

Boa Vista Island, Cape Verde

Africa's windswept gem drops you onto a desert island where Saharan dunes meet turquoise Atlantic surf — and loggerhead turtles outnumber the tourists.

-  Tender port (no cruise pier)
-  Typical call: 7-9 hrs
-  Cape Verdean Escudo (CVE) / Euros accepted
-  Portuguese (Kriolu widely spoken)
-  Turtle nesting: July–October

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor in Sal Rei Bay; tender to waterfront pier
Best For: Beaches, desert tours, snorkeling, turtle watching

Walk to Center: < 2 min from tender pier to Sal Rei town
Don't Miss: Viana Desert quad tour & Cabo Santa Maria shipwreck

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €10–€22 ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Viana Desert Quad or Buggy Tour** — Saharan sand carried by trade winds has built a true desert in the heart of Boa Vista.
- Santa Monica Beach Day** — A roughly 18 km sweep of white sand on the island's southwest coast, consistently ranked one of Africa's finest beaches.
- Loggerhead Turtle Night Tour (Jul–Oct)** — Boa Vista hosts one of the Atlantic's most important loggerhead sea-turtle nesting sites.
- Catamaran Snorkel & Swim** — Sail around Sal Rei Bay past Djeu Island, snorkel over coral reefs and shipwreck debris, and swim in clear Atlantic...
- Sal Rei Town & Chapel Walk** — Compact and walkable, Sal Rei has colonial-era architecture, a lively market, and the Igreja de Santa Isabel on the...

BEST WALKS

- Sal Rei Waterfront & Town Loop** 1.5 km · 25 min · Easy — From the tender pier stroll north along the waterfront past fishing boats, then into the small market square.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	77°	68°	0d
Jun	79°	71°	0d
Aug	83°	76°	6d
Sep	85°	77°	8d
Oct	85°	77°	2d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:16AM–6:46PM · Jun 5:59AM–7:04PM · Aug 6:16AM–6:55PM · Sep 6:20AM–6:33PM · Oct 6:24AM–6:10PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Euros are widely accepted by tour operators and many restaurants, but carry some Cape Verdean Escudos (CVE) for the market and smaller stalls. ATMs exist in Sal Rei but can run...
- Agree taxi fares before you get in — there are no meters. Fares to Santa Monica Beach or the Viana Desert can be steep; pre-booking a tour is usually better value.

Boa Vista Island, Cape Verde — 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** **Sidy tours** Sidy Tours is a local company offering island excursions.
- 3** **Chaminé de Chaves** Chaminé de Chaves is an iconic old brick chimney landmark.
- 5** **Praia da Atalanta** Praia da Atalanta is a beach with a famous shipwreck.

- 2** **Momo Tour Boavista Cap vert** Momo Tour offers guided excursions around Boa Vista Island.
- 4** **Praia de Chaves** Praia de Chaves is a long, beautiful sandy beach.
- P** **Cruise port / terminal**