

# Fogo Island, São Filipe, Cape Verde

The fire island of Cape Verde. An active 2,829 m volcano, a caldera you can drive into, colonial sobrado mansions in São Filipe, and wine and coffee grown in volcanic ash.

- Tender (no pier)
- Typical call: 6-8 hrs
- Cape Verdean Escudo (CVE)
- Portuguese & Cape Verdean Creole
- Mostly expedition & small ships

## MY DAY IN PORT

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

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Tender to Vale de Cavaleiros quay, ~3 km north of São Filipe

**Walk to center:** ~3 km to São Filipe old town; short taxi or 30-40 min walk

**Best For:** Volcano hiking, the Chã das Caldeiras caldera, colonial architecture, volcanic wine

**Don't Miss:** Chã das Caldeiras crater and the sobrados of São Filipe

Getting around: Taxi Negotiate before riding

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Chã das Caldeiras & Pico do Fogo** — Drive up into Chã das Caldeiras, the village inside the volcanic caldera at ~1,700 m, ringed by the black lava fields of the 2014-2015 eruption.
- São Filipe Old Town & Sobrados Walk** — Wander Bila Baxo, the historic heart of São Filipe, with cobbled streets and 19th-century 'sobrados' — elegant two-storey colonial mansions with...
- Fogo Volcanic Wine & Coffee Tasting** — Vines and coffee grow in the mineral-rich volcanic ash of Chã das Caldeiras, 1,500-2,000 m up.
- Parque Natural do Fogo Scenic Drive** — The protected Parque Natural do Fogo wraps the volcano and caldera, with dramatic lava landscapes, endemic plants, and sweeping viewpoints on the...
- Cape Verdean Food & Market** — Sample cachupa — Cape Verde's national slow-cooked hominy-and-bean stew — along with fresh fish and tropical fruit.

## BEST WALKS

- São Filipe Old Town & Clifftop** 2 km · 1-1.5 hrs · Easy — Stroll the cobbled streets of Bila Baxo past colourful sobrado mansions and the town church, then out to the cliff-top plazas above Praia da Bila for views over the...
- Chã das Caldeiras Lava Walk** 2-3 km · 1-1.5 hrs · Easy to moderate — If your excursion brings you up to the caldera, walk across the 2014-2015 lava field in Chã das Caldeiras, past homes rebuilt on the new rock and the rim of the dramatic...

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

| CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |      |     |      | DAYLIGHT & MONEY                                                                                  |  |
|-------------------------------|------|-----|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Mon                           | High | Low | Rain | Apr 6:24AM–6:52PM · Jun 6:08AM–7:08PM · Aug 6:23AM–7:00PM · Sep 6:26AM–6:39PM · Oct 6:29AM–6:17PM |  |
| Apr                           | 80°  | 69° | 0d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Jun                           | 82°  | 72° | 0d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Aug                           | 84°  | 75° | 3d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Sep                           | 84°  | 75° | 4d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Oct                           | 83°  | 74° | 2d   |                                                                                                   |  |

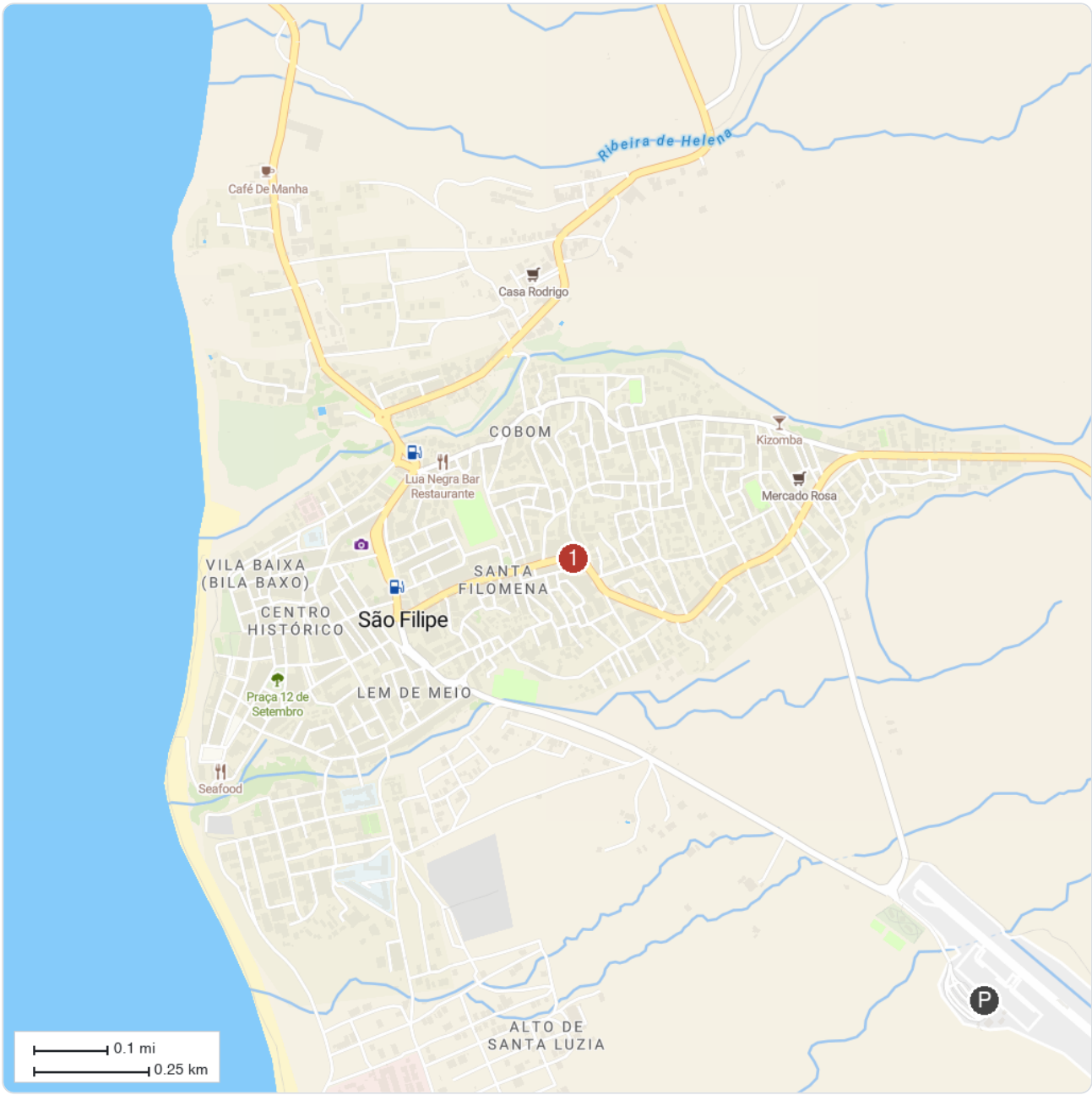
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sort transport on arrival. Vehicles are scarce on Fogo. If going independent, grab a taxi or aluguer at the quay gate right away and agree the fare first — or book a ship excursion for the volcano.
- Respect the volcano. Pico do Fogo is active and last erupted in 2014-2015. A full summit climb is strenuous and high-altitude — go with a local guide and start early.
- Layer for altitude. The coast is hot, but Chã das Caldeiras sits near 1,700 m and is much cooler and windier. Bring a layer, sun protection, and sturdy shoes for the lava.
- Carry cash. The currency is the Cape Verdean Escudo (CVE); Euros are widely accepted. Card acceptance is limited, so bring cash for taxis, markets, and small vendors.
- Try the volcanic wine and coffee. Fogo's Manecom and Chã wines and Café do Fogo arabica are grown in the caldera's ash — a genuinely unique local taste.
- It's a tender call to a working quay. Vale de Cavaleiros has basic facilities and no cruise terminal. Note your last tender time and allow buffer if you head up to the caldera.

# Fogo Island, São Filipe, 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** São Filipe  
Old Town

Colonial-era sobrado mansions with colorful  
facades along cobbled streets.

**P** Cruise port / terminal