

Alofi, Niue, South Pacific

A raised coral island the size of a small town, Niue rewards curious cruisers with cathedral chasms, world-class snorkeling, and a quiet so rare it's been called deafening.

 Tender port (no cruise pier)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  NZD — bring cash, ATM unreliable  English & Niuean spoken  Humpback whales Jul–Oct

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Alofi Wharf (~10 min)

Walk to center: 2 min from wharf, short uphill

Best For: Snorkeling, chasms, nature walks

Don't Miss: Matapa Chasm & Limu Pools

 Getting around:  Taxi  NZD \$11–20 (est.) ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Matapa Chasm & Limu Pools** — Visit two of Niue's most iconic spots: Matapa Chasm, a sheer-walled swimming hole once reserved for Niuean royalty, and the sheltered Limu Pools...
- **Togo Chasm Trek** — A guided hike across a jagged makatea (raised coral) forest leads to a hidden oasis at the base of a steep ladder — coconut palms and turquoise water...
- **Humpback Whale Watching (Jul–Oct)** — Niue is one of the Pacific's premier humpback whale destinations.
- **Talava Arches & Coastal Caves** — Low-tide access opens up a series of sea arches, caverns, and blowholes along Niue's northwest coast.
- **Alofi Village & Niue Museum** — Walk Alofi's compact center: the Niue National Museum (Fale Tau Tāoga) covers island history and Polynesian culture; the Alofi Market has local...

BEST WALKS

- **Alofi Waterfront & Town Center** ⌚ 45 min · 🚶 Easy · flat — From the wharf, climb to the commercial strip and head north along the foreshore path past Tomb Point for panoramic views of Alofi Bay, then back through the village...
- **Utuko Reef Snorkel Walk** ⌚ 30 min walk · 🤿 bring mask — A short walk south from the wharf leads to Utuko Reef — the easiest reef access from town.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	81°	78°	17d
Jun	78°	76°	11d
Aug	76°	74°	12d
Sep	77°	74°	10d
Oct	77°	75°	13d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 6:30AM–6:08PM · Jun 6:50AM–5:49PM · Aug 6:40AM–6:08PM · Sep 6:15AM–6:14PM · Oct 5:49AM–6:21PM	

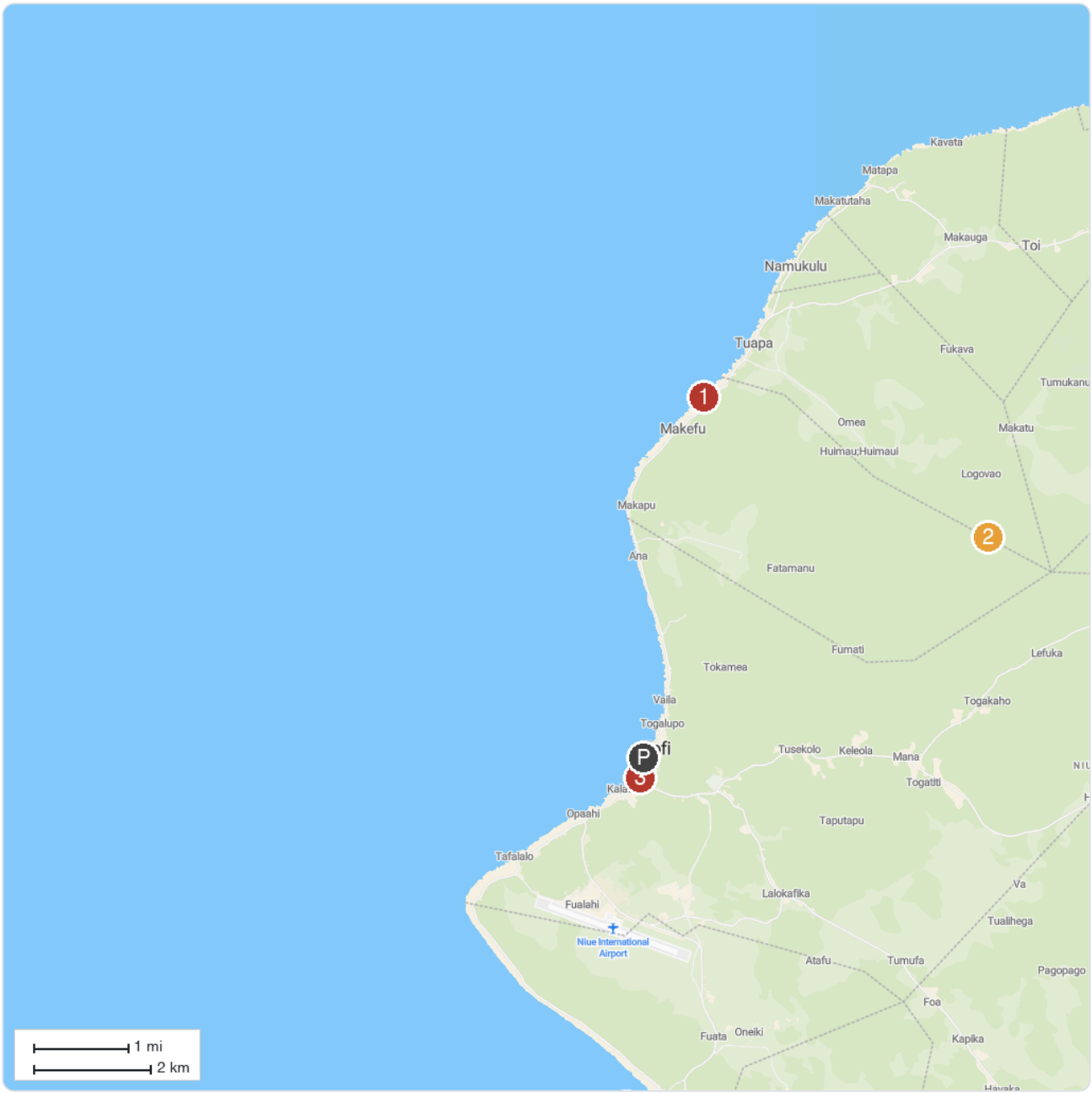
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring NZD cash. Niue uses the New Zealand Dollar and ATMs are scarce and often empty on ship days. Cards are rarely accepted outside the resort. Stock up before you arrive.
- Check the tides before you go. Matapa Chasm, Talava Arches, and many coastal tracks are best — or only safe — at low tide. Ask at the tourist office or your guide.
- Sturdy footwear is non-negotiable. Niue is built on ancient raised coral — the terrain is sharp and uneven. Reef shoes and hiking sandals beat flip-flops everywhere.
- Everything closes on Sunday. Niue has strong religious traditions: most shops, cafes, and attractions shut completely. The Washaway Cafe at Avatele Beach is a rare Sunday exception.
- Tendering can be cancelled. Swells roll in from the open Pacific with little warning. If conditions deteriorate mid-day, ships pull tenders early — keep an eye on announcements.
- Sea snakes are real but docile. Niue's waters have banded sea kraits. They're venomous but extremely non-aggressive — don't grab them, and they'll ignore you.

Alofi, Niue, South Pacific — 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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Avaiki Cave

Coastal limestone cave and pool near Alofi, tied to Niuean legend.
- 2

Matapa Chasm

Sheltered swimming chasm once reserved for Niuean royalty.
- 3

Alofi

Niue's tiny capital, one of the world's smallest.
- P

Cruise port / terminal