

Blanquilla Island, Federal Dependencies, Venezuela

La Blanquilla — 'the little white one' — is a deserted Venezuelan island ringed by sugar-sand beaches and coral reefs. No hotels, no restaurants, no crowds: just clear water and wild donkeys.

Tender only (no pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Currency: Venezuelan bolívar (USD often accepted on ship tenders)

Language: Spanish

Uninhabited island

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor & tender — ships anchor offshore, tenders to Playa Yaque

Walk to centre: No town — beach and nature only

Best For: Snorkeling, diving, secluded beach days

Don't Miss: Wall diving starting just 65 ft from shore, dropping 3,000+ ft

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Snorkeling the Black Coral Reefs** — The waters around Blanquilla host some of the Caribbean's last healthy black coral formations.
- Playa Yaque Beach Day** — Powder-white sand and turquoise water with virtually no other visitors beyond your fellow passengers.
- Dinghy to Americano Bay** — From Playa Yaque, small boat excursions round the coast to Americano Bay, where dramatic cliffs, a natural rock arch, and further reef sections...
- Island Walk & Wildlife Spotting** — Follow donkey trails inland to spot iguanas, seabirds, and the resident wild donkey and goat herds that roam the arid scrub.

BEST WALKS

- Playa Yaque Beach Stroll** Easy · 1–2 km · Flat sand — Walk the length of Playa Yaque from the tender landing and back.
- Playa Yaque to Playa Carantón** Moderate · ~3 km one-way · Sandy trail, cacti — A donkey-track walk south from Playa Yaque towards the quieter Playa Carantón on the south coast, which has two small beaches and good snorkeling.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		81°	74°	22d
Jun		84°	77°	24d
Aug		85°	78°	27d
Sep		85°	78°	25d
Oct		85°	77°	25d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:05AM–6:39PM · Jun 5:46AM–6:59PM · Aug 6:04AM–6:48PM · Sep 6:10AM–6:24PM · Oct 6:16AM–5:59PM

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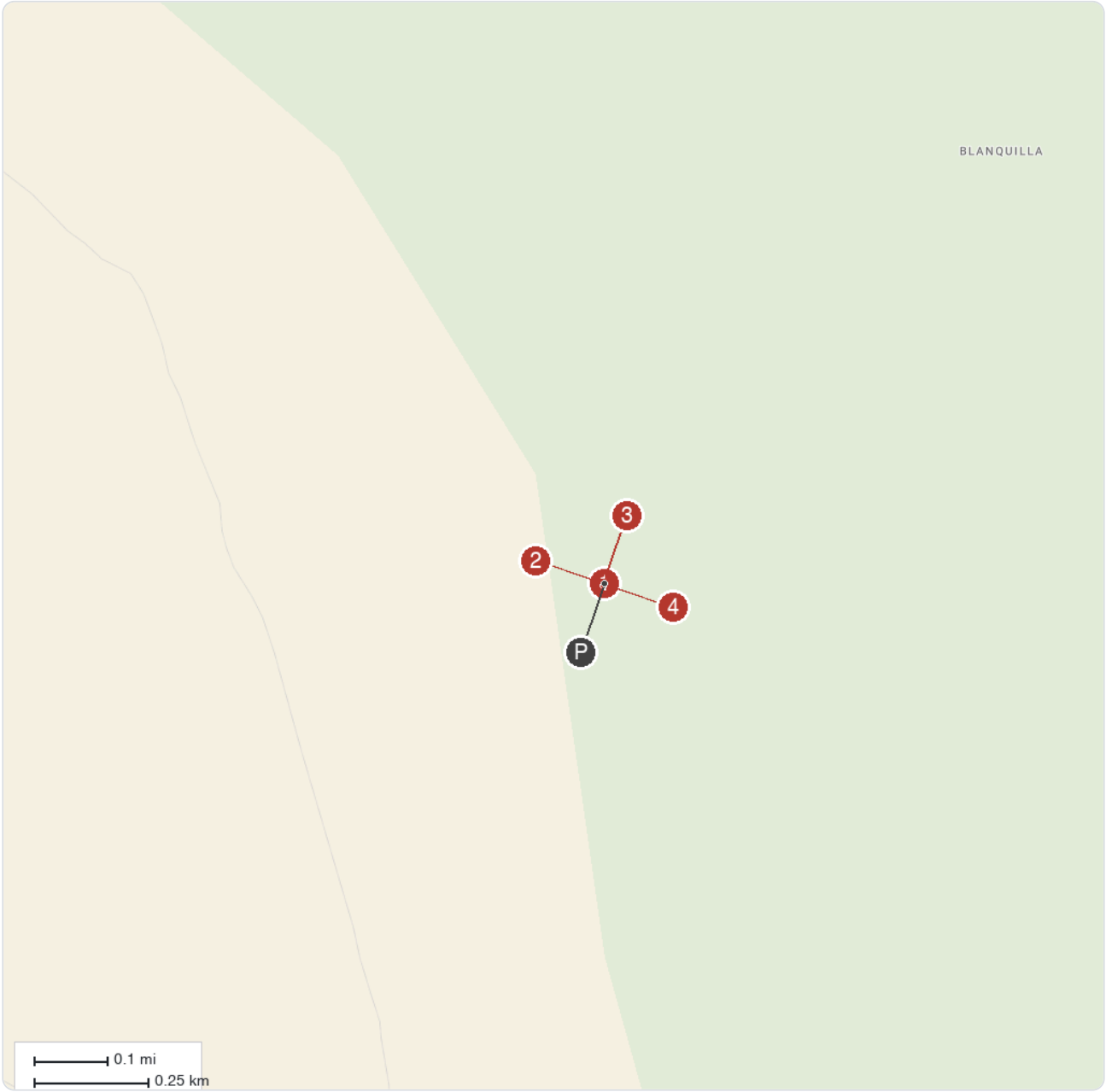
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring your own snorkel gear. There is no equipment rental on the island. Most ships sell or rent gear onboard — sort it out the evening before.
- Sun exposure is extreme. No trees near the anchorage beach. High-SPF reef-safe sunscreen, hat, and rashguard are essential for a full day.
- Zero facilities ashore. No food, water, toilets, or shade structures. Load up with drinks and snacks from the ship before tendering.
- Wear water shoes or closed footwear. Prickly-pear cacti cover the island away from the beach. Flip-flops are risky the moment you step off the sand.
- No connectivity. No mobile signal, no Wi-Fi. Download offline maps and let people know you're incommunicado for the day.
- Watch tender times carefully. Ships anchor offshore and will leave on schedule. The island offers no recourse if you miss the last tender — monitor the ship's announcements.

Blanquilla Island, Federal Dependencies, Venezuela — 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 Isla La Blanquilla Lighthouse | An active red-and-white skeletal tower lighthouse marking this uninhabited Venezuelan island. | 2 Playa Yaque | The main lee-shore beach anchorage, prized for powder-white sand and calm turquoise water. |
| 3 Playa Caranton | A pair of small south-coast beaches known for excellent snorkeling over black coral reef. | 4 Bahia Americano | A dramatic bay ringed by cliffs, reefs, and a natural rock arch on the island's north side. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |