

Gizo, Western Province, Solomon Islands

A raw, authentic slice of the South Pacific — world-class diving in the Coral Triangle, WWII wreck sites, and the island where JFK's crew swam to safety. Expedition ships love it for good reason.

- Tender port (ships anchor offshore)
- Typical call: 6–8 hrs
- Solomon Islands Dollar (SBD); USD/AUD accepted
- English & Solomon Islands Pijin
- Dive & snorkel destination

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor, boats land at Gizo Town Wharf

Walk to center: 0 min — wharf is in town center

Best For: Diving, WWII history, Kennedy Island, local markets

Don't Miss: Kennedy Island boat trip & the open-air market at the wharf

Getting around: **Taxi** SBD 25–35 (~USD 3–4) per trip

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Kennedy Island & PT-109 Story** — Hire a local banana boat to Plum Pudding (Kennedy) Island, where JFK and his PT-109 crew swam after their torpedo boat was sunk in 1943.
- **WWII Wreck Diving** — The Toa Maru, a sunken Japanese merchant ship, and other wrecks sit in warm, clear water teeming with marine life.
- **Coral Triangle Snorkel Safari** — The waters around Gizo sit inside the Coral Triangle, the global center of marine biodiversity.
- **Fatboys or Sanbis Resort Day Trip** — Two private island resorts a short boat ride from Gizo offer overwater bars, white sand, and house reefs.
- **Gizo Market & Wood Carving Shopping** — The waterfront market buzzes with locals arriving by canoe from surrounding islands.

BEST WALKS

- **Gizo Waterfront Stroll** ~1 km · 20 min · Flat · Free — Walk the main street from the town wharf past the open-air market, the BSP bank, local shops, and the PT 109 Bar to the Gizo Hotel.
- **Up to St. Peter's Cathedral** ~10 min walk · Easy · Free — A short walk from the wharf brings you to St.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:35AM–6:30PM · Jun 6:43AM–6:22PM · Aug 6:42AM–6:32PM · Sep 6:26AM–6:29PM · Oct 6:10AM–6:26PM	
Apr	83°	80°	26d	Solomon Islands Dollar (SBD); USD/AUD accepted	
Jun	83°	80°	26d		
Aug	82°	79°	27d		
Sep	82°	79°	25d		
Oct	83°	79°	24d		

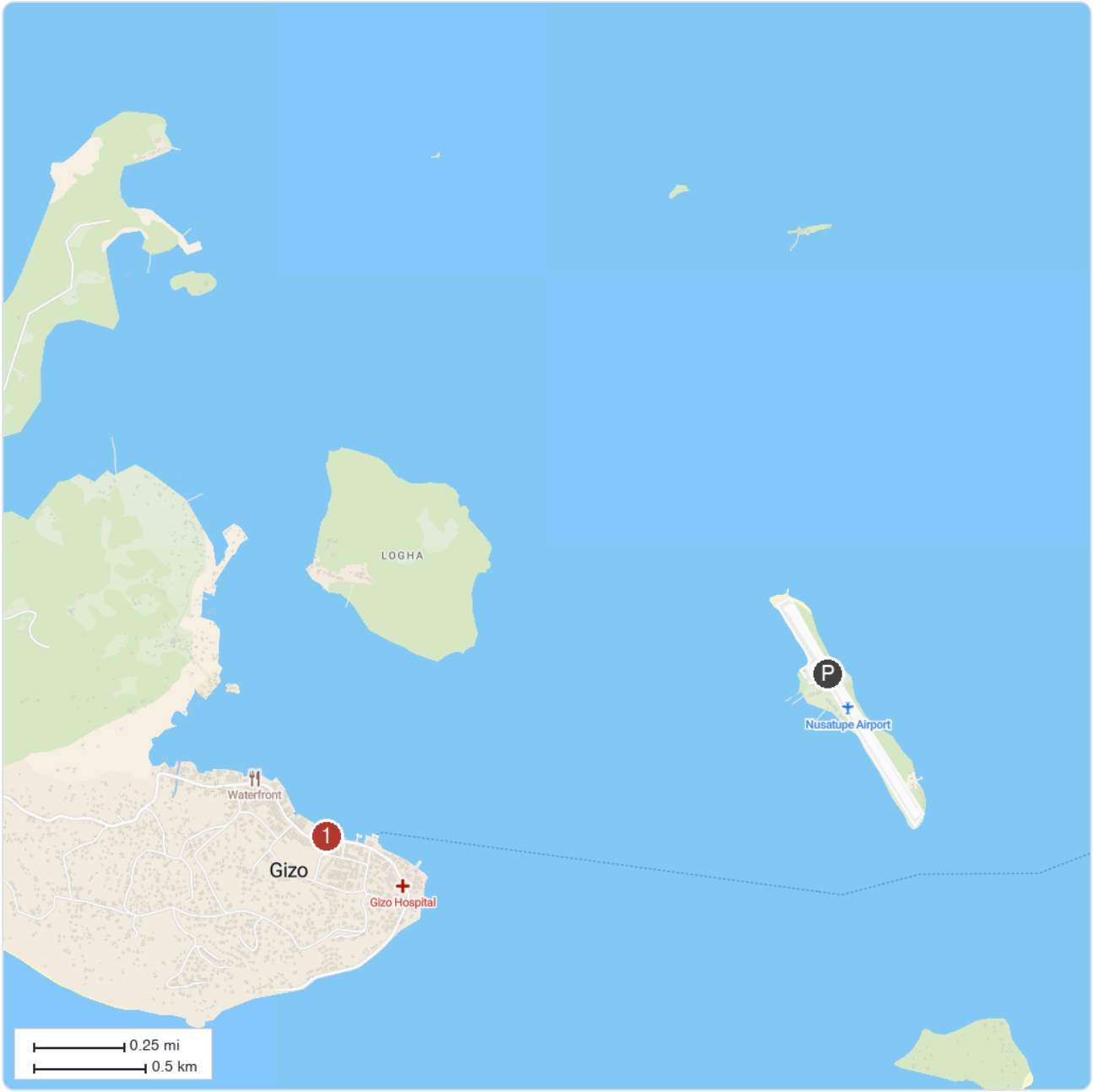
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring USD or AUD in small bills. Gizo's ATM (BSP — the only bank in town since ANZ closed in 2020) frequently runs out of cash or rejects foreign cards. Vendors and boat drivers accept USD/AUD, but local SBD gets you better deals.
- Negotiate boat fares before boarding. Always agree on a round-trip price AND a firm pick-up time with banana boat operators before heading to outer islands.
- Dress modestly in town. Swimwear is not appropriate in Gizo itself — cover shoulders and knees. A sarong/lava-lava is ideal. Beachwear is fine once you reach the outer island resorts.
- Apply insect repellent with DEET. Malaria is present in the Solomon Islands. Daytime risk is low but real — don't skip the repellent.
- Sunday visits mean a quiet town. Markets and most shops close on Sundays. Pre-arranged boat tours and outer island resorts still operate.
- The sun is intense — pack accordingly. High-SPF sunscreen, a hat, and bottled water are essential. Do not drink tap water.

Gizo, Western Province, Solomon Islands — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Gizo Market Waterfront produce and fish market serving as the commercial hub of the Western Province.

P Cruise port / terminal