

Ilha Grande, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

A car-free Atlantic Rainforest island ringed by more than 100 beaches, Ilha Grande hides powdery coves, snorkel-worthy blue lagoons, and a dark prison past all within a short tender ride of Vila do Abraão.

- Tender (no pier)
- Typical call: 6-8 hrs
- Brazilian Real (BRL)
- Portuguese
- Eco reserve

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Vila do Abraão pier

Walk to centre: 0 min — tender lands in the village

Best For: Beaches, snorkelling, jungle hikes

Don't Miss: Lagoa Azul snorkel boat tour

Getting around: **Taxi** R\$20/person (~\$4 USD) daytime; R\$40 (~\$8 USD) at night · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Lagoa Azul & Lagoa Verde Snorkel Tour** — Speedboat tours depart the pier and zip around the island's northwest tip to two dazzling natural pools — Lagoa Azul (crystal-clear, turquoise) and... stone aqueduct.
- Hike to Lopes Mendes Beach** — One of Brazil's most beautiful beaches: 3 km of wild, powdery white sand with rolling surf.
- Praia Preta (Black Sand Beach) Afternoon** — A 15-minute flat walk west of the pier leads to Praia Preta's dark mineral sands, calm shallow water, and a freshwater stream.
- Lazareto Ruins & Jungle Aqueduct** — Follow the easy T01 trail past Praia Preta to the 19th-century quarantine hospital ruins and the 1893
- Seafood Lunch in Vila do Abraão** — Vila do Abraão's sand-floored restaurants serve moqueca (coconut-milk seafood stew) and peixe com banana (fish with sautéed banana) — the Costa Verde...

BEST WALKS

- Pier to Praia Preta & Lazareto Ruins** 2.5 km · 45-60 min · Easy · Free — Walk west along the waterfront from the pier, passing through Vila do Abraão and continuing to the striking black-sand beach.
- Village Walk & Praia do Abraãozinho** 3 km · 40-50 min · Easy-moderate · Free — From the pier, head east through the village square (Igreja de São Sebastião) and follow the coastal T02 trail to the secluded Praia do Abraãozinho cove.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:10AM–5:43PM · Jun 6:35AM–5:19PM · Aug 6:22AM–5:40PM · Sep 5:54AM–5:50PM · Oct 5:24AM–6:01PM	
Apr	79°	72°	16d		
Jun	75°	67°	11d		
Aug	74°	66°	11d		
Sep	77°	68°	11d		
Oct	77°	70°	17d		

