

Galle, Southern Province, Sri Lanka

A living UNESCO World Heritage fortress rising from Sri Lanka's southwest coast — where Dutch ramparts meet boutique cafes, and the Indian Ocean shimmers just beyond the cannon ports.

-  Tender port (most ships)
-  Typical call: 7-9 hrs
-  Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR)
-  Sinhala / English widely spoken
-  Hot & humid year-round

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Galle Port Jetty (small ships may dock at commercial pier)

Walk to Fort: ~1.2 km (15-20 min flat walk) from jetty to Galle Fort Main Gate

Best For: Colonial history, fort rampart walks, beach day at Unawatuna

Don't Miss: Sunset walk on the Dutch ramparts past Galle Lighthouse

 Getting around:  **Taxi** ✓ \$5–10 USD for local trips; \$80–150 USD for day tours ·  **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, PickMe

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Galle Fort Walking Tour** — Explore the UNESCO-listed Dutch fort on foot — ramparts, the 1939 lighthouse, the Dutch Reformed Church (1755), Galle National Museum, and...
- Unawatuna Beach Day** — Sri Lanka's most popular crescent beach is just 5.5 km south of the port.
- Stilt Fishermen & Coastal Drive** — Head east along the coast toward Koggala and Ahangama to photograph Sri Lanka's iconic stilt fishermen perched on poles above the reef.
- Jungle Beach Snorkel** — A secluded cove near Rumassala Sanctuary reached by a short forest path.
- Whale & Dolphin Watch from Mirissa** — Mirissa, about 35 km east along the coast, is Sri Lanka's premier whale-watching spot.

BEST WALKS

- Rampart Circuit — Fort Walls Walk** 2.5 km loop · 45-60 min · Easy · Best at sunset — Walk the full perimeter of Galle Fort's 17th-century Dutch ramparts.
- Fort Heritage Lane Walk** 1.5 km · 30-45 min · Easy · Shopping & history — Duck inside the fort walls and wander Church Street and Pedlar Street — lined with colonial villas converted into boutiques, gem shops, and cafes.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇸🇰 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:01AM–6:16PM · Jun 5:55AM–6:23PM · Aug 6:04AM–6:22PM · Sep 6:00AM–6:08PM · Oct 5:55AM–5:54PM	
Apr	86°	77°	26d		
Jun	83°	78°	29d		
Aug	83°	77°	29d		
Sep	82°	77°	29d		
Oct	83°	76°	29d		

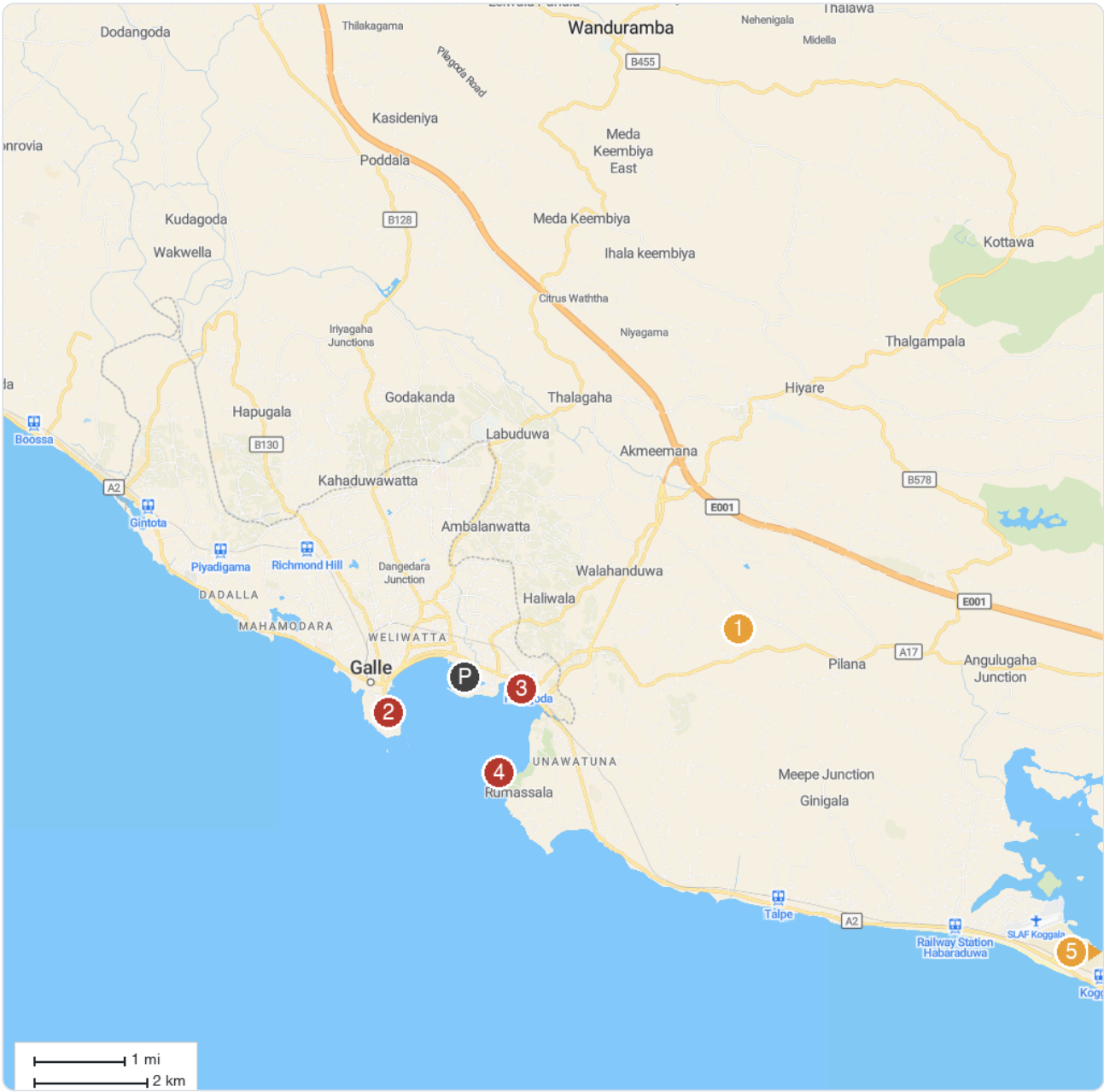
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tuk-tuk scams:** Always agree a price before boarding. Some drivers offer 'free tours' then detour to gem or spice shops with high-pressure sales. Politely decline and stick to point-to-point rides.
- Dress modestly:** Shoulders and knees should be covered when entering temples, churches, or mosques inside the Fort. Pack a light scarf or sarong — it's easy to carry and removes hassle.
- Heat is real:** Galle is hot and humid year-round. Carry a water bottle, wear a hat, and use sunscreen. Midday heat (11am–2pm) is intense — plan rampart walks for early morning or late afternoon.
- Cash in LKR:** ATMs at the Fort Main Gate dispense Sri Lankan Rupees. Restaurants and boutiques take cards, but tuk-tuks and street food stalls are cash only.
- Stilt fishermen fee:** Photographers near Koggala/Ahangama will be approached for a tip (1,000–2,000 LKR). Decide before you raise your camera — it's fine to pay, just go in knowing.
- Time flies in the Fort:** The lanes are absorbing and tender queues back to ship can be long. Leave at least 45 minutes to return to the port gate and queue for the tender.

Galle, Southern Province, Sri Lanka — 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 | Mahamevnawa Buddhist Monastery
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| 3 | Dewata Beach | A popular surfing beach with calm waters. | 4 | Rumassala South Beach | Picturesque beach known for its natural beauty and legends. |
| 5 | Martin Wickramasinghe Folk Museum | Museum showcasing Sri Lankan rural life and Wickramasinghe's legacy. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |