

Devil's Island, Salvation Islands, French Guiana

Three jungle islands steeped in colonial infamy — ships anchor off Île Royale where crumbling penal colony buildings sleep beneath the palms, while the notorious Île du Diable looms just offshore, close enough to see but too dangerous to land.

 Tender only (no pier)  Typical call: 4–6 hrs  Euro (EUR)  French

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor & tender to Île Royale

Walk to center: Short walk from tender landing

Best For: History · Wildlife · Ruins

Don't Miss: Views of Île du Diable

 Getting around:  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Penal Colony Ruins of Île Royale** — The French penal colony that operated from 1852 to 1953 left behind a haunting landscape: cell blocks, the solitary confinement building, guards'...
- **Chapel of Île Royale** — The small convict-built chapel on Île Royale, with its simple whitewashed interior, is one of the best-preserved structures on the island.
- **Agoutis, Monkeys & Seabirds** — With no predators, Île Royale's wildlife is remarkably tame.
- **Views of Île du Diable** — From the northern tip of Île Royale you can look directly across the narrow, churning channel to Île du Diable — the island where Dreyfus spent five...
- **Coastal Walk & Cliff Paths** — Île Royale's perimeter paths wind along dramatic rocky coastline battered by Atlantic swell, through coconut palms and jungle.

BEST WALKS

- **Ruins & Chapel Loop** ~3 km · 1.5–2 hrs · easy–moderate — From the tender jetty, walk up to the main penal colony buildings — cell blocks, the solitary confinement ward, the former director's villa — then continue to the chapel...
- **North Shore Viewpoint to Île du Diable** ~1.5 km · 45 min · easy — A short walk from the ruins to the northern tip of Île Royale for the clearest views across the channel to Île du Diable.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	81°	78°	24d
Jun	82°	77°	30d
Aug	83°	79°	18d
Sep	84°	79°	11d
Oct	84°	79°	11d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 6:23AM–6:37PM · Jun 6:18AM–6:43PM · Aug 6:26AM–6:43PM · Sep 6:21AM–6:29PM · Oct 6:16AM–6:15PM	
Euro (EUR)	

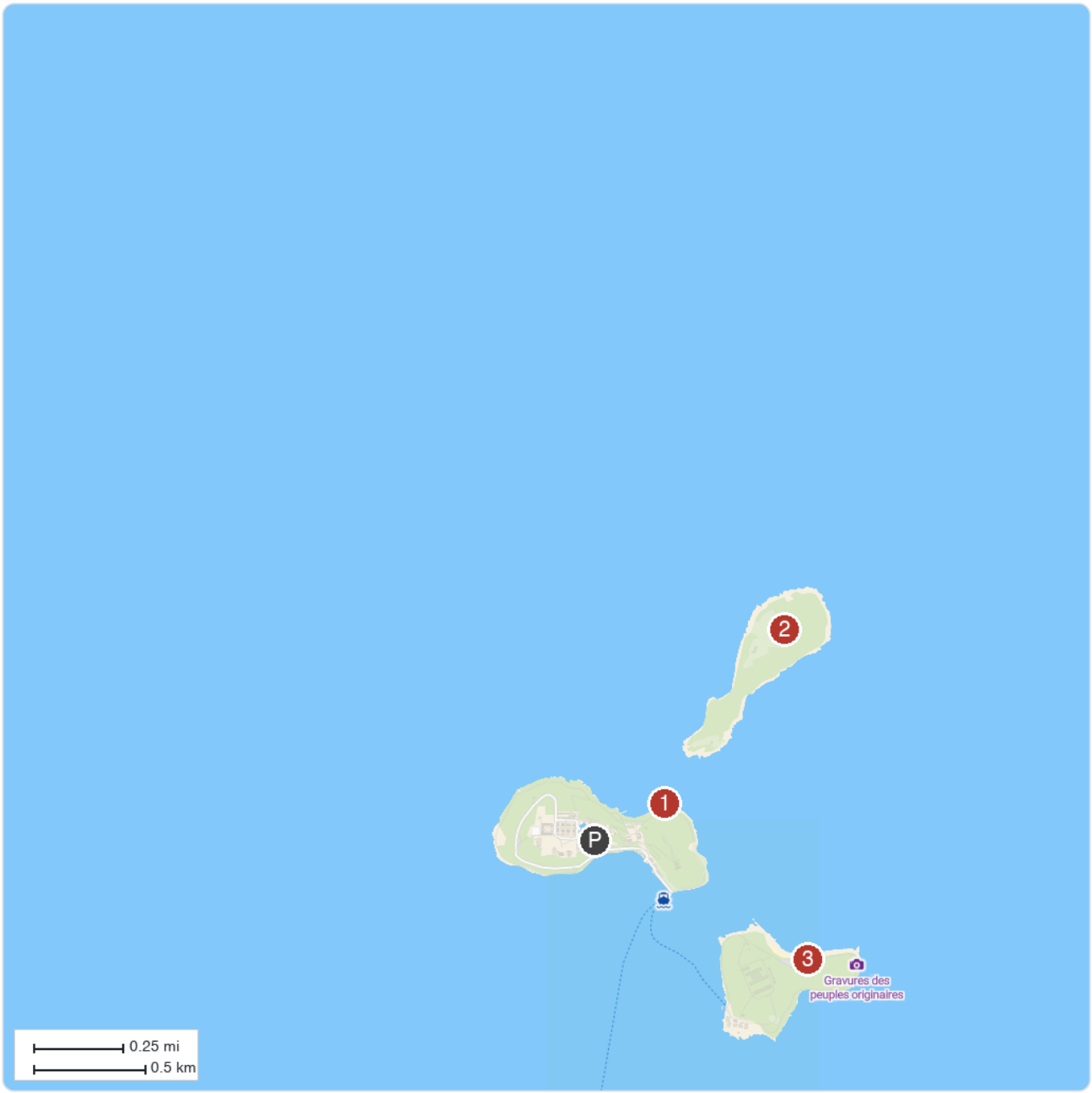
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Devil's Island is a view, not a landing. Almost no one lands on Île du Diable — the currents between the islands are treacherous. Your visit is on Île Royale. Manage expectations and embrace the haunting atmosphere.
- Insect repellent is non-negotiable. French Guiana is equatorial jungle. Mosquitoes and biting insects are relentless — bring DEET-based repellent and wear long sleeves if you have them.
- Bring water and snacks. There is one small café/hotel on Île Royale (Auberge des Îles du Salut) with limited food and drinks. Don't count on it being open or stocked — bring your own supplies from the ship.
- French Guiana is tropical. Expect heat, humidity, and the possibility of sudden heavy rain any time of year. A light rain layer and sun hat are both worth packing.
- Euros only, cash preferred. French Guiana uses the Euro. The café may accept cards but don't rely on it — bring a small amount of cash for any purchases ashore.
- Don't feed the wildlife. Agoutis, monkeys, and macaws are bold and curious but they're wild animals. Watch and photograph freely — just keep your snacks secured or the locals will help themselves.

Devil's Island, Salvation Islands, French Guiana — 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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Île Royale Prison Ruins

Ruins of the main administrative buildings of France's notorious penal colony, active until 1953.
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Devil's Island

The smallest and most infamous of the Salvation Islands, once used to isolate political prisoners including Alfred Dreyfus.
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Île Saint-Joseph

Former solitary-confinement island of the penal colony, now overgrown with jungle trails through the ruins.
- P

Cruise port / terminal