

Awendaw, South Carolina, USA

A rare expedition stop where cypress-draped swamps meet barrier island wilderness — Awendaw gives small-ship passengers a genuine Lowcountry wild immersion, not a tourist circuit.

Expedition / Zodiac landing

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

US Dollar (USD)

English

Nature & Wildlife focus

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: No cruise pier — expedition ships use Zodiacs or anchor off Garriss Landing

Best For: Wildlife, birding, kayaking, barrier-island hiking

Walk to center: No town center to walk to; activities require a short transfer or guided shuttle

Don't Miss: Bulls Island Boneyard Beach and the Cape Romain NWR ferry

Getting around: Taxi ~\$85–120 to Charleston · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Bulls Island & Boneyard Beach** — Take the ferry from Garriss Landing to Bulls Island, a largely undeveloped barrier island inside Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge with 16 miles of...
 - Palmetto Trail — Awendaw Passage** — A 7.1-mile trail through Francis Marion National Forest weaving between longleaf pine forest and salt marsh.
 - Lowcountry Swamp Kayak Tour** — Paddle through the blackwater creeks and bottomland hardwood forest of Francis Marion National
- Forest with guides from Coastal Expeditions.

 - Center for Birds of Prey** — A short drive from Garriss Landing, this acclaimed center houses nearly 50 raptor species — eagles, falcons, hawks, owls — with live flight...
 - Sewee Shell Ring & Visitor Center** — Walk the one-mile Sewee Shell Ring Trail to a 4,000-year-old Native American oyster-shell mound, one of the oldest surviving structures in the region.

BEST WALKS

- Sewee Shell Ring Trail** 1 mile | Easy | Francis Marion National Forest — A flat, self-guided loop through longleaf pine scrub to a 4,000-year-old pre-Columbian shell mound.
- I'on Swamp Trail** ~2 miles | Easy | Francis Marion National Forest — A historic 1700s-era trail through wet pine flatwoods and swamp edges.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		73°	58°	9d
Jun		84°	73°	17d
Aug		86°	75°	21d
Sep		82°	71°	15d
Oct		76°	63°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:48AM–7:48PM · Jun 6:09AM–8:28PM · Aug 6:41AM–8:03PM · Sep 7:02AM–7:24PM · Oct 7:23AM–6:44PM

US Dollar (USD)

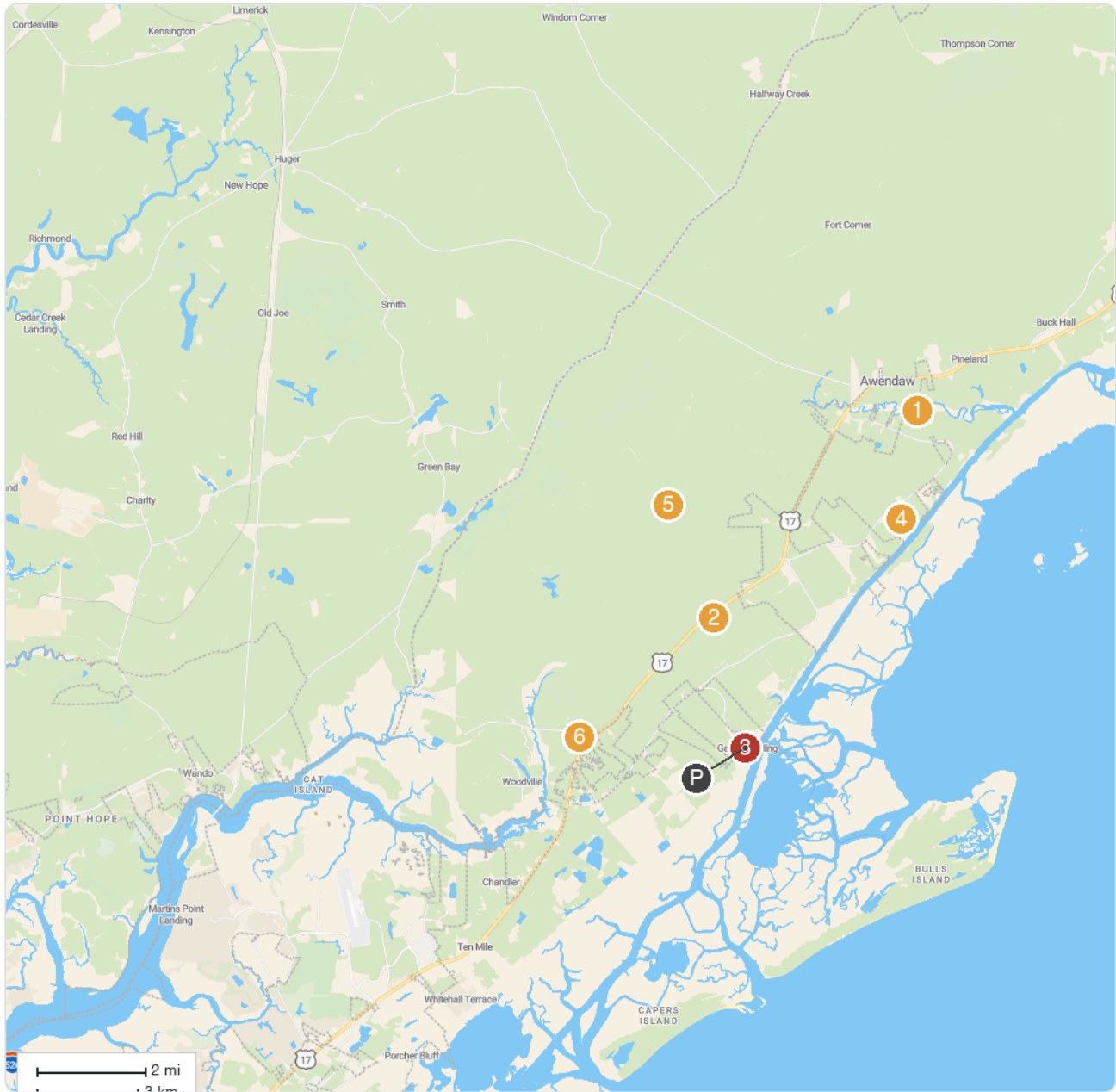
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Expedition-only stop. If you're on a large cruise ship, Awendaw is not your port — you'll be in Charleston. This call is exclusive to small expedition vessels.
- Bug spray is essential. The Lowcountry marshes breed serious mosquitoes and no-see-ums, especially May–September. Pack DEET-based repellent.
- Heat and humidity are real. Summer calls (June–September) are hot and muggy. Wear moisture-wicking clothing, bring plenty of water, and start trails early.
- Birding is world-class. Cape Romain NWR sits on the Atlantic Flyway — bring binoculars. The refuge hosts American avocets, black-necked stilts, painted buntings, and nesting loggerhead turtles.
- Try Sewee Restaurant. A short drive south on US-17, this local institution serves fried shrimp, oysters, and Lowcountry sides that are the real deal.
- Limited cell service. Deep in Francis Marion National Forest, signal drops off. Download offline maps (Google Maps or AllTrails) before leaving the ship.

Awendaw, South Carolina, USA — 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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| <p>1 Awendaw Passage-Palmetto Trail</p> <p>3 Garriss Landing Public Boat Ramp</p> <p>5 I'on Swamp Interpretive Trail</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Scenic section of South Carolina's statewide hiking and biking trail.</p> <p>Public boat ramp providing access to local waterways for boating.</p> <p>Boardwalk trail through a swamp, explaining its unique ecosystem.</p> | <p>2 Sewee Visitor & Environmental Education Center</p> <p>4 Sewee Shell Ring</p> <p>6 Charleston Adventure Forest</p> | <p>Learn about local wildlife and coastal ecosystems through exhibits.</p> <p>Ancient Native American archaeological site, a large shell mound.</p> <p>Outdoor adventure park with zip lines and aerial ropes courses.</p> |
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