

Yap Island, Yap State, Micronesia

One of the Pacific's most culturally intact ports, Yap is where giant limestone discs still serve as currency, thatched men's houses stand without nails, and reef manta rays glide through crystal-clear channels. This is not a beach-resort island — it's the real Pacific.

Pier (small ships) or Tender (larger/expedition vessels)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

US Dollar (USD)

English & Yapese

UNESCO-adjacent living culture

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Colonia pier fits ships up to ~183 m; larger/expedition vessels tender to Colonia Marina

Best For: Culture, WWII history, world-class diving, stone money

Walk to center: 5 min from tender pier; 10–15 min from commercial port

Don't Miss: A traditional village tour with stone money banks and a Men's House (*Faluw*)

Getting around: Taxi \$1–\$12 · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Traditional Village & Stone Money Tour** — Walk ancient stone paths to a living Yapese village.
 - WWII Aircraft & Relics** — Near the old Japanese airfield, find remarkably preserved Zero fighters, Betty bombers, and anti-aircraft gun emplacements — largely untouched since...
 - Manta Ray Dive or Snorkel** — Yap's Manta Ridge and Mi Channel are among the world's most reliable manta ray encounter sites.
- Bechiyal Blue Lagoon & Beach** — At the northern tip of Maap Island, a traditional Men's House stands directly over a white-sand beach beside a turquoise lagoon.
 - Stone Money Banks (Walkable)** — Several rai stone banks are within walking distance of the marina — rows of carved limestone discs lined up along ancient village paths near Chamorro...

BEST WALKS

- Colonia Waterfront & Stone Money Walk** 1–2 km · 30–45 min · Easy — From the tender pier or commercial port, walk along the harbor waterfront past the Manta Ray Bay Resort and its anchored schooner restaurant, then turn inland to the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		83°	80°	20d
Jun		83°	80°	28d
Aug		83°	80°	28d
Sep		83°	80°	27d
Oct		83°	80°	25d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:37AM–6:57PM · Jun 6:27AM–7:08PM · Aug 6:39AM–7:04PM · Sep 6:37AM–6:47PM · Oct 6:35AM–6:30PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cover your thighs, always. In Yapese culture, exposed thighs are considered deeply offensive — more so than bare shoulders. Both men and women should wear knee-length shorts or longer when ashore. Leave beachwear on the ship.
- Don't touch the stone money. Rai stones are active currency with living owners. Sitting on or touching them is disrespectful. Photograph from the path.
- Bring small USD cash. Credit cards work at Manta Ray Bay Resort and a few dive shops, but local markets, taxis, and village entry fees are cash-only. Small bills (ones, fives) are ideal.
- Ask before photographing locals. Many Yapese still wear traditional dress daily — it is living culture, not a performance. Always ask permission first.
- Lunch on the schooner. The Mnuw restaurant at Manta Ray Bay Resort is a converted 110-year-old South Seas schooner anchored in the harbor. Fresh mangrove crab, local fish, and Stone Money Brewing Co. beer — don't miss it.
- Book guides before arrival. There are no taxis waiting at the pier and no Uber. For anything beyond the town center, pre-arrange transport through the Yap Visitors Bureau or Manta Ray Bay Resort.

Yap Island, Yap State, Micronesia — 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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Stone Money Bank

A traditional site near Colonia displaying rai, the giant carved limestone discs historically used as Yapese currency.
- 2

Yap Living History Museum

An open-air cultural museum in Colonia showcasing traditional Yapese men's houses, canoes, and customs.
- 3

Balabat Stone Money Bank

A well-preserved stone money bank set along an ancient stone footpath south of Colonia.
- 4

Kan-if Stone Money

One of Yap's most photographed stone money sites, with dozens of large rai discs lined along a village path.
- P

Cruise port / terminal