

Beaufort, South Carolina, USA

One of America's oldest and best-preserved antebellum towns, Beaufort sits draped in Spanish moss on the South Carolina coast — a Lowcountry gem where the docks open straight onto 300 years of history.

Docked (Downtown Marina)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

US Dollar

English

Lowcountry / Sea Islands

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock at Downtown Marina (Safe Harbor Beaufort) on Bay Street — steps from the historic district

Best For: History lovers, Gullah culture, antebellum architecture, and nature walks

Walk to center: Immediate — Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park and Bay Street shops begin at the marina exit

Don't Miss: Old Point neighborhood mansions and a boat tour spotting dolphins in the Beaufort River

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$18–\$22 · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Historic District Walking Tour** — Guided 2-hour stroll through the National Historic District, past antebellum mansions in Old Point, the Verdier House, and Civil War-era landmarks...
- Gullah-Geechee Sea Islands Tour** — Motor-coach tour to St.
- Hunting Island State Park** — Five miles of uncrowded barrier-island beach, maritime forest trails, and a climbable 19th-century lighthouse with panoramic views — South Carolina's...
- Dolphin & Boat Tour** — Narrated open-water boat tour through the Beaufort River and tidal creeks searching for bottlenose dolphins, osprey, and great blue herons in the...
- Kayak the Sea Islands** — Paddle through tidal creeks and salt marshes around the Sea Islands with a local guide — excellent for birdwatching and spotting alligators in their...

BEST WALKS

- Bay Street & Waterfront Stroll** 1 mile | 30 min | Easy | Flat — Walk the length of Bay Street from the marina past antebellum storefronts, art galleries, and the Henry C.
- Old Point Neighborhood Loop** 2 miles | 45-60 min | Easy | Flat — From the marina, head east toward the Point to explore Beaufort's grandest antebellum mansions draped in live oaks and Spanish moss.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		75°	59°	8d
Jun		86°	73°	16d
Aug		87°	76°	20d
Sep		84°	71°	14d
Oct		77°	63°	7d

DAYLIGHT & 🌳 MONEY

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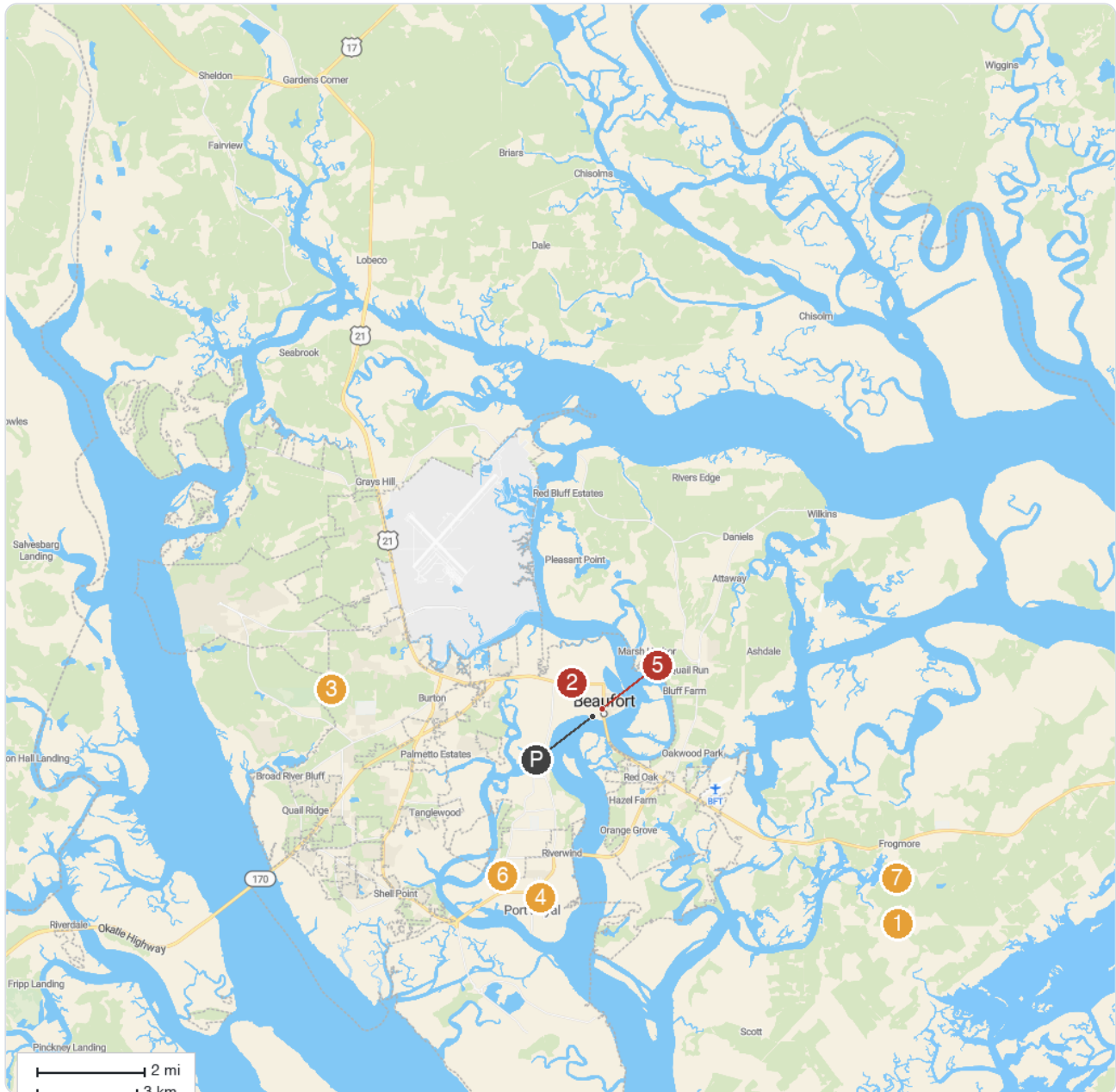
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Best season is Nov–April. Summer in Beaufort is hot and humid; spring and fall calls offer ideal walking weather.
- Bring bug spray in warm months. Lowcountry marshes mean mosquitoes and no-see-ums, especially in wooded areas.
- Gator awareness on trails. Beaufort-area nature walks pass through genuine alligator habitat — stay on marked paths and don't approach water edges.
- Hunting Island needs transport. It's 16 miles from the marina — book a ship excursion or arrange a rideshare in advance; taxis are limited.
- Eat local on Bay Street. Shrimp and grits, Lowcountry boil, and fresh oysters are the local staples — skip the chain options and try a waterfront café.
- Cards accepted everywhere downtown, but carry a little cash for smaller art vendors and farmers' market stalls near the park.

Beaufort, 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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| 1 Saint Helena Parish Chapel of Ease Ruins | Historic ruins of an 18th-century colonial church. | 2 Beaufort National Cemetery | A solemn national cemetery honoring military veterans. |
| 3 Burton Wells Dog Park | A dedicated park for dogs to play off-leash. | 4 Cypress Wetlands | A beautiful natural wetland with walking trails and wildlife. |
| 5 Beaufort History Museum | Discover Beaufort's rich history in this local museum. | 6 Spanish Moss Trail Parking - Westvine | Parking for the scenic Spanish Moss walking and biking trail. |
| 7 Penn Center | Historic site of one of the first schools for freed slaves. | P Cruise port / terminal | |