

Gulfport, Mississippi, USA

Mississippi's Secret Coast delivers Civil War history, pristine barrier island beaches, world-class seafood, and a waterfront park steps from the pier — all anchored by Southern hospitality.

Pier (docked)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

USD

English

Barrier island beaches

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Pier — Port of Gulfport deepwater terminal; shuttle to Jones Park gate
- Best For:** Ship Island day trip, Mississippi Aquarium, Gulf Coast seafood
- Walk to Center:** ~0.4 mi / 8 min from port gate to downtown; shuttle from gangway to gate
- Don't Miss:** Fort Massachusetts on Ship Island — Civil War brick fort on a pristine barrier island

Getting around: Taxi \$15–\$25 · Rideshare Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Ship Island Day Trip** — Ferry 11 miles offshore to West Ship Island, part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore.
- Mississippi Aquarium** — A world-class mostly outdoor aquarium steps from the port, featuring a 360° shark tunnel, dolphins, otters, and American crocodiles.
- Fort Massachusetts Tour** — On Ship Island, this intact masonry fort — begun in 1859 — housed Confederate and then Union troops.
- Downtown Gulfport & Fishbone Alley** — Explore a revitalized historic downtown with murals, local art galleries, boutiques, and the Gulfport Museum of History in the old Railroad Depot.
- Gulfport Beach Stroll** — A clean, wide white-sand beach runs along Highway 90 just minutes from the port.

BEST WALKS

- Jones Park to Downtown Loop** 1.2 miles · 25 min · Easy — From the port shuttle drop-off at Jones Park, walk past the lighthouse replica to the waterfront promenade, then head up 25th Avenue into Historic Downtown.
- Waterfront to Mississippi Aquarium** 0.5 miles · 10 min · Easy — A simple flat walk from Jones Park along the waterfront to the Mississippi Aquarium entrance on East Beach Drive.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		74°	62°	11d
Jun		85°	75°	18d
Aug		87°	77°	21d
Sep		84°	73°	14d
Oct		78°	65°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:28AM–7:24PM · Jun 5:54AM–7:59PM · Aug 6:23AM–7:37PM · Sep 6:41AM–7:01PM · Oct 6:58AM–6:24PM

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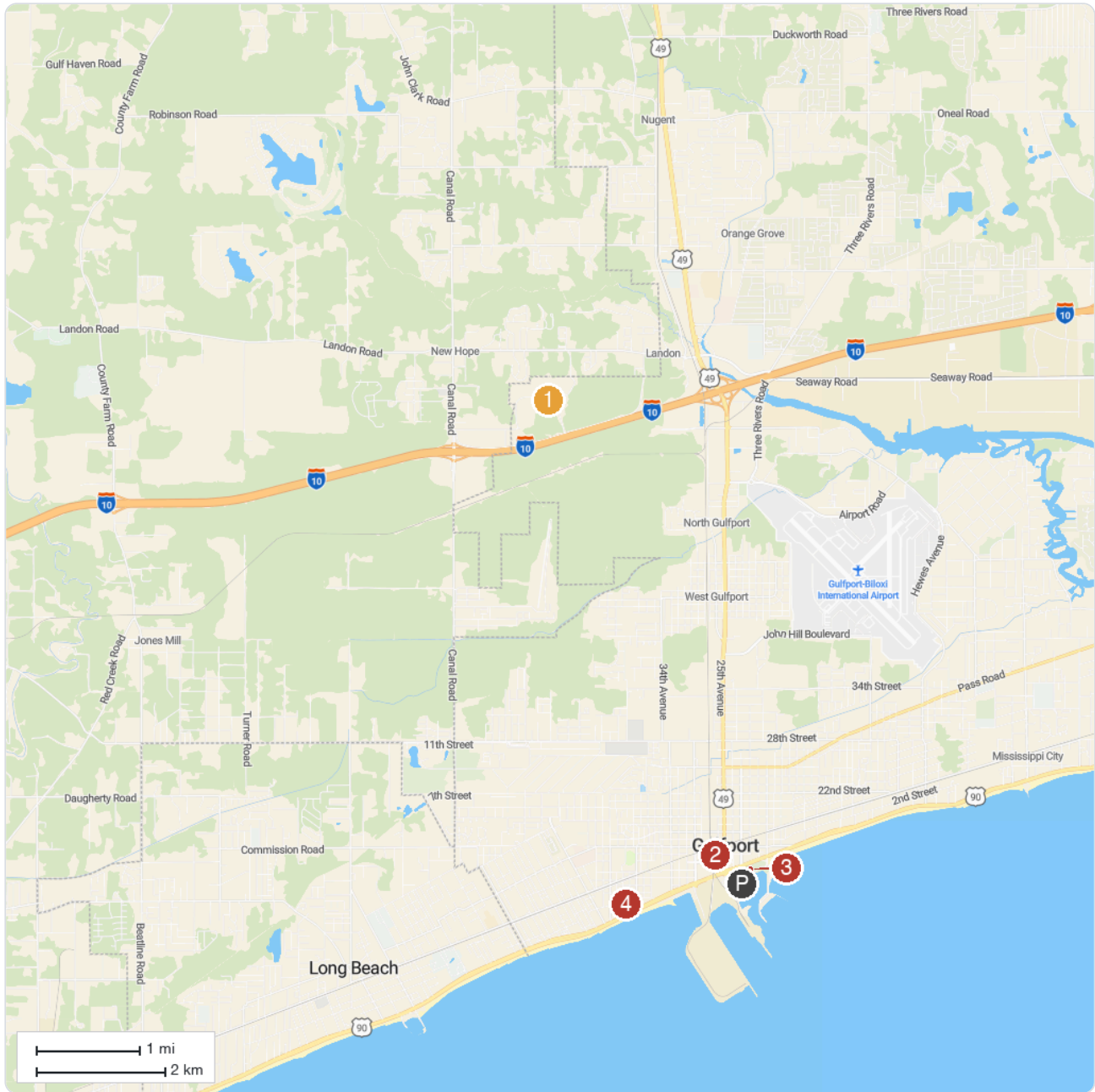
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Ship Island ferry early. The ferry from Gulfport Yacht Harbor sells out on summer call days — reserve tickets online before your cruise.
- Pack for Gulf heat. May–September is hot and humid (90°F+). Bring sunscreen, hat, and water — Ship Island has minimal shade.
- Eat Gulf shrimp. Try Half Shell Oyster House for charbroiled oysters and shrimp po'boys, or Shaggy's on the beach for fish tacos. Royal red shrimp taste like lobster.
- Use the port shuttle. Walking through the active cargo terminal is not permitted — take the complimentary shuttle from the gangway to the Jones Park gate.
- Casinos are nearby. Island View Casino Resort is a short taxi ride west. Must be 21+ and bring ID.
- Ship Island is seasonal. Ferry service typically runs mid-March through October/early November. Confirm schedule on your call date.

Gulfport, Mississippi, USA — 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 Gulf Islands Waterpark | Large water park with slides, rides, and pools. | 2 Fishbone Alley | Vibrant alley with murals, art, and live entertainment. |
| 3 Jones Park | Spacious waterfront park with playground, splash pad, and pier. | 4 West Side Park | Neighborhood park with playground, picnic areas, and green space. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |