

Conflict Islands, Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea

Twenty-one uninhabited islands rimming a sunken-volcano lagoon, home to 400 coral species and one of the Pacific's most pristine marine ecosystems. Cruise ships anchor in the turquoise lagoon and tender passengers to Panasesa Island for a day of snorkeling, wildlife, and silence.

⚓ Tender only (no pier)

🕒 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

💰 AUD vouchers / USD accepted

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🌿 Marine conservation site

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor & tender to Panasesa Island

Best For: Snorkeling, diving, sea turtles, total seclusion

Don't Miss: CICI Turtle Conservation Sanctuary on Panasesa

Walk to Center: No town — entire island is the resort/beach

🚗 Getting around: 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Reef Snorkel** — Slip into the water directly off Panasesa beach and explore a reef hosting roughly 800 reef-fish species and over 400...
- **Turtle Conservation Sanctuary Visit** — The Conflict Islands Conservation Initiative (CICI) operates a sea-turtle nursery on Panasesa where endangered...
- **Glass-Bottom Boat Tour** — Survey the outer reef and lagoon bommies without getting wet — guides point out manta rays, reef sharks, and giant...
- **Kayak & Paddleboard the Lagoon** — Paddle across the calm inner lagoon, circumnavigate the island's sandspits, and drift above coral heads.
- **Outrigger Canoe Ride** — Traditional Papua New Guinean outrigger canoes take small groups across the lagoon, offering a peaceful and culturally...

BEST WALKS

- **Panasesa Island Beach Circuit** ~1.5 km loop · 25 min · Flat sand · Easy — Walk the perimeter of Panasesa Island along its white-sand shore, passing the turtle sanctuary, resort bungalows, and lookout points...

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Buy vouchers aboard ship. There is no ATM on the island. Cruise lines sell pre-denominated AUD vouchers (A\$25/50/100) before arrival — pick these up the evening before your call.
- Bring your own mask and fins if possible. Rental gear is available but limited supply means early tenders get the best fit. This reef genuinely rewards snorkeling.
- Sun protection is critical. Open sandy beach with no shade trees over most of the shoreline — wear a rash guard, apply SPF 50+, and bring a hat. The tropical sun is intense.