

Casilda, Sancti Spiritus, Cuba

A humble fishing harbor 5 km from one of Cuba's most beautiful colonial cities, Casilda opens the door to Trinidad's cobblestone plazas, the Valle de los Ingenios, and the white-sand stretch of Playa Ancón.

Tender port

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Cuban Peso (CUP) / USD accepted at tourist sites

Spanish

Beach & colonial history

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in Casilda Bay; boats run to the small pier

Best For: Colonial architecture, Caribbean beaches, catamaran day sails

Walk to Trinidad: ~5 km by road; taxis and shared cabs meet tenders

Don't Miss: Plaza Mayor in Trinidad & Manaca Iznaga Tower in the Valley of Sugar Mills

Getting around: **Taxi** \$6–8 USD · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Trinidad Colonial Walking Tour** — Wander the cobblestone streets of UNESCO-listed Trinidad, pausing at Plaza Mayor, the Iglesia Parroquial de la Santísima Trinidad, and the Palacio...
 - Valle de los Ingenios & Manaca Iznaga Tower** — The Valley of the Sugar Mills — a second UNESCO site — spreads east of Trinidad.
- Playa Ancón Beach Day** — One of Cuba's finest Caribbean beaches lies just minutes from the tender dock.
 - Catamaran Sail & Snorkel** — Depart from Marina Puerto de Casilda on a catamaran cruise along the Ancón Peninsula.
 - Topes de Collantes Waterfall Hike** — A truck or jeep takes you into the Sierra del Escambray mountains to Parque el Cubano, where a forest trail leads to the Caburní Falls.

BEST WALKS

- Trinidad Historic Center Loop** 2-3 hrs · Flat cobblestones · Hire a taxi to the start — From Plaza Mayor, walk east to the Convento de San Francisco (bell tower museum), then loop through the Canchánchara bar alley, south to Calle Simón Bolívar, and back...
- Casilda Waterfront Stroll** 30 min · Flat · Starts at the tender dock — A short, casual walk along Casilda's harbor front past fishing boats and the small Marina Puerto de Casilda.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		87°	72°	7d
Jun		88°	76°	16d
Aug		90°	77°	17d
Sep		88°	77°	17d
Oct		86°	75°	15d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:00AM–7:39PM · Jun 6:37AM–8:04PM · Aug 6:58AM–7:50PM · Sep 7:07AM–7:22PM · Oct 7:16AM–6:54PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (America/Havana). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

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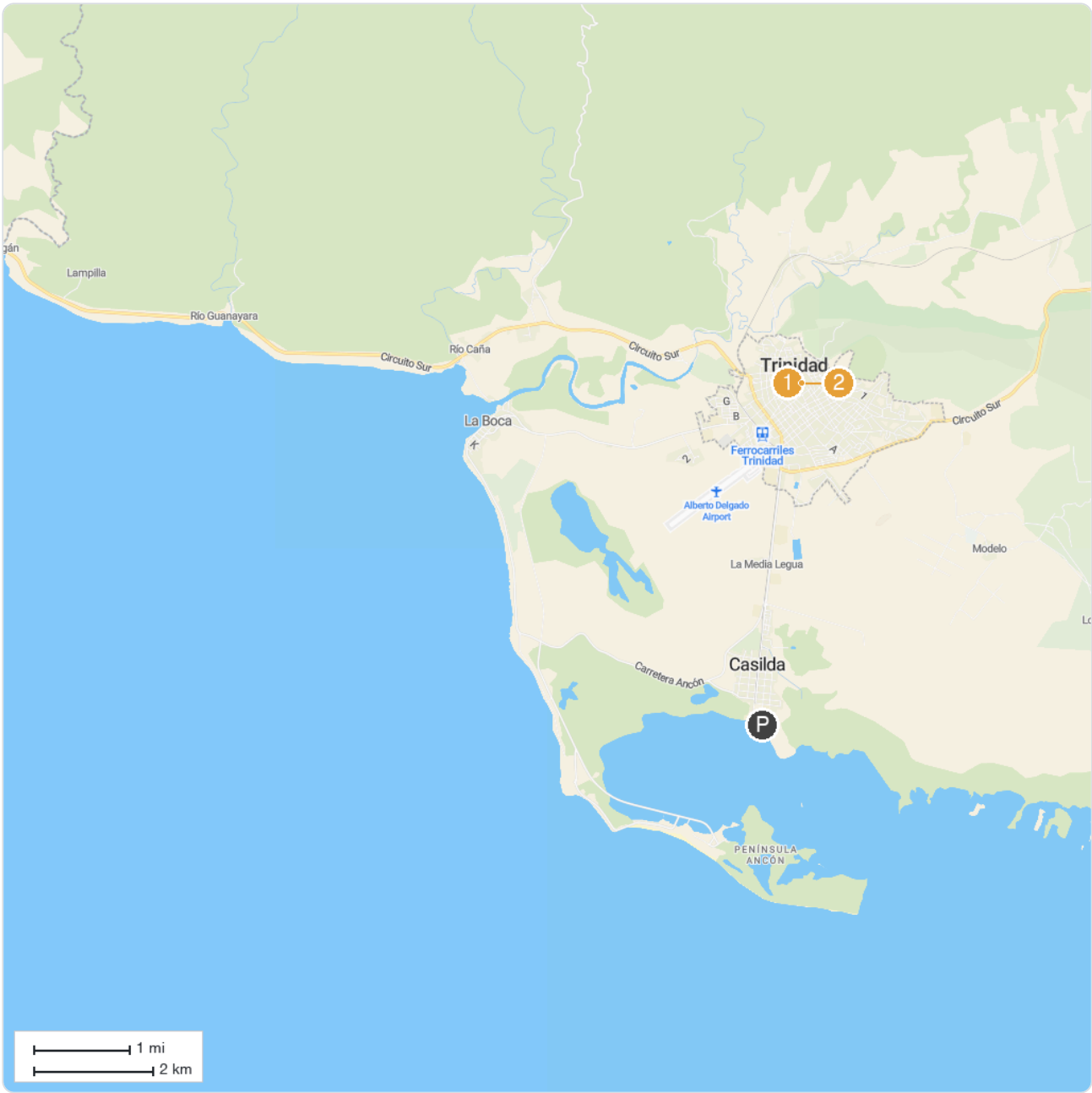
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Negotiate taxis upfront. Private taxis (particulares) wait at the dock — agree on a price to Trinidad before you get in. CUC-equivalent fares, expect \$5–10 per car each way.
- Bring cash. US credit/debit cards do not work in Cuba. Euros and Canadian dollars are the easiest foreign currencies to exchange. USD can be exchanged but historically faced a surcharge.
- Budget travel time. Trinidad is only 5 km away but the cobblestone town is compact — allow 20–30 min total for taxi each way plus tender time.
- Book the catamaran early. The catamaran snorkel trips from Marina Casilda sell out quickly on busy ship days. Pre-book through the ship or a local operator.
- Hot and humid. Trinidad sits in a natural hollow and can be sweltering in summer. Light clothing, a hat, and water are essentials.
- Respect locals when photographing. Cubans are generally friendly toward cameras but always ask before photographing people.

Casilda, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba — 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 Museo de Historia Municipal

Explore Casilda's local history and heritage exhibits.

2 Casa de la Trova

Enjoy live traditional Cuban music and local culture.

P Cruise port / terminal