

Nuku'alofa, Tongatapu, Tonga

Capital of the world's last Polynesian Kingdom, Nuku'alofa moves at pure island pace — free-roaming pigs, a Victorian royal palace, and volcanic blowholes shooting plumes 30 metres into the air await just minutes from the pier.

 Docked — Vuna Wharf (city-centre pier)

 Typical call: 7–9 hrs

 Tongan Pa'anga (TOP); AUD/USD sometimes accepted

 Tongan & English

 Everything closes on Sundays by law

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Vuna Wharf — docked, steps from city centre

Walk to centre: 5 min to Royal Palace; 10 min to Talamahu Market

Best For: Polynesian culture, royal history, blowholes, island day-trips

Don't Miss: Mapu 'a Vaea Blowholes on the south coast

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ TOP \$5–20 (city); TOP \$350 for 4–5 hr island tour · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Mapu 'a Vaea Blowholes** — Miles of lava coastline at Houma village where waves force plumes of water up to 30 metres into the air through natural...
- **Ha'amonga 'a Maui Trilithon** — Tonga's 'Stonehenge' — a massive three-slab stone archway erected in the 13th century as a royal gateway or...
- **Anahulu Cave Swim** — Descend into a limestone cavern of stalactites and stalagmites, then swim in the cool freshwater pool inside.
- **Pangaimotu Island Day Trip** — A 10–15 minute water taxi from Fuaa Jetty lands you on a classic South Pacific island with white sand, snorkeling...
- **Talamahu Market & Town Walk** — Wander Nuku'alofa's main market for taro, tropical fruit, woven mats, and wood carvings — then visit the Royal Palace...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Market Loop** 2.5 km · 30–40 min · Flat — A simple loop taking in all of walkable Nuku'alofa: head right from the pier along the waterfront to the Royal Palace fence, continue...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	80°	76°	15d
Jun	76°	72°	10d
Aug	73°	69°	11d
Sep	75°	70°	12d
Oct	76°	71°	14d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:52AM–6:28PM · Jun 7:15AM–6:06PM · Aug 7:04AM–6:26PM · Sep 6:37AM–6:34PM · Oct 6:10AM–6:43PM

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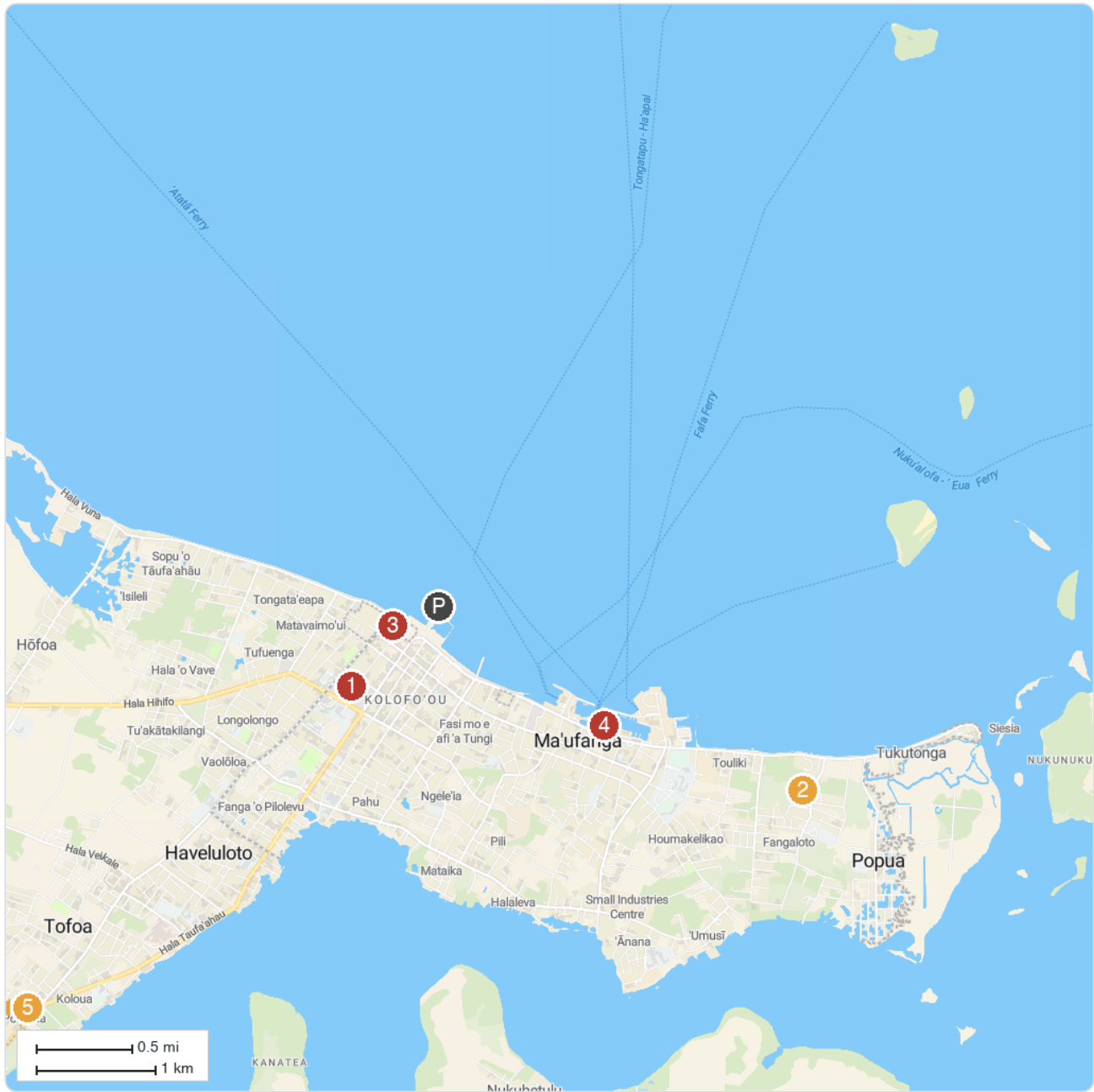
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sunday shutdown is real. By constitutional law, Tonga closes completely on Sundays — shops, restaurants, taxis, markets, everything. If your ship is in port on a Sunday, pre-book...
- Dress modestly in town. Tongan culture is conservative — being shirtless in public is actually illegal. Cover shoulders and knees

Nuku'alofa, Tongatapu, Tonga — Port Map

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



1 Royal Tombs Burial ground for Tonga's past kings and queens.

3 Royal Palace Of Tonga The official wooden residence of Tonga's monarch.

5 3 Headed Coconut A rare coconut tree with three distinct trunks.

2 Ancient Tonga A cultural village showcasing traditional Tongan life and crafts.

4 Tahi Tonga A beautiful beach known for its surfing waves.

P Cruise port / terminal