

Horta, Faial Island, Azores, Portugal

Where sailors have stopped for centuries on Atlantic crossings, Horta greets you with the world's most colourful harbour walls, a view of Portugal's highest peak across the water, and some of the best whale watching on Earth.

 Pier (Cais de Santa Cruz)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Euro (€)  Portuguese (English widely spoken)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Cais de Santa Cruz, 500 m from town

Walk to center: 10–15 min flat waterfront walk

Best For: Marina art, volcanic hikes, whale watching

Don't Miss: Capelinhos Volcano & grilled limpets at Peter Cafe Sport

 Getting around:  Taxi  €5–€8 ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Capelinhos Volcano** — Walk across black ash fields from the 1957–58 eruption that added new land to Faial, then descend into the award-winning underground Capelinhos...
- **Whale & Dolphin Watching** — The Azores is one of the world's premier whale-watching destinations.
- **Caldeira do Faial Crater Hike** — Drive to the island's volcanic core and walk the rim of a 2 km-wide lush green caldeira, 400 m deep.
- **Horta Marina Wall Art** — Sailor superstition demands every yacht crew leave a painted mural on the marina walls or risk bad luck at sea.
- **Peter Cafe Sport & Scrimshaw Museum** — The world's most famous sailor's bar has been serving Atlantic crossers since 1918.

BEST WALKS

- **Harbourfront to Marina & Porto Pim** 2.5 km · 40 min · Flat — Walk west from the pier along the Avenida Marginal to the marina to see the famous sailor murals, then continue south along Porto Pim bay to the beach.
- **Town Centre Stroll** 1.5 km · 30 min · Flat — Head into Horta's centre, stopping at the Igreja Matriz de São Salvador for its ornate azulejo tilework, then on to Peter Cafe Sport for a gin and tonic and a look at...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:19AM–8:38PM · Jun 6:26AM–9:32PM · Aug 7:08AM–8:56PM · Sep 7:39AM–8:07PM · Oct 8:10AM–7:17PM Euro (€)	
Apr	64°	47°	9d		
Jun	81°	61°	6d		
Aug	86°	66°	4d		
Sep	78°	60°	6d		
Oct	70°	54°	5d		

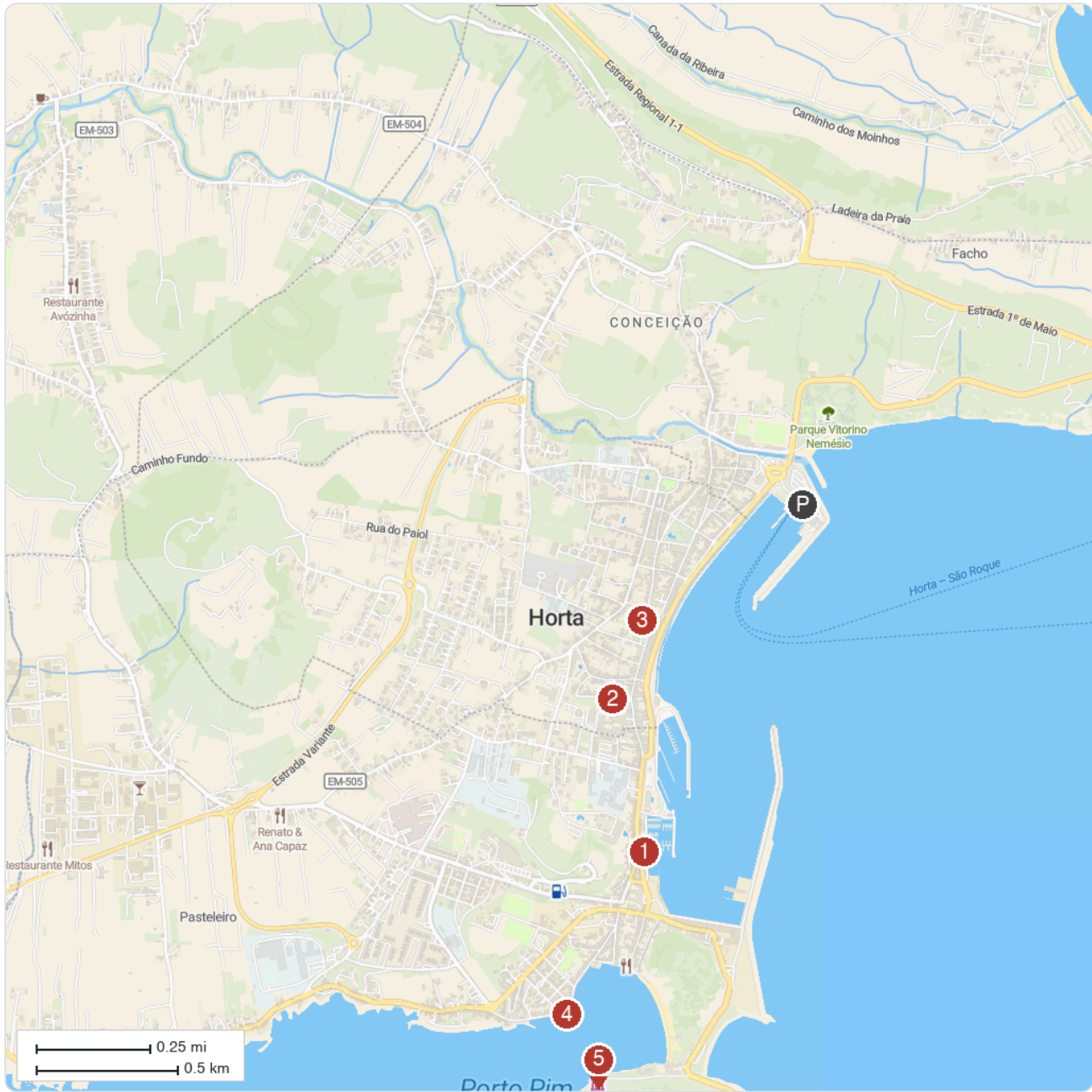
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pack a rain layer: Azorean weather is famously changeable — sun, rain, and mist can all happen in one hour. A packable waterproof jacket is essential year-round.
- Azores time is GMT-1: One hour behind mainland Portugal and two behind Western Europe. Your ship will post its official port time — double-check before going ashore.
- Book Capelinhos by taxi: Negotiate a round-trip island tour at the pier (roughly €40–60 for the cab). It covers Capelinhos and the Caldeira in half a day comfortably.
- Eat grilled limpets (lapas): The local dish — fresh limpets sizzled in butter, garlic and lemon — is served at nearly every waterfront restaurant and costs just a few euros.
- Book whale watching early: Whale-watching boats at the marina fill fast on cruise days. If this is a priority, book online before your ship arrives.
- Cash handy for taxis and markets: Cards are widely accepted in restaurants and shops, but taxi drivers and the weekly market prefer cash.

Horta, Faial Island, Azores, Portugal — 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 Naturalist - Science & Tourism Whale Watching | Book your whale and dolphin watching boat tours here. | 2 Casa Manuel de Arriaga | Visit the historic house of Portugal's first president. |
| 3 Church of the Holy Savior | Explore this beautiful historic church in the city center. | 4 Forte de São Sebastião | Discover this historic 17th-century coastal fort and its views. |
| 5 Estação de Peixes Vivos // Aquário do Porto Pim | See local marine life at this small aquarium. | P Cruise port / terminal | |