

Enderby Island, Auckland Islands, New Zealand

A pest-free wildlife sanctuary at the bottom of the world, Enderby Island rewards expedition cruisers with sea lion colonies, rare penguins, and megaherb meadows that bloom in vivid subantarctic summer.

Zodiac tender (no pier)

Typical call: 4–7 hrs

NZD (no facilities on island)

English

UNESCO World Heritage Site

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Zodiac tender to Sandy Bay — no pier, expedition ships only

Best season: Late November–February (permit season, megaherbs in bloom)

Best For: Wildlife photography, birdwatching, subantarctic hiking

Don't Miss: Boardwalk to northern cliffs for light-mantled sooty albatross

Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Sandy Bay Sea Lion Colony** — New Zealand sea lions (Hooker's sea lions) haul out and breed at Sandy Bay.
- Boardwalk to Northern Cliffs** — An easy boardwalk traverses the island from Sandy Bay through rātā forest and megaherb fields to dramatic northern cliffs where light-mantled sooty...
- Yellow-Eyed Penguin Watching** — Hoiho (yellow-eyed penguins), one of the world's rarest penguins, nest and forage around Enderby Island.
- Birdwatching: Endemics & Albatross** — Enderby is an Important Bird Area hosting Auckland Island endemics: flightless teal, Auckland shag, Auckland snipe, tomtit, and the endemic Auckland...
- Zodiac Coastal Cruise** — Many expedition ships offer Zodiac cruises along Enderby's rugged coastline, exploring sea caves, seal-hauled rocks, and cliff-nesting seabirds...

BEST WALKS

- Sandy Bay Boardwalk to Northern Cliffs** 4 km return | Easy | 2–3 hrs | Guided only — The main route across the island: a raised boardwalk through native megaherb fields and rātā forest, ending at clifftops where albatross soar at eye level.
- Sandy Bay Beach & Sea Lion Walk** 1–2 km | Easy | 1 hr | Guided only — A gentle walk along the sandy beach and dune fringe of Sandy Bay past the 1888 historic boatshed.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		51°	46°	18d
Jun		48°	43°	17d
Aug		47°	41°	18d
Sep		47°	42°	19d
Oct		48°	42°	20d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:37AM–6:11PM · Jun 8:55AM–4:55PM · Aug 8:04AM–5:54PM · Sep 7:00AM–6:40PM · Oct 6:54AM–8:28PM

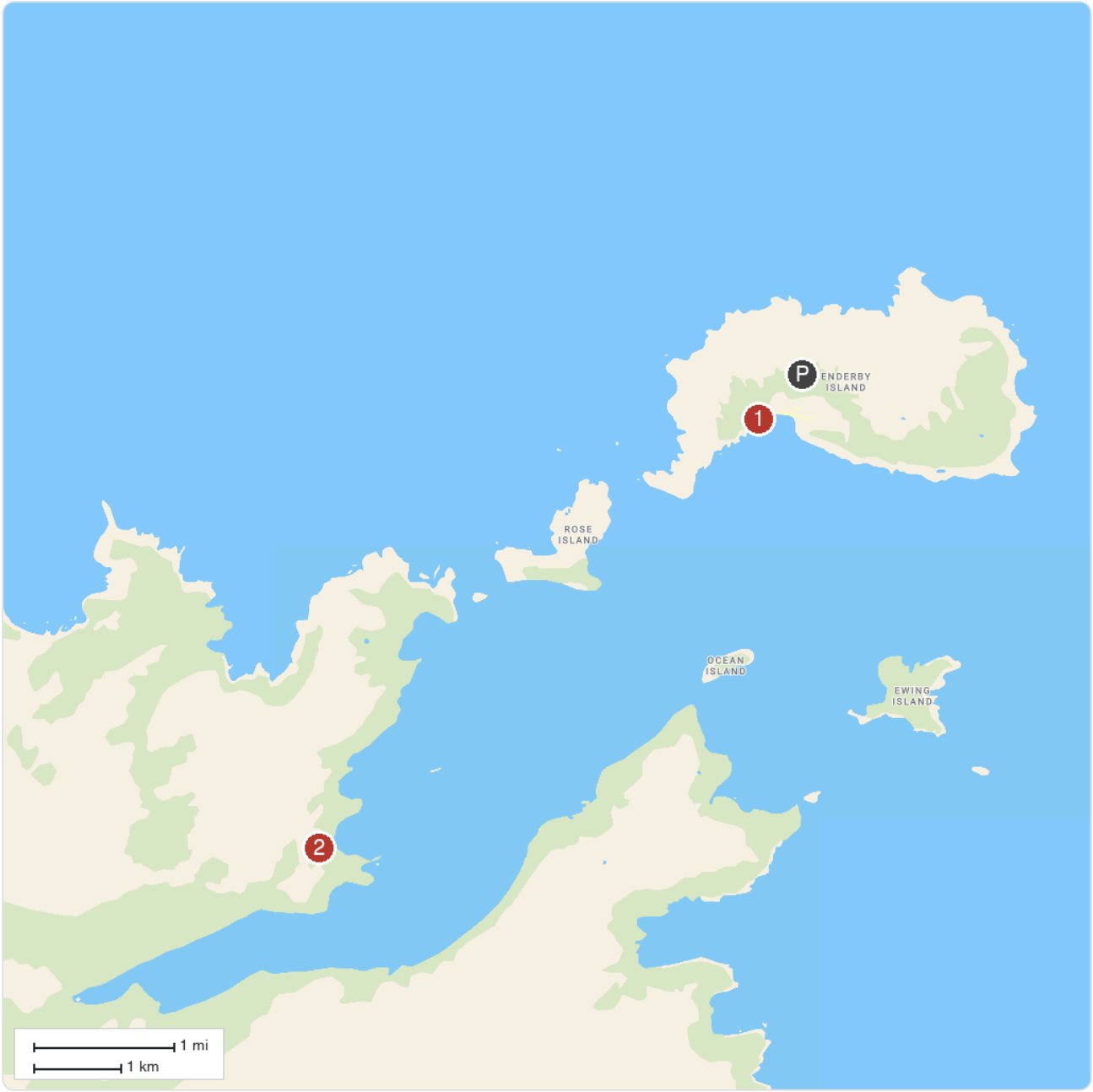
Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (Pacific/Auckland). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Waterproof boots are mandatory. Sandy Bay is a wet landing — you may wade through shallow surf. Knee-high rubber boots are ideal; gaiters help in tussock.
- Weather changes fast. Subantarctic conditions can shift within minutes. Bring waterproof layers regardless of morning sunshine — wind chill is severe.
- Sea lions have right of way. They are large, fast, and unpredictable. Always follow guide instructions and never block their path to the sea.
- No money needed on the island. There are zero facilities, shops, or services. Everything is included through your expedition ship.
- Bring long lens + wide angle. Wildlife is extremely close, so both focal lengths are useful. Protect gear from salt spray and sudden rain.
- Biosecurity is non-negotiable. DOC rules require rigorous gear checks before and after landing. Do not pocket any soil, seeds, or plant material.

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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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Sandy Bay,
Enderby
Island

Beach breeding colony for New Zealand sea lions, one of the rarest sea lion species on Earth.
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Rata Forest
Boardwalk,
Enderby Island

Elevated walkway through stunted, wind-sculpted southern rata forest unique to the subantarctic islands.
- P

Cruise port / terminal