

Galle, Southern Province, Sri Lanka

A living UNESCO World Heritage fortress rising from Sri Lanka's southwest coast — where Dutch ramparts meet boutique cafes, and the Indian Ocean shimmers just beyond the cannon ports.

 Tender port (most ships)

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR)

 Sinhala / English widely spoken

 Hot & humid year-round

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Galle Port Jetty (small ships may dock at commercial pier)

Best For: Colonial history, fort rampart walks, beach day at Unawatuna

Walk to Fort: ~1.2 km (15-20 min flat walk) from jetty to Galle Fort Main Gate

Don't Miss: Sunset walk on the Dutch ramparts past Galle Lighthouse

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$5–10 USD for local trips; \$80–150 USD for day tours ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, PickMe

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Galle Fort Walking Tour** — Explore the UNESCO-listed Dutch fort on foot — ramparts, the 1939 lighthouse, the Dutch Reformed Church (1755), Galle...
- Unawatuna Beach Day** — Sri Lanka's most popular crescent beach is just 5.5 km south of the port.
- Stilt Fishermen & Coastal Drive** — Head east along the coast toward Koggala and Ahangama to photograph Sri Lanka's iconic stilt fishermen perched on poles...
- Jungle Beach Snorkel** — A secluded cove near Rumassala Sanctuary reached by a short forest path.
- Whale & Dolphin Watch from Mirissa** — Mirissa, about 35 km east along the coast, is Sri Lanka's premier whale-watching spot.

BEST WALKS

- Rampart Circuit — Fort Walls Walk** 2.5 km loop · 45-60 min · Easy · Best at sunset — Walk the full perimeter of Galle Fort's 17th-century Dutch ramparts.
- Fort Heritage Lane Walk** 1.5 km · 30-45 min · Easy · Shopping & history — Duck inside the fort walls and wander Church Street and Pedlar Street — lined with colonial villas converted into boutiques, gem...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	86°	77°	26d
Jun	83°	78°	29d
Aug	83°	77°	29d
Sep	82°	77°	29d
Oct	83°	76°	29d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:01AM–6:16PM · Jun 5:55AM–6:23PM · Aug 6:04AM–6:22PM · Sep 6:00AM–6:08PM · Oct 5:55AM–5:54PM

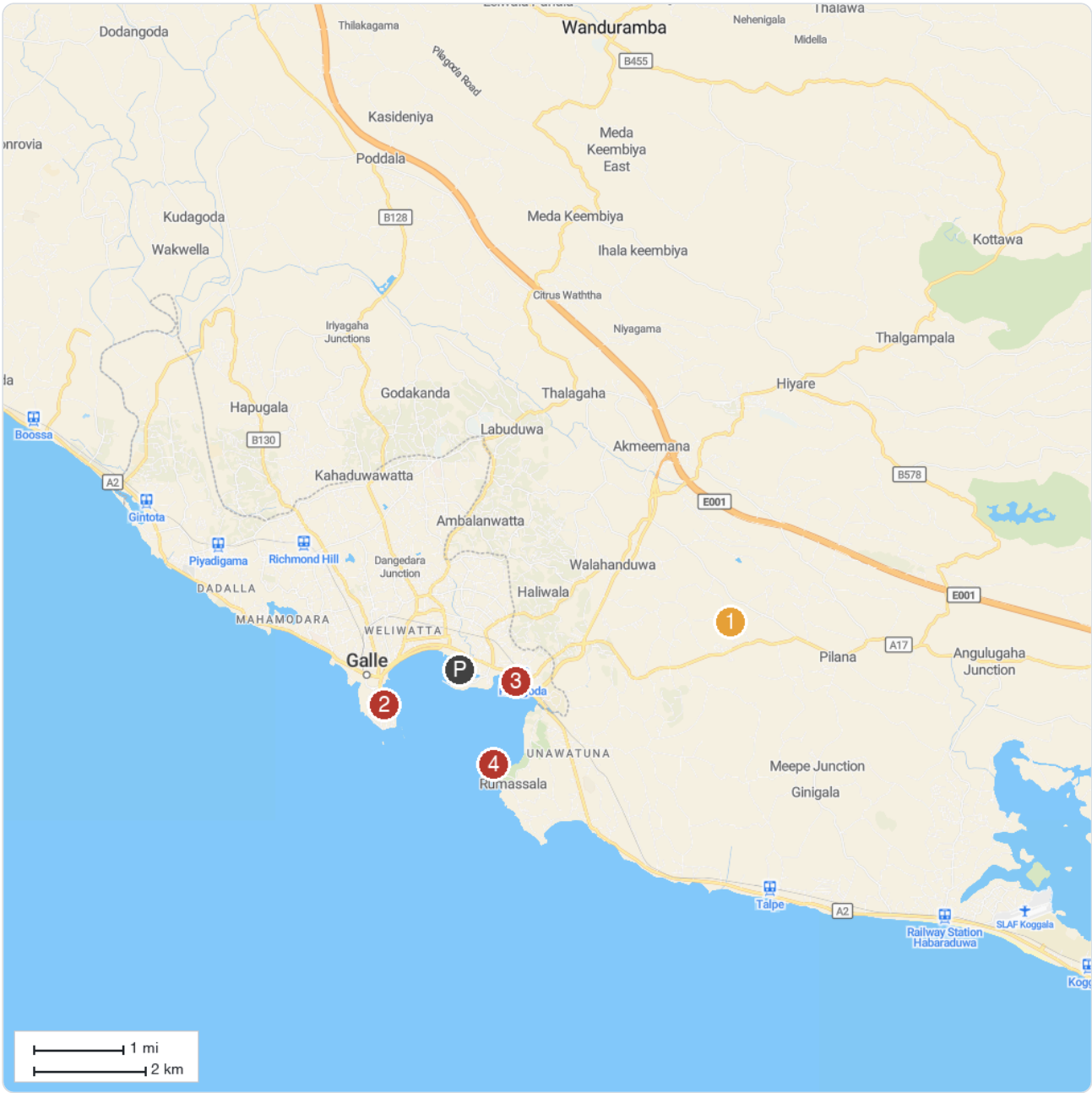
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tuk-tuk scams: Always agree a price before boarding. Some drivers offer 'free tours' then detour to gem or spice shops with high-pressure sales. Politely decline and stick to...

Galle, Southern Province, Sri Lanka — 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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Mahamevnawa Buddhist Monastery
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A serene Buddhist monastery for spiritual reflection.
- 2

Maritime Archaeology Museum

Explore Galle's rich maritime history and artifacts.
- 3

Dewata Beach

A popular surfing beach with calm waters.
- 4

Rumassala South Beach

Picturesque beach known for its natural beauty and legends.
- P

Cruise port / terminal