

Lacepede Islands, Western Australia, Australia

Four pristine coral cays rising barely above the turquoise Indian Ocean, the Lacepede Islands shelter the world's largest Brown Booby colony and Western Australia's most important green turtle nesting beaches — visited only by expedition ships and entirely off-limits to casual tourism.

Zodiac/Tender (no pier)

Typical call: 3-5 hrs

Australian Dollar (AUD)

English

Nature Reserve — no shore facilities

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Zodiac tender from anchorage — no pier or jetty

Best For: Wildlife photography, seabird colonies, sea turtle watching

Shore Access: Usually no landing; Zodiac cruises along shoreline only

Don't Miss: Brown Booby colony (tens of thousands) and Frigatebird aerial piracy

Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Brown Booby Colony Zodiac Tour** — Cruise the shallows past tens of thousands of nesting Brown Boobies covering the beach, the air, and the water.
 - Green Sea Turtle Watching** — Peer into the crystal-clear lagoon waters and spot massive green turtles gliding alongside your Zodiac.
- Frigatebird Aerial Piracy Show** — Watch Lesser Frigatebirds mob Boobies mid-air, forcing them to drop their catch.
 - Expedition Naturalist Briefing & Bird ID** — Your ship's naturalists typically host deck lectures before and after the Zodiac excursion, covering the islands' ecology, bird ID, turtle life...

BEST WALKS

- Shoreline Zodiac Cruise (water-based)** 2-3 hrs | Easy (seated) | Guided — The 'walk' here is a slow Zodiac circuit around the island edges and through the shallow lagoon.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		87°	83°	3d
Jun		80°	74°	1d
Aug		78°	73°	0d
Sep		80°	77°	0d
Oct		82°	80°	0d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:00AM–5:42PM · Jun 6:18AM–5:25PM · Aug 6:09AM–5:42PM · Sep 5:47AM–5:46PM · Oct 5:23AM–5:51PM

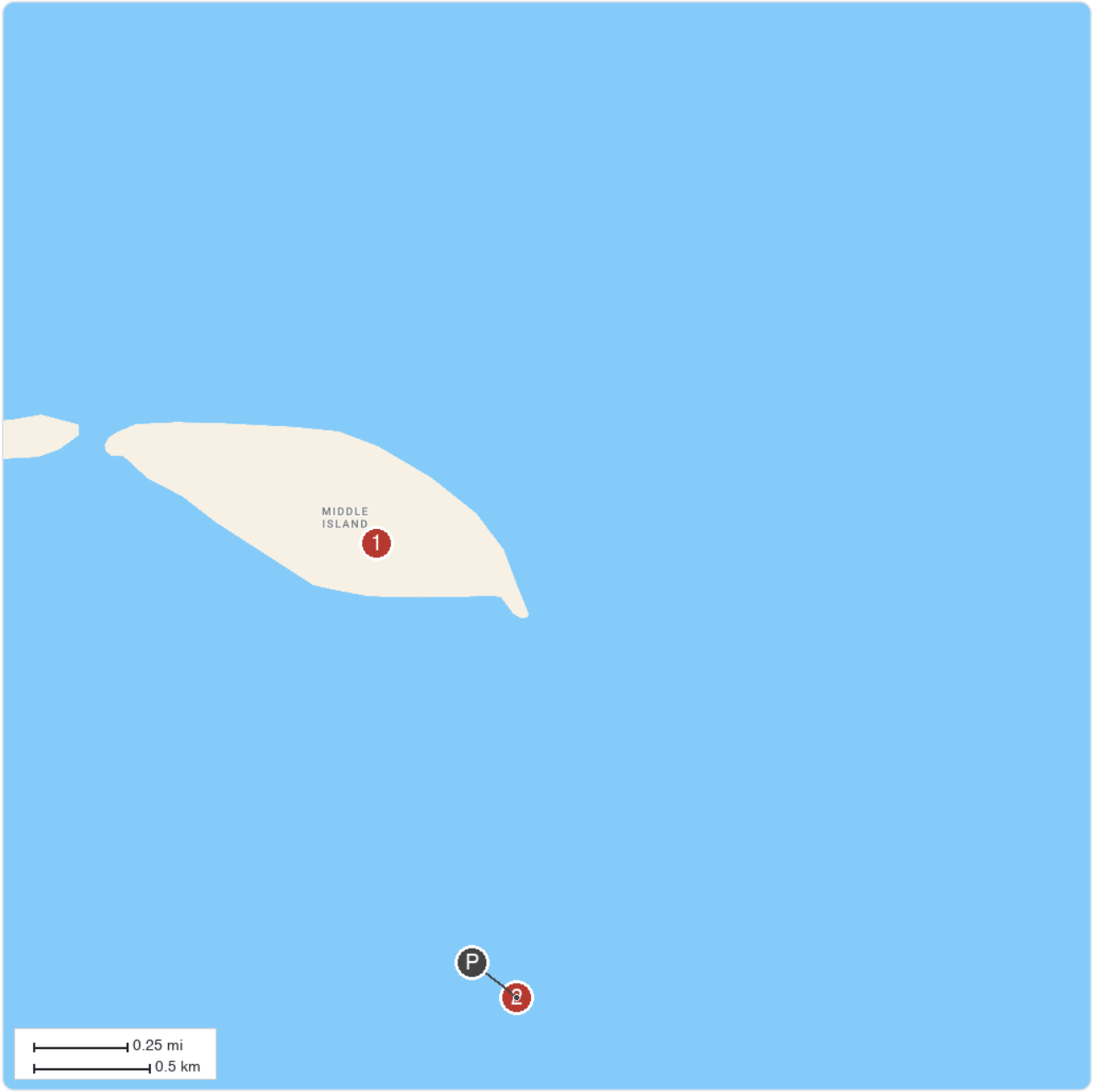
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear water shoes. Even if a rare beach landing is permitted, it's a wet entry from the Zodiac — sandals or bare feet are uncomfortable on coral grit.
- Bring a telephoto lens. You'll keep a respectful distance from the colony; a 200–300 mm zoom makes all the difference. Protect gear in a dry bag for the Zodiac transit.
- Zero shade exists. Reef-safe sunscreen, a wide-brimmed hat with a chin strap (it gets windy), and UV sunglasses are essential for the open-water ride and shoreline observation.
- Biosecurity is mandatory. Check all pockets, bags, and Velcro for seeds or insects before boarding Zodiacs — the islands are invasive-species-free and the crew enforce this strictly.
- No food or water ashore. Eat onboard before your Zodiac tour and bring a sealed water bottle. Bringing food to the islands is prohibited.
- Motion sickness risk. Idling in a small Zodiac in gentle ocean swells can trigger nausea even for those who feel fine on the ship — take any medication beforehand.

Lacepede Islands, Western Australia, Australia — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Lacepede Islands Nature Reserve

Remote coral-cay reserve holding Western Australia's largest green turtle rookery and vast seabird colonies.
- 2

West Island Rookery

Largest of the four Lacepede cays, home to nesting brown boobies and thousands of green turtles each season.
- P

Cruise port / terminal