

Honiara, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands

The capital of the Solomon Islands sits on the shore of Ironbottom Sound, where dozens of WWII warships and aircraft rest on the ocean floor. Raw, authentic, and unforgettable — Honiara is history you can swim through.

 Docked (new Millennium Terminal, 2024)

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 Solomon Islands Dollar (SBD) — cash preferred

 English & Solomon Pijin

 Major WWII history site

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Point Cruz — new Millennium Cruise Passenger Terminal opened Dec 2024; very large ships may still tender

Walk to center: 5–10 min flat walk to Mendana Ave; 15–20 min to Central Market

Best For: WWII history, shipwreck snorkeling, local markets, Melanesian culture

Don't Miss: Ironbottom Sound overlook, Honiara Central Market, Vilu Military Museum

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  SBD 50–150 (~USD 6–18) per trip

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Vilu Military Museum & WWII Relics** — About 45 minutes west of town, this open-air museum displays Japanese and American fighter planes, artillery, and...
- Bonegi Beach Shipwreck Snorkeling** — The Kinugawa Maru, a massive Japanese transport ship, lies grounded right on Bonegi Beach 30 minutes west of town.
- Skyline Ridge US Guadalcanal Memorial** — High above town, this memorial honors Allied soldiers killed during the Guadalcanal Campaign and looks out over...
- Bloody Ridge (Edson's Ridge) Battlefield** — Scene of one of Guadalcanal's fiercest battles, now a National Peace Park.
- Honiara Central Market & Town Walk** — The Central Market on Mendana Avenue is a sensory overload of tropical fruit, fresh fish, betel nut, shell money, and...

BEST WALKS

- Mendana Avenue Town Loop** 1.5 km · 30–40 min · flat — Walk from Point Cruz terminal along Mendana Avenue past the National Museum, BSP bank, and shops to the Central Market, then loop back...
- National Parliament Building** 1 km each way · easy · 20 min — Head uphill from Mendana Avenue to the distinctive conical-roofed Parliament Building.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	84°	75°	26d
Jun	83°	75°	18d
Aug	83°	74°	19d
Sep	84°	75°	20d
Oct	84°	75°	22d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:23AM–6:16PM · Jun 6:33AM–6:07PM · Aug 6:31AM–6:18PM · Sep 6:14AM–6:16PM · Oct 5:57AM–6:14PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO