

Coiba Island, Veraguas, Panama

A UNESCO World Heritage wilderness off Panama's Pacific coast, Coiba Island trades cruise terminal crowds for pristine jungle, world-class reefs, and one of the most biodiverse stretches of ocean in the Eastern Pacific.

Tender (no pier)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

US Dollar (USD)

Spanish

National Park / Permit Required

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor offshore; passengers ferry to the ANAM ranger station dock

Best For: Snorkeling, diving, wildlife spotting, nature walks, penal colony history

Walk to center: No town — landing is at ANAM ranger station on the main island; all activity is guided

Don't Miss: Granito de Oro snorkel site (coral gardens + sea turtles) and scarlet macaws at the ranger station

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Granito de Oro Snorkeling** — Coiba's star snorkel site: a tiny islet surrounded by shallow coral gardens teeming with reef fish, hawksbill turtles...
 - Coiba Jungle Wildlife Walk** — Guided walk through old-growth rainforest preserved by the island's penal-colony history.
- Former Penal Colony Tour** — Walk the haunting ruins of the penal colony that operated from 1919 to 2004.
 - Scuba Diving — Hammerhead & Whale Shark Zone** — Coiba sits on the same migratory corridor as the Galápagos.
 - Whale & Dolphin Watching** — Humpback whales migrate through Coiba's waters July–October (peak August–September).

BEST WALKS

- ANAM Ranger Station Nature Trail** ~1.5 km | Easy | Guided — A short interpretive trail beginning at the ranger station loops through secondary forest and along the shore.
- Penal Colony Ruins Walk** ~1 km | Easy | Guided — A flat walk from the ranger station to the former penal colony central building.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	86°	77°	21d
Jun	82°	76°	29d
Aug	82°	75°	31d
Sep	82°	75°	30d
Oct	81°	75°	31d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:18AM–6:35PM · Jun 6:10AM–6:43PM · Aug 6:20AM–6:41PM · Sep 6:17AM–6:26PM · Oct 6:13AM–6:10PM

US Dollar (USD)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book excursions before sailing. Park permits and licensed guides are required — independent access is not possible. Your cruise line shore-ex desk or a pre-booked operator handles...
- Bring USD cash. There are zero commercial facilities on the island. Cash is only needed for tips and any incidentals on the tender ride.