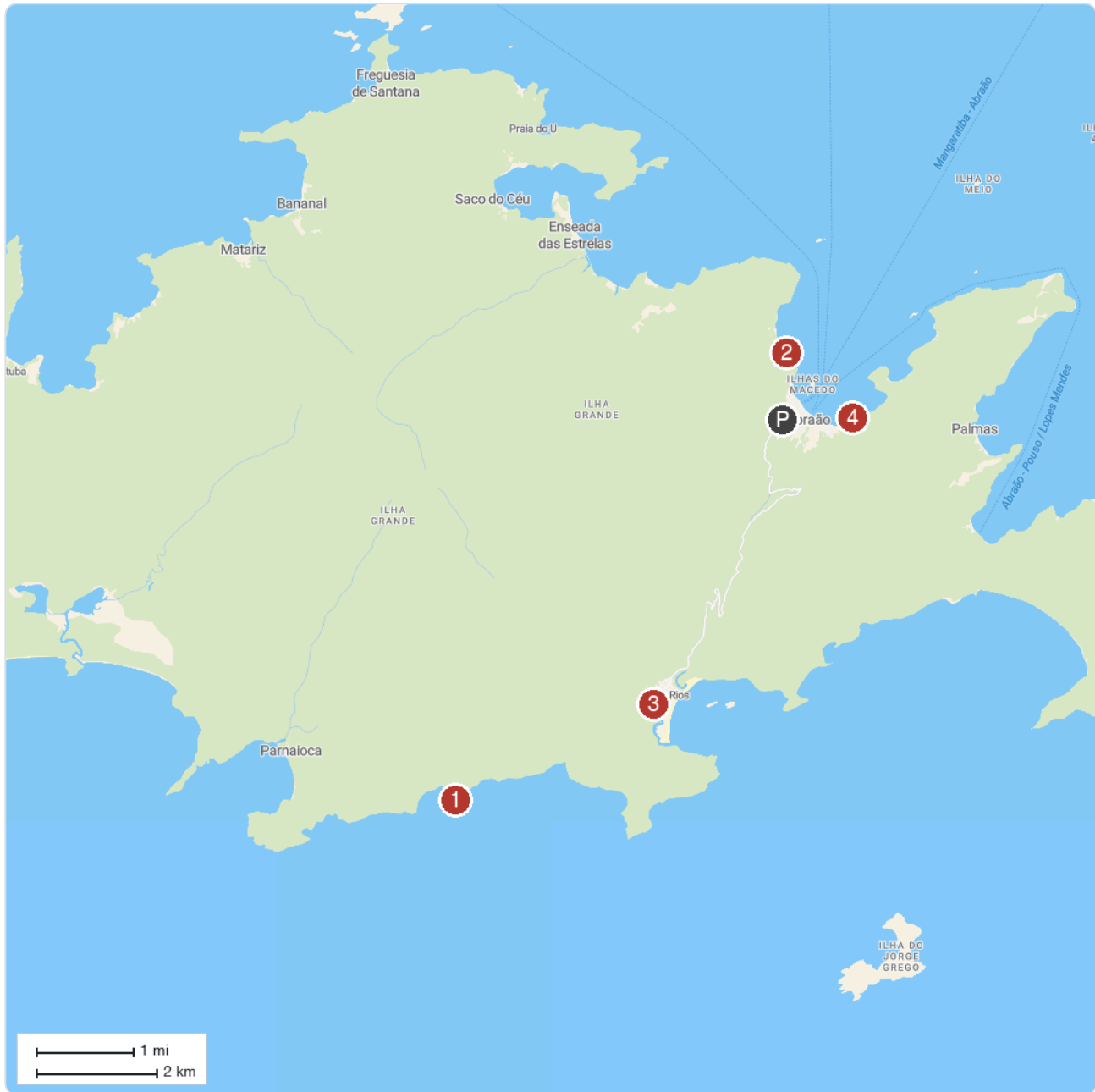
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring cash in BRL. There are no international ATMs on Ilha Grande. Most restaurants and tour operators accept cards, but connectivity is unreliable — cash is king for boat taxis, beach vendors, and tips.
- Allow 90 min to return. Afternoon tender queues back to the ship can be very long. Set a phone alarm for 90 minutes before all-aboard and stick to it.
- Pack insect repellent (high DEET). Borrachudos — tiny black biting flies — are fierce in shaded areas and near jungle trails. Apply before leaving the ship.
- Wear the right footwear. The village is cobblestone and sand — heels won't work. Flip-flops for the beach, sturdy sandals or sneakers for any trail.
- Watch for marmoset monkeys in the trees near the village edge. Charming to spot — don't feed them, they bite.
- Quick tropical showers are common. Pack a lightweight rain poncho or buy one in the village. They pass fast, but boat tour operators may briefly pause if lightning is nearby.

Ilha Grande, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil — 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 **Praia Lopes Mendes** Frequently ranked among Brazil's most beautiful beaches, a long stretch of white sand reached by boat taxi or trail.

3 **Antigo Presídio Cândido Mendes** Ruins of a notorious high-security prison demolished in 1994, now overgrown jungle accessible by trail.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 **Ruínas do Lazareto** Crumbling remains of a 19th-century quarantine station for arriving ships, a short walk from Vila do Abraão.

4 **Praia da Julia** Small secluded cove beach near Vila do Abraão, popular for its calm, clear water and easy access by trail.