

Balikpapan, East Kalimantan, Indonesia

Gateway to the Bornean jungle, Balikpapan pairs urban polish with rare wildlife encounters — from sun bears to wild orangutans — all on a single shore day.

 Docked (Semayang Port)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)  Indonesian (Bahasa)  Jungle & wildlife hub

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Semayang Port; cruise ships berth dockside, no tendering required

To City Center: ~10 min by Grab/Gojek or Blue Bird taxi; not walkable

Best For: Orangutan & sun bear encounters, mangrove tours, beaches

Don't Miss: BOSF Samboja Lestari orangutan sanctuary (~1 hr from port)

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  Rp 67,000–80,000 ·  **Rideshare**  Grab, Gojek

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Samboja Lestari Orangutan Sanctuary** — Visit the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation's Samboja Lestari site, about 1 hour from port, to see rescued orangutans and sun bears in a forest...
- **Bukit Bangkirai Canopy Bridge** — Swing across suspension bridges strung between 40-meter dipterocarp trees at Bukit Bangkirai eco-forest, about 1.5 hours from port.
- **Margomulyo Mangrove Center** — Explore the Margomulyo Mangrove Center on an 800-meter boardwalk and by boat through dense mangrove forest in West Balikpapan.
- **Kemala Beach** — A popular city beach with pale sand, calm bay waters, and seaside warungs (food stalls) serving fresh grilled fish.
- **Balikpapan City Highlights** — Hit the Monpera independence monument, stroll Taman Bekapai city park, and browse Pasar Klandasan wet market for local spices and produce.

BEST WALKS

- **Balikpapan Downtown Stroll** ~2 km · Flat · 45 min — From Taman Bekapai city park, walk along Jalan Ahmad Yani past the Monpera monument and toward Balikpapan Bay waterfront.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:10AM–6:14PM · Jun 6:11AM–6:14PM · Aug 6:15AM–6:19PM · Sep 6:05AM–6:10PM · Oct 5:54AM–6:02PM	
Apr	84°	76°	28d		
Jun	83°	76°	27d		
Aug	82°	76°	23d		
Sep	83°	76°	20d		
Oct	84°	76°	23d		

