

Guayaquil, Guayas, Ecuador

Ecuador's largest port city blends a palm-lined riverfront, free-roaming iguanas in Seminario Park, and the colorful hillside barrio of Las Peñas — plus it's the launch pad for Galápagos cruises. Ships dock at the industrial Puerto Marítimo, so taxis or cruise shuttles are the way in.

Docked — Puerto Marítimo

Typical call: 7-10 hrs

US Dollars (USD)

Spanish

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Puerto Marítimo, 8-10 km south of downtown — taxi or shuttle required

Best For: City culture, wildlife (iguanas!), Galápagos embarkation, river views

Walk to center: Not walkable from pier; taxi ~\$10-15, cruise shuttle common

Don't Miss: Seminario Park iguanas, Cerro Santa Ana climb, Malecon 2000 riverfront

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$10–\$15 USD · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, DiDi, inDrive · 🚏 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Turibus Guayaquil

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Malecon 2000 & Seminario Park** — Walk the 2.5-km Guayas riverfront promenade, then stroll two blocks to Seminario Park where dozens of land iguanas roam freely among visitors.
- **Las Peñas & Cerro Santa Ana** — Wander the colorful colonial houses and art studios of Las Peñas — Guayaquil's oldest barrio — then climb 444 steps up Cerro Santa Ana for panoramic...
- **Guayaquil Historical Park** — A living open-air museum combining a wildlife zone with native species, replica 19th-century colonial architecture, and mangrove boardwalks on the...
- **Puerto El Morro Dolphin & Mangrove Tour** — A 90-minute drive south leads to Puerto El Morro's ecological reserve, where bottlenose dolphins regularly feed among the mangrove channels.
- **Isla Santay Day Trip** — A short ferry hop from the Malecon to this estuary island offers cycling rentals, birdwatching trails through mangroves, and a village of stilt-houses.

BEST WALKS

- **Malecon 2000 to Cerro Santa Ana** 2.5 km one-way | 1-2 hrs | Easy to Moderate — Start at the southern end of Malecon 2000 near the Bahía shopping center, walk north along the Guayas River past La Rotonda and the Moorish Clock Tower, continue into...
- **Seminario Park & Cathedral Loop** 0.5 km | 30-45 min | Easy — From the Malecon, walk two blocks east on Calle Chile to Parque Seminario (Parque de las Iguanas), famous for free-roaming iguanas.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		84°	75°	20d
Jun		83°	72°	9d
Aug		83°	70°	5d
Sep		84°	70°	6d
Oct		84°	70°	7d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:17AM–6:21PM · Jun 6:20AM–6:19PM · Aug 6:22AM–6:25PM · Sep 6:11AM–6:17PM · Oct 6:00AM–6:09PM

US Dollars (USD)

