

Guanaja Island, Bay Islands, Honduras

The most untouched of the Bay Islands, Guanaja trades highways for water-taxi lanes and resort crowds for pristine Mesoamerican reef. Christopher Columbus landed here in 1502 — it's still that remote.

- Tender only (no cruise pier)
- Typical call: 6–8 hrs
- USD & Lempira (HNL)
- English widely spoken
- World-class snorkeling & diving

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Bonacca cay or resort docks — no cruise pier

Walk to center: Bonacca is fully walkable once ashore (15–20 min end to end)

Best For: Diving, snorkeling, unspoiled reef, waterfall hike, car-free cay wandering

Don't Miss: Strolling Bonacca's stilt-house canals and snorkeling Black Rock Canyon

Getting around: **Taxi** \$5–\$15 per trip · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Snorkeling at Black Rock Canyon** — A volcanic underwater crevice near the island's western end with dramatically healthy coral and abundant fish.
- **Guanaja Waterfall Hike** — Water taxi to Michael's Rock beach on the main island's north side, then a short hike through lush jungle and pine forest to the Big Gully (Bo's)...
- **Beach Day at Graham's Place (Josh's Cay)** — A private cay resort with white sand, shallow turquoise lagoon, a restaurant serving cold SalvaVida beer and fresh seafood, plus a small sanctuary...
- **Scuba Diving — Bay Islands Reef** — Guanaja's dive sites see a fraction of the traffic that Roatan's do.
- **Mangrove Canal Kayaking** — A hand-cut canal splits Guanaja's main island in two.

BEST WALKS

- **Bonacca Cay Stroll** Easy · ~1.5 km · 20–30 min · Free — Wander the narrow alleys and bridges of Bonacca, the densely packed stilt-house island that holds most of Guanaja's population.
- **Michael's Rock to Big Gully Waterfall** Moderate · ~2 km round trip · 1.5 hrs · Requires water taxi — Take a water taxi to Michael's Rock beach on the main island's north side, then follow the jungle trail uphill through pine trees to the Big Gully (Bo's) freshwater falls.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
	Mon	High	Low	Rain	
Apr		82°	79°	7d	Apr 5:28AM–5:58PM · Jun 5:11AM–6:17PM · Aug 5:27AM–6:07PM · Sep 5:32AM–5:44PM · Oct 5:36AM–5:21PM USD & Lempira (HNL)
Jun		83°	80°	12d	
Aug		84°	81°	17d	
Sep		84°	81°	17d	
Oct		83°	80°	22d	

