

Belém, Pará, Brazil

Gateway to the world's greatest rainforest, Belém blends Amazonian energy with Portuguese colonial grandeur — from the sprawling Ver-o-Peso waterfront market to stilt-house river islands just minutes away.

 Docked (Terminal de Outeiro or city pier)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Brazilian Real (BRL)  Portuguese

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Most ships dock at the new Terminal de Outeiro (2025) or the city-centre pier on Guajará Bay

Best For: Amazon river life, colonial history, exotic market food, nature

Walk to centre: City-pier berth is walkable to Ver-o-Peso (~5 min); Outeiro (on Caratateua Island) requires a shuttle or taxi (~27 km / ~40 min)

Don't Miss: Ver-o-Peso market at dawn — the freshest açaí and fish in the Amazon

 Getting around:  Taxi  R\$30–45 (~USD 6–9) ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Amazon River Boat Tour** — Cruise the furos (natural channels) and igarapés around Belém, visiting Combu Island where locals harvest açaí from stilt houses beneath towering...
- **Ver-o-Peso Market Deep Dive** — The largest open-air market in Latin America (commerce on this site dates to 1625; the iron market hall was built in 1901) — Amazonian fruits, live...
- **Forte do Presépio & Complexo Feliz Lusitânia** — Founded in 1616, this Portuguese fort launched the colonisation of the Amazon.
- **Basilica de Nossa Senhora de Nazaré** — This rubber-boom masterpiece (begun 1909) is modelled on the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls in Rome — Carrara marble, gold leaf, and fine...
- **Mangal das Garças Ecological Park** — Beautifully landscaped riverside park with walk-through aviaries, a butterfly house, and a lookout tower over the Guamá River — a gentle intro to...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront Heritage Walk** 2-3 km · ~1.5 hrs · Easy — Start at Ver-o-Peso market at the water's edge, walk south along the bay to Forte do Presépio for views and the Museum of Encounters, then loop back through the Complexo...
- **Mangal das Garças & Guamá Riverfront** 1.5 km · ~1 hr · Easy — Walk from Estação das Docas south along the Guamá riverbank to Mangal das Garças ecological park — ideal if you want shade, birds, and a quieter escape from the market...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	84°	75°	30d
Jun	86°	75°	22d
Aug	89°	75°	11d
Sep	90°	75°	11d
Oct	90°	76°	13d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 6:11AM–6:16PM · Jun 6:13AM–6:15PM · Aug 6:16AM–6:20PM · Sep 6:06AM–6:11PM · Oct 5:55AM–6:03PM	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress for the tropics: Belém is hot and humid year-round (avg 28°C) with frequent afternoon showers. Light breathable clothes and a small umbrella or poncho are essential.
- Insect repellent: Bring DEET-based repellent, especially if doing any river or park excursion. It's harder to find at the port than at home.
- Getting around: Uber and 99 both operate in Belém and are reliable and cheap. Avoid unmarked taxis late in the day near the port.
- Eat the açaí: Belém is the spiritual home of açaí — order it thick and purple (not the sweetened smoothie version found abroad). Try it at Ver-o-Peso or Estação das Docas.
- Cash is king in markets: Ver-o-Peso vendors mostly accept only Brazilian Real in cash. ATMs are available in the city centre. USD not widely accepted.
- Time your return: Belém traffic can be unpredictable. If docking at Terminal de Outeiro (well outside town on Caratateua Island), allow a generous buffer before all-aboard — the shuttle run is ~27 km and can queue.

Belém, 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.



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| <p>1 Mangal das Garças</p> <p>3 Museum of Image and Sound</p> <p>5 Corveta-Museu Solimões</p> <p>7 Clock Square</p> | <p>Park with herons, butterflies, and city views from lighthouse.</p> <p>Museum showcasing Pará's photography, cinema, and music history.</p> <p>Visit this former navy corvette, now a museum ship.</p> <p>Historic square featuring a prominent, iconic clock tower.</p> | <p>2 Basilica Sanctuary of Our Lady of Nazareth</p> <p>4 Instituto Histórico e Geográfico do Pará</p> <p>6 Presépio Fort</p> | <p>Grand basilica, important pilgrimage site for Our Lady of Nazareth.</p> <p>Institute preserving Pará's history, geography, and cultural heritage.</p> <p>Belém's original fort, now a museum with city views.</p> |
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- P** Cruise port / terminal