

Gizo, Western Province, Solomon Islands

A raw, authentic slice of the South Pacific — world-class diving in the Coral Triangle, WWII wreck sites, and the island where JFK's crew swam to safety. Expedition ships love it for good reason.

-  Tender port (ships anchor offshore)
-  Typical call: 6–8 hrs
-  Solomon Islands Dollar (SBD); USD/AUD accepted
-  English & Solomon Islands Pijin
-  Dive & snorkel destination

🍌 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor, boats land at Gizo Town Wharf

Walk to center: 0 min — wharf is in town center

Best For: Diving, WWII history, Kennedy Island, local markets

Don't Miss: Kennedy Island boat trip & the open-air market at the wharf

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  SBD 25–35 (~USD 3–4) per trip

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Kennedy Island & PT-109 Story** — Hire a local banana boat to Plum Pudding (Kennedy) Island, where JFK and his PT-109 crew swam after their torpedo boat...
- **WWII Wreck Diving** — The Toa Maru, a sunken Japanese merchant ship, and other wrecks sit in warm, clear water teeming with marine life.
- **Coral Triangle Snorkel Safari** — The waters around Gizo sit inside the Coral Triangle, the global center of marine biodiversity.
- **Fatboys or Sanbis Resort Day Trip** — Two private island resorts a short boat ride from Gizo offer overwater bars, white sand, and house reefs.
- **Gizo Market & Wood Carving Shopping** — The waterfront market buzzes with locals arriving by canoe from surrounding islands.

BEST WALKS

- **Gizo Waterfront Stroll** ~1 km · 20 min · Flat · Free — Walk the main street from the town wharf past the open-air market, the BSP bank, local shops, and the PT 109 Bar to the Gizo Hotel.
- **Up to St. Peter's Cathedral** ~10 min walk · Easy · Free — A short walk from the wharf brings you to St.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		83°	80°	26d
Jun		83°	80°	26d
Aug		82°	79°	27d
Sep		82°	79°	25d
Oct		83°	79°	24d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:35AM–6:30PM · Jun 6:43AM–6:22PM · Aug 6:42AM–6:32PM · Sep 6:26AM–6:29PM · Oct 6:10AM–6:26PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring USD or AUD in small bills. Gizo's ATM (BSP — the only bank in town since ANZ closed in 2020) frequently runs out of cash or rejects foreign cards. Vendors and boat drivers...