

Alter do Chão, Pará, Brazil

A small Amazonian village on the Tapajós River where arc-shaped white-sand beaches rise from turquoise-green water — Ilha do Amor earns its nickname 'the Caribbean of the Amazon' every dry season.

 Tender / small-boat transfer

 Typical call: 6–8 hrs

 Brazilian Real (BRL)

 Portuguese

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to village waterfront

Walk to center: ~5 min from tender landing

Best For: River beaches · Amazon nature

Don't Miss: Ilha do Amor at low water

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  Ask the operator for the current fare

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Ilha do Amor — Love Island Beach** — The star of the port: a white-sand river beach that emerges from the Tapajós during the dry season (roughly July–December), with calm turquoise-green...
- Floresta Nacional do Tapajós** — A vast protected Amazon rainforest reserve just across the river, with guided jungle walks, towering primary-forest trees, wildlife spotting (sloths...
- Lago Verde & Caiman Spotting** — A scenic green lagoon on the edge of the village, ringed by flooded forest in the wet season.
- Borari Indigenous Village & Crafts** — The Borari people are the original inhabitants of the area.
- Serra da Piraoca Viewpoint Hike** — A short but rewarding hike up the sandstone Serra da Piraoca ridge on the edge of town for panoramic views over the Tapajós floodplain, the beaches...

BEST WALKS

- Village square to Lago Verde** ~1 km · 30 min · easy — A gentle stroll from the tender landing through the village praça, past the craft stalls and the Igreja Nossa Senhora da Saúde church, to the edge of Lago Verde where...
- Serra da Piraoca trail** ~2 km · 1 hr · moderate — From the village edge, a footpath climbs the sandstone ridge of the Serra da Piraoca for sweeping views over the Tapajós River and surrounding Amazon forest.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		84°	76°	28d
Jun		85°	76°	24d
Aug		88°	78°	8d
Sep		90°	79°	7d
Oct		90°	79°	9d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:38AM–6:41PM · Jun 6:41AM–6:39PM · Aug 6:43AM–6:44PM · Sep 6:32AM–6:37PM · Oct 6:20AM–6:30PM

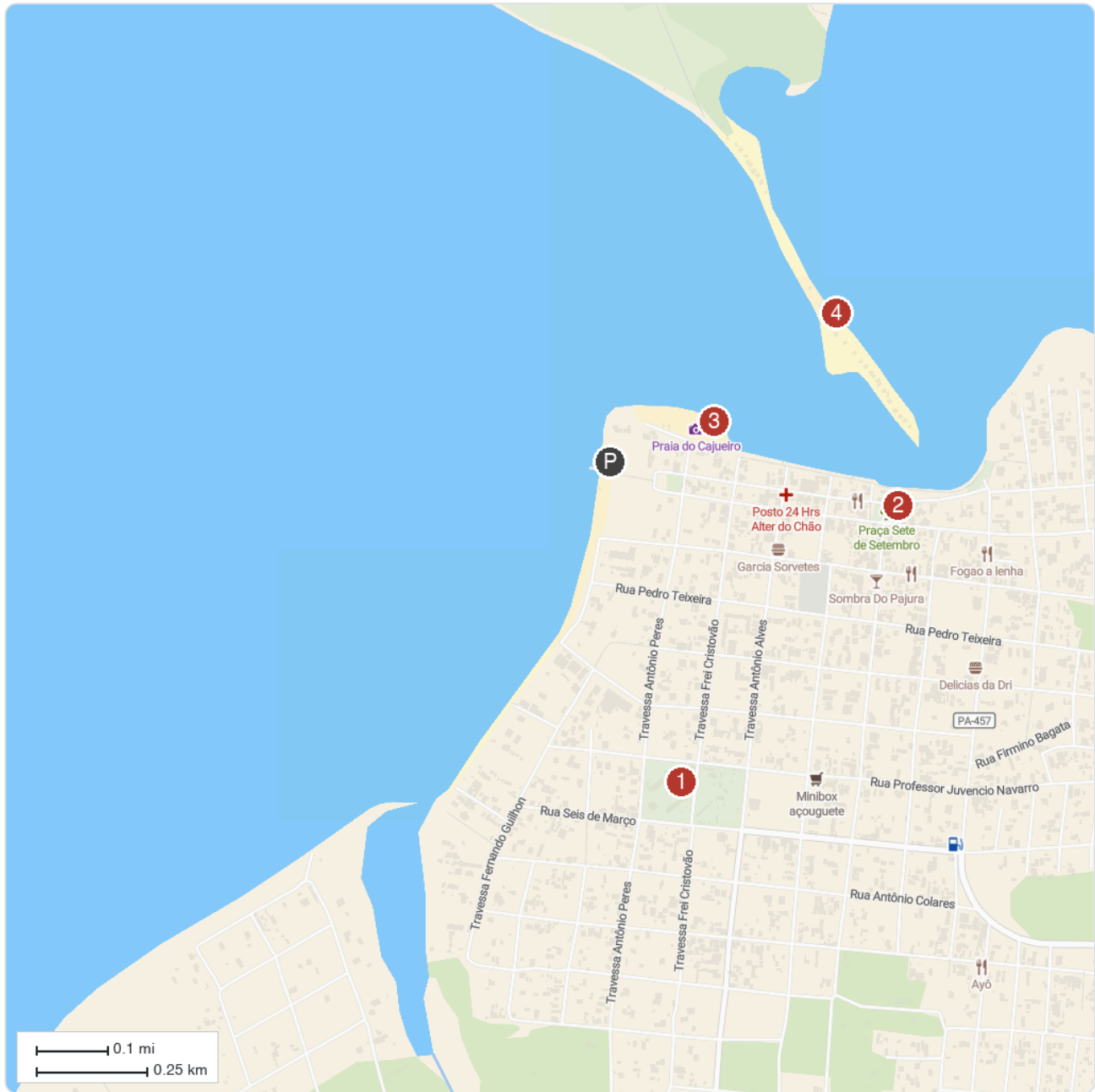
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Timing is everything. Ilha do Amor is at its best July–December when water levels are low and the white sand is fully exposed. In the wet season (Jan–June) much of it disappears under rising water.
- Bring Reais in small bills. There are no reliable ATMs in the village. Stock up in Santarém or exchange cash on the ship before going ashore. Most vendors don't take cards.
- Use strong insect repellent. You're in the Amazon. Mosquitoes are present, especially near the forest and at dusk. DEET-based repellent and long sleeves for jungle excursions are strongly recommended.
- Watch for pink river dolphins. The boto (Amazon river dolphin) frequents the Tapajós near Alter do Chão. Local fishermen sometimes attract them with fish — a genuine Amazon highlight.
- Try açaí and tacacá. Local stalls sell fresh açaí (nothing like the frozen exported version) and tacacá, a tangy Amazonian street soup with jambu leaves that cause a mild tingling sensation.
- Tender schedules matter here. With no fixed port infrastructure, tender operations depend entirely on weather and river conditions. Check your ship's schedule and don't cut it close returning to the dock.

Alter do Chão, Pará, Brazil — 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 Square Sairé (Sairódromo)

Central square; home to the Sairé festival.

3 Cajueiro Beach

A beautiful river beach, perfect for swimming and relaxing.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Alter do Chão Brasil

This charming village is famous for its stunning river beaches.

4 Alter do Chão

A picturesque Amazonian village, gateway to beautiful freshwater beaches.