

Bohol Island, Visayas, Philippines

A compact island punching above its weight: surreal chocolate-brown hills, the world's tiniest primate, a floating buffet on the Loboc River, and Panglao's turquoise reefs — all within striking distance of a dockside pier.

Docked (Tagbilaran City Pier)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Philippine Peso (P)

Filipino / English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock at Tagbilaran City Tourist Pier (265 m berth); no tendering required for most calls

Best For: Nature lovers, wildlife spotters, river cruisers, beach days

Walk to center: Tagbilaran downtown is ~10 min walk from the pier; most attractions need a van or tour

Don't Miss: Chocolate Hills viewpoint at Carmen and the Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary in Corella

Getting around: Taxi PHP 300–500 · Rideshare Grab

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Chocolate Hills & Carmen Viewpoint** — More than 1,200 nearly identical conical mounds stretch across central Bohol.
 - Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary** — The Corella sanctuary protects one of the world's smallest primates in a semi-wild forest enclosure.
 - Loboc River Floating Buffet Cruise** — Bamboo raft-restaurants drift along the jungle-fringed Loboc River while a local band plays and you eat a Filipino buffet.
- Panglao Island Beach Day** — Alona Beach on Panglao Island offers powdery white sand, turquoise shallows, and beachfront cafés.
 - Baclayon Church & Museum** — One of the oldest coral-stone churches in the Philippines; the present church was completed in 1727, on a Jesuit mission site founded in the 1590s.

BEST WALKS

- Tagbilaran City Pier to Baclayon Church Walk** 4 km · ~1 hr · Flat — Head east along the coastal road from the pier past Carlos P.
- Bilar Man-Made Forest Trail** 1 km · Easy · Shaded — A dense corridor of mahogany trees planted decades ago lines the road through Bilar.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		87°	77°	20d
Jun		85°	78°	26d
Aug		85°	78°	20d
Sep		85°	78°	25d
Oct		85°	77°	28d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:34AM–5:54PM · Jun 5:24AM–6:05PM · Aug 5:36AM–6:02PM · Sep 5:34AM–5:44PM · Oct 5:33AM–5:27PM

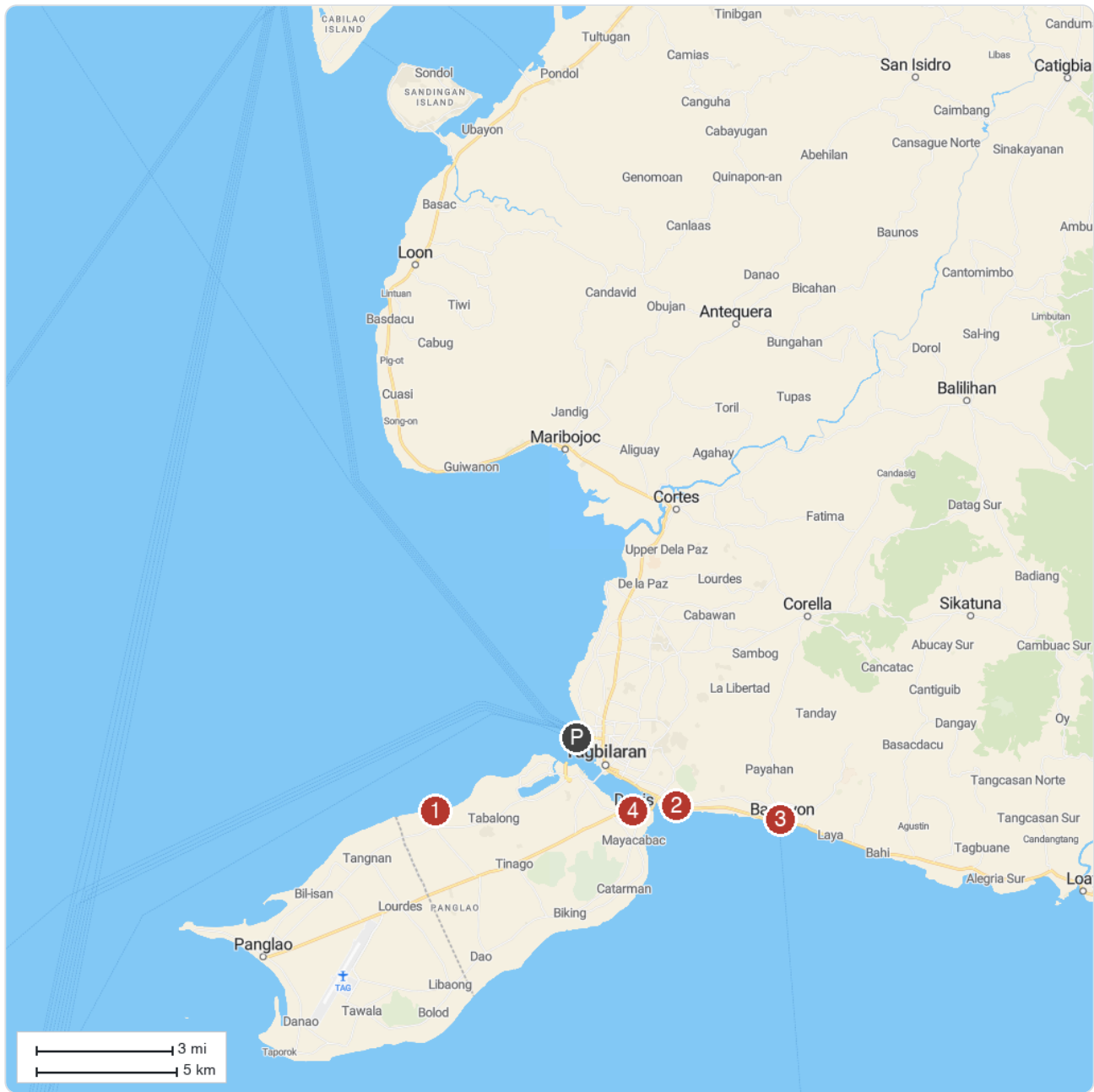
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Manage your return time carefully. Chocolate Hills + tarsiers + Loboc River is a tight full day. Pick two if time is short, or start at the pier the moment gangway opens.
- Carry Philippine Pesos. ATMs are in Tagbilaran city centre but queues can be long. Remote attractions and small vendors are cash only. Withdraw before leaving the port area.
- Silence at the Tarsier Sanctuary. Tarsiers are stressed by noise and flash. Keep voices low, put your camera on silent, and stay on the marked path. Rangers enforce strict rules.
- Negotiate vans upfront. Private vans at the pier are the fastest option for a multi-stop day. Agree the full route, price, and return time before you set off — standard rate is ₱1,500–₱2,500 for a half day.
- Rainy season runs June–November. The Chocolate Hills are green (not chocolate-brown) during this period. Bring a light rain jacket; morning rain usually clears by midday.
- Cruise visa waiver available. As of July 2024, visa-required nationalities can apply for a cruise visa waiver via the Philippine Bureau of Immigration's e-services portal before arrival.

Bohol Island, Visayas, Philippines — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Hinagdanan Cave** A limestone cave near Panglao with a cool underground lagoon for swimming.
- 3 Baclayon Church** One of the oldest stone churches in the Philippines, a National Cultural Treasure.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Blood Compact Shrine** A monument marking the historic 1565 Spanish-Filipino blood compact ceremony.
- 4 Dauis Church** A historic stone church built over a well believed to have miraculous water.