

Coquimbo, Coquimbo Region, Chile

A gritty, salt-sprayed port with sea lions at the fish market, the tallest cross on the continent looming over the bay, and two cities' worth of beaches, seafood, and star-gazing valley just beyond the gates.

 Pier (Terminal Puerto Coquimbo)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Chilean Peso (CLP)  Spanish

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock at Terminal Puerto Coquimbo; shuttle bus to exit gate

Best For: Seafood, colonial history, Elqui Valley pisco tours, beaches

Walk to center: 5 min from gate to Caleta fish market; La Serena 20 min by taxi

Don't Miss: Caleta sea lions, Cruz del Tercer Milenio elevator views, pastel de jaiba crab casserole

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~2,000–5,000 CLP (~\$2–5 USD) for short city rides ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, DiDi

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Elqui Valley Pisco Tour** — Drive into the world's clearest-sky valley, visit a pisco distillery, and taste Chile's national spirit amid Andean scenery.
- **Cruz del Tercer Milenio & Coquimbo City** — Ride an elevator inside South America's tallest monument — the 93-metre concrete Cruz del Tercer Milenio — for panoramic views of the bay and twin...
- **La Serena Colonial City Walk** — Chile's second-oldest city is a 20-minute taxi ride away.
- **Avenida del Mar Beach Walk** — The sweeping coastal avenue connects Coquimbo to La Serena along miles of white sand.
- **Caleta Fish Market & Seafood Lunch** — Walk five minutes from the port gate to Coquimbo's waterfront Caleta — where pelicans and sea lions jostle below the docks and the second-floor...

BEST WALKS

- **Port Gate to Barrio Inglés Loop** ~1.5 km · 20 min · easy — Exit the terminal gate, swing through the Caleta fish market to spot the sea lions, then follow the waterfront north into the Barrio Inglés for colourful 19th-century...
- **Mirador Cruz del Tercer Milenio** ~10 min by taxi · short walk at top · easy — Take a taxi up El Vigía hill to the giant cross.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain		
Apr	66°	56°	0d	Apr 7:04AM–6:25PM · Jun 7:39AM–5:52PM · Aug 7:18AM–6:21PM · Sep 7:43AM–7:37PM · Oct 7:07AM–7:55PM	
Jun	61°	49°	2d		
Aug	62°	49°	1d		
Sep	63°	50°	0d		
Oct	65°	52°	1d		

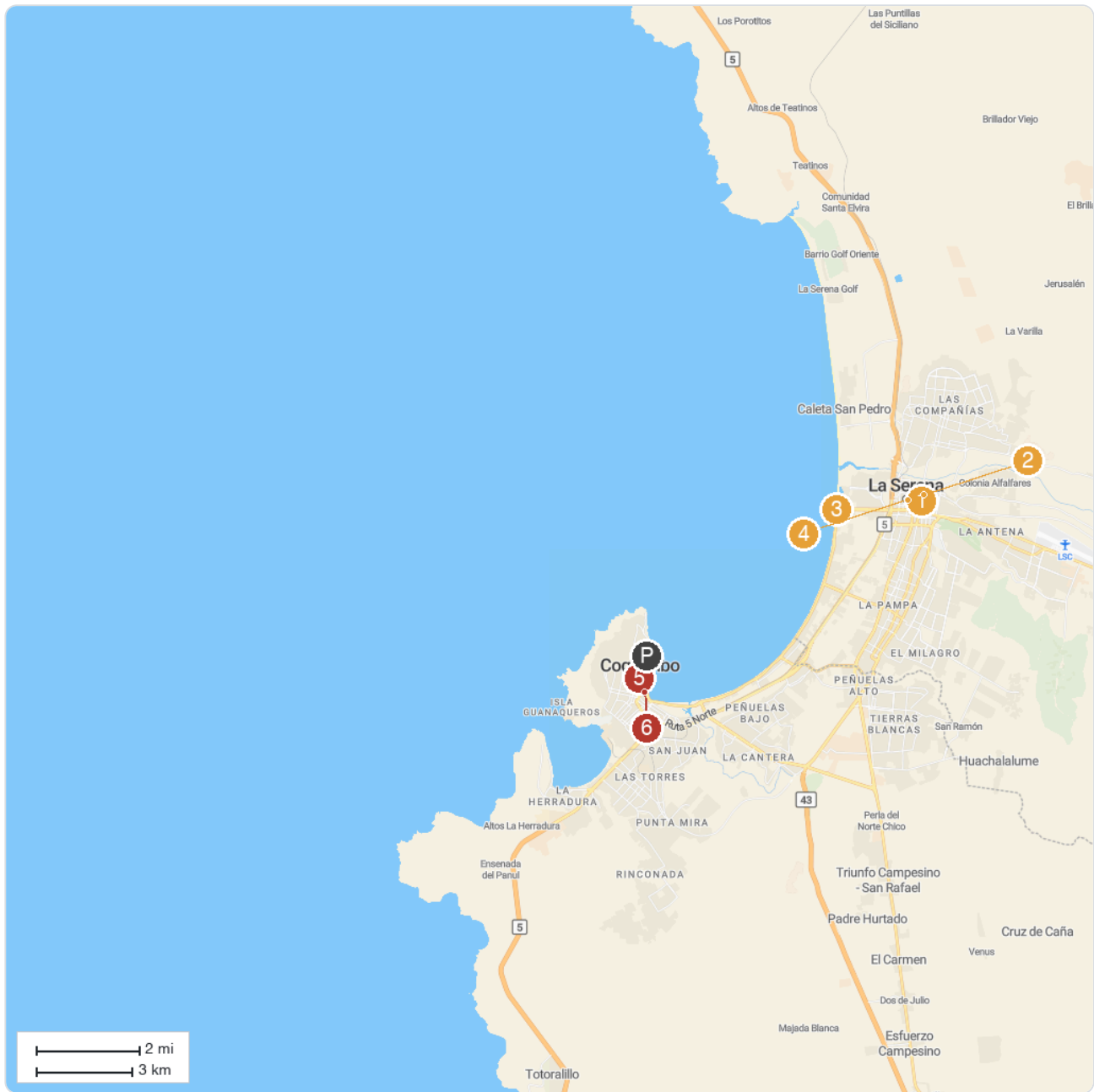
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use pesos. Taxis, the fish market, and cafes expect CLP. ATMs are plentiful in the city centre. Some vendors accept USD but at poor rates.
- Layer up for the camanchaca. The cold Pacific fog often blankets the port until late morning. Bring a jacket — it burns off quickly, revealing hot sunshine.
- Agree taxi fares upfront. Cabs from the port gate are unmetered. Typical fare: CLP 5,000–8,000 to La Serena. Colectivos (shared taxis) are CLP ~1,000 and run constantly.
- No fruit off the ship. Chile's biosecurity is strict — sniffer dogs at the exit. Leave all fresh produce, seeds, and unsealed food on board or face a heavy on-the-spot fine.
- Eat upstairs at the Caleta. The second-floor market stalls serve ridiculously fresh seafood at local prices. Order the pastel de jaiba (crab casserole) — it's a regional signature.
- Elqui Valley is a full-day commitment. It's 1.5 hrs each way — only worth it if your call is 9+ hours. Book via the ship or a vetted local operator to guarantee an on-time return.

Coquimbo, Coquimbo Region, Chile — 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 Archaeological Museum of La Serena | Museum showcasing pre-Columbian artifacts and regional history. | 2 La Recova | Traditional market for local crafts, produce, and food. |
| 3 Faro Monumental de La Serena | Iconic stone lighthouse offering panoramic coastal views. | 4 Catedral de La Serena | Neoclassical cathedral, the main Catholic church of La Serena. |
| 5 Iglesia de San Pedro | Historic church known for its colonial architecture. | 6 Bernardo O'Higgins Park | Green urban park for relaxation and recreation. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |