

Buenaventura, Valle del Cauca, Colombia

Colombia's principal Pacific port opened to cruises only in 2023. The rewards — pristine Pacific beaches, humpback whales, and dense mangrove swamps — all lie a speedboat ride away from the pier.

Anchor/Tender port

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Colombian Peso (COP)

Spanish

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor & tender; no dedicated cruise terminal

Best For: Pacific beaches, whale watching (Jul–Oct), mangroves

Don't Miss: Speedboat to Juanchaco & Ladrilleros beaches

Safety Note: Stay on guided tours — city centre is not safe for independent walking

Getting around: **Taxi** 8,000–15,000 COP (~\$2–4 USD) · **Rideshare** Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Juanchaco & Ladrilleros Beaches** — A one-hour speedboat ride delivers you to wild Pacific beaches backed by jungle.
 - Humpback Whale Watching** — From July to October (peak Aug–Sep), humpback whales migrate along the Colombian Pacific coast.
 - Mangrove Swamp Boat Tour** — Glide through Buenaventura's intricate mangrove channels with a local
- guide.

 - San Cipriano Nature Reserve** — Reached via a memorable ride on a hand-powered rail cart (the famous 'brujita'), San Cipriano features crystal-clear...
 - Afro-Colombian Culture & Seafood** — The Tourist Pier area offers a gentle introduction to the region's Afro-Colombian heritage — folklore music, marimba de...

BEST WALKS

- Muelle Turístico Promenade** 0.3 km · Easy · Stay on the pier — A short walk along the floating Tourist Pier offers bay views, craft vendors, and a seafood kiosk or two.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	81°	73°	30d
Jun	80°	73°	30d
Aug	80°	73°	31d
Sep	80°	72°	30d
Oct	80°	73°	31d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:02AM–6:13PM · Jun 5:58AM–6:18PM · Aug 6:05AM–6:19PM · Sep 5:59AM–6:06PM · Oct 5:52AM–5:54PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Stay on organised tours. Buenaventura city centre carries a 'do not travel' advisory from the UK, Canada, and other governments due to gang activity. All sightseeing outside the...
- Whale season is July–October. If your voyage calls here in that window, whale watching is the must-do excursion — book before you board.

Buenaventura, Valle del Cauca, Colombia — 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 Balneario de Aguaciarita

Natural river pools for swimming and relaxation.

P Cruise port / terminal