

Barranquilla, Atlántico, Colombia

Colombia's Caribbean capital pulses with carnival energy, vibrant street art, and the mighty Magdalena River meeting the sea. Barranquilla rewards the curious traveler with authentic coastal culture far off the usual cruise trail.

 Docked (commercial pier)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Colombian Peso (COP)  Spanish

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Sociedad Portuaria Regional de Barranquilla, ~3 km from city center

Walk to Center: Not walkable — taxis or arranged transfers recommended

Best For: Culture, street art, Carnival history, Magdalena River delta

Don't Miss: Gran Malecón del Río, Bocas de Cenizas, Carnival Museum

 Getting around:  Taxi  COP 30,000–50,000 (~\$8–\$14 USD) ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Carnival Museum & Barrio Abajo Street Art** — Dive into the world's second-largest carnival at the Museo del Carnaval de Barranquilla, then walk Barrio Abajo's vivid murals that narrate Colombian...
- **Bocas de Cenizas — Where River Meets Sea** — Journey north to the dramatic delta where the chocolate-brown Magdalena River flows into the turquoise Caribbean.
- **Gran Malecón del Río & Shakira Statue** — Stroll Barranquilla's signature waterfront promenade along the Magdalena River, passing the golden Shakira statue, Ventana al Mundo monument, sports...
- **El Prado Neighborhood & Plaza de San Nicolás** — Explore Barranquilla's elegant early-20th-century district of El Prado, then visit the Gothic-influenced St.
- **Puerto Colombia Beach Day** — A 20-minute drive west leads to Puerto Colombia, a historic coastal village with a ruined 19th-century pier and calm Caribbean beaches — a quieter...

BEST WALKS

- **Gran Malecón Waterfront Stroll** 2 km | Easy | 45–60 min — Follow the Magdalena River promenade from the Shakira statue south through sports courts, food kiosks, and public art.
- **El Prado Architecture Walk** 1.5 km | Easy | 45 min — A leisurely loop through the leafy El Prado district takes you past elegant early-20th-century mansions, old hotels, and the Barranquilla Zoo — all shaded by mature...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:48AM–6:10PM · Jun 5:36AM–6:22PM · Aug 5:49AM–6:17PM · Sep 5:48AM–5:59PM · Oct 5:48AM–5:41PM	
Apr	88°	78°	13d		
Jun	87°	78°	21d		
Aug	87°	78°	24d		
Sep	87°	78°	26d		
Oct	86°	77°	28d		

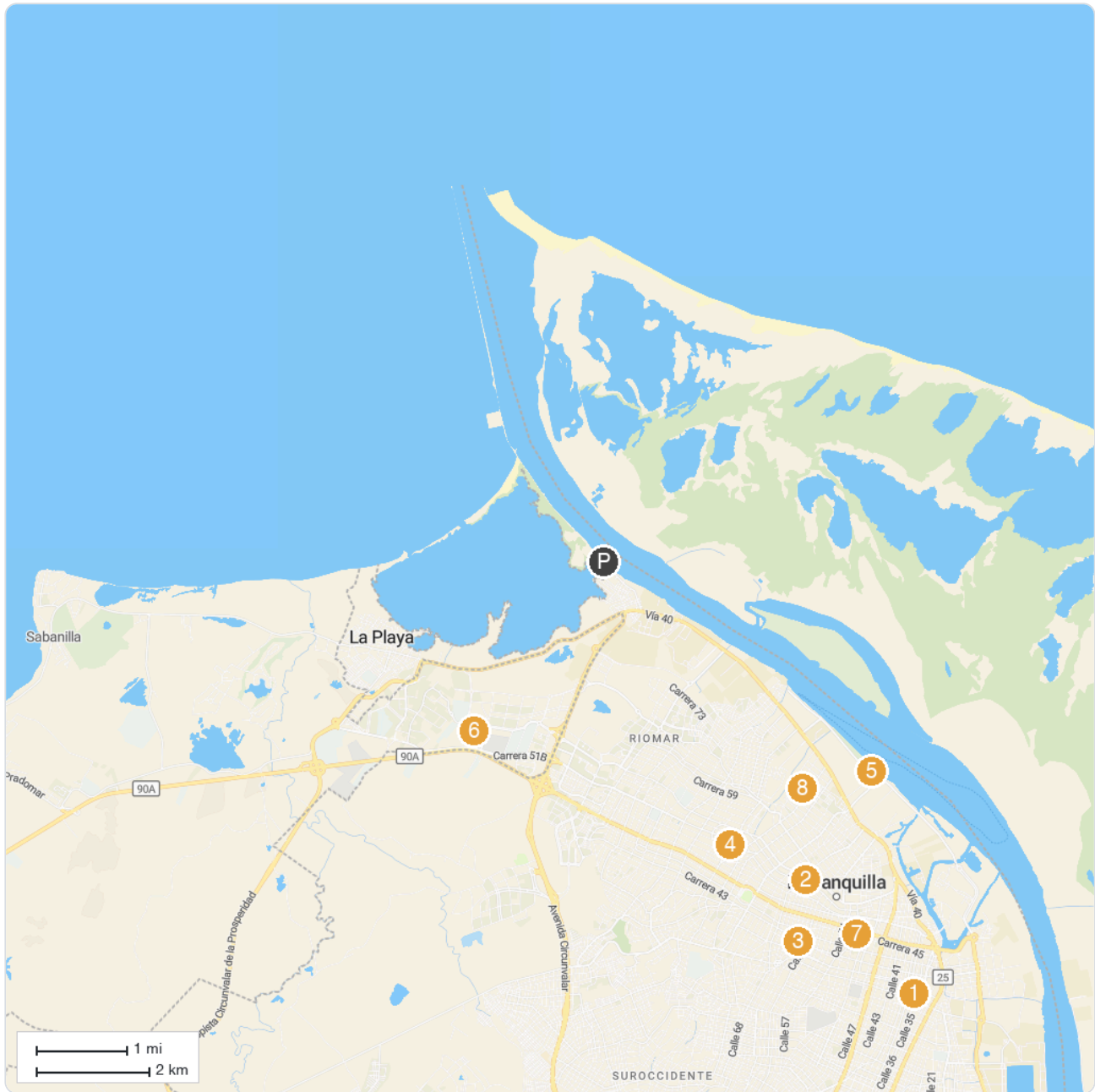
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Heat is intense year-round. Barranquilla sits at sea level in the tropics — bring water, sunscreen, and light clothing. Humidity is high; plan indoor breaks.
- Negotiate taxi fares before you ride. Metered taxis are rare; agree on a price in COP before getting in. InDriver (rideshare) works in the city and often cheaper.
- Carry small Colombian Peso bills. ATMs (cajeros) are available in El Prado and major malls. USD is rarely accepted directly — exchange at the port or use an ATM.
- Barranquilla Carnival is in February. If your cruise calls in late January or February, the city transforms — costumes, parades, and street parties everywhere. Expect crowds and higher energy.
- Allow time to get back. The commercial port has no late-departure flexibility. Build in a buffer — afternoon traffic near the river can be unpredictable.
- Stay in tourist areas. El Prado, the Gran Malecón, and Barrio Abajo are visitor-friendly. Avoid wandering into unfamiliar neighborhoods after dark.

Barranquilla, Atlántico, Colombia — 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 Museo del Atlántico | 2 Bibliographical Museo Bolivariano |
| 3 Combarranquilla Unidad Boston | 4 Sede principal / Flagship gallery |
| 5 Malecón Tourist León Caridi | 6 Museo Mapuka |
| 7 Plaza de la Paz - John Paul II | 8 Zoológico de Barranquilla |
| P Cruise port / terminal | |