

# Inaccessible Island, Tristan da Cunha, British Overseas Territory

Fewer people have set foot here than have summited Everest. A sheer-cliffed volcanic island with no roads, no residents, and no guarantees — just seabirds, penguins, and the rarest flightless bird on Earth.

Zodiac landing only (no pier)

Typical call: 4-6 hrs (weather dependent)

No commerce on island

English (Tristan da Cunha guides)

UNESCO World Heritage Site

## MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:  Arrive:  All aboard:

Excursion:  Notes:

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Zodiac only — no pier or anchorage. Landing success rate ~10–20%.

**Best For:** Birdwatchers, wildlife photographers, extreme expedition travelers

**Walk to centre:** No infrastructure. Landings restricted to shoreline (Blenden Hall or Waterfall Beach).

**Don't Miss:** The Inaccessible Island Rail — world's smallest flightless bird, endemic to this island

Getting around:

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Search for the Inaccessible Island Rail** — The world's smallest flightless bird exists only here.
- Rockhopper Penguin & Seabird Colonies** — Northern Rockhopper Penguins nest here in large numbers alongside Tristan Albatrosses, Spectacled Petrels, and Sooty Albatrosses.
- Zodiac Cliff Cruise** — Even without a landing, cruising the base of the 500m+ cliffs in a Zodiac reveals dramatic waterfalls plunging directly into the sea, fur seals in...
- Blenden Hall Shipwreck Landing** — The beach at Blenden Hall is named for an 1821 shipwreck.

## BEST WALKS

- Shoreline scramble at Blenden Hall** 0.5 km | Difficult terrain | Guided only — A short, supervised scramble along the black volcanic boulder beach.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr |     | 59°  | 55° | 14d  |
| Jun |     | 54°  | 50° | 18d  |
| Aug |     | 51°  | 47° | 14d  |
| Sep |     | 51°  | 47° | 14d  |
| Oct |     | 52°  | 49° | 14d  |

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:17AM–6:23PM · Jun 8:03AM–5:39PM · Aug 7:34AM–6:16PM · Sep 6:50AM–6:41PM · Oct 6:05AM–7:07PM

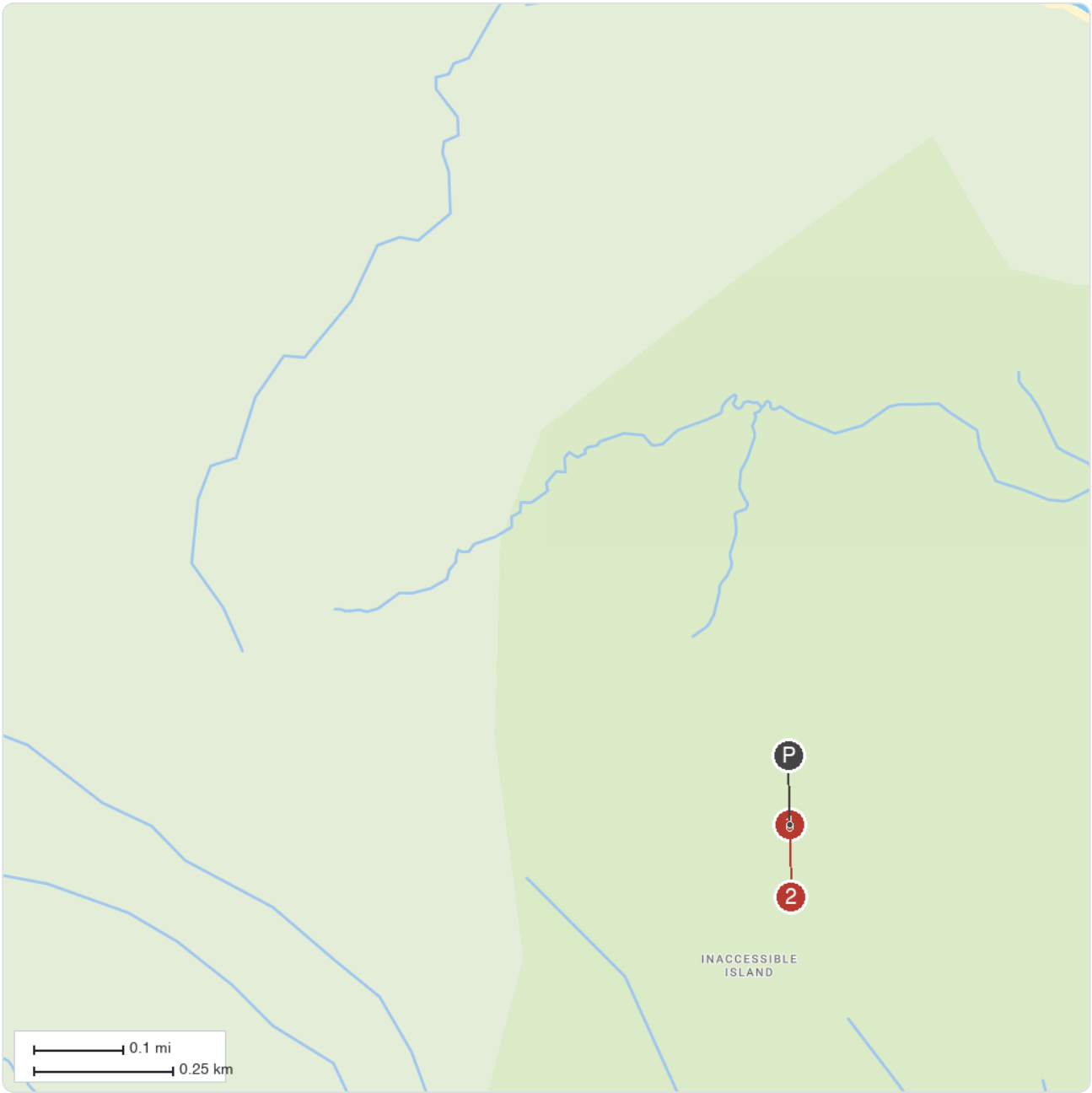
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Landing is never guaranteed. The island lives up to its name — most expedition visits end as scenic ship or Zodiac cruises due to swell and wind. Mentally prepare for that outcome and you'll appreciate it either way.
- Dress for full immersion. Waterproof trousers, windproof jacket, and sturdy rubber boots (often provided by the cruise line) are essential. You will get wet on the Zodiac regardless.
- Protect your camera. Bring a dry bag or waterproof case — salt spray during Zodiac transfers is constant and relentless.
- Strict biosecurity. No food, seeds, or soil may go ashore. Staff will vacuum your clothing and disinfect your boots before every landing. This is non-negotiable and takes time — budget extra.
- Keep your distance from wildlife. Fur seals bite and penguins will hold their ground. Follow the Tristan da Cunha guides' instructions. The island, not you, has right of way.
- Context is everything. Fewer people land here per year than summit Everest. If you do step ashore, take a moment to appreciate just how rare that is.

# Inaccessible Island, Tristan da Cunha, British Overseas Territory — 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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Inaccessible Island Nature Reserve

UNESCO-listed uninhabited volcanic island reserve, home to the flightless Inaccessible Island rail, the world's smallest flightless bird.
- 2

Blenden Hall Wreck Site

Landing beach named for an 1821 East Indiaman shipwreck whose survivors camped on the island for months.
- P

Cruise port / terminal