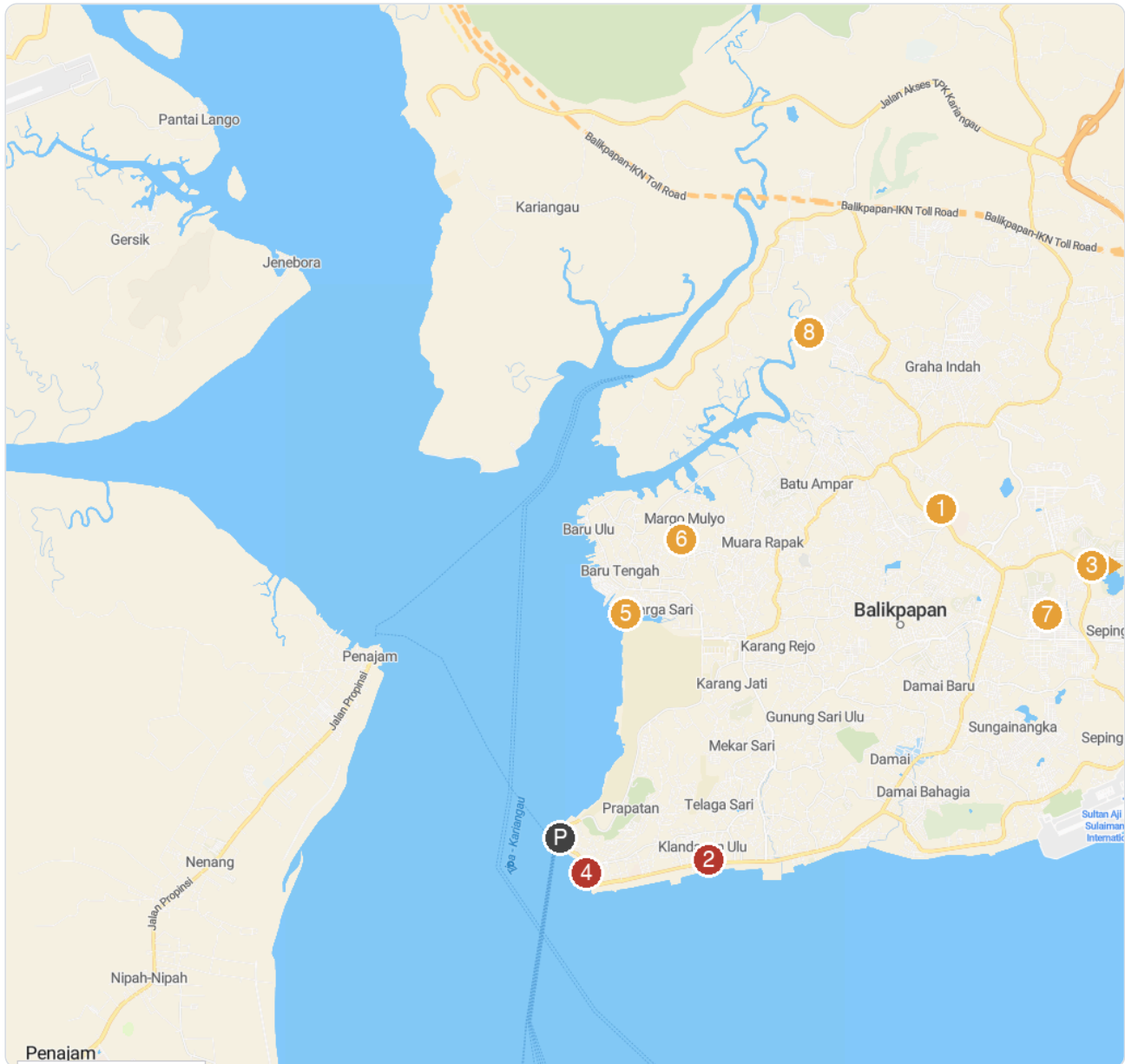
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Samboja Lestari in advance. The orangutan sanctuary has limited daily visitor spots — pre-book online or through your ship's excursion desk.
- Use Grab or Gojek. Street taxis may overcharge tourists. Ride-hailing apps show fixed prices and are far more reliable from Semayang Port.
- Expect humidity and rain. Balikpapan is tropical and wet year-round. Bring a light rain jacket and drink plenty of water on jungle excursions.
- Carry Rupiah cash. Markets, warungs, and beach stalls run cash-only. ATMs in Balikpapan Plaza and downtown banks are your best bet — withdraw before heading out.
- Allow 1 hour each way for jungle sites. Samboja Lestari and Bukit Bangkirai are 45–90 minutes from port — plan your return time carefully relative to ship all-aboard.
- Try grilled seafood at Kemala Beach. Local warungs serve fresh fish, prawns, and squid at low prices — a much better lunch than tourist restaurants.

Balikpapan, East Kalimantan, Indonesia — 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 Mahavihara Buddhamanggala | Large, beautiful Buddhist temple with intricate architecture. | 2 Masjid Agung At-Taqwa Balikpapan | Balikpapan's grand mosque, a prominent Islamic landmark. |
| 3 Caribbean Island Water Park | Family-friendly water park with slides and pools. | 4 Melawai Beach | Popular city beach for sunsets and local food stalls. |
| 5 Kawasan Kampung Atas Air | Unique stilt village built over the water. | 6 Mangrove Margo Mulyo | Protected mangrove forest for nature walks and birdwatching. |
| 7 Balikpapan Islamic Center | Large Islamic complex with a grand mosque and cultural facilities. | 8 Mangrove Center Graha Indah | Conservation area protecting mangroves, offering boardwalks and education. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |