

Currimao, Ilocos Norte, Philippines

A raw, unhurried port on the northwest coast of Luzon — your gateway to Spanish colonial churches, vast sand dunes, and the UNESCO-listed streets of Vigan.

🚢 Pier (direct berth up to 200 m) ⌚ Typical call: 8–10 hrs 📄 Philippine Peso (cash essential) 🗣️ Ilocano / English spoken 🏛️ UNESCO heritage nearby

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — upgraded berth handles most cruise ships directly; very large vessels may tender

Best For: Heritage seekers, foodies, sand-dune adventurers

Walk to town: ~3 km to Currimao poblacion (taxi/tricycle strongly recommended in the heat)

Don't Miss: Paoay Church (UNESCO), Ilocos Empanada, Paoay Sand Dunes 4x4 ride

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ PHP 210–250 to Batac (~11 km); PHP 430–550 to Laoag (~29 km)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Paoay Church & Malacañang of the North** — Paoay's Saint Augustine Church (1710) is the definitive example of Earthquake Baroque, with massive flying buttresses unlike anything else in Asia.
- **Paoay Sand Dunes 4x4 Ride** — A desert beside the sea — kilometre-wide dunes rolling down to the Ilocos coast.
- **Vigan Heritage City Walk** — Calle Crisologo's cobblestone streets and centuries-old Spanish colonial mansions are unlike anywhere in Southeast Asia.
- **Pangil Coral Rock Formations** — Massive fossilized coral formations sculpted by tidal erosion over millennia — dark, dramatic, and very photogenic right on the Currimao coastline.
- **Ilocano Food Trail** — Ilocano cuisine is one of the Philippines' most distinct — bagnet (double-fried crispy pork belly), Ilocos empanada (orange-fried pastry with...

BEST WALKS

- **Pangil Coastal Walk** 1–2 km · Easy · 45–60 min — Tricycle to the Pangil rock formations, then pick your way along the fossilized coral coastline.
- **Currimao Town Stroll** 1.5 km · Easy · 30 min — Walk or tricycle to the poblacion, take a look at the Spanish-era Tabacalera tobacco warehouse ruins, and browse the small local market.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
	Mon	High	Low	Rain	
Apr		91°	76°	10d	Apr 5:41AM–6:14PM · Jun 5:22AM–6:34PM · Aug 5:40AM–6:24PM · Sep 5:46AM–6:00PM · Oct 5:51AM–5:35PM
Jun		88°	78°	26d	
Aug		85°	77°	28d	
Sep		86°	76°	25d	
Oct		87°	75°	14d	

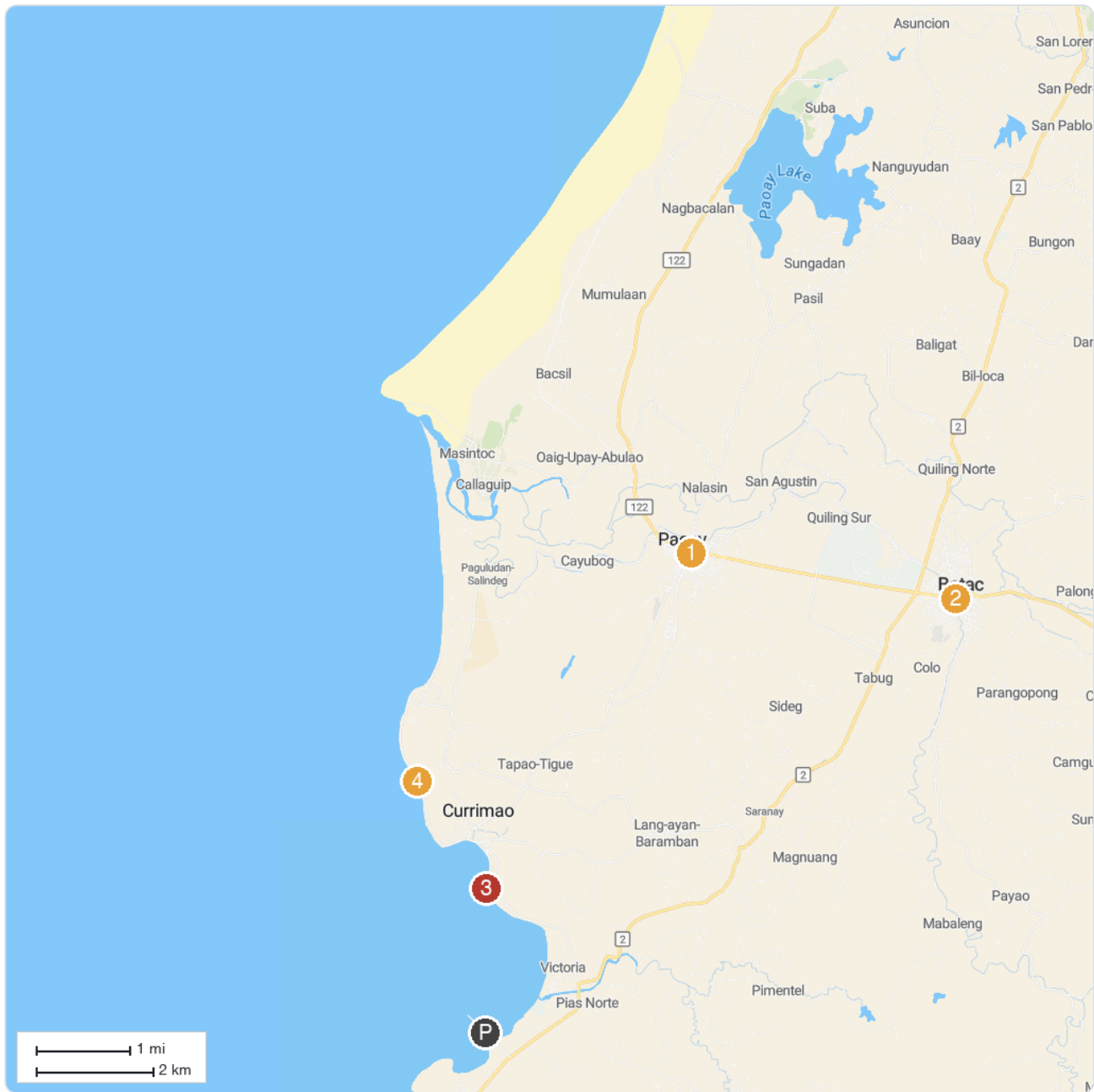
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash only at the port. There are no ATMs dockside. Get PHP onboard or at a Laoag ATM — tricycles, market stalls, and most local eateries won't accept cards.
- Sun protection is non-negotiable. Ilocos Norte is hot and dry year-round. Bring SPF 50+, a wide-brim hat, and a water bottle. The pier area has zero shade.
- Negotiate tricycle fares before boarding. Short local trips should cost PHP 50–100. For Paoay, hire a van at the gate — it's faster and air-conditioned for ~PHP 1,500 per vehicle.
- Vigan = cruise excursion only. The drive is 1.5–2 hours each way and Vigan traffic can be unpredictable. Independent travelers risk missing the ship. Book the official tour.
- Eat bagnet and empanada. Ilocano food is some of the best regional cuisine in the Philippines. The empanadas by Paoay Church are a bucket-list bite.
- Paoay Church dress code. Cover shoulders and knees for entry. The church is still an active parish — be respectful during services.

Currimao, Ilocos Norte, 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 San Agustin Church of Paoay | UNESCO World Heritage Site, a magnificent Baroque earthquake church. | 2 Marcos Museum | Museum and mausoleum dedicated to former President Ferdinand Marcos. |
| 3 Currimao South Watchtower | Historic Spanish-era stone watchtower overlooking the coastline. | 4 Pangil Coral Rock Formation | Unique natural formations of ancient fossilized coral rocks. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |