

Golfo Dulce, Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica

One of only four tropical fjords on Earth, Golfo Dulce wraps calm, whale-nursery waters in some of the planet's densest rainforest. Expedition ships anchor offshore; mornings here belong to scarlet macaws, howler monkeys, and the occasional tapir track.

-  Tender port (anchor out)
-  Typical call: 6–8 hrs
-  USD widely accepted / Costa Rican Colón
-  Spanish (English common in tourism)
-  Eco & expedition destination

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor; Zodiacs or pangas ferry passengers ashore to Golfito or Puerto Jiménez

Best For: Wildlife, birdwatching, rainforest hikes, Corcovado access, whale-watching

Walk to center: 5–10 min flat from Golfito pier; Puerto Jiménez main street is directly at the dock

Don't Miss: Wild scarlet macaws in flight, a fresh ceviche at the waterfront, and the drive or boat to Corcovado

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$5–\$15

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Corcovado National Park Hike** — National Geographic's 'most biologically intense place on Earth.' A certified guide is required by law.
- **Whale & Dolphin Watching** — Golfo Dulce is one of few places where both Northern and Southern Hemisphere humpback whales breed.
- **Casa Orquídeas Botanical Garden** — A private garden on the gulf's inner shoreline accessible only by boat.
- **Mangrove Kayaking (Coto or Esquinas River)** — Paddle through ancient mangrove tunnels that shelter caimans, herons, kingfishers, and boa constrictors.
- **Playa Cacao Beach Day** — A 10-minute water taxi from Golfito, Playa Cacao offers calm, warm dark-sand swimming, a couple of rustic beach bars...

BEST WALKS

- **Golfito Waterfront & American Zone** ~1.5 km · 25 min · Flat · Free — Walk north from the marina along the waterfront to the 'Zona Americana,' a cluster of raised wooden plantation houses built by United...
- **Puerto Jiménez Town Stroll** ~1 km · 15 min · Flat · Free — From the dock, walk along Calle Principal past tour operators, Café Monka for coffee, and the Marisquería Corcovado on the waterfront...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌡️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇸🇵 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:23AM–5:41PM · Jun 5:14AM–5:51PM · Aug 5:25AM–5:48PM · Sep 5:22AM–5:32PM · Oct 5:20AM–5:15PM	
Apr	84°	74°	24d	🇺🇸 USD widely accepted / Costa Rican Colón	
Jun	82°	73°	29d		
Aug	81°	73°	30d		
Sep	82°	72°	29d		
Oct	81°	72°	30d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear the right shoes. Tender landings and most walks require closed-toe shoes or sturdy sandals. Flip-flops won't cut it for any