

Portobelo, Colón, Panama

A UNESCO-listed colonial stronghold on Panama's Caribbean coast, Portobelo guards its Spanish forts, Black Christ legend, and turquoise bay with quiet pride — bring cash and an umbrella.

Tender (no pier)

Typical call: 5–7 hrs

USD (cash essential)

Spanish

UNESCO World Heritage

🗝️ MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in the bay; water taxis to shore

Best For: Colonial history, snorkeling, Afro-Panamanian culture

Walk to center: ~5 min from tender dock to Fuerte San Jerónimo

Don't Miss: Iglesia de San Felipe (Black Christ church) and Fuerte San Jerónimo cannons

Getting around: **Taxi** \$40–\$45 one-way

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Spanish Forts & UNESCO Ruins** — Wander three Spanish colonial fortifications — Fuerte San Jerónimo, Fuerte San Fernando, and Fuerte Santiago — that...
- Black Christ Church (Iglesia de San Felipe)** — Visit the 1814 church housing the venerated Nazareno of Portobelo — the Black Christ.
- Snorkeling & Catamaran Day** — Catamaran tours from Portobelo explore Caribbean cays, coral reefs, and starfish-filled shallows.
- Isla Grande Boat Trip** — Isla Grande is a relaxed Caribbean island with beaches, a small restaurant strip, and a lighthouse.
- Portobelo National Park & Kayaking** — The national park surrounding the town includes mangrove forests, jungle trails, coral reefs, and nesting turtle beaches.

BEST WALKS

- Fort & Church Walking Loop** ~1.5 km · 45–60 min · easy — From the tender dock, walk along the waterfront to Fuerte San Jerónimo, then continue to Fuerte San Fernando for bay views, loop back...
- Customs House & Waterfront Stroll** ~0.5 km · 20 min · easy — Short stroll from the dock past the restored Real Aduana (Royal Customs House) — once the counting house for New World silver — along...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	78°	67°	29d
Jun	78°	65°	23d
Aug	80°	64°	21d
Sep	79°	64°	24d
Oct	79°	65°	24d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:17AM–6:18PM · Jun 6:22AM–6:16PM · Aug 6:23AM–6:22PM · Sep 6:11AM–6:15PM · Oct 5:58AM–6:09PM

USD (cash essential)

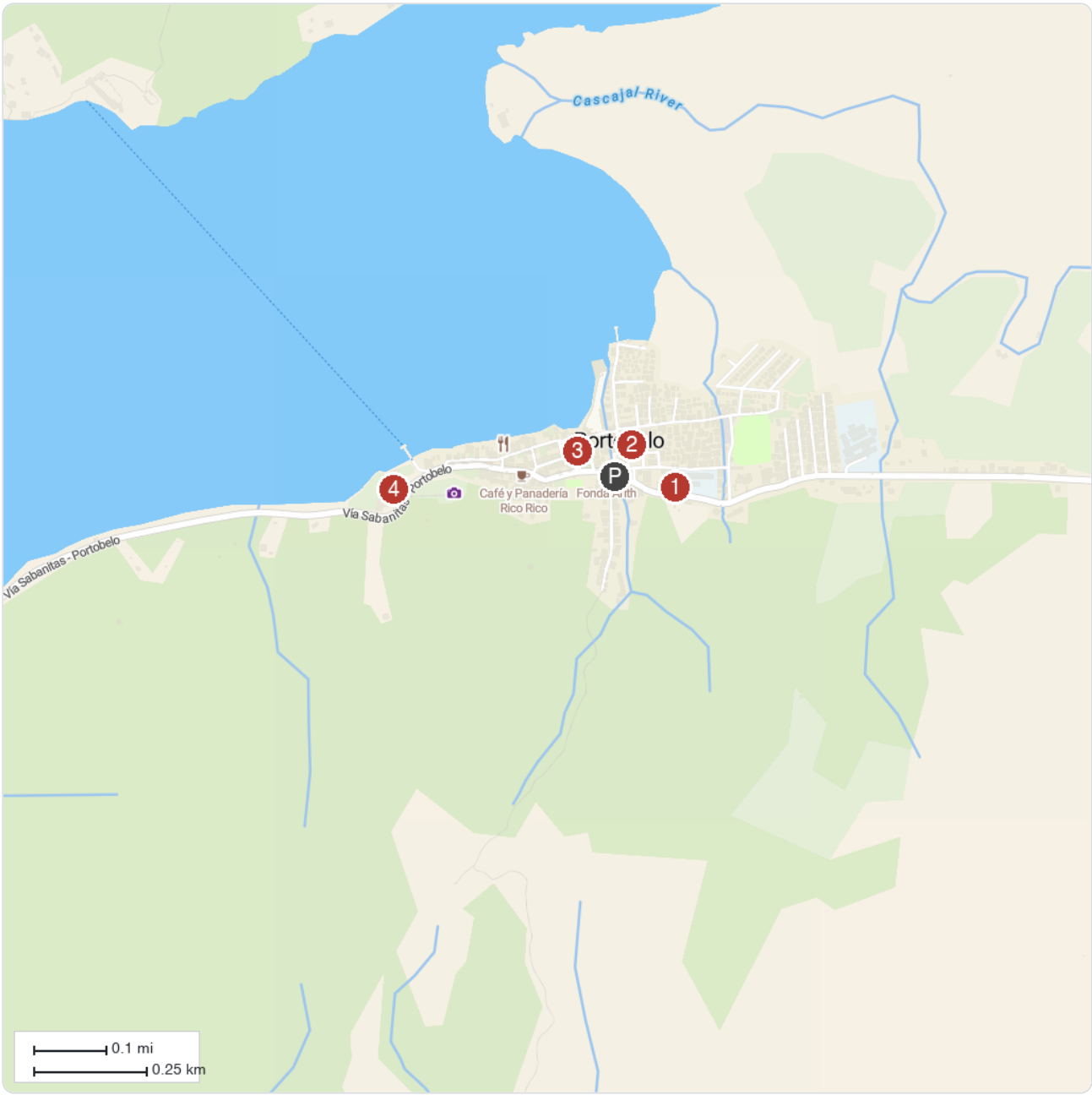
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash only, small bills. No ATMs exist in Portobelo. Bring \$1, \$5, and \$10 USD bills — local boats, artisan stalls, and most eateries don't take cards.

Portobelo, Colón, Panama — 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 Parque Nacional Portobelo | A national park protecting historic forts and nature. | 2 Iglesia de San Felipe | Historic church housing the famous Black Christ statue. |
| 3 Royal Customs House of Portobelo | Historic colonial customs house, once a trade hub. | 4 Santiago Battery | Historic Spanish colonial battery offering scenic views. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |