

Graciosa Island, Azores, Portugal

The quietest island in the Azores, Graciosa rewards those who seek it out: a dramatic volcanic cavern with a sulfur lake, red-domed Flemish windmills, warm thermal pools, and a sandy beach right at the tender pier.

 Tender port (no cruise pier)

 Typical call: 6–8 hrs

 Currency: Euro (€)

 Language: Portuguese

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Porto da Praia, Vila da Praia

Best For: Volcanic caves, windmills, thermal baths, off-the-beaten-path Azores

Walk to center: 2–5 min to Vila da Praia village; Santa Cruz capital is 6 km (needs transport)

Don't Miss: Furna do Enxofre sulfur cavern & queijadas pastries from the factory

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €7–€15 ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Furna do Enxofre — Volcanic Sulfur Cavern** — Descend a 183-step spiral staircase into a massive volcanic dome to find a cold, sulfurous lake and towering basalt...
- Termas do Carapacho — Thermal Baths & Natural Pools** — Soak in ~40°C (104°F) volcanic spring water at the island's thermal spa on the southeast coast, or swim in the adjacent...
- Santa Cruz da Graciosa — Island Capital Walk** — Explore the whitewashed capital with its 16th-century Igreja Matriz, the Praça dos Pauis (tree-lined square with...
- Flemish Windmills & Wine Cooperative** — Graciosa's red-domed windmills are an icon of Azorean heritage, introduced by Flemish settlers in the 15th century.
- Island Loop — Ponta da Barca Lighthouse & Ilhéu da Baleia** — Drive the island perimeter to the dramatic Ponta da Barca Lighthouse on the northwest tip, then stop at the Ilhéu da...

BEST WALKS

- Vila da Praia Village Stroll** 0.5 km · 15 min · Flat · Free — From the tender pier walk along the seafront to Praia de São Mateus beach, then loop back through the village past the Fábrica das...
- Santa Cruz to Monte da Ajuda** 1.5 km one-way · 45 min · Uphill · Free — From Santa Cruz's Praça dos Pauis, walk up to the hilltop Monte de Nossa Senhora da Ajuda for sweeping views of the capital and the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		62°	57°	15d
Jun		69°	64°	13d
Aug		75°	70°	14d
Sep		73°	69°	14d
Oct		69°	65°	15d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:15AM–8:29PM · Jun 6:25AM–9:19PM · Aug 7:05AM–8:46PM · Sep 7:33AM–7:59PM · Oct 8:02AM–7:12PM

Currency: Euro (€)

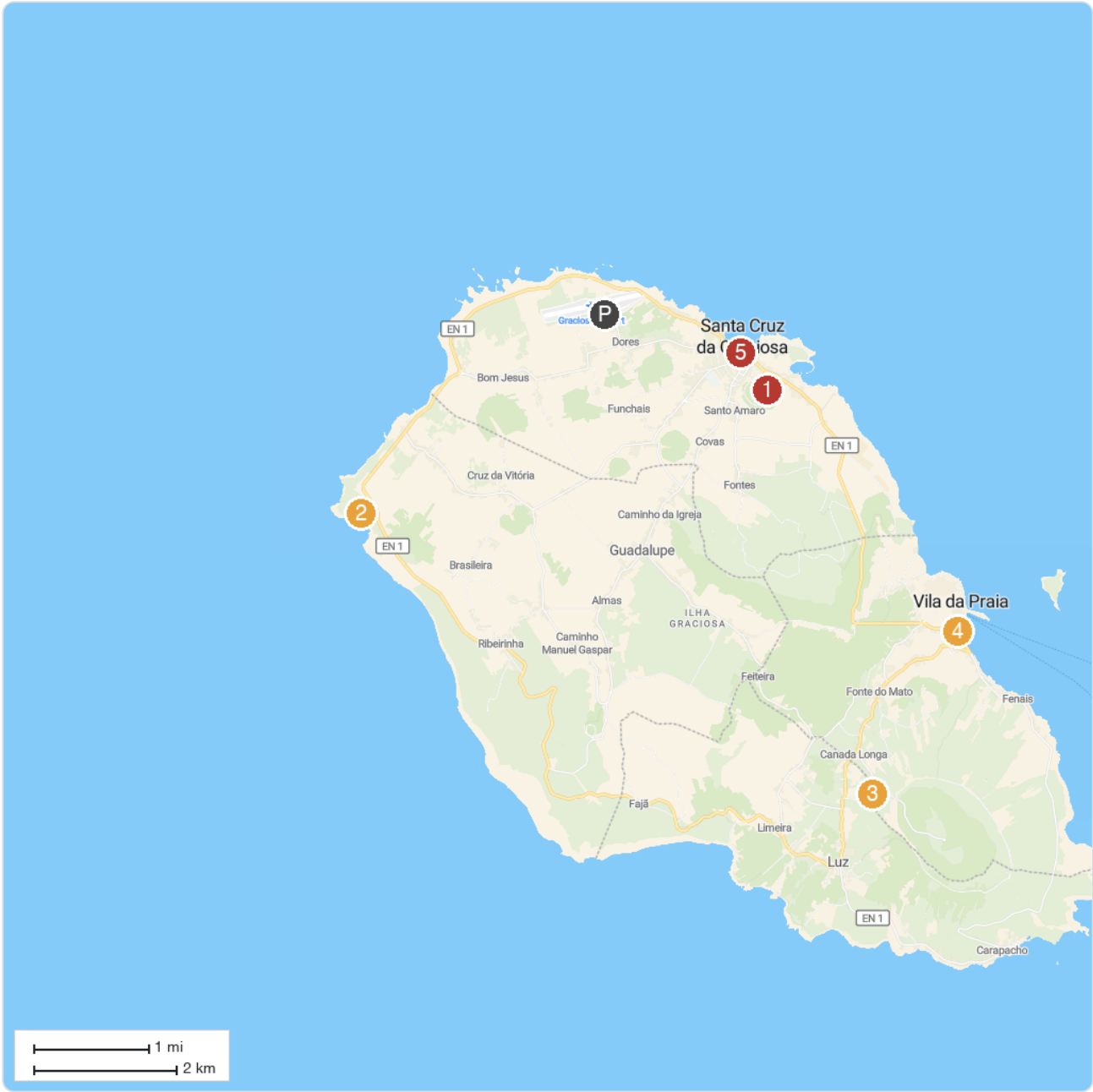
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book transport before you sail. Graciosa has very few taxis and rental cars. Without advance booking you may be stranded in Vila da Praia for the day, which is lovely, but

Graciosa Island, Azores, Portugal — 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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| 1 | Hermitage of Nossa Senhora da Ajuda | Historic chapel with panoramic views of the island. | 2 | Porto Afonso | Natural ocean swimming pool with scenic coastal views. |
| 3 | Furna do Abel | Accessible volcanic cave with unique geological formations. | 4 | Praia de São Mateus | Graciosa's largest sandy beach, perfect for swimming. |
| 5 | Museu da Graciosa | Island museum showcasing Graciosa's history and culture. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |