

Block Island, Rhode Island, USA

A tiny island paradise off the Rhode Island coast, Block Island rewards its cruise visitors with dramatic clay bluffs, two historic lighthouses, pristine beaches, and miles of walking trails — all reachable by tender from Old Harbor.

Tender port (anchor off Old Harbor)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

USD

English

Bikes & mopeds for hire

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor and ferry passengers to Old Harbor pier

Best For: Beaches, lighthouse hiking, cycling, nature trails

Walk to Center: Old Harbor town is steps from the tender dock

Don't Miss: Mohegan Bluffs & Southeast Lighthouse — 200-ft clay cliffs with ocean views

Getting around: **Taxi** Zone-based fares; short trips ~\$10–\$20 · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Mohegan Bluffs & Southeast Lighthouse** — Hike or bike to the dramatic 200-ft clay bluffs on the island's southeast coast.
 - Clay Head Trail & The Maze** — A 190-acre preserve on the northeast tip with bluff-top trails, a sandy beach, and an intriguing network of unmarked paths called The Maze.
- Bike or Moped the Whole Island** — Rent a bike or moped at Old Harbor and loop the roughly 19-mile perimeter road, stopping at lighthouses, bluffs, and beaches.
 - North Lighthouse & Sandy Point** — The 1867 granite North Light sits at Sandy Point in the Block Island National Wildlife Refuge.
 - Crescent Beach & Ballard's Beach** — Two miles of sandy Atlantic coastline start just steps from Old Harbor.

BEST WALKS

- Old Harbor Town Walk** 1.5 miles • Easy • ~45 min — From the tender dock, stroll the historic Victorian-era waterfront: check out the Spring House hotel (1852), browse shops and galleries on Water Street, and walk the...
- Mohegan Bluffs to Southeast Lighthouse** 1.5 miles loop • Easy-Moderate • ~1 hr (at bluffs) — From the bluffs parking area (reached by bike or taxi), walk the cliff-edge path above the 200-ft drop to the Atlantic, then loop to the Southeast Lighthouse.
- Clay Head Nature Trail** ~5 miles round trip • Moderate • 2-2.5 hrs — Start at the Clay Head trailhead off Corn Neck Road.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		48°	42°	11d
Jun		64°	60°	9d
Aug		73°	69°	10d
Sep		69°	65°	10d
Oct		62°	56°	11d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:06AM–7:26PM · Jun 5:13AM–8:20PM · Aug 5:56AM–7:44PM · Sep 6:27AM–6:54PM · Oct 6:58AM–6:04PM

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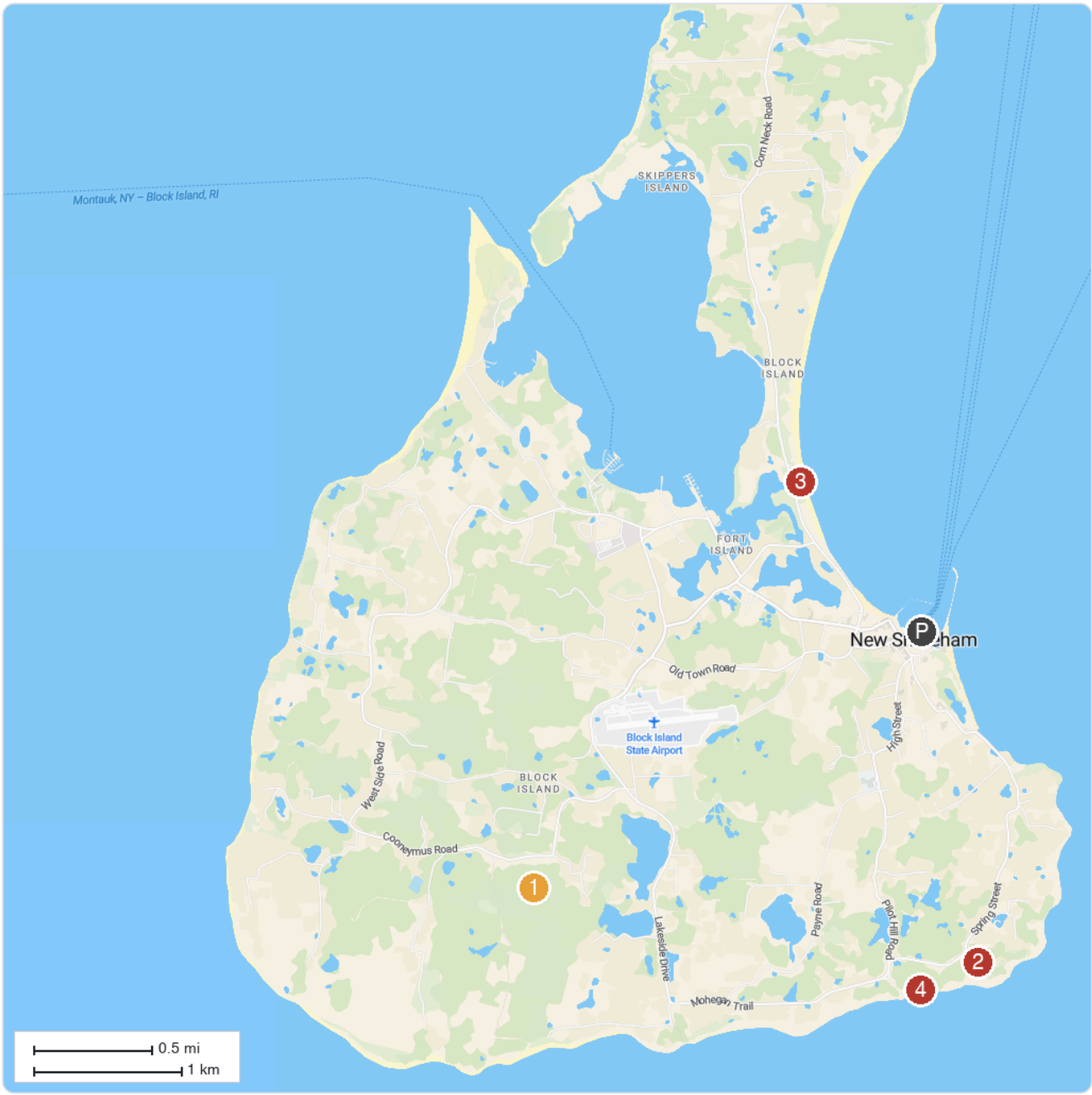
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing matters. Lines for the tender back to the ship can build up 1-2 hrs before departure. Budget 30 min of buffer — especially on busy summer days when multiple ships anchor.
- Rent a bike first thing. Rental shops near Old Harbor fill up fast. Grab a bike or moped as soon as you land to maximize your day — the island is ideal for cycling.
- Cash and cards both work. Most Old Harbor shops and restaurants accept credit cards. Some beach vendors and trail-side stands are cash-only — keep a few dollars handy.
- Pack sunscreen and layers. Block Island weather changes quickly. Ocean breezes can make it cooler than the mainland; bring a light jacket even in summer.
- Eat seafood at Old Harbor. Soak in the New England scene with fresh lobster rolls, clam chowder, and local fish at the waterfront restaurants in town — the island does classic Rhode Island seafood well.
- Cell coverage is limited. Download an offline map (Google Maps or Maps.me) before you tender ashore — connectivity on the trails and bluffs can be spotty.

Block Island, Rhode Island, 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 | Rodman's Hollow | A glacial outwash plain and nature preserve with hiking trails. | 2 | Southeast Lighthouse | Historic 1875 lighthouse on a cliff, moved due to erosion. |
| 3 | Frederick J. Benson Town Beach | Popular town beach with amenities like restrooms and concessions. | 4 | Mohegan Bluffs | Dramatic clay cliffs offering stunning ocean views and beach access. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |