

Bom Bom Island, Príncipe, São Tomé and Príncipe

A tiny jungle-fringed islet dangling off northern Príncipe, Bom Bom rewards the few cruise ships that call here with deserted beaches, endemic birds, and waters full of colour.

-  Tender only (no pier)
-  Typical call: 6-8 hrs
-  Dobra (STN) / USD/EUR accepted
-  Portuguese
-  UNESCO Biosphere Reserve

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor & tender — no cruise pier on Bom Bom or Príncipe

Walk to centre: Bom Bom resort beach is the landing; Santo António town ~30-60 min by road

Best For: Beach relaxation, snorkelling, rainforest hikes, birdwatching

Don't Miss: Baía das Agulhas phonolite rock spires by boat

 Getting around:  Taxi  ~€40–60

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Rainforest Hike to Maria Correia Waterfall** — A full-morning trek through primary rainforest to a jungle waterfall.
- Birdwatching Walk** — Príncipe is home to several endemic bird species including the Príncipe thrush, sunbird, and scops owl.
- Boat Trip to Baía das Agulhas** — A boat excursion along the coast to the Bay of Spires, where dramatic phonolite rock columns rise from the sea.
- Snorkelling off Bom Bom Beaches** — The waters off the resort's two crescent beaches — Praia Bom Bom and neighbouring Praia Banana — offer excellent snorkelling with colourful reef fish.
- Santo António Town Visit & Cocoa Plantation** — The quiet capital of Príncipe offers colonial Portuguese architecture and a glimpse of everyday island life.

BEST WALKS

- Resort Islet Loop & Praia Bom Bom** Easy · 30–45 min · Beach walk — Follow the wooden walkway from the resort across to the small islet, then loop back along Praia Bom Bom beach.
- Praia Banana** Easy · short walk/transfer · Secluded beach — One of Príncipe's most photographed beaches, a crescent of golden sand a short distance from the resort — quieter than the main resort beach and famously banana-shaped.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:06AM–6:45PM · Jun 5:41AM–7:10PM · Aug 6:03AM–6:56PM · Sep 6:12AM–6:29PM · Oct 6:22AM–6:00PM	
Apr	87°	74°	16d	 Dobra (STN) / USD/EUR accepted	
Jun	82°	72°	6d		
Aug	80°	71°	3d		
Sep	82°	72°	6d		
Oct	84°	73°	16d		

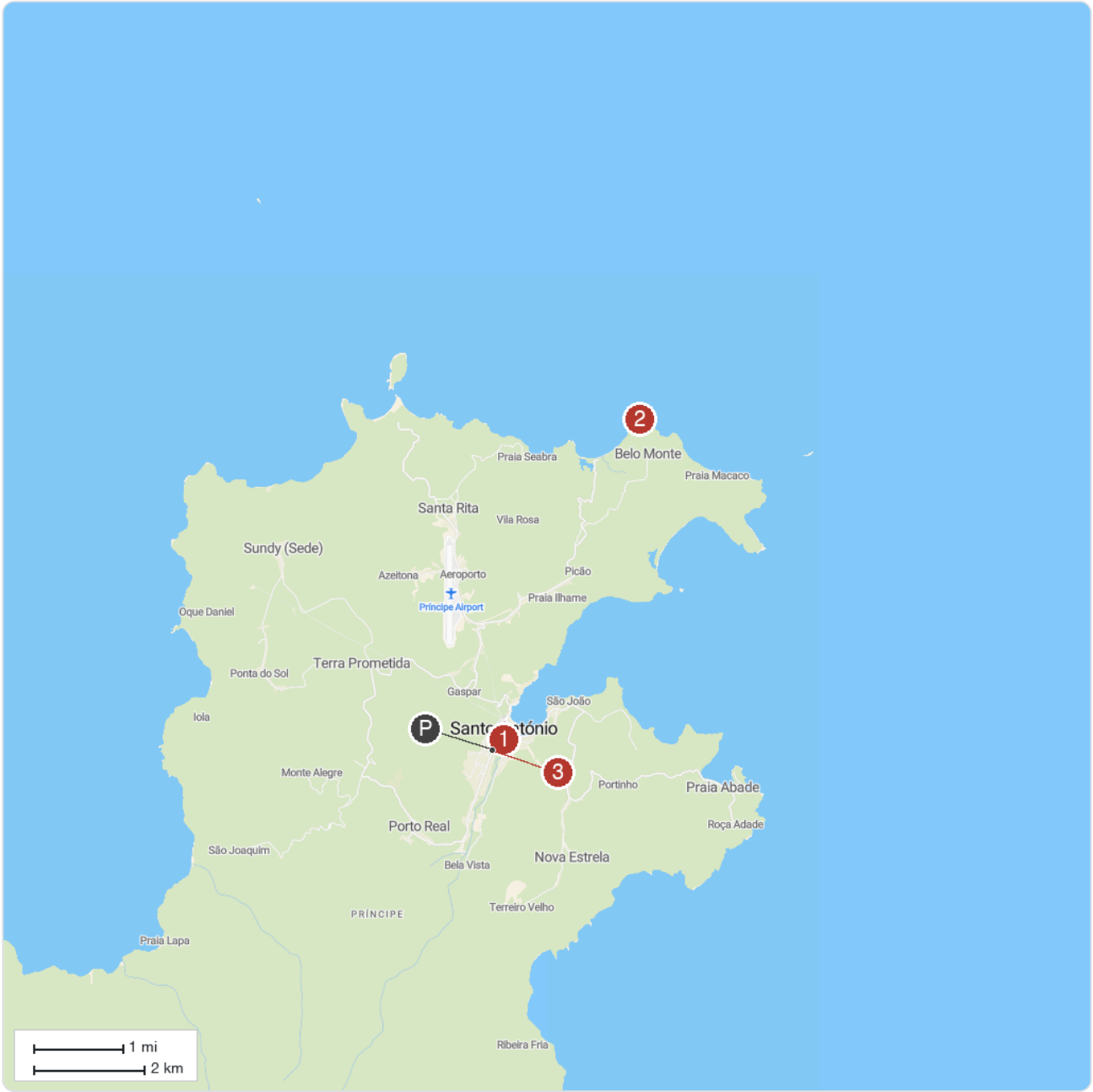
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender conditions:** Bom Bom is exposed to Atlantic swell. Tender operations can be cancelled or delayed in rough weather — watch ship announcements closely.
- Bring small bills:** No ATMs on Bom Bom Island. EUR and USD are widely accepted; local Dobra (STN) is useful for purchases in Santo António.
- Malaria precautions:** São Tomé and Príncipe is a malaria zone. Consult your doctor before travel and use repellent — especially important on rainforest hikes.
- Phone signal is limited:** If you cross to Santo António independently, agree a return time with your boat operator beforehand — don't count on being able to call.
- Sea turtle nesting:** Nesting season runs roughly mid-November to February, hatchings in March. If your call falls in this window, a night turtle watch is unmissable.
- Dry season (June–September)** offers the best weather and calmer seas. The wet season brings lush green scenery but heavier rains and rougher tender conditions.

Bom Bom Island, Príncipe, São Tomé and Príncipe — 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 Bom Bom Footbridge** A 140-meter wooden walkway linking Príncipe's main island to the small Bom Bom islet.
- 3 Santo António** Príncipe's only town, a small colonial-era waterfront settlement about 20 minutes south of Bom Bom.

- 2 Praia Banana (Banana Beach)** An iconic crescent of pale sand backed by leaning palm trees, reachable by boat.
- P Cruise port / terminal**