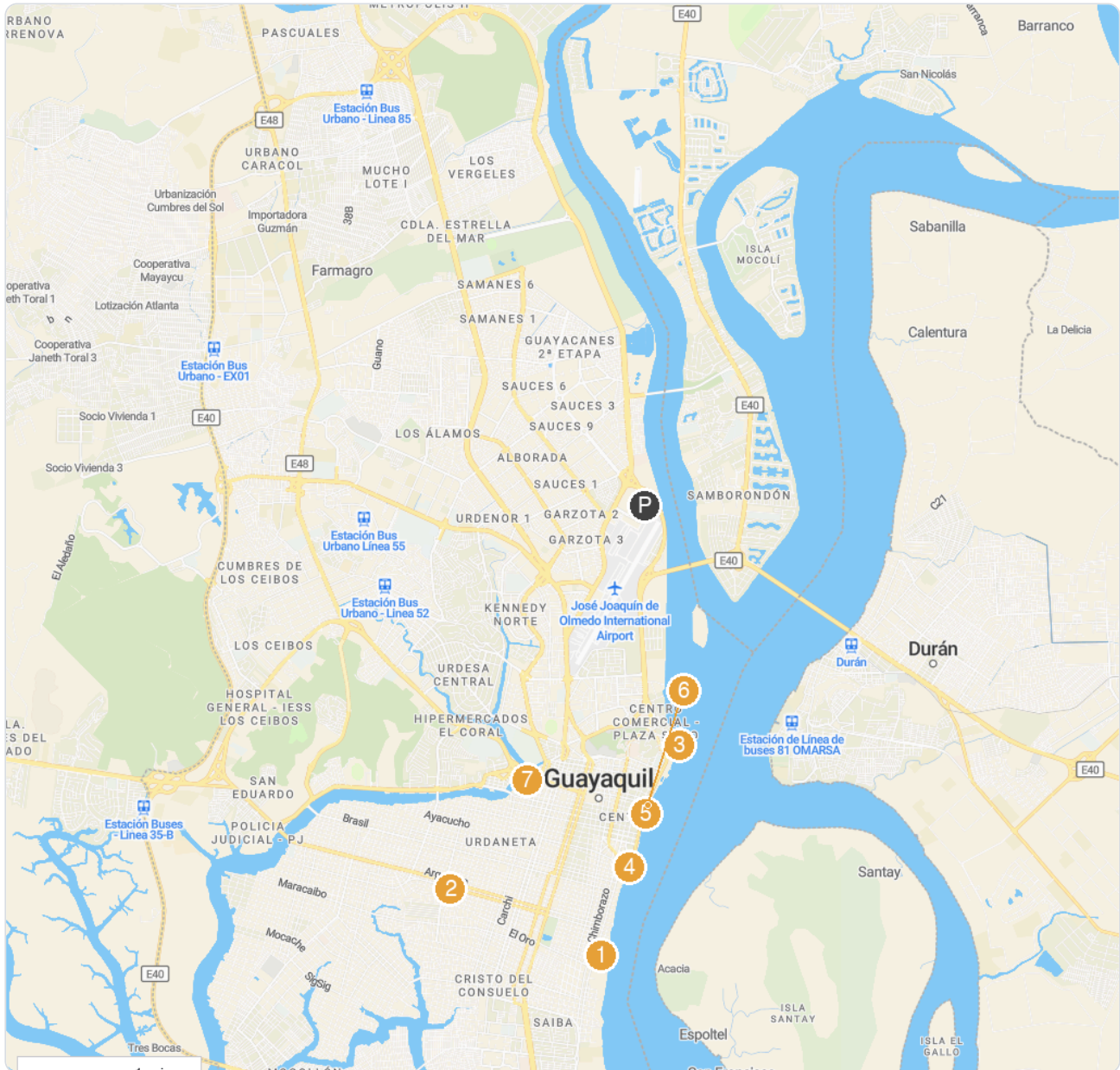
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Only use official taxis. Agree on the fare before you get in (\$10-15 to downtown). InDriver or Cabify apps give you a fixed price and are common among locals.
- Watch the traffic. Guayaquil's traffic can be slow — allow 45 minutes to get back to Puerto Marítimo and confirm your ship's all-aboard time before heading far from the port area.
- It's hot and humid. Guayaquil sits near the equator. Light breathable clothing, sunscreen, and a water bottle are essential. Mornings are cooler; midday can be punishing.
- Ecuador uses US dollars. Carry small bills — markets, taxis, and casual eateries rarely have change for \$50 or \$100 notes.
- Don't skip Seminario Park. Free to enter, a 5-minute walk from Malecon 2000, and genuinely wild — iguanas climb benches, statues, and visitors. Best photo of the day.
- Stay in tourist zones. Malecon 2000, Seminario Park, and Las Peñas are safe during the day. Stick to these areas, keep bags close, and avoid wandering into unfamiliar neighborhoods.

Guayaquil, Guayas, Ecuador — 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 | Museo Naval Contemporáneo | Contemporary naval museum showcasing Ecuador's maritime history. | 2 | Parque Acuático "Puerto Lisa" | Family-friendly water park with slides and pools. |
| 3 | Julio Jaramillo Museum of Popular Music | Museum honoring legendary singer Julio Jaramillo and popular music. | 4 | José Joaquín de Olmedo Monument | Monument honoring Guayaquil's first president, José Joaquín de Olmedo. |
| 5 | Malecón 2000 | Vibrant riverside boardwalk with shops, restaurants, and attractions. | 6 | Malecón 2000 Garden | Lush botanical garden located within Malecón 2000. |
| 7 | Malecón del Salado | Scenic boardwalk along the Salado Estuary with recreational areas. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |