

# Dili, Timor-Leste

One of the world's youngest nations and most raw cruise destinations, Dili delivers a rare mix of poignant independence history, Portuguese colonial atmosphere, and stunning untouched reef diving — all without a souvenir mall in sight.

- Pier (most ships dock)
- Typical call: 8-10 hrs
- USD (US Dollar)
- Tetum & Portuguese
- World-class reef diving

## MY DAY IN PORT

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

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Pier at Port of Dili for most ships; very large vessels may tender

**Best For:** History, culture, snorkelling & diving, off-the-beaten-path adventure

**Walk to center:** 10–15 min (1 km) to city centre along the waterfront

**Don't Miss:** Cristo Rei statue, Resistance Museum, Tais Market, Timor coffee

Getting around: **Taxi** \$5–\$15 USD

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cristo Rei of Dili** — A 27 m statue of Christ atop a globe at the tip of a headland — a gift from Indonesia in 1996.
- **Timorese Resistance Archive & Museum (AMRT)** — A world-class museum dedicated to East Timor's 24-year fight against Indonesian occupation.
- **Atauro Island Snorkel & Dive** — Just 25 km north of Dili, Atauro Island's reefs are recognized by Conservation International as among the most biodiverse in the world.
- **Tais Market & Old Town Stroll** — Browse the open-air Tais Market for hand-woven Timorese textiles, bags, and jewelry — unique, authentic, and bought directly from the artisans.
- **Santa Cruz Cemetery & Chega! Prison Exhibition** — In 1991 Indonesian forces fired on mourners at Santa Cruz Cemetery, killing 250+ — the massacre was filmed and galvanized international support for...

## BEST WALKS

- **Port to City Centre Waterfront Walk** 1 km · ~15 min · Flat — Head east from the port gates along Avenida de Portugal past the Portuguese embassy quarter, colonial buildings, and fishing boats to the Tais Market and Government...
- **City Centre to Resistance Museum** ~1 km from city centre · ~20 min from port · Flat — From the Tais Market, continue inland to the Timorese Resistance Archive and Museum (AMRT).

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

| CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |     |      |     | DAYLIGHT &  MONEY |                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------|-----|------|-----|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                               | Mon | High | Low | Rain              |                                                                                                   |
|                               | Apr | 87°  | 77° | 19d               | Apr 6:40AM–6:34PM · Jun 6:49AM–6:26PM · Aug 6:47AM–6:36PM · Sep 6:31AM–6:34PM · Oct 6:15AM–6:31PM |
|                               | Jun | 88°  | 75° | 7d                |                                                                                                   |
|                               | Aug | 89°  | 72° | 3d                |                                                                                                   |
|                               | Sep | 89°  | 73° | 6d                |                                                                                                   |
|                               | Oct | 90°  | 75° | 8d                |                                                                                                   |
|                               |     |      |     | USD (US Dollar)   |                                                                                                   |

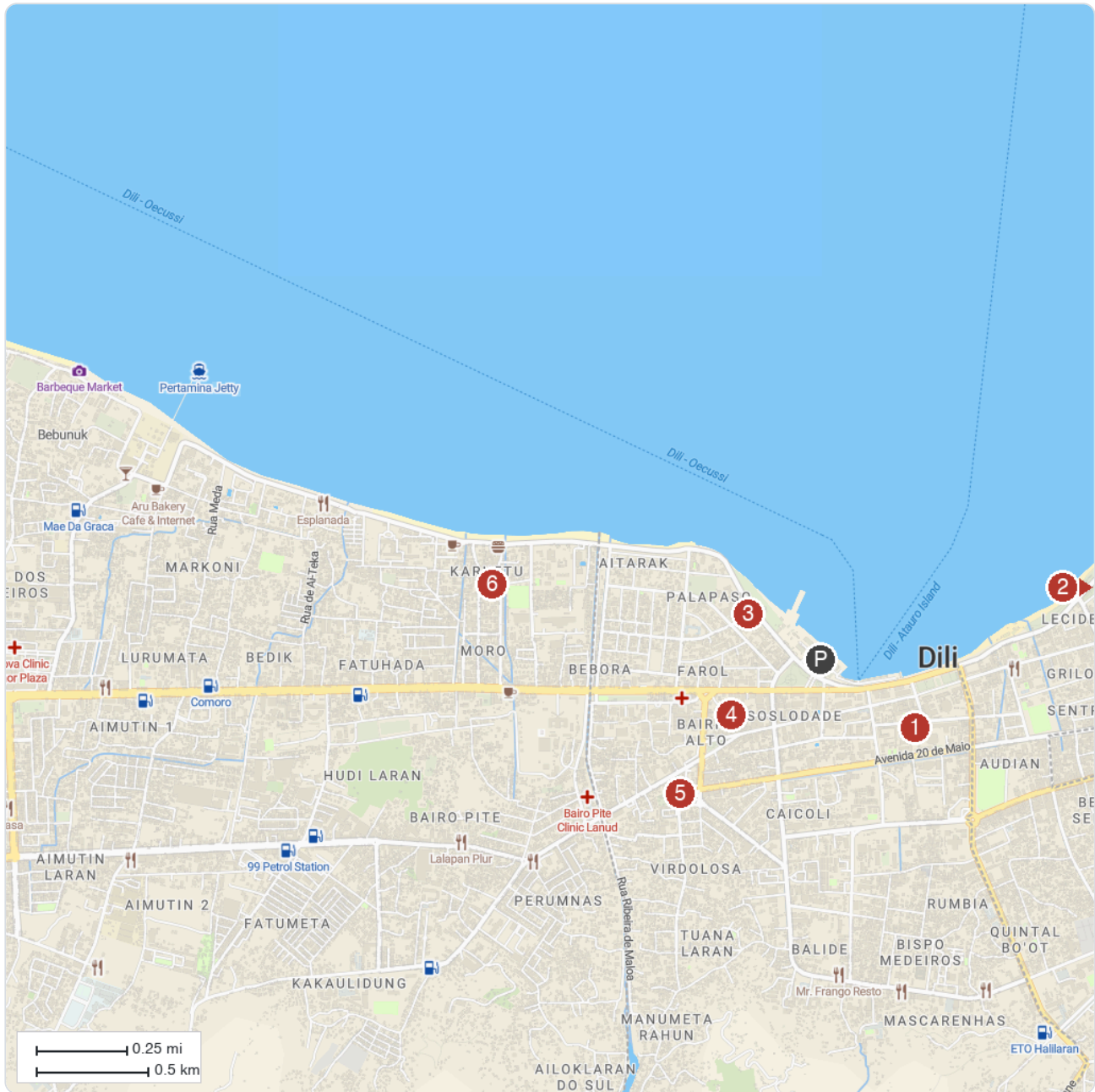
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- USD is the official currency — bring clean, small bills (\$1, \$5, \$10). Torn or dirty notes are often refused, and Timorese centavo coins can't be exchanged outside the country. Cards are rarely accepted.
- Negotiate taxi fares before you get in — there are no meters. City rides run \$2–3, Cristo Rei \$5–10 each way. Always ask the driver to wait at remote sites; return taxis can be scarce.
- Dress modestly away from the beach — Timor-Leste is deeply Catholic and conservative. Cover shoulders and knees when visiting churches, the museum, and the cemetery.
- Try the local coffee — Timor-Leste grows world-class organic shade-grown Arabica. Look for Letefoho Specialty Coffee or Agora Food Studio in the city centre.
- Atauro Island diving is world-record level — if your ship offers this excursion, take it. Conservation International named these reefs among the most biodiverse on Earth. Book early; spaces fill fast.
- Drink only bottled water and use sunscreen and insect repellent — dengue fever is present. Sidewalks are uneven; wear sturdy shoes.

# Dili, Timor-Leste — 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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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Timorese Resistance Archive & Museum | Museum and archive detailing Timor-Leste's resistance history.          | <b>2</b> Largo de Lecidere | Historic public square with monuments and ocean views.                |
| <b>3</b> Church of Saint Anthony of Motael    | Historic Catholic church, significant for independence movement events. | <b>4</b> Tais Market       | Vibrant market selling traditional Timorese hand-woven tais textiles. |
| <b>5</b> Immaculate Conception Cathedral      | Dili's main Roman Catholic cathedral, a prominent landmark.             | <b>6</b> An-Nur Mosque     | Dili's principal mosque, serving the Muslim community.                |
| <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal               |                                                                         |                            |                                                                       |