

Santo Antão Island, Cape Verde

Cape Verde's wildest island swaps beach-resort clichés for towering volcanic ridges, misty crater farms, and valleys so green they seem transplanted from the tropics. Step off in arid Porto Novo — within 30 minutes you're inside a different world.

-  Docked (Porto Novo pier)
-  Typical call: 6-9 hrs
-  Cape Verdean Escudo / Euros accepted
-  Portuguese / Cape Verdean Creole
-  Hiking paradise

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Pier at Porto Novo (most ships dock directly; very large ships may tender or arrive via Mindelo ferry)
- Walk to center:** ~5-10 min flat walk from pier to Porto Novo town
- Best For:** Hiking, scenic mountain drives, grogue distilleries, off-the-beaten-path culture
- Don't Miss:** The Corda Road over the ridge to Cova de Paul crater and Paul Valley

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$65–\$85 USD Porto Novo to Ponta do Sol; full-day 8,000–12,000 CVE (~\$80–120 USD) · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Corda Road, Cova de Paul & Paul Valley** — The classic Santo Antão grand tour.
- Cova Crater Rim to Paul Valley Hike** — Hike down from the Cova de Paul crater into Ribeira do Paul — one of Cape Verde's most celebrated trails.
- Grogue Distillery & Cachupa Lunch** — Visit a traditional alambique (distillery) in Paul Valley where oxen still turn the sugarcane press to produce grogue...
- Fontainhas Cliffside Village** — Fontainhas is a color-splashed village perched on the edge of a sheer cliff — cited by National Geographic for its...
- Ribeira Grande Colonial Town** — The northern capital of Santo Antão retains a well-preserved Portuguese colonial center with traditional stone houses...

BEST WALKS

- Porto Novo Town Stroll** 1-2 km · 20-30 min · Easy · Flat — From the pier, walk into Porto Novo's modest town center.
- Praia de Curraletes** 3 km west · 5-min taxi · Easy · Black sand — A local black-sand and pebble beach about 3 km west of the port, popular with residents.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌦️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇸🇦 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:24AM–6:55PM · Jun 6:06AM–7:14PM · Aug 6:23AM–7:05PM · Sep 6:28AM–6:41PM · Oct 6:33AM–6:18PM	
Apr	79°	68°	0d	Cape Verdean Escudo / Euros accepted	
Jun	82°	72°	0d		
Aug	84°	75°	4d		
Sep	84°	76°	7d		
Oct	85°	75°	2d		

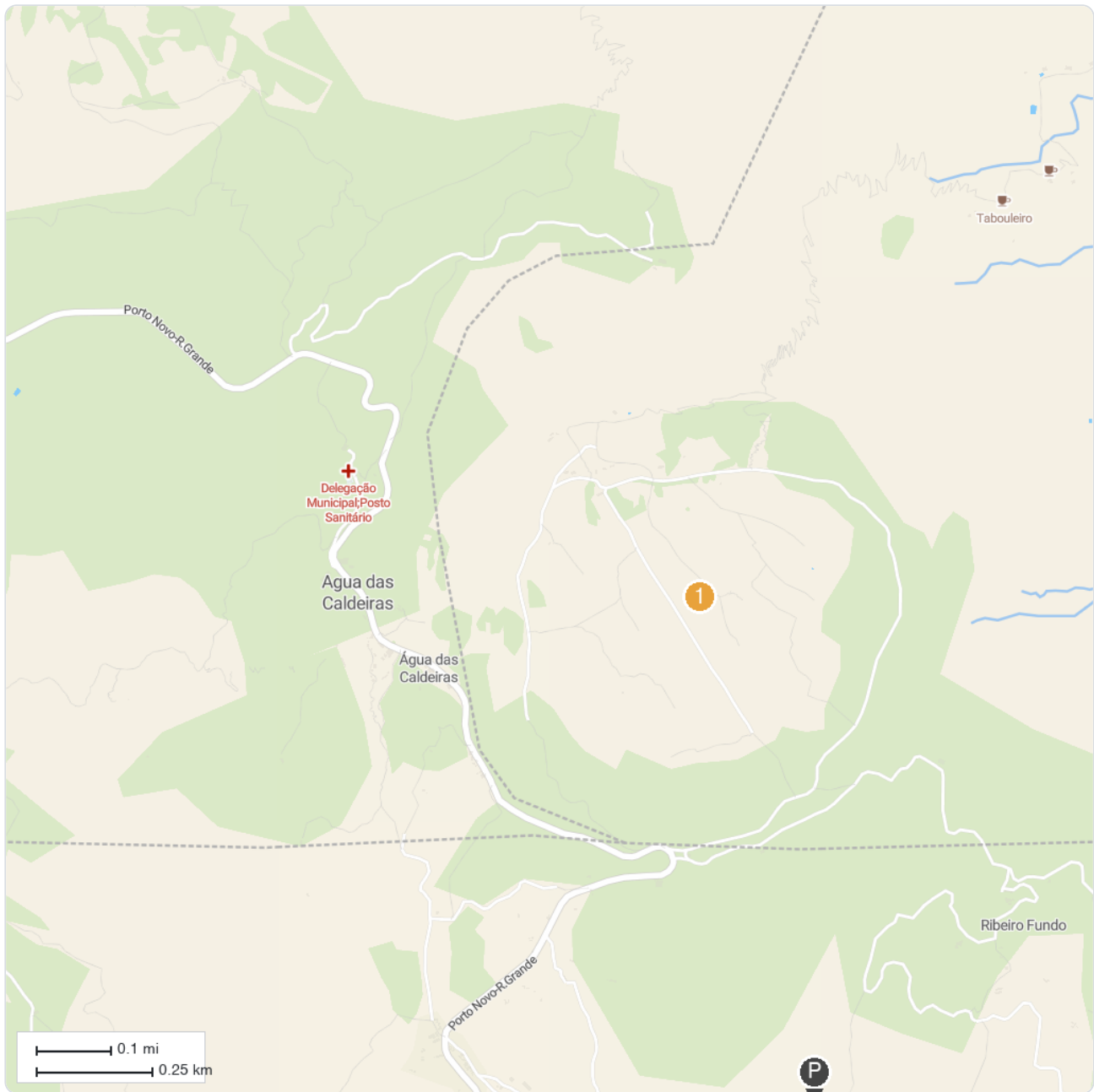
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Transport is non-negotiable. The island's highlights — crater, valleys, villages — are 30-60 min by mountain road. Negotiate a fixed day rate with a private driver at the port...

Santo Antão Island, Cape Verde — 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 Cova Crater Hike into a massive, fertile volcanic crater.

P Cruise port / terminal