

Cebu City, Cebu, Philippines

The Queen City of the South packs 500 years of Spanish colonial history into a walkable downtown — then throws in whale sharks, Bohol's Chocolate Hills, and some of the Philippines' clearest island waters just a short ride away.

Docked (Port of Cebu)

Typical call: 8-12 hrs

Philippine Peso (PHP)

Filipino / Cebuano

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth at the Port of Cebu, Pier 1 or Pier 2, North Reclamation Area — fort and heritage core within easy walking distance.

Best For: Colonial history, Bohol day trips (Chocolate Hills, tarsiers), whale shark encounters, island hopping

Walk to center: Fort San Pedro is steps from Pier 1; Magellan's Cross and the Basilica are ~700 m (10-min walk).

Don't Miss: Basilica Minore del Santo Niño — the Philippines' oldest church, founded 1565

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✓ PHP 100–130 · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✓ Grab

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cebu Heritage Walking Tour** — Hit the colonial core on foot: Fort San Pedro (oldest fort in the Philippines), Magellan's Cross in its octagonal chapel, the Basilica Minore del...
- **Whale Shark Encounter at Oslob** — About 3 hours south of Cebu City, Oslob is one of the world's most reliable spots to swim alongside whale sharks.
- **Bohol Day Trip — Chocolate Hills & Tarsiers** — A fast ferry to Tagbilaran or Tubigon opens up Bohol's greatest hits: the otherworldly Chocolate Hills, the Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary, the Loboc...
- **Kawasan Falls Canyoneering** — Cliff-jump and wade through the turquoise gorge of Kawasan Falls in Badian, 3 hours southwest of Cebu City.
- **Island Hopping — Hilutungan & Nalusuan** — Quick boat tours out of Mactan Island visit the marine sanctuary at Hilutungan, snorkel over coral gardens, stop at the white-sand strip of Nalusuan...

BEST WALKS

- **Colonial Cebu Heritage Loop** ~1.5 km | 45-60 min | Easy | Mostly flat — Walk directly from Pier 1 to Fort San Pedro, then north to Plaza Independencia, Magellan's Cross pavilion, the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño, and back along Osmena Blvd.
- **Colon Street Stroll** ~1 km | 30 min | Easy — Head up to Colon Street — the oldest street in the Philippines — for a taste of Cebu's chaotic, colorful downtown commerce.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		86°	78°	18d
Jun		85°	78°	28d
Aug		85°	78°	24d
Sep		85°	78°	26d
Oct		85°	77°	29d

DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY

Apr 5:34AM–5:54PM · Jun 5:23AM–6:06PM · Aug 5:35AM–6:02PM · Sep 5:34AM–5:44PM · Oct 5:33AM–5:27PM

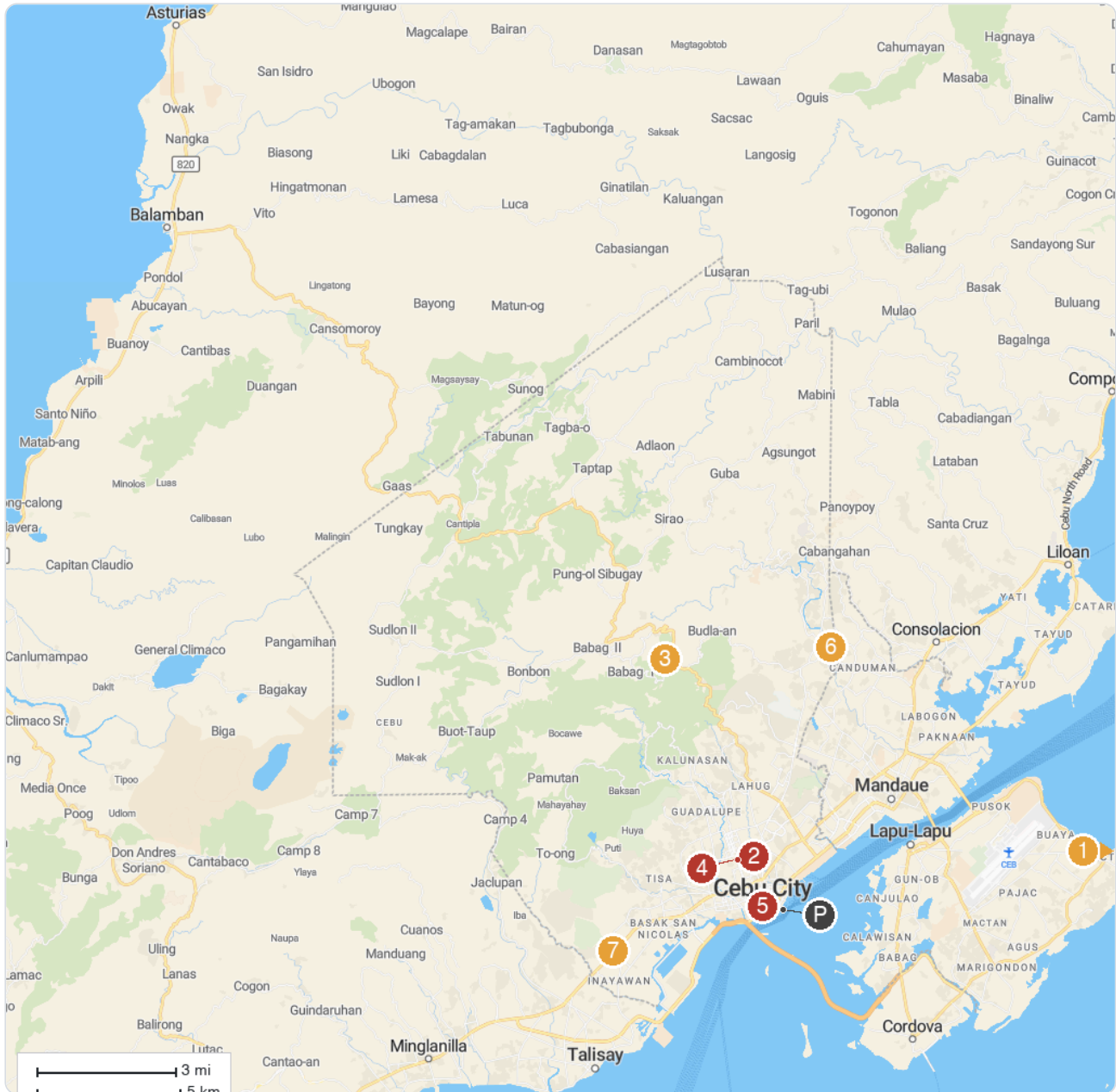
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry pesos. Smaller shops, jeepneys, and street vendors are cash-only. ATMs are plentiful downtown and at SM City Cebu. Current rate is roughly PHP 56 per USD.
- Start early for Bohol or Oslob. Both are full-day trips and require leaving the ship by 8 AM at the latest. Confirm your ship's all-aboard time before booking independently.
- Dress modestly at the Basilica. No sleeveless tops or shorts — cover up before entering. A sarong or light scarf works. The church is an active pilgrimage site, not just a tourist stop.
- Insist on metered taxis. Always ask the driver to use the meter. If they refuse, walk to the next cab. Grab is a reliable, price-transparent alternative.
- Hot and humid year-round. Coolest and driest November–March. Typhoon season peaks July–October. Even in the dry season, carry a small umbrella — afternoon showers happen.
- Book Oslob whale sharks in advance. Tour slots fill quickly. Note that feeding practices at Oslob are controversial among conservationists — research before deciding.

Cebu City, Cebu, 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.



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| 1 Magellan's Marker | Monument marking where Ferdinand Magellan died in battle. | 2 The Archdiocesan Shrine of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus | A prominent Catholic church and archdiocesan shrine. |
| 3 TOPS Cebu | A scenic mountain viewpoint offering panoramic city views. | 4 Sky Experience Adventure | Thrilling rides and activities atop Crown Regency Hotel. |
| 5 Magellan's Cross | A historic cross planted by Ferdinand Magellan in 1521. | 6 Archival's Eco-House | A unique house showcasing sustainable living and eco-friendly practices. |
| 7 Santo Tomas de Villanueva Parish | A local Catholic parish church for worship. | P Cruise port / terminal | |