

Conflict Islands, Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea

Twenty-one uninhabited islands rimming a sunken-volcano lagoon, home to 400 coral species and one of the Pacific's most pristine marine ecosystems. Cruise ships anchor in the turquoise lagoon and tender passengers to Panasesa Island for a day of snorkeling, wildlife, and silence.

-  Tender only (no pier)
-  Typical call: 6-8 hrs
-  AUD vouchers / USD accepted
-  English & Tok Pisin
-  Marine conservation site

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor & tender to Panasesa Island

Best For: Snorkeling, diving, sea turtles, total seclusion

Don't Miss: CICI Turtle Conservation Sanctuary on Panasesa

Walk to Center: No town — entire island is the resort/beach

 Getting around:  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Reef Snorkel** — Slip into the water directly off Panasesa beach and explore a reef hosting roughly 800 reef-fish species and over 400 coral varieties.
- Turtle Conservation Sanctuary Visit** — The Conflict Islands Conservation Initiative (CICI) operates a sea-turtle nursery on Panasesa where endangered Hawksbill and Green turtle eggs are...
- Glass-Bottom Boat Tour** — Survey the outer reef and lagoon bommies without getting wet — guides point out manta rays, reef sharks, and giant clams visible through the hull.
- Kayak & Paddleboard the Lagoon** — Paddle across the calm inner lagoon, circumnavigate the island's sandspits, and drift above coral heads.
- Outrigger Canoe Ride** — Traditional Papua New Guinean outrigger canoes take small groups across the lagoon, offering a peaceful and culturally authentic way to see the atoll...

BEST WALKS

- Panasesa Island Beach Circuit** ~1.5 km loop · 25 min · Flat sand · Easy — Walk the perimeter of Panasesa Island along its white-sand shore, passing the turtle sanctuary, resort bungalows, and lookout points over the lagoon.

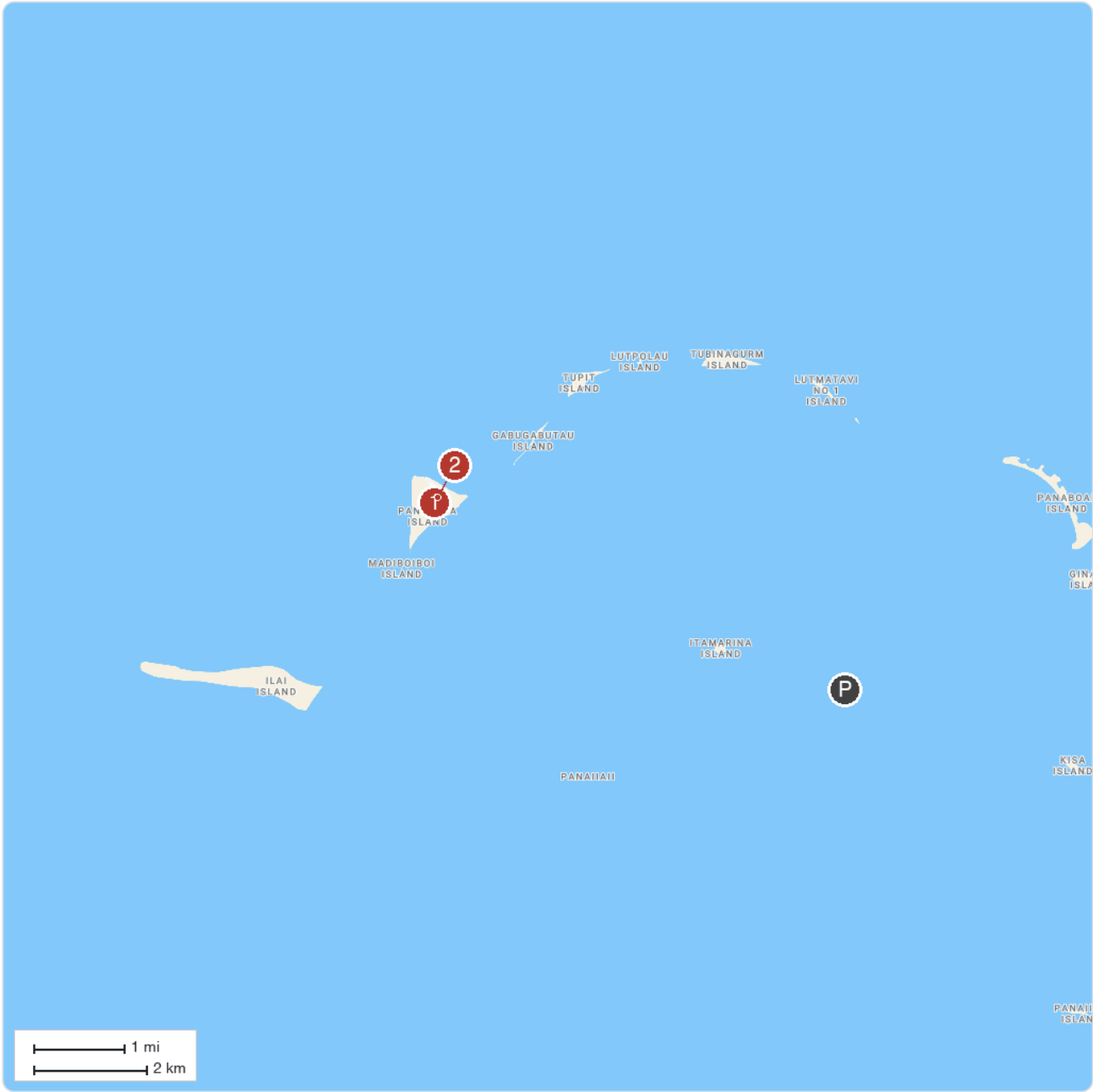
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Buy vouchers aboard ship. There is no ATM on the island. Cruise lines sell pre-denominated AUD vouchers (A\$25/50/100) before arrival — pick these up the evening before your call.
- Bring your own mask and fins if possible. Rental gear is available but limited supply means early tenders get the best fit. This reef genuinely rewards snorkeling.
- Sun protection is critical. Open sandy beach with no shade trees over most of the shoreline — wear a rash guard, apply SPF 50+, and bring a hat. The tropical sun is intense.
- Visit the turtle sanctuary early — it's the best unique experience on the island and the guides are informative. The turtle season runs roughly November–April (nesting through hatchling releases), so calls in those months may coincide with releases.
- Weather can change fast. Milne Bay sits in a wet tropical zone. A light rain layer and dry bag for your phone/camera are smart packing choices year-round.
- Tender timing matters. With a shorter call, grab an early tender. Last tenders back are often rushed — check the all-aboard time and be at the jetty 30 min early.

Conflict Islands, Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea — 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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Turtle Conservation Hatchery

A working sea turtle hatchery on Panasesa protecting endangered hawksbill and green turtle nests from poachers and predators.
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Panasesa House Reef

A shore-accessible coral reef teeming with manta rays and reef fish, one of the most pristine snorkel sites in Milne Bay.
- P

Cruise port / terminal