

Floreana Island, Galápagos, Ecuador

One of the Galápagos' oldest and most enigmatic islands, Floreana blends extraordinary wildlife — flamingos, sea turtles, reef sharks — with a stranger-than-fiction 1930s mystery that still isn't solved. Almost exclusively visited by small expedition ships.

- Tender only (panga/zodiac)
- Typical call: 6–8 hrs
- USD (cash rarely needed ashore)
- Spanish
- Galápagos National Park — guide required

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor & tender (panga) — no deep-water pier; wet landings at most sites

Best For: Wildlife, snorkeling, history, the famous Post Office Bay barrel tradition

Walk to center: Puerto Velasco Ibarra is tiny — side to side in 10 min; other sites require ship repositioning

Don't Miss: Post Office Bay barrel, Cormorant Point flamingo lagoon, Devil's Crown snorkel

Getting around: **Taxi** ~\$1–2 per person · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Post Office Bay & the Barrel Tradition** — Since 1793, sailors have left unstamped postcards in a barrel at Post Office Bay, trusting fellow travelers to...
- Cormorant Point: Flamingos & Flour Beach** — A flat 2 km loop trail passes a saltwater lagoon populated by Greater Flamingos, then ends at Flour Beach — ultra-fine...
- Devil's Crown Snorkeling** — Corona del Diablo — a partially submerged eroded volcanic cone — is among the best snorkel sites in the entire Galápagos.
- Highlands: Asilo de la Paz & Giant Tortoises** — A bumpy 8 km chiva (open-air truck) ride into Floreana's lush highlands (Asilo de la Paz) brings you to the island's...
- Champion Islet Snorkeling** — A short panga ride from Floreana brings you to Champion Islet, another excellent snorkel and dive site with sea lions...

BEST WALKS

- Puerto Velasco Ibarra Village Stroll** Easy · ~10 min side to side · flat — The tiny settlement of Puerto Velasco Ibarra — Floreana's only village of ~170 residents — is walkable end to end in minutes.
- Cormorant Point Nature Trail** Easy · 2 km loop · flat volcanic path — Guided loop from the wet landing beach past the flamingo lagoon to Flour Beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:59AM–6:03PM · Jun 6:01AM–6:03PM · Aug 6:04AM–6:08PM · Sep 5:53AM–5:59PM · Oct 5:43AM–5:51PM	
Apr	77°	71°	17d	USD (cash rarely needed ashore)	
Jun	73°	68°	11d		
Aug	69°	65°	8d		
Sep	69°	64°	6d		
Oct	69°	64°	7d		

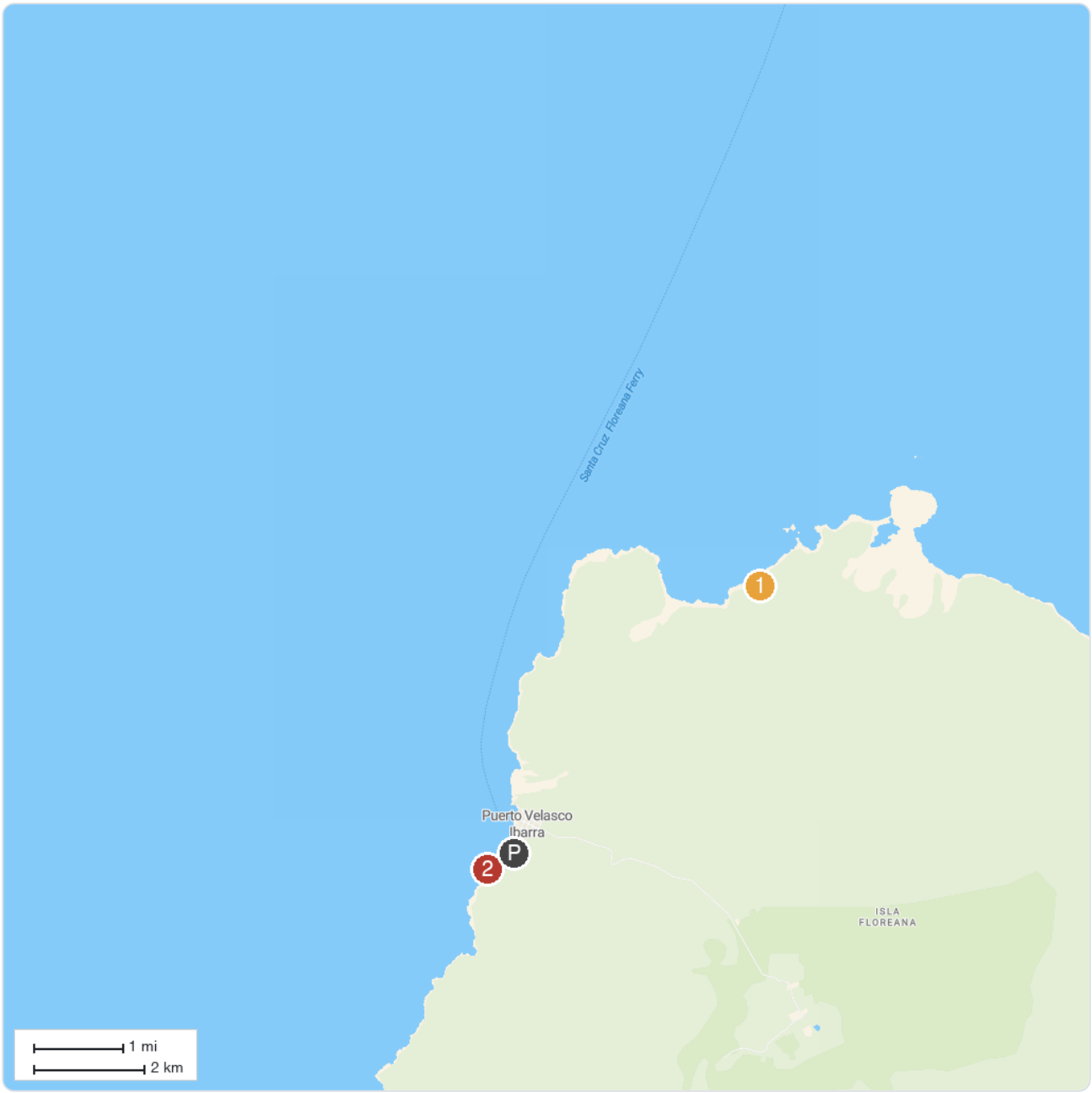
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Write postcards before you land. Bring several unstamped cards to Post Office Bay — no pen or cards are sold on the island. Also

Floreana Island, Galápagos, Ecuador — 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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Post Office Bay

Historic barrel for sending and receiving postcards.
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La Loberia Isla Floreana

Beach with a large, accessible sea lion colony.
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Cruise port / terminal