

Florida Islands, Central Province, Solomon Islands

A time-capsule archipelago where a listing cruise ship rusts in a jungle bay, WWII history lies scattered in the shallows, and tiny Tulagi — once the British colonial capital — slumbers in the Pacific heat.

Tender only (no pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Solomon Islands Dollar (SBD) — no ATMs ashore

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Expedition & small-ship itineraries

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in Tulagi Harbour or Purvis Bay

Best For: WWII history, shipwreck photography, snorkelling

Walk to centre: 5 min from tender jetty to Raiders Hotel hub

Don't Miss: MS World Discoverer wreck in Roderick Bay

Getting around: **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- MS World Discoverer Wreck, Roderick Bay** — The German expedition ship struck an uncharted reef in 2000 and was beached here, listing at 45°.
 - Gavutu & Tanambogo WWII Islands** — These twin islets were a fortified Japanese seaplane base stormed by US Marines on 7–9 August 1942.
 - Tulagi Town & British Residency Ruins** — Walk Tulagi's quiet main road, then hike to the ruins of the old British Commissioner's
- Residence on the ridge — the views over Ironbottom Sound and...

 - Mboli Passage Boat Tour** — A scenic ride through the narrow mangrove-lined saltwater channel that separates Nggela Sule from Nggela Pile — feels like gliding through a...
 - House Reef Snorkelling, Tulagi** — Raiders Hotel's house reef begins just metres from shore — pristine coral gardens with abundant reef fish, accessible directly from the beach without...

BEST WALKS

- Tulagi Town Loop** 1–1.5 hrs | Easy flat walk | ~2 km — From the public jetty, walk the main road past local shops, the small market (buy a fresh coconut here), and colonial-era concrete ruins toward Raiders Hotel.
- British Residency Ridge Hike** 45 min return | Moderate uphill | Panoramic views — A steep but short track behind Tulagi town leads to the ruins of the old British Residency — concrete steps and foundations survive, and the 360° view over the harbour...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		84°	78°	28d
Jun		84°	78°	22d
Aug		83°	78°	22d
Sep		84°	78°	21d
Oct		84°	78°	25d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:22AM–6:16PM · Jun 6:32AM–6:07PM · Aug 6:29AM–6:18PM · Sep 6:13AM–6:15PM · Oct 5:56AM–6:13PM

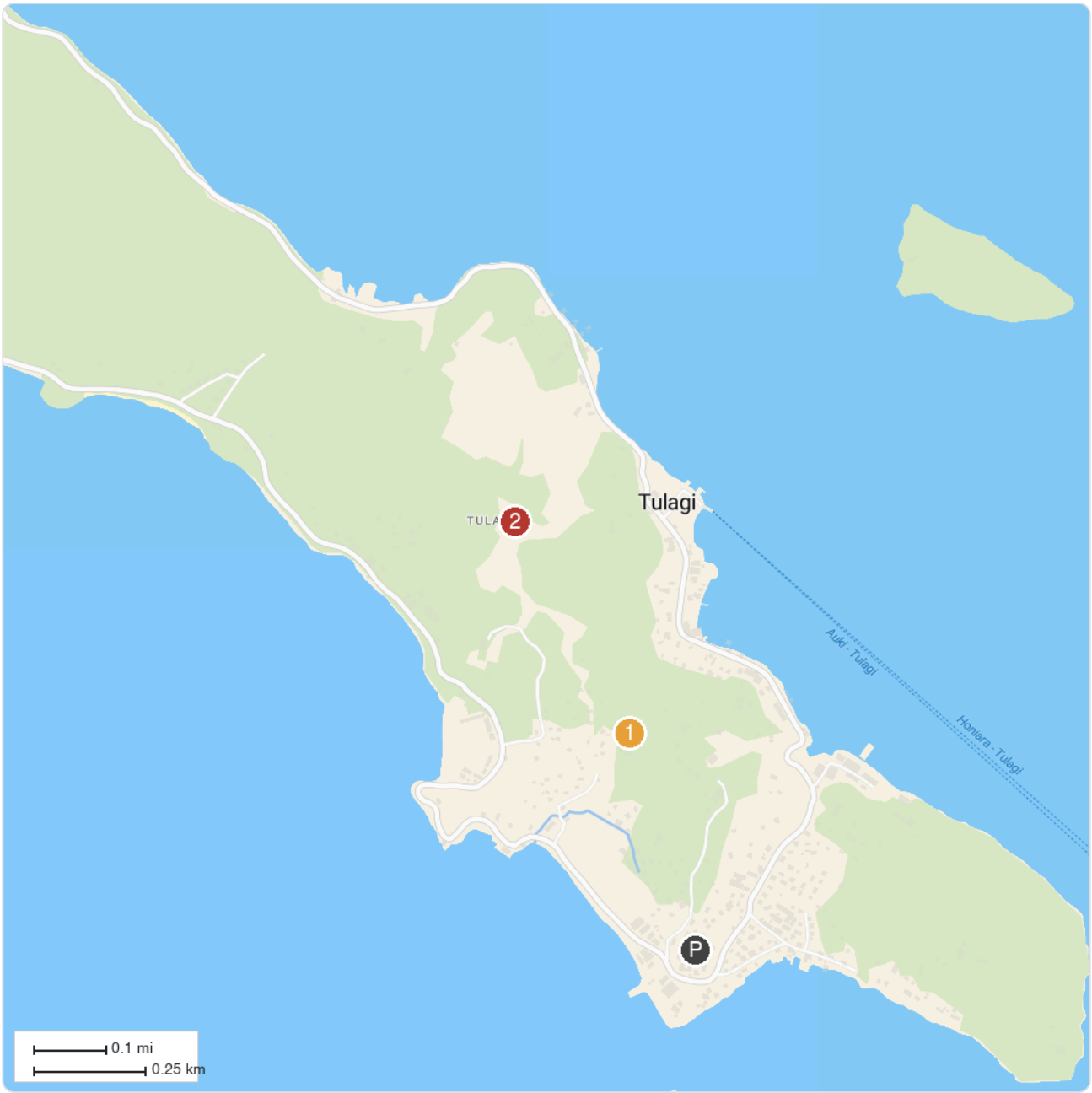
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry cash in SBD. There are no ATMs on Tulagi. Raiders Hotel takes cards, but local guides, market vendors, and boat operators are cash only. Exchange on ship or in Honiara first.
- Malaria and dengue are present in the Solomon Islands. Pack high-strength DEET repellent and cover up at dusk. Check malaria prophylaxis requirements before your cruise.
- Use reef-safe sunscreen — coral reefs here are pristine and chemical sunscreens cause real damage. Rash guards are a practical alternative.
- Dress modestly ashore. Solomon Islanders are conservative. Women should cover knees and shoulders (a sarong over swimwear is fine); walking through villages in swimwear is disrespectful.
- The World Discoverer is the headline act — but it requires a boat to Roderick Bay on a separate island. Book through your ship or hire a local banana boat at the Tulagi jetty.
- Raiders Hotel is the only real dining option. Cold SolBrew lager, fish and chips, and decent coffee on an overwater deck. It fills up fast when a ship is in — arrive early or late.

Florida Islands, Central Province, Solomon Islands — Port Map

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1 Tulagi WWII Wrecks Sunken WWII vessels and aircraft in Tulagi Harbour, popular with wreck divers.

2 Tulagi Historical Sites Former British Solomon Islands colonial capital with WWII-era ruins and gun emplacements.

P Cruise port / terminal