

Wala Island, Malekula, Vanuatu

A tiny coral islet off Malekula with no cars, no electricity, and some of the most genuinely warm welcomes in the Pacific — local string bands, flower leis, and wood-carvers who are among the best in Melanesia.

Tender port

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Australian Dollars (AUD) & Vatu (VUV)

Bislama / English / French

Remote & very low-key

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor between Wala & Rano islands

Best For: Authentic Melanesian culture, beach, snorkeling, wood carvings

Walk to centre: Flat 5-min walk from tender jetty; entire island in 15 min

Don't Miss: Traditional Custom Dances and the islanders' farewell singing

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Traditional Custom Dances** — Performers from Wala and mainland Malekula's Small Nambas group put on traditional dances in grass-and-leaf attire near the village clearing.
- Snorkeling the Fringing Reef** — Crystal-clear water just off the beach hides a healthy coral reef with clownfish, starfish, and reef fish.
- Village & Nakamal Tour** — Hire a local guide near the pier to walk through the village, visit the nakamal (traditional meeting house), and learn about the local chief system...
- Outrigger Canoe Ride** — Local fishermen offer short paddles around the bay in hand-carved traditional outrigger canoes.
- Beach & Handicraft Market** — The white-sand beach near the landing is shaded and calm.

BEST WALKS

- Island Loop Walk** ~2 km | 20–30 min | Flat, sandy/grass paths — From the tender jetty, follow the path through the village past the local school and church, along the jungle interior, and back around to the market and beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		83°	77°	23d
Jun		80°	75°	13d
Aug		80°	74°	13d
Sep		81°	74°	14d
Oct		82°	75°	19d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:58AM–5:42PM · Jun 6:15AM–5:26PM · Aug 6:08AM–5:42PM · Sep 5:46AM–5:45PM · Oct 5:23AM–5:49PM

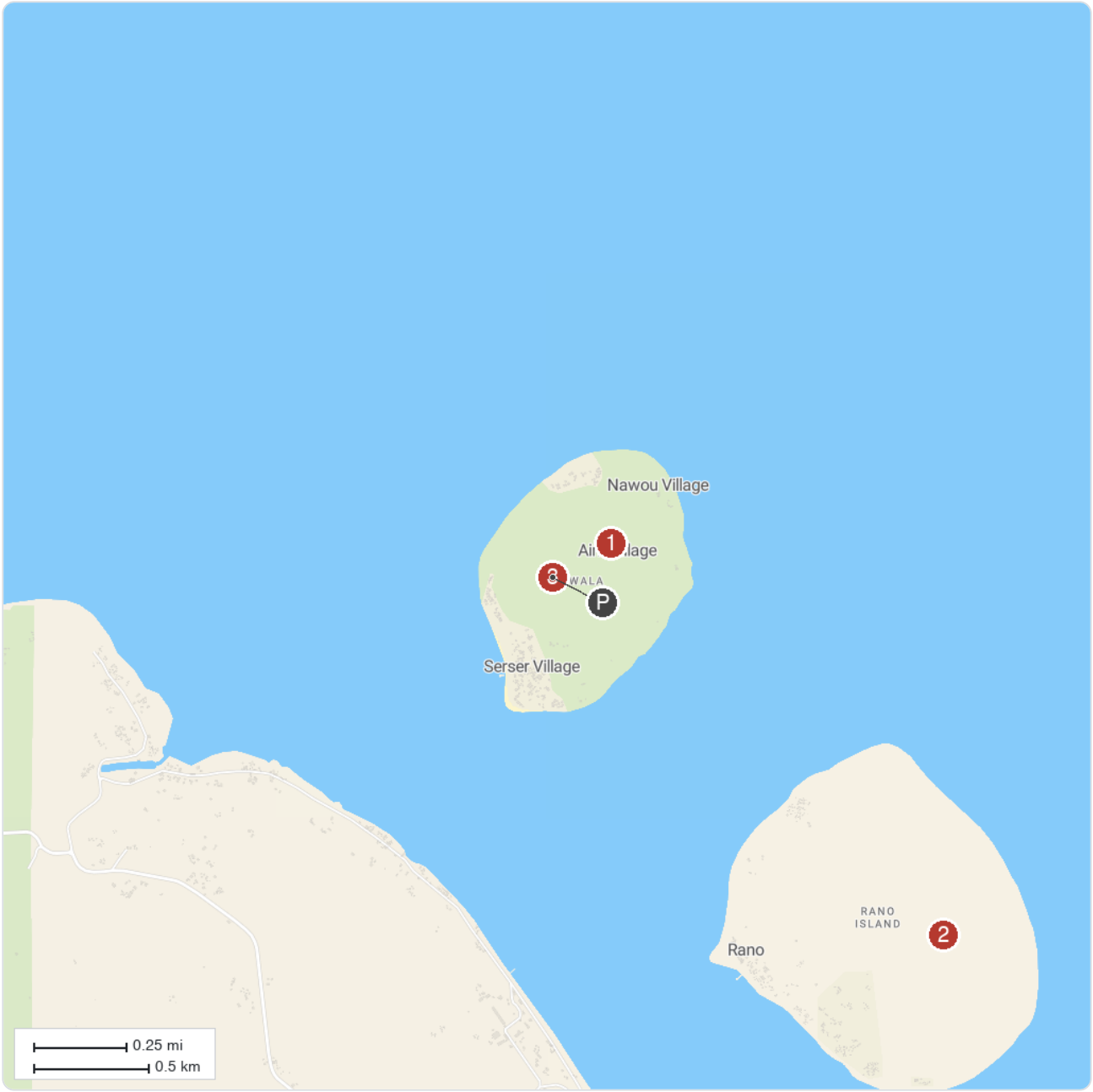
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Small AUD notes only. Australian dollars are accepted everywhere; Vanuatu Vatu is the official currency but AUD is preferred. Locals cannot change \$50 or \$100 bills — bring \$5, \$10, and \$20 notes plus coins.
- Bring your own snorkel gear. There are zero rental shops on the island. Pack a mask, snorkel, and fins from the ship if you plan to swim the reef.
- Cover up in the village. Vanuatu is a conservative Christian society. Swimwear is fine on the beach, but wear a t-shirt and shorts (or a sarong) when walking through the village or watching cultural performances.
- Insect repellent is essential. The lush jungle paths harbour mosquitoes, especially after rain. Apply repellent before leaving the ship.
- No fresh fruit back onboard. You cannot bring fresh tropical fruit purchased on the island back onto the cruise ship due to quarantine biosecurity laws.
- Don't miss the farewell. As the last tender loads, islanders gather on the shore to sing farewell songs to departing passengers — a genuinely moving tradition unique to Wala.

Wala Island, Malekula, Vanuatu — 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 Custom Village | A traditional Ni-Vanuatu village on Wala Island known for kastom dance performances staged for visiting cruise passengers. | 2 Rano Island | A small neighboring island facing Wala across the tender anchorage, also home to a traditional village community. |
| 3 Wala Beach | The palm-fringed white sand tender landing beach where local vendors sell handicrafts and shell jewelry. | P Cruise port / terminal | |