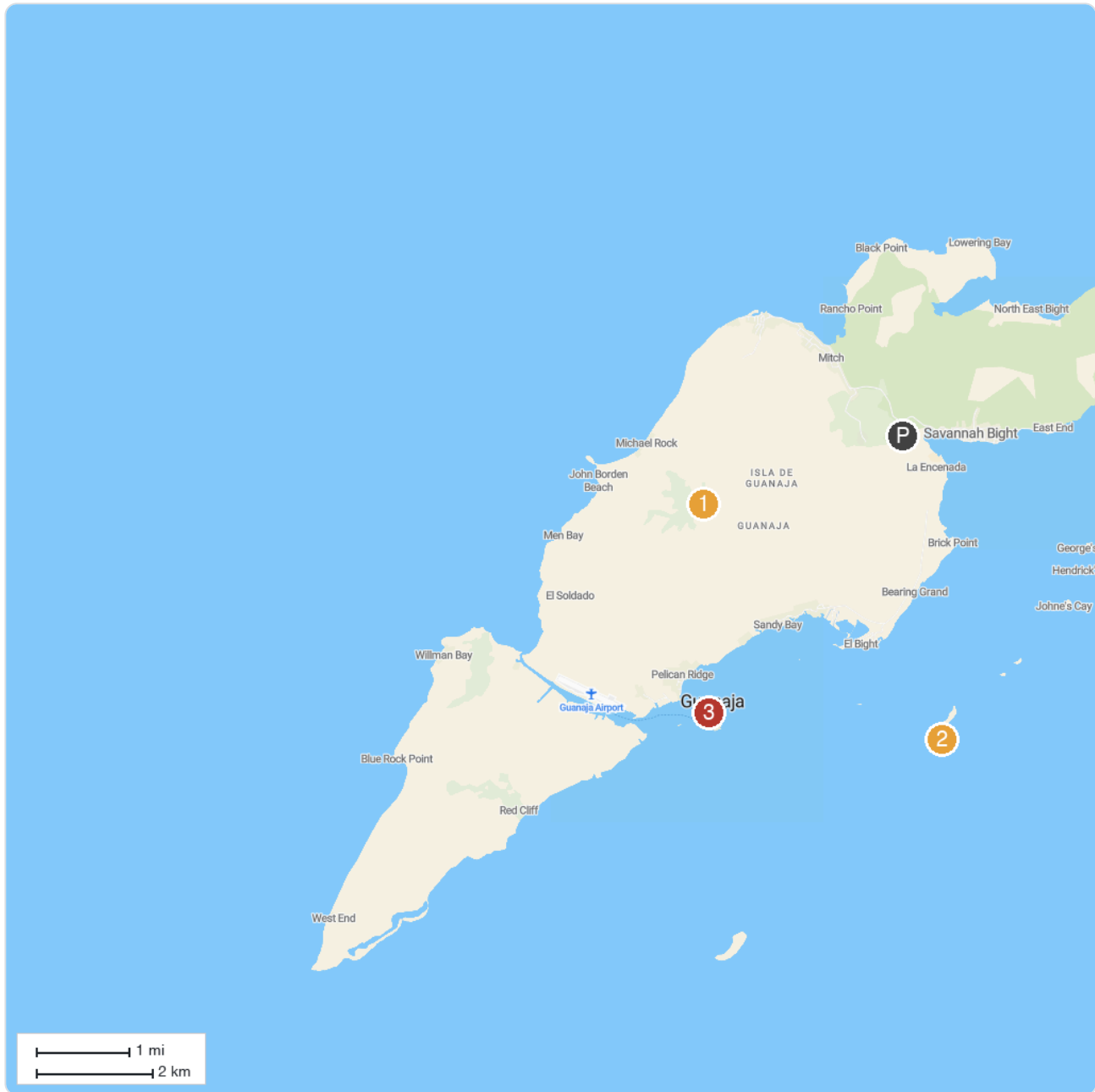
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sandfly defense is essential. Standard DEET repellent doesn't stop Guanaja's no-see-ums. Coat exposed skin with baby oil, coconut oil, or Avon Skin So Soft before going to any beach on the main island.
- Bring small USD bills. US dollars are accepted everywhere, but ATMs are scarce and often empty. Small bills (\$1–\$20) avoid change issues; change may come back in Lempiras.
- Negotiate water-taxi fares before boarding. Agree on price first — typical rides from Bonacca to nearby beaches run \$5–\$10 USD per person each way.
- Book snorkeling/diving early through the ship. Guanaja has limited independent operators — shore excursions fill fast on the small ships that call here.
- Weather is generally dry Nov–Apr, but brief tropical showers can occur any time. Guanaja's pine forest gives it a slightly cooler feel than other Bay Islands.
- English is the first language here. Guanaja's Afro-Caribbean-British heritage means locals speak English natively — Spanish is secondary on the Bay Islands.

Guanaja Island, Bay Islands, Honduras — 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 Michael Rock Trail Cross-island hiking trail leading to a granite outcrop with panoramic views over Guanaja's cays.

2 Jado Trader Wreck Sunken 240-foot cargo ship deliberately reefed off Guanaja, now a popular scuba dive site.

3 Bonacca Town Densely packed stilt-house settlement on a small cay, sometimes called the "Venice of Honduras."

P Cruise port / terminal