

Baubau, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia

Baubau guards the southern entrance to the Banda Sea with a Guinness-record fortress and a culture shaped by sultans, sea gypsies, and seafarers. Few cruise ports in Southeast Asia feel this genuinely off the beaten path.

 Docked (Murhum Port)  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)  Indonesian / Butonese

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Murhum Port, ~2 km from city center; walk or short taxi **Don't Miss:** Benteng Keraton Buton — one of the world's largest fortresses

Best For: History, local culture, off-the-beaten-path Indonesia **Currency:** Indonesian Rupiah; small USD/AUD acceptable at some stalls

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~50,000 IDR (~\$3 USD) ·  **Rideshare**  Grab, Maxim

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Benteng Keraton Buton Fortress** — This 16th-century limestone hilltop citadel — recognized by Guinness World Records in 2006 as the largest fortress in... clear water, white sand...
- Pasar Wameo Market & Ikat Weavers** — Baubau's traditional market near the waterfront buzzes with daily life.
- Nirwana Beach** — About 9-10 km southwest of the city center (near Betoambari Airport), Nirwana Beach delivers
- Bajo Sea-Gypsy Village** — The Bajo (Bajau) people have built their homes on stilts over the water for centuries.
- Sampolawa River Boat Trip** — Head south for a boat journey up the Sampolawa River through lush mangrove and jungle scenery.

BEST WALKS

- Port to City Center & Market** 2 km | Easy | 25-30 min — A flat walk along the waterfront road from Murhum Port brings you to the city center and Pasar Wameo market.
- Benteng Keraton Fortress Grounds** 1-2 km inside fortress | Moderate | 1-1.5 hrs — Once you've taxied up to the fortress, walk the perimeter walls and interior lanes past the Mesjid Keraton mosque, royal tombs, and...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		85°	77°	25d
Jun		84°	76°	20d
Aug		85°	74°	8d
Sep		87°	74°	7d
Oct		89°	75°	11d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:50AM–5:48PM · Jun 5:56AM–5:44PM · Aug 5:56AM–5:51PM · Sep 5:42AM–5:46PM · Oct 5:28AM–5:41PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress modestly at the fortress. Cover knees and shoulders — it's an active cultural and religious site. Carry a light scarf or sarong.
- Carry small Rupiah notes. ATMs exist in the city center but are not guaranteed to work with foreign cards. Get cash before leaving the ship if possible.

Baubau, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia — 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 Istana Malige | Istana Malige is a traditional Butonese royal palace. | 2 Drakenstandbeeld van het Boeton Islamitische Sultanaat | A dragon statue symbolizing the Buton Islamic Sultanate. |
| 3 BATU POARO | Batu Poaro is a scenic beach with unique rock formations. | 4 Buton Sultanate Palace Fortress | Ancient fortress and former palace of the Buton Sultanate. |
| 5 lawana gundu-gundu | Lawana Gundu-Gundu is a natural cave with historical significance. | P Cruise port / terminal | |