

Ilhabela, São Paulo State, Brazil

An island of emerald rainforest, hidden waterfalls, and over 40 beaches — Ilhabela is Brazil's sailing capital and one of its most beautiful island escapes.

 Tender (no pier)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Brazilian Real (BRL)  Portuguese  85% State Park / UNESCO Biosphere

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Pier da Vila in the historic center

Walk to center: 0 min — tender drops right in Vila

Best For: Beaches, waterfalls, 4x4 adventures, sailing

Don't Miss: Cachoeira da Toca waterfall slide & Praia de Castelhanos

 Getting around:  Taxi  Varies by destination ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **4x4 Jeep Tour to Castelhanos Beach** — The island's signature excursion: a 22 km off-road drive through Atlantic Rainforest to the wild east-coast bay of Castelhanos, famous for its...
- **Cachoeira da Toca Waterfall & Natural Slide** — A historic sugarcane estate turned eco-park with a natural rock waterslide, cool plunge pools, and a working artisan cachaça distillery.
- **Praia do Curral Beach Day** — Ilhabela's most popular and lively beach, lined with seafood restaurants and upbeat beach bars.
- **Snorkeling & Shipwreck Diving** — The São Sebastião Channel is one of Brazil's shipwreck capitals, with dozens of historic wrecks dating from the 1800s and early 1900s, creating a...
- **Vila Historic Center Walk** — Explore colonial cobblestone streets, the 18th-century Igreja Matriz de Nossa Senhora d'Ajuda e Bom Sucesso church on the waterfront square, and...

BEST WALKS

- **Vila Historic Center & Pier Promenade** 1-2 hrs | Flat | Free — From the tender pier, stroll the cobblestone streets of Vila.
- **Pier to Praia do Saco da Capela** 15 min | Flat paved path | Free — A pleasant coastal walk north from the tender pier along a paved promenade lined with palm trees, moored sailboats, and casual kiosks.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:15AM–5:46PM · Jun 6:41AM–5:22PM · Aug 6:27AM–5:44PM · Sep 5:58AM–5:55PM · Oct 5:28AM–6:06PM	
Apr	80°	71°	16d		
Jun	75°	65°	12d		
Aug	75°	64°	12d		
Sep	77°	66°	13d		
Oct	78°	69°	18d		

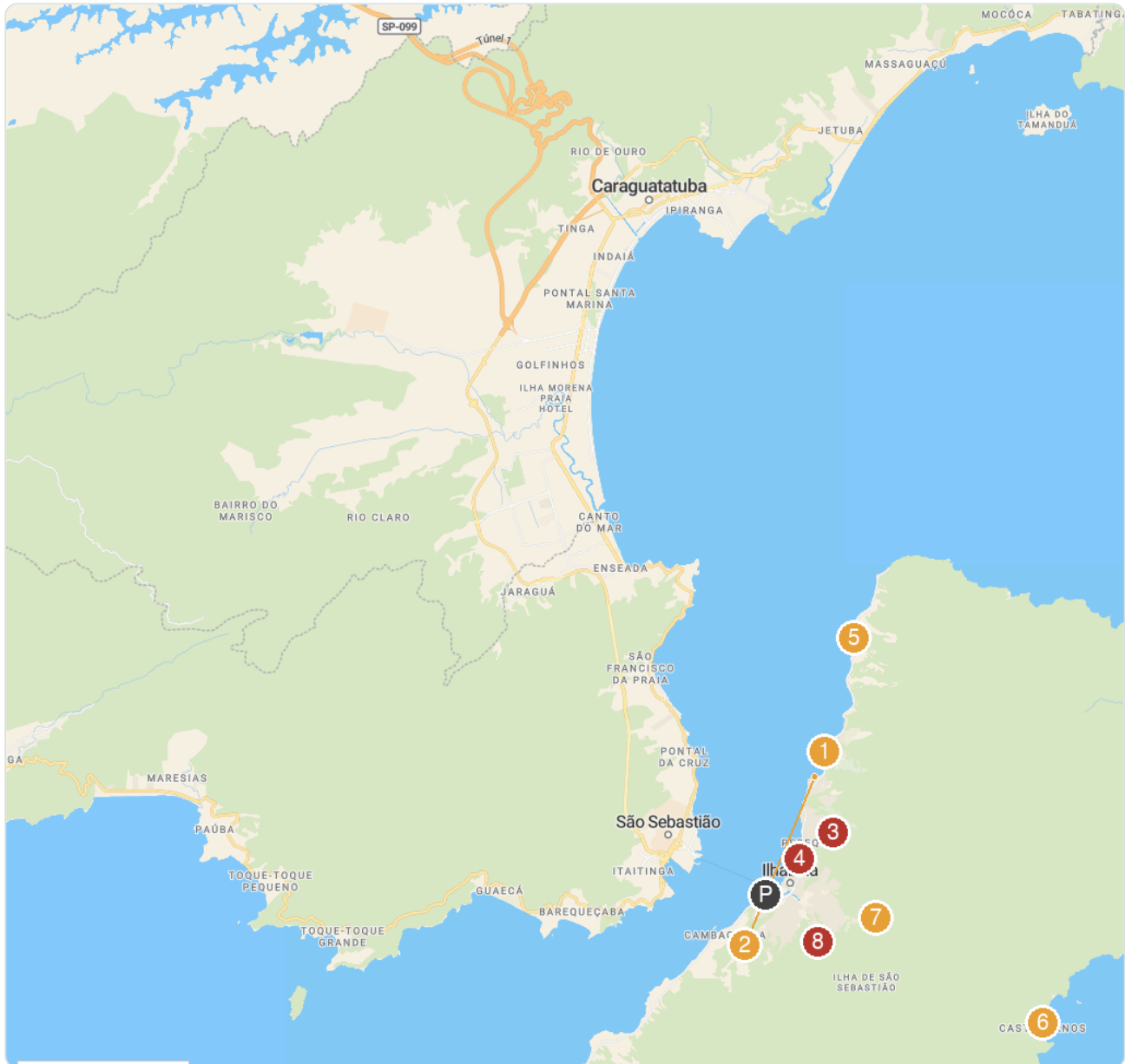
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Buy local insect repellent immediately. Ilhabela's tiny black gnats (borrachudos) bite hard and normal DEET doesn't stop them. Look for products with Icaridina or local citronella oils like Citroilha — sold at pharmacies and kiosks near the pier.
- Cards work almost everywhere. Visa and Mastercard are accepted at restaurants, shops, and beach clubs. Keep a small amount of BRL cash for bus fares, kiosk snacks, and tips.
- Negotiate taxi fares before you get in. Taxis are plentiful at the pier but don't always use meters for tourists. Agree on a price first, or use the public bus for cheap, reliable trips along the coast.
- Watch tender timings on busy days. If many ships are in port, the pier can get congested. Give yourself extra time for the last tender back — missing it on a tender port means missing the ship.
- Pack a light rain layer. Ilhabela is a tropical rainforest island — brief downpours are common any time of year. A packable rain jacket weighs nothing and saves the day.
- Castelhanos access is restricted, not tour-only. The municipality permits authorized private 4x4s under a daily quota, accredited agency jeep/boat trips, or a long trail requiring fitness. Ordinary cars cannot use the road. Road visitors must observe the park's entry/return windows; confirm conditions and enough time to return before all-aboard.

Ilhabela, São Paulo State, 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.



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| 1 Church of Our Lady Help Of | Historic church with beautiful architecture. | 2 Praia Saco da Capela | Lively beach with restaurants and shops. |
| 3 Trail Baepi Pico | Challenging hike to a panoramic mountain peak. | 4 Caiçara Beach Ilhabela | Quiet, scenic beach perfect for relaxation. |
| 5 Bell Stone | Unique rock formation that rings like a bell. | 6 Praia De Castelhanos | Remote, stunning beach accessible by 4x4 or boat. |
| 7 Cachoeira da Toca | Waterfall with a natural pool and waterslide. | 8 Cachoeira da Água Branca | Beautiful multi-tiered waterfall with refreshing pools. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |