

Ilhéus, Bahia, Brazil

The 'Cacao Capital of Brazil' blends colonial grandeur with Bahian soul — crack open a raw cacao pod, sip the pulp, and pull up a chair at the bar that inspired a novel.

 Pier (Porto do Malhado)

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 Brazilian Real (BRL)

 Portuguese

 Cacao & chocolate

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Porto do Malhado, ~2 km north of historic center

Walk to center: Not recommended (industrial zone); taxi or shuttle ~10 min

Best For: History lovers, foodies, chocolate fans, beach seekers

Don't Miss: Cacao farm tour + fresh cacao pulp juice

 Getting around:  **Taxi** ✓ R\$25–35 ·  **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, 99

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Cacao Farm & Chocolate Experience** — The signature Ilhéus excursion.
- Jorge Amado Historic Center Walk** — Follow in the footsteps of Brazil's most beloved novelist — visit the Casa de Cultura Jorge Amado, grab a kibe at the legendary Bar Vesúvio where his...
- Praia dos Milionários Beach Day** — Bahia's 'Millionaires' Beach' is 7 km south of center — wide golden sands, warm Atlantic waters, and excellent beach cabanas (Cabana da Empada...
- Bahian Cuisine & Tasting Tour** — Dive into Bahia's African-influenced kitchen: moqueca baiana (coconut fish stew), acarajé street fritters, fresh cacao juice, and artisan chocolate...
- Cururupe River & Kayaking** — 12 km south, the Cururupe River meets the sea in a dramatic tidal estuary.

BEST WALKS

- Historic Center: Amado's Ilhéus** 1.5 km · 30–45 min · Easy — Start at the São Sebastião Cathedral on the waterfront, walk to Casa de Cultura Jorge Amado for a peek at the author's home, then follow the waterfront to Bar Vesúvio...
- Praia do Cristo & Waterfront** 1 km · 20 min · Easy — Stroll south from the historic center to Praia do Cristo, where a small Christ statue overlooks the mouth of the Cachoeira River.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	83°	73°	22d
Jun	79°	70°	20d
Aug	78°	68°	19d
Sep	80°	70°	18d
Oct	81°	73°	20d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 5:43AM–5:28PM · Jun 5:59AM–5:14PM · Aug 5:52AM–5:29PM · Sep 5:31AM–5:31PM · Oct 5:09AM–5:34PM

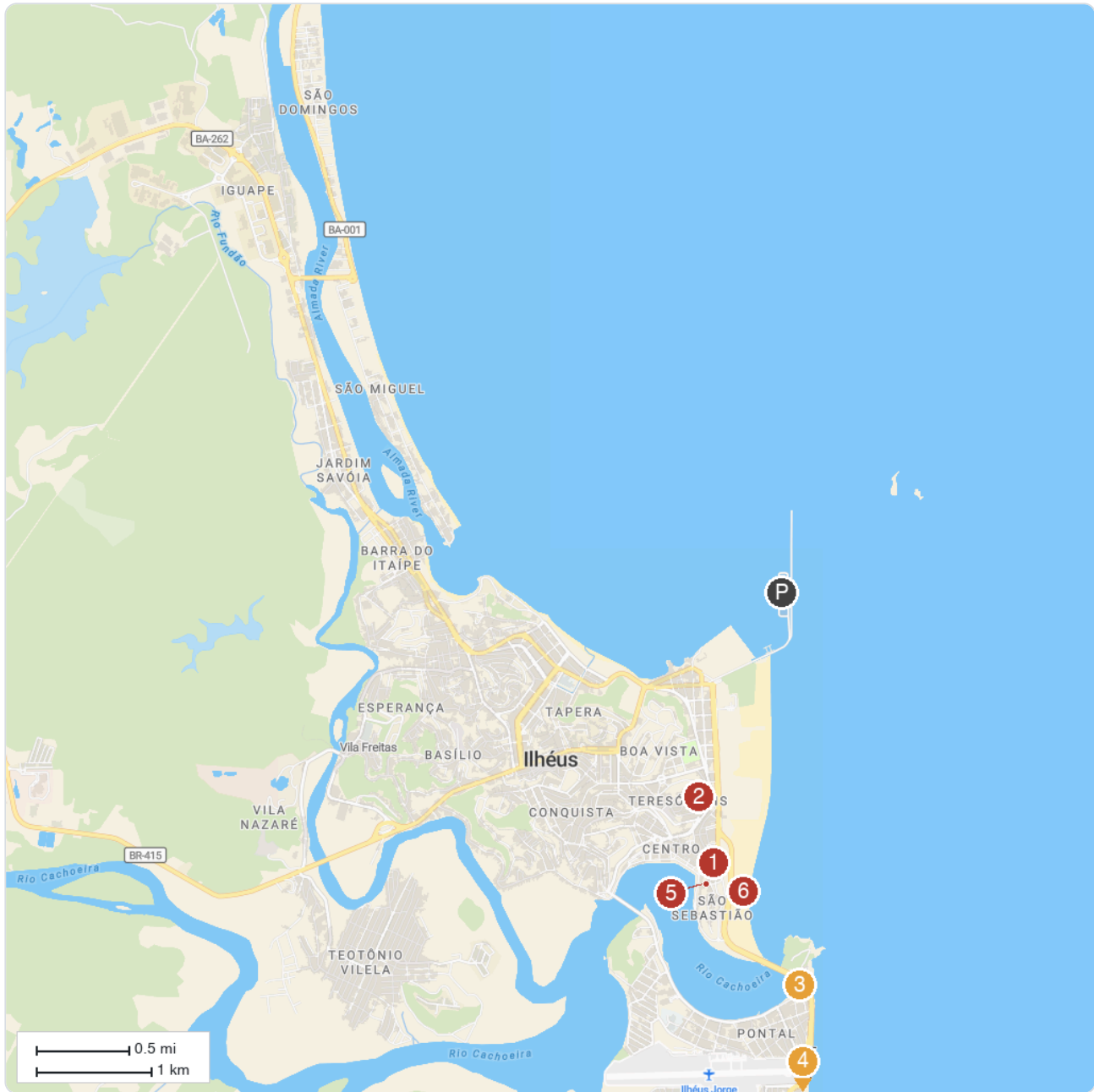
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Try the cacao pulp juice. Suco de cacau tastes nothing like chocolate — it's sweet, tart, and tropical. You can find it at farms, markets, and some beachfront stalls.
- Don't walk from the port. The 2 km stretch from Porto do Malhado to the historic center runs through an industrial zone. Take the cruise shuttle, a taxi (~R\$20–30), or Uber.
- Cards work almost everywhere. Even beach vendors accept Visa/Mastercard. You need minimal cash, but have a few reais for street food like acarajé.
- Beach trips add travel time. Praia dos Milionários is 15 min south — but the city bridges can bottleneck. Leave the beach by at least 90 min before all-aboard.
- Download Portuguese offline. English is not widely spoken here. Google Translate with an offline pack is your best friend for menus, taxi negotiations, and asking directions.
- Buy artisan chocolate to take home. Local tree-to-bar brands (Mendoá, Amma, Dengo) are the real souvenir — far better than anything sold back on the ship.

Ilhéus, Bahia, 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 San Sebastian Cathedral Grand cathedral, a city landmark.

3 MARAMATA Museum of sacred art and history.

5 Cannon Lookout Historic lookout with old cannons.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Mirante da Piedade Panoramic city and ocean viewpoint.

4 Praia Do Sul -Ilhéus, BA Southern beach, great for swimming.

6 Praia da Avenida City beach along the main avenue.