts.</p> | <p>2 Opuia Forest Paihia Lookout Track Entrance</p> <p>4 First New Zealand Capital</p> <p>6 Bay of Islands Vintage Railway</p> | <p>Start a scenic forest walk to a stunning lookout.</p> <p>Visit Okiato, New Zealand's very first capital settlement.</p> <p>Ride a historic steam train through scenic countryside.</p> |
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Nuku'alofa, Tongatapu, Tonga

Capital of the world's last Polynesian Kingdom, Nuku'alofa moves at pure island pace — free-roaming pigs, a Victorian royal palace, and volcanic blowholes shooting plumes 30 metres into the air await just minutes from the pier.

Docked — Vuna Wharf (city-centre pier)

Typical call: 7–9 hrs

Tongan Pa'anga (TOP); AUD/USD sometimes accepted

Tongan & English

Everything closes on Sundays by law

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 75 · Thu, Apr 13	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion:	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Vuna Wharf — docked, steps from city centre
Walk to centre: 5 min to Royal Palace; 10 min to Talamahu Market
Best For: Polynesian culture, royal history, blowholes, island day-trips
Don't Miss: Mapu 'a Vaea Blowholes on the south coast

Getting around: **Taxi** TOP \$5–20 (city); TOP \$350 for 4–5 hr island tour · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Mapu 'a Vaea Blowholes** — Miles of lava coastline at Houma village where waves force plumes of water up to 30 metres into the air through natural volcanic arches.
- **Ha'amonga 'a Maui Trilithon** — Tonga's 'Stonehenge' — a massive three-slab stone archway erected in the 13th century as a royal gateway or astronomical marker, located on the...
- **Anahulu Cave Swim** — Descend into a limestone cavern of stalactites and stalagmites, then swim in the cool freshwater pool inside.
- **Pangaimotu Island Day Trip** — A 10–15 minute water taxi from Fuaa Jetty lands you on a classic South Pacific island with white sand, snorkeling around a sunken ship, and a rustic...
- **Talamahu Market & Town Walk** — Wander Nuku'alofa's main market for taro, tropical fruit, woven mats, and wood carvings — then visit the Royal Palace fence and the Mala'ekula Royal...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Market Loop** 2.5 km · 30–40 min · Flat — A simple loop taking in all of walkable Nuku'alofa: head right from the pier along the waterfront to the Royal Palace fence, continue to the Mala'ekula Royal Tombs, then...

WEATHER IN APR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon Apr	High 80°	Low 76°	Rain 15d
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DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:52AM–6:28PM

Currency: Tongan Pa'anga (TOP); AUD/USD sometimes accepted. Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

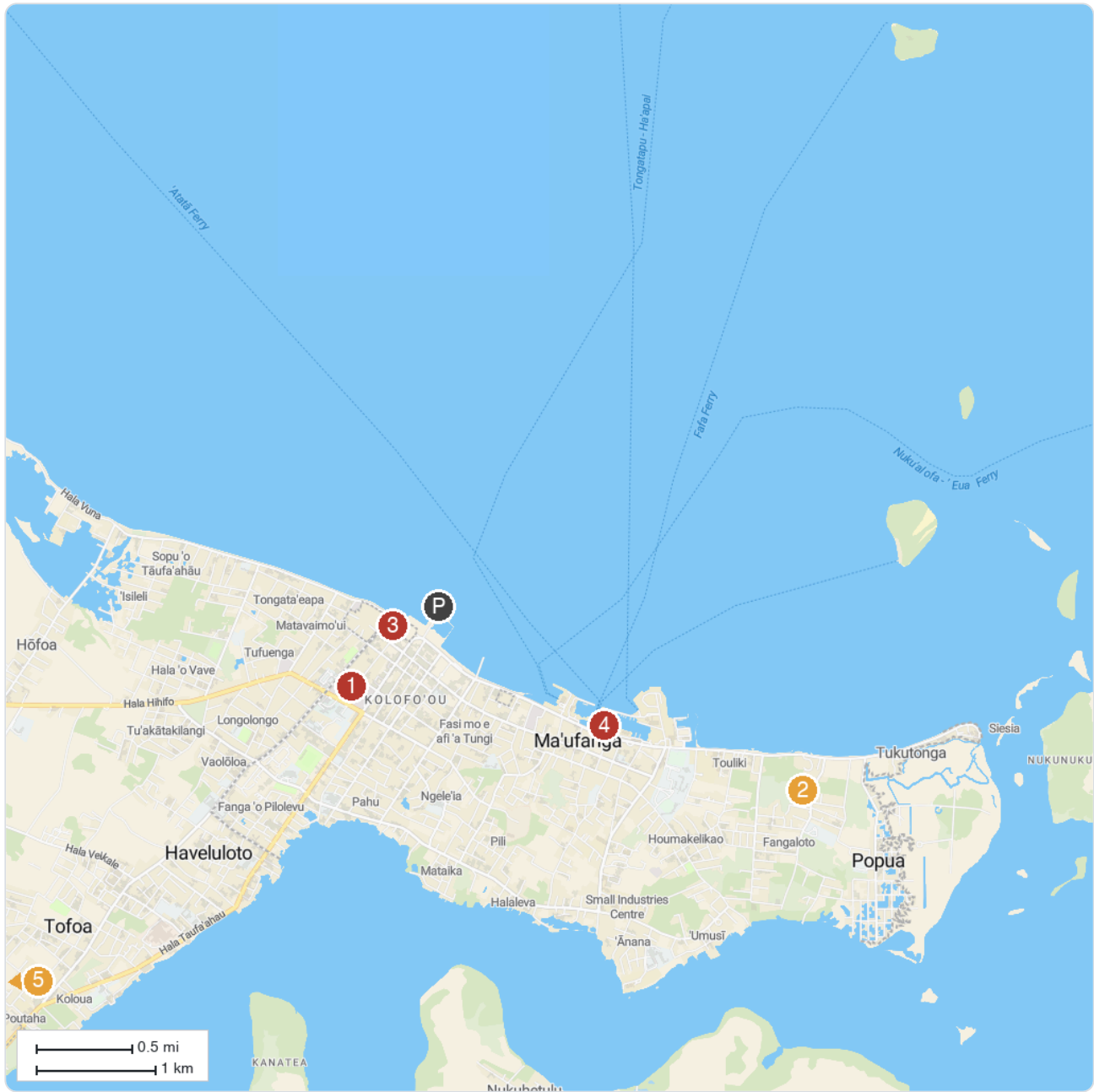
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sunday shutdown is real. By constitutional law, Tonga closes completely on Sundays — shops, restaurants, taxis, markets, everything. If your ship is in port on a Sunday, pre-book a cruise-line excursion or island resort day-pass before you sail.
- Dress modestly in town. Tongan culture is conservative — being shirtless in public is actually illegal. Cover shoulders and knees when walking through the city. Swimwear stays at the beach.
- Negotiate taxis first. No meters exist. Agree on the price before you get in. ATMs (ANZ and BSP banks) are on Taufa'ahau Road, about 10 min walk from Vuna Wharf.
- Pangaimotu is the easiest beach. Walk a few minutes along Vuna Road to Fuaa Jetty (near the fish market), hop a 10-min water taxi, and you're on a white-sand island with a snorkeling wreck and beach bar.
- Don't skip the blowholes. Mapu 'a Vaea at Houma village on the south coast is one of the most dramatic natural sights in the Pacific. Easily combined with the Trilithon on a half-day taxi tour.
- Try ota ika. The national dish — raw fish in coconut cream and citrus — is served at Friends Cafe on Taufa'ahau Road (walkable from the pier). Billfish Bar nearby does solid fish and chips.

Nuku'alofa, Tongatapu, Tonga — Port Map

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1 Royal Tombs Burial ground for Tonga's past kings and queens.

3 Royal Palace Of Tonga The official wooden residence of Tonga's monarch.

5 3 Headed Coconut A rare coconut tree with three distinct trunks.

2 Ancient Tonga A cultural village showcasing traditional Tongan life and crafts.

4 Tahi Tonga A beautiful beach known for its surfing waves.

P Cruise port / terminal

Bora Bora, Society Islands, French Polynesia

Ringed by one of the world's most spectacular lagoons and crowned by the volcanic spire of Mount Otemanu, Bora Bora is French Polynesia at its most cinematic. Tender ashore to Vaitape and choose between glass-clear snorkeling, island-circling adventures, and WWII relics hiding in the jungle.

- Tender port — anchor in Pofai Bay
- Typical call: 7–9 hrs
- CFP Franc (XPF); USD widely accepted
- French & Tahitian; English common in tourist areas

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 78 · Sun, Apr 16	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 11:00 pm
Excursion:	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 11:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Tender to Quai de Vaitape (5–10 min ride)
- Best For:** Lagoon snorkeling, stingray encounters, 4x4 island tours
- Walk to center:** Vaitape village is at the pier; Matira Beach is ~8 km south
- Don't Miss:** Lagoon snorkel with stingrays and sharks, WWII U.S. naval cannons

Getting around: Taxi ~1,500–2,500 CFP (~\$14–24 USD) per trip · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Lagoon Snorkel with Stingrays & Reef Sharks** — The signature Bora Bora experience: wade and snorkel in a shallow sandbar with friendly stingrays, then snorkel a coral garden teeming with reef...
- 4x4 Circle Island Safari** — Rattle through the jungle in an open 4x4, stopping at WWII U.S.
- Matira Beach Afternoon** — Bora Bora's only public beach stretches 1.5 km of powdery white sand with calm, shallow turquoise water.
- Jet Ski Lagoon Tour** — Zip across the lagoon on your own jet ski, looping the island and taking in unobstructed views of Mount Otemanu from the water.
- Bloody Mary's Lunch Stop** — One of French Polynesia's most famous restaurants, Bloody Mary's has a sand floor, a thatched roof, and a celebrity wall of past diners.

BEST WALKS

- Vaitape Village Wander** 1–2 km · Flat · 30–45 min — From the tender dock, explore Vaitape's main street: local supermarkets, souvenir shops, a church, and the harbor.
- Matira Beach Shore Walk** ~3 km round-trip · Flat · 1–1.5 hrs — Take a taxi to the north end of Matira Beach and walk south along the shore.
- Vaitape Village Stroll** ~1 km · 30 min · easy — From the tender quay, walk along the waterfront past local shops, the covered market, and the Bank of Tahiti.

WEATHER IN APR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon Apr	High 82°	Low 79°	Rain 21d	Apr 6:15AM–5:57PM	Currency: CFP Franc (XPF); USD widely accepted. Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

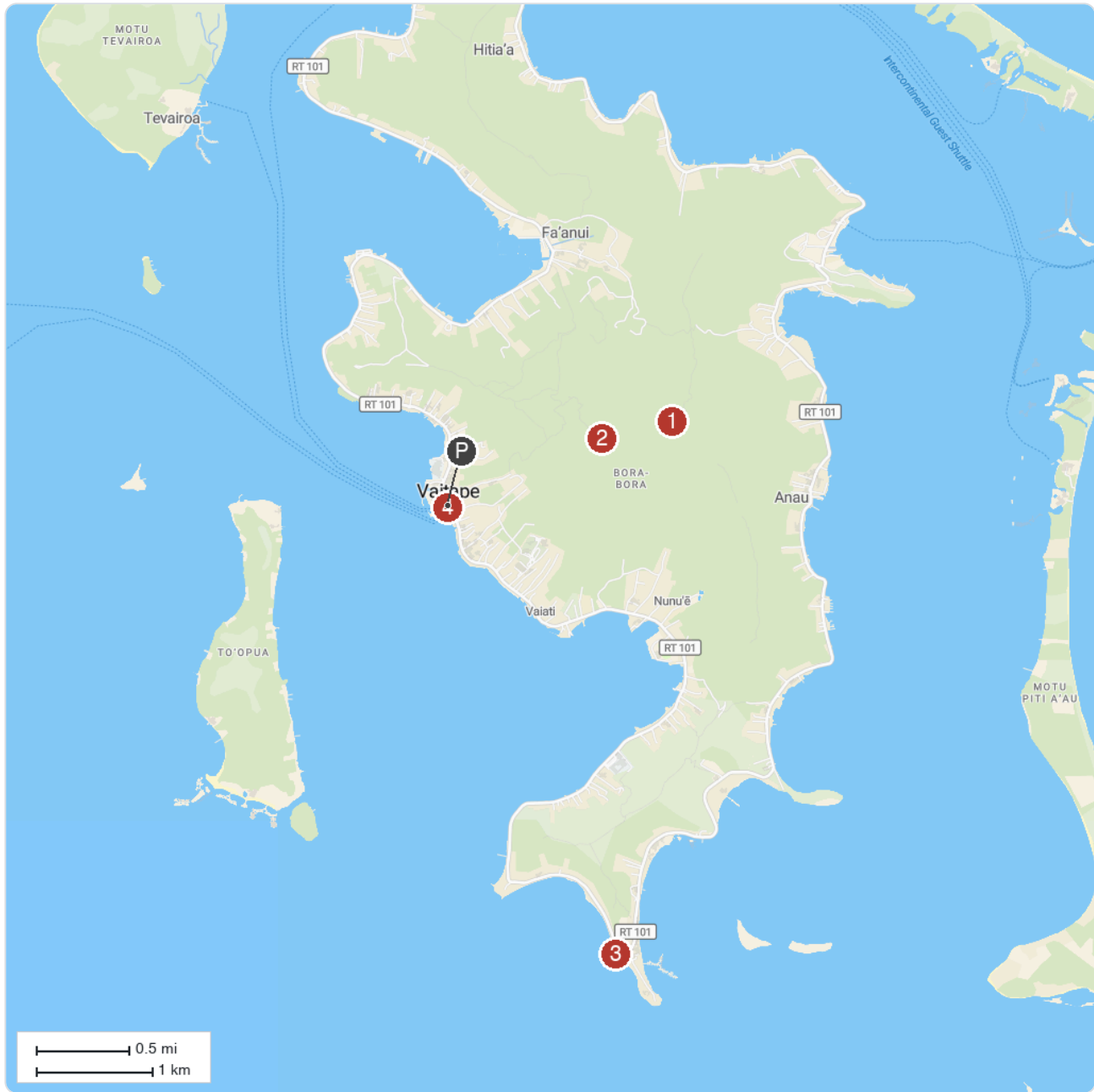
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry XPF and USD. The ATM at Vaitape Wharf dispenses CFP francs. Most tourist spots accept USD, but local markets and small vendors prefer local currency.
- Book your lagoon tour independently at the dock — operators greet tenders and offer the same stingray/snorkel trips as cruise lines for significantly less. Confirm the return time fits your last tender.
- Rent a bike for the circle-island road — it's 32 km, mostly flat, and rewarding. Electric bikes are available from Vaitape if the heat is a concern. Allow 3–4 hours with stops.
- Get a tender ticket early. On large-ship days the tender queue can be slow. Collect your ticket at the ship's designated time; missing the last tender means missing the ship.
- Matira Beach is public and free. Don't pay for a resort day pass just to access a beach — Matira Point is a public beach with the same water quality and no entry fee.
- Pack reef-safe sunscreen. French Polynesia bans oxybenzone-based sunscreens to protect the coral. Bring your own reef-safe SPF — it can be hard to find locally and expensive at resorts.

Bora Bora, Society Islands, French Polynesia — Port Map

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- 1 Mount Otemanu** Bora Bora's iconic extinct volcanic peak rising over the lagoon, visible from nearly every point on the island.
- 2 Mount Pahia** Bora Bora's second-highest peak, offering panoramic views over the surrounding barrier reef.
- 3 Matira Beach** A white-sand public beach on the island's southern point, considered one of French Polynesia's finest.
- 4 Vaitape village** Bora Bora's main village and tender landing point, with shops, a market, and a small church.
- P** Cruise port / terminal

Raiatea Island, Society Islands, French Polynesia

The sacred heart of Polynesia — where ancient voyagers set sail to colonize Hawaii, New Zealand, and Easter Island. Raiatea is authentic, spiritual, and utterly unlike its glitzier neighbors.

Pier (Uturoa deep-water dock)

Typical call: 7–9 hrs

French Pacific Franc (XPF)

French & Tahitian

UNESCO World Heritage Site

🍹 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 79 · Mon, Apr 17

Arrive: 8:00 am

All aboard: 6:00 pm

Excursion: _____

Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Deep-water pier in Uturoa — walk straight off to town

Walk to center: Under 5 min to market, ATMs, and restaurants

Best For: Culture, history, Faaroa River, Taha'a lagoon day trips

Don't Miss: Taputapuatea Marae — the most sacred site in Polynesia

Getting around: **Taxi** 1,000–2,000 XPF (~\$10–20 USD) · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Taputapuatea Marae — UNESCO Sacred Temple** — The most important ancient site in all of Polynesia.
- **Faaroa River Boat Tour** — The only navigable river in French Polynesia winds through a cathedral of tropical rainforest.
- **Taha'a Lagoon & Motu Snorkel Day** — Raiatea and Taha'a share a vast turquoise lagoon.
- **Circle Island by 4WD or Scooter** — Rent a car or scooter to circle the island, stopping at Taputapuatea, Faaroa Bay, and roadside fruit stands.
- **Motu Iriru — Lagoon Islet Beach Day** — Raiatea's main island has no public beaches, but the lagoon is dotted with white-sand motus (islets).

BEST WALKS

- **Uturoa Town & Street Art Walk** 1–2 hrs · Flat · Free — Start at the pier, head to the Marché d'Uturoa for fresh fruit, Polynesian crafts, and local snacks (monoi oil, pareos, vanilla).

WEATHER IN APR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	83°	78°	24d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:14AM–5:56PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sunday = ghost town. If you dock on a Sunday, the market, supermarkets, and most shops will be closed. Pre-book a ship or private excursion — don't rely on wandering into town.
- Book car rental months ahead. There are very few vehicles available in Raiatea. Walk-up rental on cruise day is nearly impossible. Reserve online well before your cruise.
- Currency is XPF (French Pacific Franc). ATMs on the main street accept international cards. Some vendors take USD/EUR but rates are poor. Credit cards work at larger restaurants and shops.
- No beaches on the main island. The shoreline is mangroves and volcanic rock. For a beach, book a motu water taxi or a Taha'a lagoon excursion — well worth it.
- The Tiare Apetahi is sacred. This rare white flower grows only on Mt. Temehani and is protected by law. Do not attempt to pick or remove it — fines are serious and the cultural significance is immense.
- Taputapuatea is unmissable. If you do only one thing on Raiatea, it's this UNESCO marae. Far more atmospheric and important than most Pacific sites — hire a guide who can explain its meaning.

Raiatea Island, Society Islands, French Polynesia — Port Map cruiseports.org

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- 1

Mount Tapioi
Forested peak rising directly behind Uturoa, reachable by a steep trail with panoramic lagoon views from the summit.
- 2

Uturoa Market
Central covered market selling produce, fish, and Tahitian crafts in the heart of town.
- P

Cruise port / terminal

Moorea, Society Islands, French Polynesia

A heart-shaped volcanic island wrapped in electric-blue lagoon, just 17 km from Tahiti — where jagged basalt peaks overlook twin bays, rays glide beneath your snorkel, and a single mountain road connects it all.

Tender port (no pier)

Typical call: 7–9 hrs

CFP Franc (XPF)

French / Tahitian

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 80 · Tue, Apr 18	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender into Cook's Bay

Walk to center: ~10 min to Maharepa village

Best For: Snorkeling · Scenic drives

Don't Miss: Belvedere Lookout & lagoon rays

Getting around: Taxi \$13–\$40 USD · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Lagoon Snorkeling with Rays & Reef Sharks** — The most popular Moorea experience: wade or snorkel in shallow lagoon water alongside blacktip reef sharks and schools of stingrays in their natural...
 - Belvedere Lookout (Belvédère)** — Drive or ride up to the Belvedere viewpoint — also called Magic Mountain — for a panoramic sweep over both Cook's Bay and Opunohu Bay with Mount...
- ATV / 4x4 Mountain Tour** — Tear up mountain trails through pineapple plantations, jungle valleys, and viewpoints in a 4x4 or on an ATV.
 - Tiki Village Cultural Center** — A re-created traditional Polynesian village on the lagoon edge near Haapiti, demonstrating tattooing, weaving, dance, and outrigger canoe building.
 - Temae Beach** — Moorea's best public white-sand beach, on the northeast shore near the airport.

BEST WALKS

- Cook's Bay Waterfront Stroll** ~2 km · 45 min · easy — From the tender dock, walk the flat coastal road along Cook's Bay past small shops, the Moorea Handicraft Center, and waterfront snack bars.
- Opunohu Valley Overlook Trail** ~1 km · 30 min · easy–moderate — A short walk from the Belvedere parking area along a viewpoint path gives unobstructed views over Opunohu Bay and the valley's vanilla plantations and marae...

WEATHER IN APR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	81°	77°	20d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

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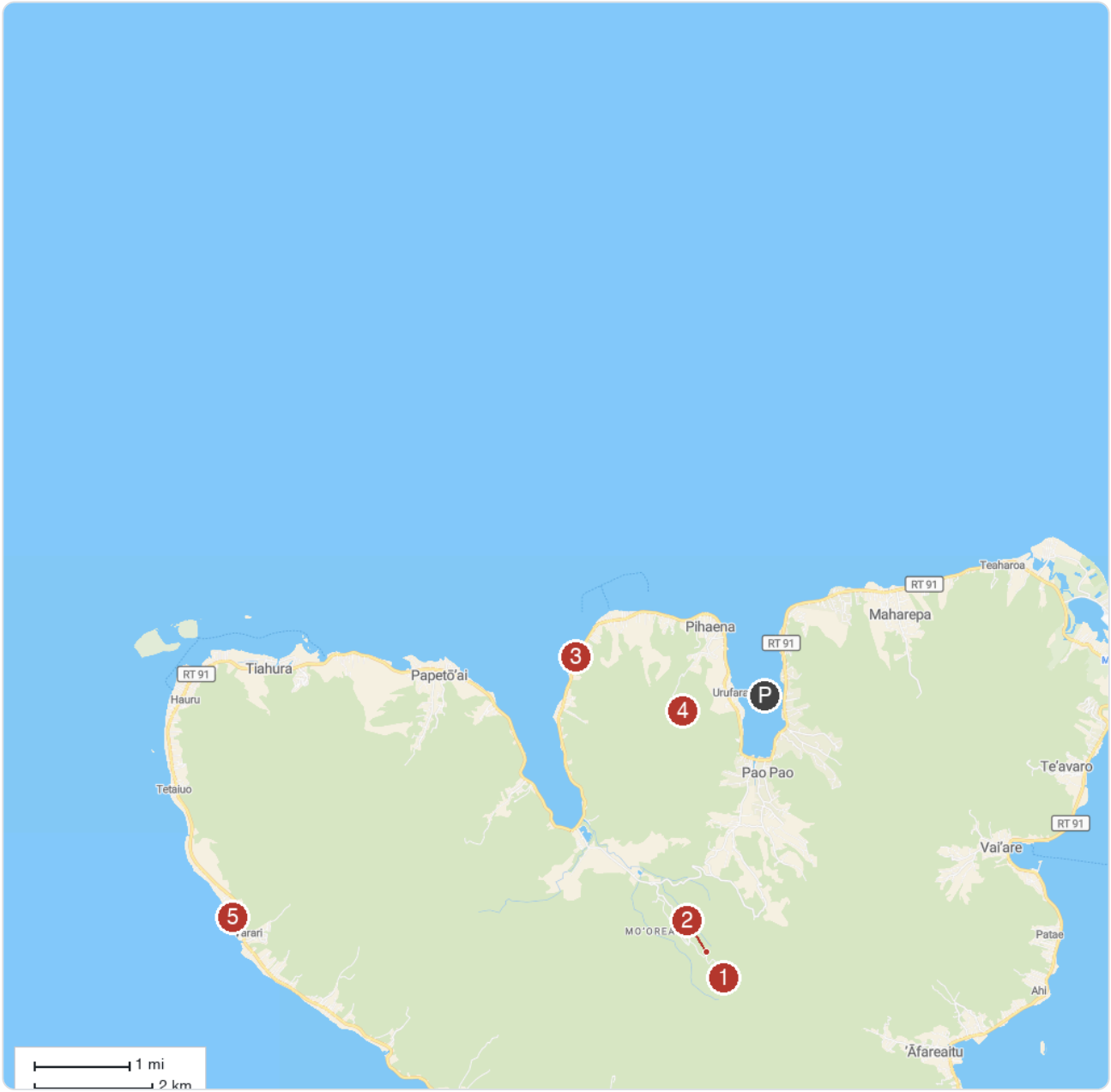
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender lines build fast. Independent travelers should head to the tender dock early in the morning. If the ship issues tickets, collect yours as soon as possible.
- Rent a car or scooter at the dock. Rental agencies meet tenders; the RN1 coastal road is easy to navigate and lets you hit Belvedere, Temae Beach, and the pineapple farm in one day.
- Bring cash in XPF. The CFP franc is the local currency. Some vendors accept euros or USD but at poor rates. ATMs exist in Maharepa but can run out on busy ship days.
- Book lagoon snorkeling early. Ray and reef shark encounters sell out quickly from the ship. Independent operators at the dock offer the same tours, sometimes cheaper.
- Pack a light rain layer. Moorea's peaks generate sudden showers. It usually passes in minutes, but mountain tours can get wet — quick-dry clothes beat a soaked t-shirt.
- Eat the pineapple. Moorea's Tahitian pineapples are famously sweet and low in acid — grab a fresh-cut bag at any roadside stand or the Manutea farm. One of the best things you'll taste on the ship day.

Moorea, Society Islands, French Polynesia — Port Map

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- 1

Belvedere Lookout Iconic hillside overlook with the classic postcard view down over both Cook's Bay and Opunohu Bay.
- 2

Marae Titiroa Restored pre-European Polynesian stone temple complex set among mape (Tahitian chestnut) forest in the Opunohu Valley.
- 3

Ta'ahiamanu Beach White-sand public beach with calm, shallow turquoise lagoon waters popular for swimming and snorkeling.
- 4

Rotui Mountain Sacred 899m volcanic peak separating Cook's Bay and Opunohu Bay, the island's most recognizable landmark.
- 5

Tiki Theatre Village Reconstructed traditional Polynesian village on Cook's Bay showcasing pre-European Tahitian architecture and crafts.
- P

Cruise port / terminal

Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia

The capital of French Polynesia docks ships right on the waterfront boulevard — step off into a city of overwater bungalow dreams, black-pearl boutiques, sizzling food trucks, and one of the Pacific's most colourful market halls.

 Docked (downtown waterfront)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  CFP Franc (XPF)  French / Tahitian

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 81 · Wed, Apr 19	Arrive: _____	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: Departs 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Papeete waterfront (downtown)

Walk to center: 2–5 min on foot

Best For: Pearls · Market · Lagoon

Don't Miss: Le Marché & les roulottes

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  1,000–2,000 XPF (~\$10–19 USD) ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Le Marché (Papeete Market)** — The two-storey covered market is the beating heart of Papeete — ground floor overflows with tropical fruit, fish, and flower crowns (ei); upper level...
- **Place Vai'ete — Les Roulottes** — After dark (and some evenings during port days), the waterfront square fills with food trucks — les roulottes — serving poisson cru, crepes, grilled...
- **Lagoon Snorkeling & Swim** — Tahiti's lagoon shelters coral gardens and tropical fish just offshore.
- **Point Venus Lighthouse** — The historic lighthouse where Captain Cook observed the 1769 transit of Venus sits on a black-sand spit at the northern tip of Tahiti, ringed by a...
- **Fautaua Valley & Waterfall Hike** — A marked trail from Papeete's outskirts leads up the Fautaua Valley to a dramatic 985-ft waterfall.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront & Market Loop** ~2 km · 1–1.5 hrs · easy — From the pier, walk south along Boulevard Pomare past Place Vai'ete and the waterfront park, then cut inland to Le Marché for fruit, flowers, and pearls.
- **Robert Wan Pearl Museum** ~0.5 km · 30 min · easy — A short walk from the pier, the Robert Wan Pearl Museum showcases the history and cultivation of Tahitian black pearls with free admission.

WEATHER IN APR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

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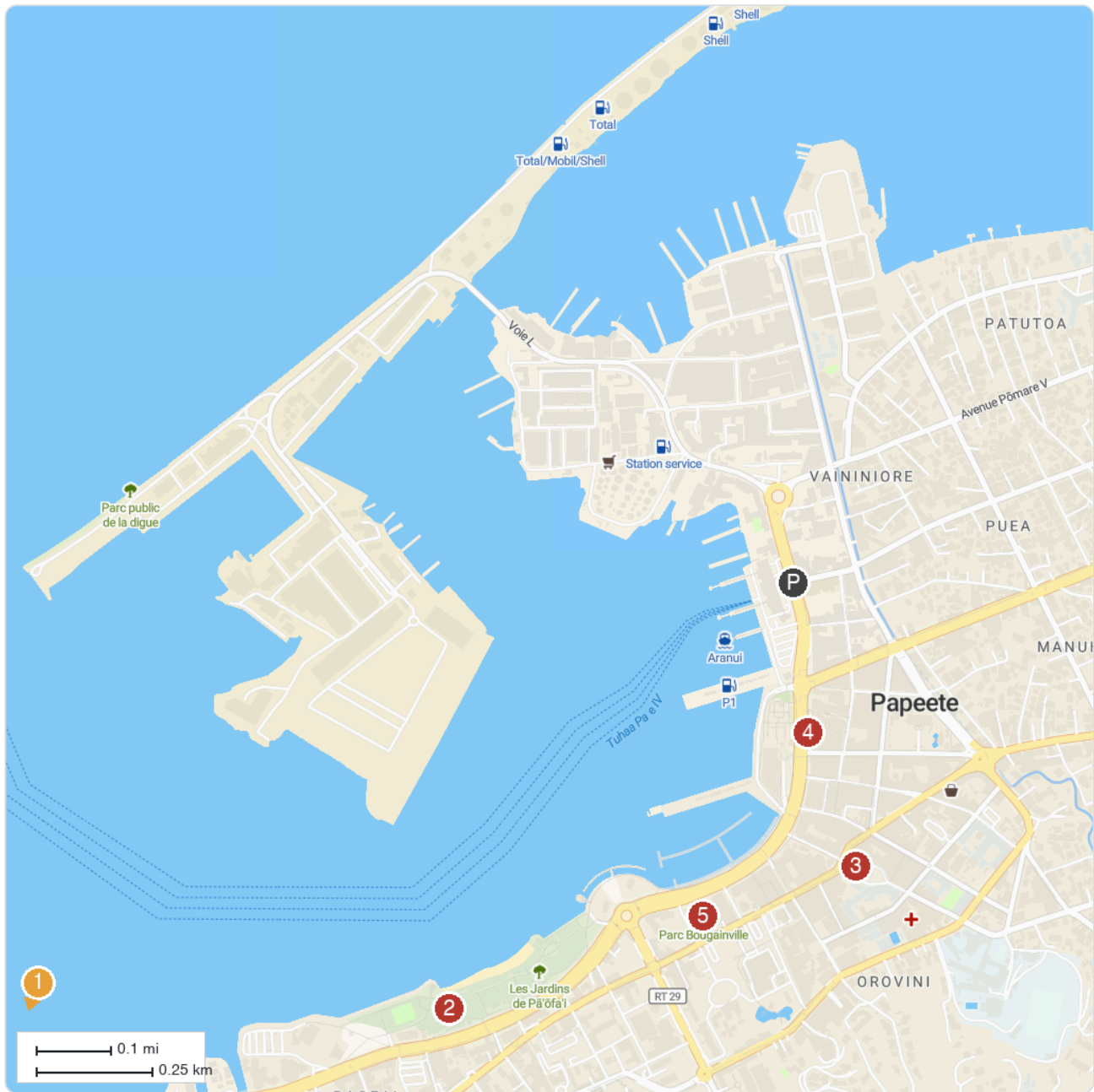
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Budget for black pearls. Tahitian cultured pearls are a legitimate local product — museum prices are better than ship-board boutiques. The market and dedicated jewellers on Rue du Maréchal Foch offer a wide range.
- Try poisson cru. Raw tuna marinated in lime juice and coconut milk is Tahiti's national dish. Order it at a roulotte at Place Vai'ete or any local snack bar — it's outstanding.
- CFP Franc only — cards vary. The XPF (Pacific Franc) is the currency. Most shops and restaurants accept credit cards, but the market and roulottes often prefer cash. ATMs are available downtown near the market.
- Taxis have no meters. Agree on the fare before you get in. Point Venus runs around 2,000–3,000 XPF each way; negotiate a round-trip rate with a wait if you want to explore beyond downtown.
- Heat and humidity are real. Papeete is tropical year-round. Bring sunscreen, a hat, and a water bottle — the market and downtown walks are exposed in the midday sun.
- Moorea is close but time-consuming. The neighbouring island of Moorea is a 30-min ferry ride away — it's tempting, but factor in ferry schedules and your ship's departure time before committing to the crossing.

Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia — Port Map

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- 1 Museum of Tahiti and The Islands
- 3 Notre Dame Cathedral
- 5 Bougainville Park

- 2 Pā'ōfa'i Gardens
- 4 MANUA Exquisite Tahitian Art
- P Cruise port / terminal

Fakarava, Tuamotu Archipelago, French Polynesia

The second-largest atoll in French Polynesia and a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Fakarava offers an impossibly blue lagoon, world-famous shark dives, and a sleepy village that feels like the end of the earth.

Tender (no pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

French Pacific Franc (XPF) — bring cash

French & Tahitian

UNESCO Biosphere Reserve

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 82 · Thu, Apr 20	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Rotoava village pier

Best For: Scuba diving, snorkeling, beaches, lagoon tours

Don't Miss: Garuae Pass drift dive or Lagon Bleu excursion

Watch Out: One ATM — often empty. Bring XPF cash from Tahiti.

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Garuae Pass Drift Dive** — The widest pass in French Polynesia offers exhilarating drift diving through walls of grey reef sharks, barracuda, eagle rays, and manta rays.
- Lagon Bleu (Blue Lagoon) Boat Tour** — A lagoon-within-a-lagoon surrounded by white-sand motus.
- Coral Garden Snorkel Tour** — A calm, guided snorkel inside the lagoon away from the strong pass currents — ideal for non-divers and families.
- Black Pearl Farm Tour** — Visit a working Tahitian black pearl farm and learn how pearls are grafted and harvested.
- PK 9 Beach by Bike** — Cycle 9 km along the flat lagoon road to a picture-perfect white-sand beach with turquoise water and leaning palms.

BEST WALKS

- Rotoava Village to Topaka Lighthouse** 3.5 km one-way · ~45 min walk or 15 min bike · Easy flat road — Follow the main lagoon road north from the pier through the quiet village, past the coral-stone church, to the striking pyramid-shaped coral lighthouse.
- Rotoava Pier to PK 9 Beach** 9 km one-way · E-bike 30 min · Flat dirt road — The island's signature ride: north along the lagoon on a flat track through coconut palms to one of the most beautiful deserted beaches in French Polynesia.

WEATHER IN APR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon Apr	High 82°	Low 79°	Rain 18d
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DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:50AM–5:33PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring XPF cash from Tahiti. Fakarava has one ATM in Rotoava and it is frequently out of cash. Most small vendors, bike rentals, and food stalls do not accept credit cards.
- No-nos (sandflies) are brutal. These tiny biting insects are nearly invisible but leave itchy welts. Apply DEET-based repellent or buy Monoï oil with citronella at the pier market.
- Book dive tours before boarding your ship. Fakarava dive operators (Topdive, O2 Fakarava) fill up fast, especially for Garuae Pass. Pre-book months in advance for peak season.
- Reef-safe sunscreen only. As a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Fakarava enforces environmental rules. Standard chemical sunscreens can harm coral — mineral-based sunscreen is required in the water.
- Rent a bike or e-bike the moment you land. Inventory at the pier is limited. An e-bike is worth the extra cost given the heat — PK 9 Beach is a must but 9 km each way.
- No facilities at PK 9 Beach. There are no toilets, no shade structures, and no vendors. Bring a full water bottle, snacks, and sunscreen. The reward is worth the prep.

Fakarava, Tuamotu Archipelago, French Polynesia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



P Cruise port / terminal

Nuku Hiva, Marquesas Islands, French Polynesia

The largest and wildest of the Marquesas Islands, Nuku Hiva rewards adventurous cruisers with ancient ceremonial platforms, one of the world's tallest waterfalls, and a living culture of stone carving and tattoo art untouched by mass tourism.

Tender (no pier)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

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French & Marquesan

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 84 · Sat, Apr 22	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender into Taiohae village pier (10-20 min ride)

Best For: Archaeology, volcanic scenery, Marquesan art & culture

Walk to center: Tender lands in the heart of Taiohae — 0 min

Don't Miss: Vaipo Waterfall hike or Hatiheu archaeological sites by 4x4

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Hatiheu Archaeological Sites & North Coast** — A full-day 4x4 journey over mountain passes to Hatiheu Bay, visiting the Hikokua and Kamuihei tohua (ceremonial platforms) with towering tiki, giant... ancient tiki and terraces, and see the landscape of the last...
- Vaipo Waterfall Hike (Hakaui Valley)** — Boat to Hakaui Bay then a 3-hour valley trek to Vaipo Waterfall — at 350 metres one of the tallest in Polynesia — past soaring basalt cliffs draped...
- Taipivai Valley — Melville's Typee Country** — Drive into the lush valley Herman Melville immortalised in his novel Typee, explore
- Anaho Bay Snorkel & Beach** — Reach Anaho, the Marquesas' only coral-reef bay with a white-sand beach, by boat or by hiking from Hatiheu.
- Scuba Diving — Basalt Arches & Mantas** — Dramatic wall dives with basalt arches just outside Taiohae Bay attract manta rays, hammerhead and grey reef sharks, and dolphins.

BEST WALKS

- Taiohae Waterfront & Cathedral Loop** 1.5 km · 30-45 min · Flat · Free — From the tender pier, stroll along the palm-fringed waterfront to the Cathedral Notre-Dame des Marquises to see carvings from all six inhabited islands, then loop back...
- Muake Hill Viewpoint** 4 km return · 1.5 hrs · Moderate climb · Free — A steep but rewarding trail rises behind Taiohae to Commandant Gravier Peak (Muake Hill), delivering panoramic views of the horseshoe bay, anchored ship, and volcanic...

WEATHER IN APR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	83°	78°	23d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:53AM–5:47PM

Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Buy Monoi-Tamanu oil at the pier. Nono biting flies are invisible and DEET won't stop them — oil coating your skin is the only reliable defence. Bites itch for weeks.
- Cash only in most places. The Banque de Tahiti ATM in Taiohae runs out fast on cruise days. Exchange XPF on the ship or in Papeete before arriving.
- Book 4x4 tours in advance. The north-coast and valley tours are long and fill quickly on cruise days — local operators often sell out. Confirm return time leaves buffer for the last tender.
- Marquesan crafts are the real deal. Ironwood tikis, tapa cloth paintings, and carved coconut shells here are genuinely made on-island — not imported tourist trinkets. Worth the splurge.
- Pack rain gear. Nuku Hiva's interior is cloud-shrouded — sudden downpours are common even in dry season. Light poncho + closed-toe shoes for any valley or archaeological site visit.
- Say Kaoha. A simple greeting in Marquesan (not Tahitian) opens doors. English is limited outside tour guides — a few French/Marquesan words go a long way in this tight-knit community.

Nuku Hiva, Marquesas Islands, French Polynesia — Port Map cruiseports.org

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Notre Dame Cathedral

Cathedral in Taiohae built from volcanic stone sourced from each of the six inhabited Marquesan islands.
- 2

Taiohae Bay

Dramatic natural harbor ringed by steep green volcanic peaks, the island's main anchorage and village center.
- 3

Hikokua Site

Restored ancient Marquesan ceremonial platform (me'ae) with tiki carvings near Taiohae.
- 4

Muake Pass Viewpoint

Mountain overlook above Taiohae offering panoramic views down into the bay and surrounding valleys.
- P

Cruise port / terminal

San Diego, California, USA

Southern California's crown jewel docks cruise ships steps from the Gaslamp Quarter, a decommissioned aircraft carrier turned museum, and one of the world's great zoos — all under near-permanent sunshine.

Docked (pier) Typical call: 8-10 hrs (homeport or turnaround) USD English 266 sunny days per year

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 91 · Sat, Apr 29	Arrive: 7:00 am	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: Arrives 7:00 am	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: B Street Pier (2 berths) or Broadway Pier — both on the downtown Embarcadero

Best For: Families, history buffs, foodies, and beach lovers

Walk to center: Gaslamp Quarter ~10 min; Little Italy ~15 min; USS Midway 5 min

Don't Miss: USS Midway Museum, San Diego Zoo, and the Coronado ferry

Getting around: **Taxi** \$8–20 · **Rideshare** Uber, Lyft · **Hop-on hop-off** Old Town Trolley Tours

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **USS Midway Museum** — The world's longest-serving 20th-century naval aircraft carrier is moored steps from the pier.
- **San Diego Zoo & Balboa Park** — Widely considered one of the world's best zoos, with 4,000+ animals in open-air habitats across 800 species.
- **Coronado Island & Hotel del Coronado** — Take the 15-minute ferry from Broadway Pier to Coronado.
- **Gaslamp Quarter & Downtown Walk** — San Diego's historic 16-block Victorian district buzzes with restaurants, galleries, and rooftop bars.
- **Maritime Museum of San Diego** — A fleet of historic vessels moored on the Embarcadero, including the Star of India (1863), the world's oldest active sailing ship.

BEST WALKS

- **Embarcadero Waterfront Walk** 3 miles round-trip · Flat · 60-90 min — The classic San Diego cruise walk: head south from the pier past the USS Midway, Seaport Village, and the bay promenade.
- **Gaslamp Quarter History Stroll** 1.5 miles · Flat · 45-60 min — Walk southeast from the pier into the Gaslamp Quarter's 16-block Victorian Historic District.

WEATHER IN APR · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:18AM–7:18PM	
Apr	68°	55°	3d	Currency: USD. Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.	

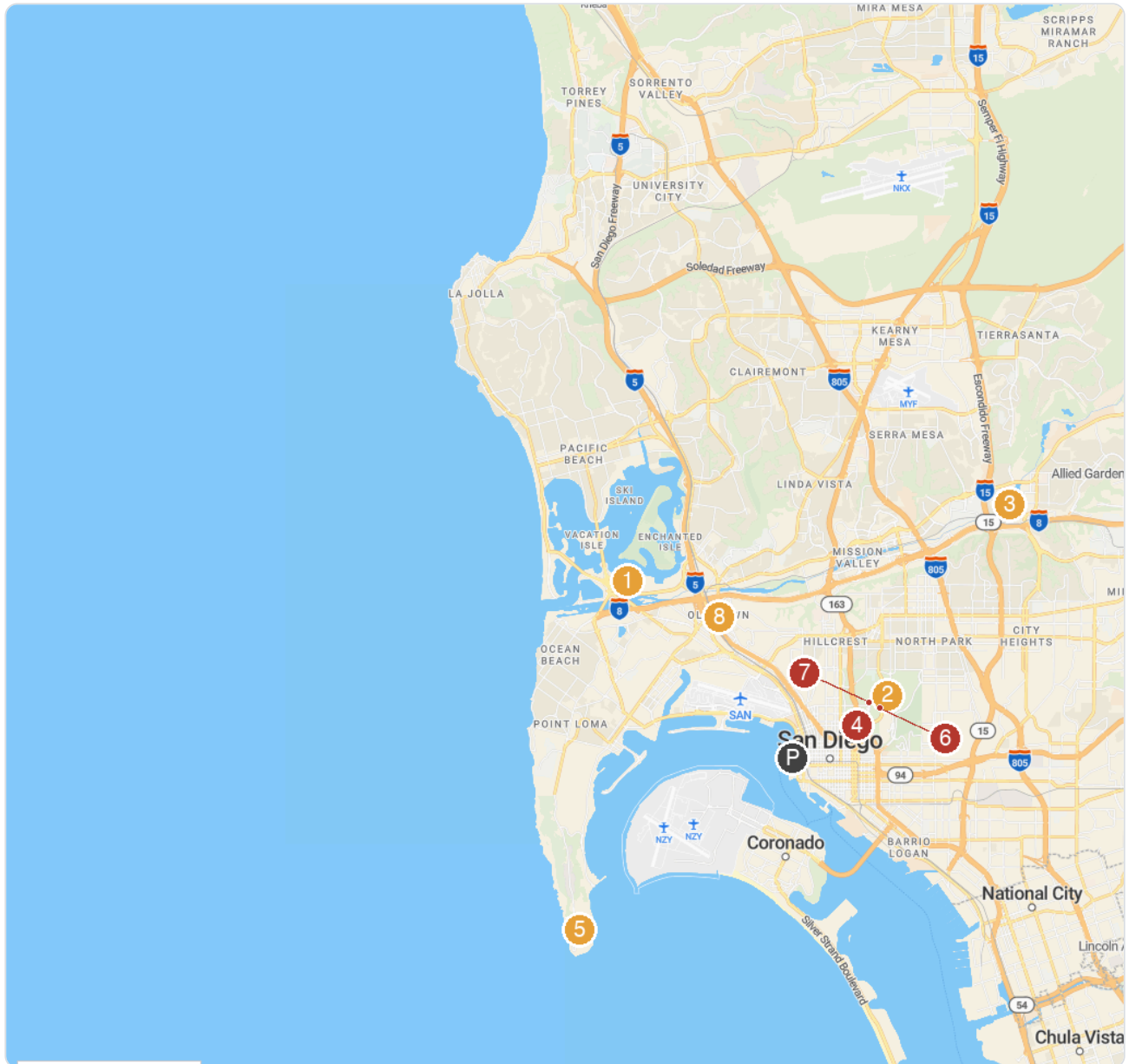
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sunscreen is non-negotiable. San Diego gets 266 sunny days a year and UV is intense even in winter. Apply before you leave the ship.
- Take the Coronado ferry. It departs from Broadway Pier, costs ~\$9 each way, and runs roughly hourly. Coronado Beach is worth every minute of that 15-minute ride.
- Book the Zoo in advance. The San Diego Zoo is world-class but lines for tickets can be long. Buy online before your cruise to skip the queue.
- Cards accepted everywhere. San Diego is very card-friendly — USD cash is rarely needed. Rideshares (Uber/Lyft) work seamlessly from both piers.
- Little Italy for lunch. Walk 15 minutes north along the waterfront to find some of San Diego's best Italian restaurants and a buzzing café scene around India Street.
- Homeport timing. Many San Diego calls are turnarounds — ships often clear the gangway by 7-8am and don't depart until late evening, giving a full day. Confirm your all-aboard time before heading out.

San Diego, California, USA — Port Map

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| 1 SeaWorld San Diego | Marine theme park with shows, rides, and aquatic animals. | 2 Balboa Park | Vast urban park with museums, gardens, and cultural attractions. |
| 3 Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá | California's first Spanish mission, a historic Catholic church. | 4 San Diego Air & Space Museum | Museum showcasing historic aircraft and space exploration artifacts. |
| 5 Cabrillo National Monument | Historic monument with lighthouse, tide pools, and ocean views. | 6 Fleet Science Center | Interactive science museum with an IMAX dome theater. |
| 7 The San Diego Museum of Art | Museum featuring European, American, and Asian art collections. | 8 Old Town San Diego State Historic Park | Historic park preserving early California's first European settlement. |
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