

Brava Island, Cape Verde

Cape Verde's 'Island of Flowers' is a tender port of rugged volcanic mountains, cobblestone colonial streets, and a pace of life that big-ship itineraries rarely disturb.

Tender port (anchor off Furna) Typical call: 6-8 hrs Cape Verdean Escudo (CVE) Portuguese / Creole (Kriolu)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore; tenders land at Furna quay

Walk to center: Furna to Nova Sintra is ~6 km (99-curve mountain road; taxi recommended)

Best For: Hiking, off-the-beaten-path culture, slow travel

Don't Miss: Nova Sintra's Praça Eugénio Tavares and views toward Fogo

Getting around: **Taxi** ~€6 · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Nova Sintra Walking Tour** — Explore the capital's pastel colonial houses, cobblestone lanes, and Praça Eugénio Tavares — a shaded square honoring Cape Verde's famous poet.
- **Hike Furna to Nova Sintra** — The classic Brava hike follows the 99-curve road (or footpaths cutting across switchbacks) up 500 m through terraced gardens, fig trees, and sweeping...
- **Fajã d'Água Coastal Village** — A serene fishing bay on the island's western coast with natural volcanic rock pools, a pebble beach, and views of Fogo.
- **Monte Vigia & Highland Trails** — Brava's interior ridge trails wind through some of the greenest landscapes in Cape Verde.
- **Nossa Senhora do Monte Pilgrimage Church** — A hilltop pilgrimage church in the Nossa Senhora do Monte parish, a short trip from Nova Sintra, that serves as a religious site and viewpoint.

BEST WALKS

- **Nova Sintra Town Stroll** 1-2 km · Easy · 30-60 min — From the central Praça Eugénio Tavares, wander the cobblestone streets past colorful colonial buildings, flower-draped walls, and the Church of Saint John the Baptist.
- **Furna Quay to Village** 0.5 km · Easy · 15 min — A short flat stroll around Furna village itself — a fishing community with colorful boats and the peaceful natural bay sheltered by volcanic cliffs.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌦️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌞 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
	Mon	High	Low	Rain	
Apr		73°	71°	0d	Apr 6:24AM–6:52PM · Jun 6:09AM–7:09PM · Aug 6:24AM–7:01PM · Sep 6:27AM–6:39PM · Oct 6:30AM–6:18PM
Jun		75°	72°	0d	
Aug		79°	77°	6d	
Sep		81°	78°	8d	
Oct		81°	78°	2d	

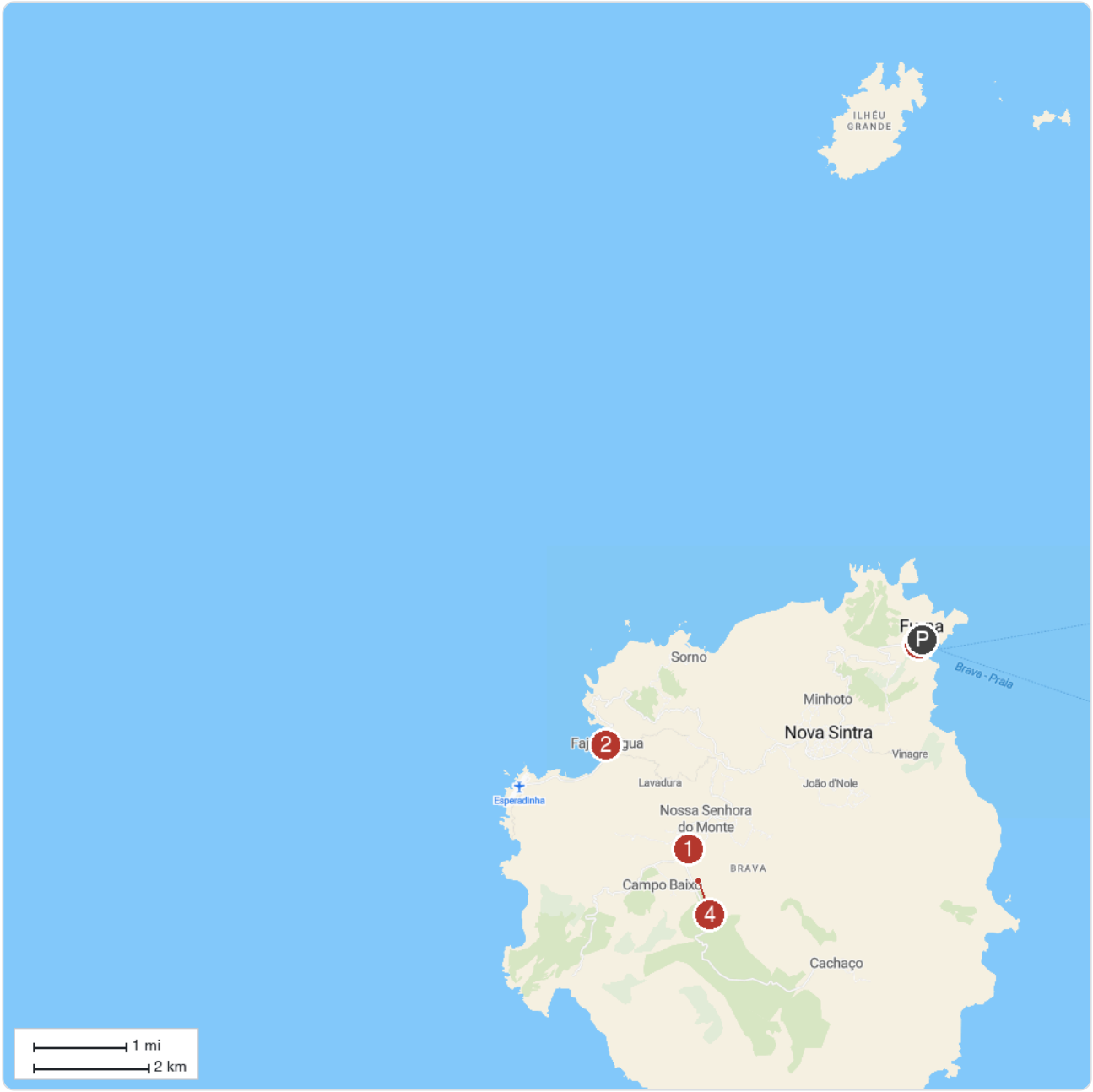
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender conditions matter. Brava sits in a swell-prone channel between Fogo and Santiago. If seas are rough, tendering may be delayed or cancelled — check ship announcements early.
- Take a taxi to Nova Sintra. The road is 6 km with nearly 100 switchbacks — walking it in the heat takes 1.5-2 hrs each way. Aluguers wait at the quay; agree on a price before getting in.
- Bring cash in escudos. Card acceptance is very limited on Brava. Exchange euros or dollars on the ship or bring small bills — there is no ATM reliably available at Furna.
- Best months for hiking are November–June, when skies are clear and humidity is low. July–October is warmer and slightly wetter, but the hills are at their most lush.
- Budget time carefully. The round trip taxi ride to Nova Sintra plus a 2-hr wander uses most of a standard port call. Pick one excursion beyond town — Fajã d'Água or a hike — and don't overplan.
- A few words of Portuguese go a long way. English is rare outside the occasional guesthouse. Locals speak Kriolu day-to-day; Portuguese gets you understood in shops and with taxi drivers.

Brava Island, Cape Verde — 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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Nova Sintra Viewpoint A hilltop lookout above Brava's capital with views to Ilhéu Rombo and, on clear days, Fogo island.
- 2

Fajã d'Água A picturesque fishing village and bay considered one of Cape Verde's most beautiful, with natural swimming pools.
- 3

Church of Nossa Senhora do Monte A hilltop church in Nova Sintra offering incredible views over the colorful colonial capital.
- 4

Pico de Fontainhas Brava island's highest point at 976 meters, a challenging hike with stunning Atlantic views.
- P

Cruise port / terminal