

Gisborne, North Island, New Zealand

Where New Zealand's history began — first landfall for Captain Cook, first land to greet each sunrise, and a sun-drenched coast of surf, wine, and deep Māori culture.

-  Tender port
-  Typical call: 7-9 hrs
-  NZD (cards widely accepted)
-  English & Māori
-  Poverty Bay, East Cape

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in Poverty Bay; tenders to inner harbour

Walk to centre: ~15 min / 1.2 km along the Tūranganui River from tender pier

Best For: Māori culture, surf beaches, wine tours, Cook history

Don't Miss: Kaiti Hill views & Captain Cook landing site

🚗 Getting around: 🚖 **Taxi** ✅ NZD 10–15 · 🚲 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Dive Tatapouri Reef Ecology Tour** — Wade onto a coastal reef at low tide and hand-feed wild stingrays and eagle rays — Gisborne's most distinctive...
- **Kaiti Hill & Cook Landing Site** — Climb or taxi to Titirangi (Kaiti Hill) for 360° views of Poverty Bay and your ship.
- **Tairāwhiti Museum** — One of New Zealand's best regional museums — Māori taonga (treasures), a restored historic cottage, maritime exhibits...
- **Rere Rockslide & Falls** — A 60-metre natural rock chute where locals slide on boogie boards into a swimming hole.
- **Gisborne Wine Trail** — Gisborne is the Chardonnay Capital of New Zealand, famed for rich, buttery whites and excellent Gewürztraminer.

BEST WALKS

- **Tūranganui River Walkway to City Centre** 1.2 km · 15 min · Flat & paved — The classic cruise walk: follow the scenic riverbank path from the inner harbour tender landing straight into the Gladstone Road café...
- **Waikanae Beach Stroll** ~2 km · 25 min from tender · Flat — Continue past the city centre to Waikanae Beach — a wide grey-sand beach safe for swimming, popular with locals.
- **Kaiti Hill Lookout** 1.5 km up · 30 min climb · Moderate — From the Cook Monument at the base of Kaiti Hill, follow the walking track to the summit for sweeping views across Poverty Bay and...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌦️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇳🇿 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:35AM–5:40PM · Jun 7:24AM–4:52PM · Aug 6:54AM–5:30PM · Sep 6:09AM–5:57PM · Oct 6:22AM–7:25PM	
Apr	66°	54°	13d		
Jun	58°	47°	14d		
Aug	57°	45°	12d		
Sep	60°	47°	14d		
Oct	64°	50°	11d		

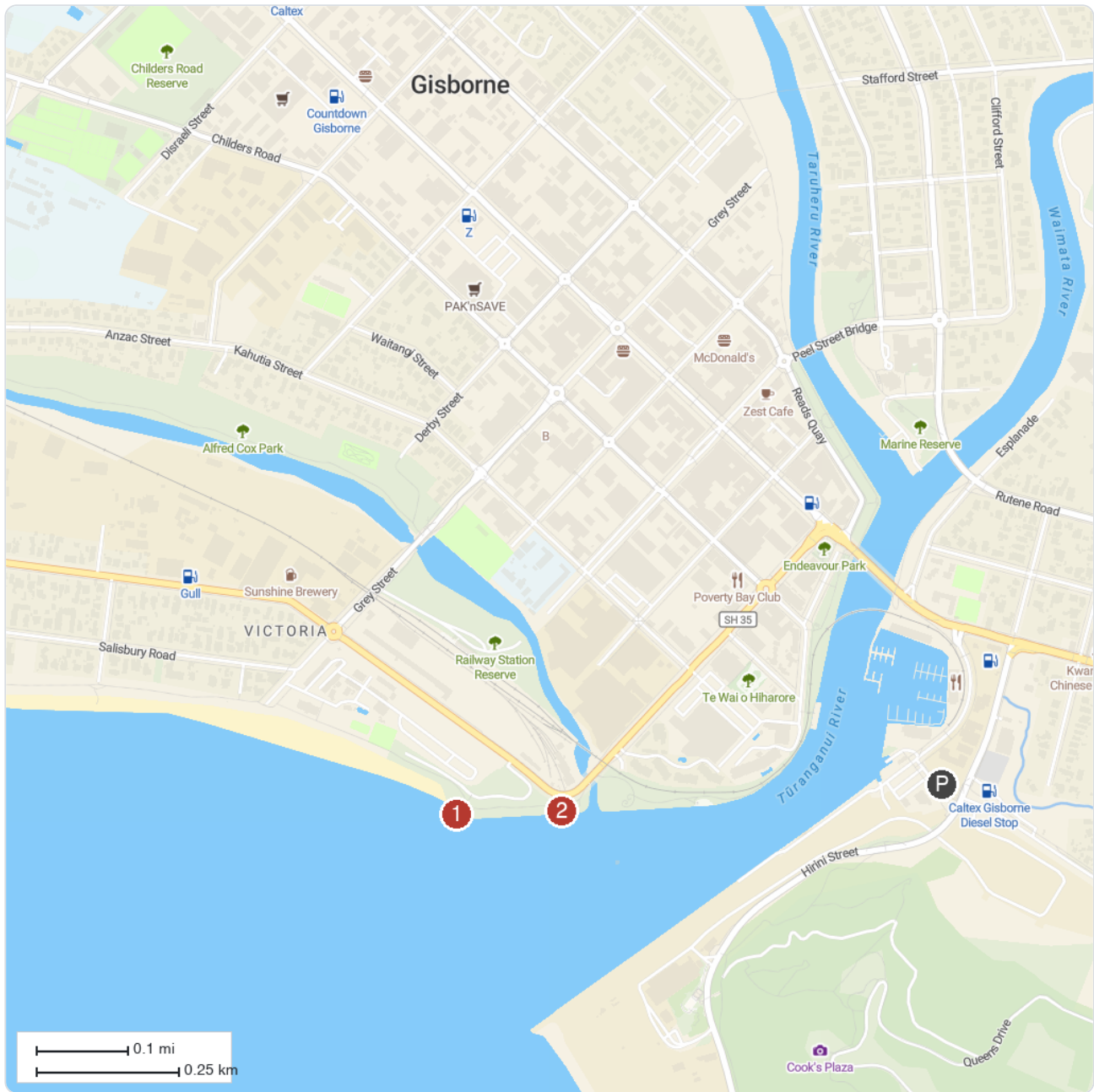
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Strict NZ biosecurity: Do not bring fruit, food, or plant material ashore. On-the-spot fines of \$400 NZD apply — and they check bags at the port.

Gisborne, North Island, New Zealand — 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 Young Nick Statue Statue of Young Nick, first European to sight New Zealand.

2 Captain Cook Statue Statue of Captain Cook, who charted New Zealand's coast.

P Cruise port / terminal