

Gulfport, Mississippi, USA

Mississippi's Secret Coast delivers Civil War history, pristine barrier island beaches, world-class seafood, and a waterfront park steps from the pier — all anchored by Southern hospitality.

 Pier (docked)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 USD

 English

 Barrier island beaches

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Port of Gulfport deepwater terminal; shuttle to Jones Park gate

Best For: Ship Island day trip, Mississippi Aquarium, Gulf Coast seafood

Walk to Center: ~0.4 mi / 8 min from port gate to downtown; shuttle from gangway to gate

Don't Miss: Fort Massachusetts on Ship Island — Civil War brick fort on a pristine barrier island

 Getting around:  **Taxi** ✓ \$15–\$25 ·  **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Ship Island Day Trip** — Ferry 11 miles offshore to West Ship Island, part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore.
- **Mississippi Aquarium** — A world-class mostly outdoor aquarium steps from the port, featuring a 360° shark tunnel, dolphins, otters, and...
- **Fort Massachusetts Tour** — On Ship Island, this intact masonry fort — begun in 1859 — housed Confederate and then Union troops.
- **Downtown Gulfport & Fishbone Alley** — Explore a revitalized historic downtown with murals, local art galleries, boutiques, and the Gulfport Museum of History...
- **Gulfport Beach Stroll** — A clean, wide white-sand beach runs along Highway 90 just minutes from the port.

BEST WALKS

- **Jones Park to Downtown Loop** 1.2 miles · 25 min · Easy — From the port shuttle drop-off at Jones Park, walk past the lighthouse replica to the waterfront promenade, then head up 25th Avenue...
- **Waterfront to Mississippi Aquarium** 0.5 miles · 10 min · Easy — A simple flat walk from Jones Park along the waterfront to the Mississippi Aquarium entrance on East Beach Drive.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	74°	62°	11d
Jun	85°	75°	18d
Aug	87°	77°	21d
Sep	84°	73°	14d
Oct	78°	65°	8d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:28AM–7:24PM · Jun 5:54AM–7:59PM · Aug 6:23AM–7:37PM · Sep 6:41AM–7:01PM · Oct 6:58AM–6:24PM

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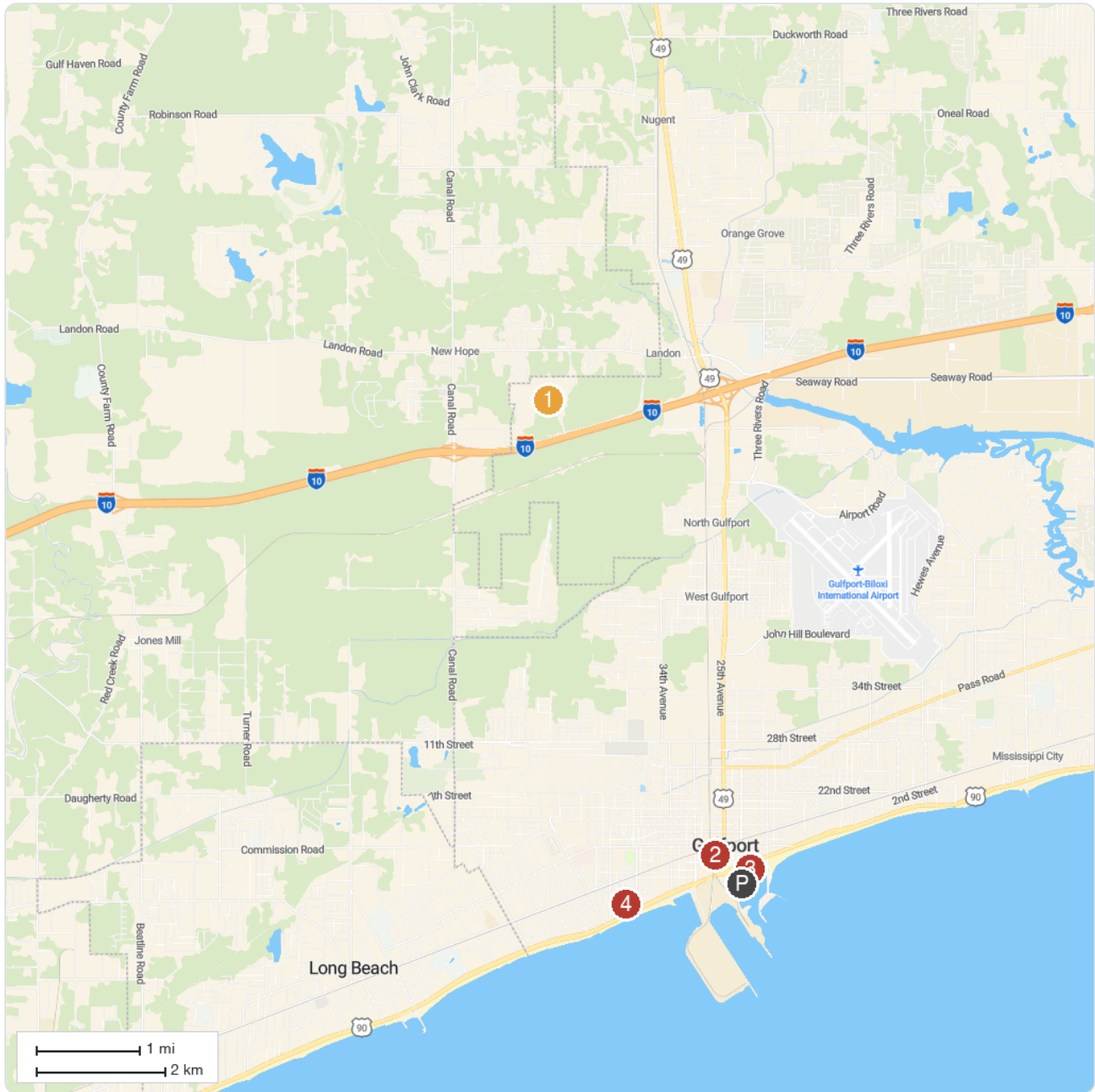
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Ship Island ferry early. The ferry from Gulfport Yacht Harbor sells out on summer call days — reserve tickets online before your cruise.
- Pack for Gulf heat. May–September is hot and humid (90°F+). Bring sunscreen, hat, and water — Ship Island has minimal shade.

Gulfport, Mississippi, USA — 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 Gulf Islands Waterpark | Large water park with slides, rides, and pools. | 2 Fishbone Alley | Vibrant alley with murals, art, and live entertainment. |
| 3 Jones Park | Spacious waterfront park with playground, splash pad, and pier. | 4 West Side Park | Neighborhood park with playground, picnic areas, and green space. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |