

Iquique, Tarapacá, Chile

A Victorian boomtown frozen in time between colossal sand dunes and the Pacific — UNESCO ghost towns, duty-free bazaars, and sea lions on white-sand beaches await.

Pier (docked)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Chilean Peso (CLP)

Spanish

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock at Puerto de Iquique; port shuttle to gate

Best For: History lovers, beach days, and UNESCO day-trips

Walk to center: ~1 km / 12 min from port gate to Plaza Prat

Don't Miss: Humberstone UNESCO ghost town & Paseo Baquedano

Getting around: Taxi ~USD 3–5 · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Humberstone & Santa Laura UNESCO Ghost Towns** — Two abandoned nitrate-mining settlements 48 km inland, preserved exactly as workers left them — rusting machinery, a school, a theatre, and eerie...
- Paseo Baquedano & Plaza Prat Walking Tour** — Stroll Iquique's pedestrian street lined with Georgian-style mansions built from Oregon pine during the 1880s saltpeter boom.
- Tandem Paragliding over Iquique** — Launch from the clifftops above Playa Brava and soar over the city, the giant Cerro Dragón sand dune, and the Pacific — Iquique is one of the world's...
- Cerro Dragón Sand Dune & Desert Views** — One of the world's largest urban sand dunes rises over 300 m at the city's edge.
- Playa Cavancha Beach Day** — Iquique's main beach has soft white sand, palm-fringed boardwalk, calm swimming waters, and a resident sea lion colony on the rocky Península.

BEST WALKS

- Port Gate to Plaza Prat Heritage Walk** 1 km · 12 min · Flat · Free — From the port exit gate, walk south along Avenida Esmeralda past the Esmeralda museum, then along Paseo Baquedano's preserved Victorian mansions to Plaza Prat and the...
- Plaza Prat to Playa Cavancha Boardwalk** 2.5 km · 30 min · Flat · Scenic — Head west from Plaza Prat down Calle Arturo Prat to the coast, then follow the beachfront boardwalk south along Playa Cavancha.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		74°	64°	0d
Jun		67°	58°	2d
Aug		66°	57°	1d
Sep		68°	57°	0d
Oct		69°	59°	0d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:51AM–6:28PM · Jun 7:14AM–6:08PM · Aug 7:02AM–6:27PM · Sep 7:36AM–7:35PM · Oct 7:10AM–7:42PM

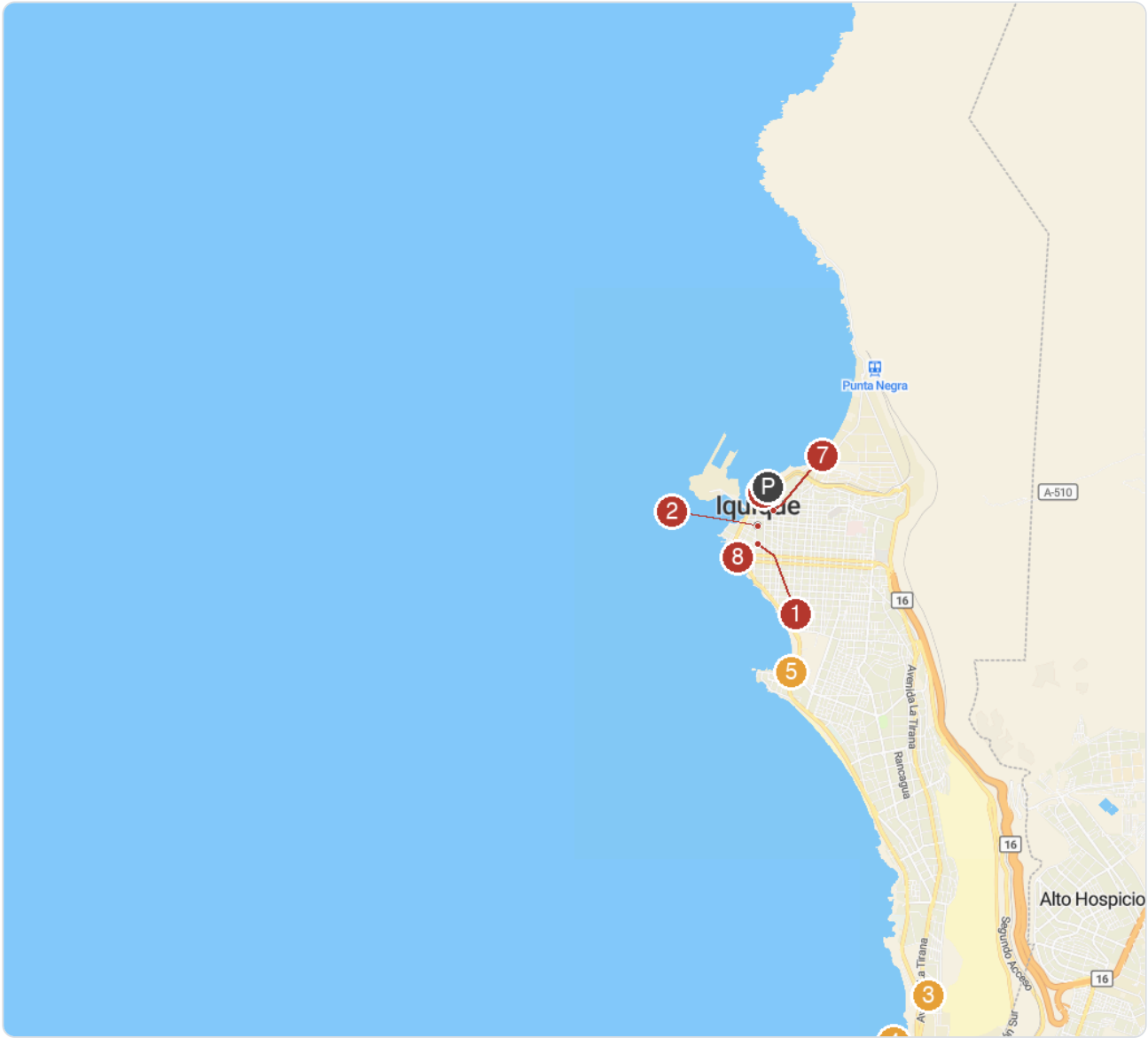
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Take the port shuttle: Walking through the container terminal is not permitted. Board the free shuttle at the gangway and alight at the gate near Corbeta Esmeralda.
- Pre-book the Esmeralda: Timed entry slots sell out — reserve online before your ship arrives. It's right at the port gate and a fantastic first stop.
- Humberstone needs time: Allow at least 6 hours in port to comfortably do the UNESCO ghost towns. Hire a taxi at the gate and agree the return time upfront.
- Desert sun is brutal: Iquique sits in the Atacama — UV levels are extreme year-round. Bring strong sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat even on cloudy days.
- Eat ceviche and chumbeque: Fresh ceviche de corvina at the Cavancha Península restaurants is exceptional. And grab chumbeque — the local layered lemon-syrup pastry — from any bakery on Baquedano.
- Pesos for small purchases: Cards work in restaurants and shops, but carry a few thousand Chilean pesos for taxis, street food, and market stalls. ATMs are available near Plaza Prat.

Iquique, Tarapacá, Chile — 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	Museo Regional	Regional museum showcasing Iquique's history, archaeology, and culture.	2	Clock Tower	Historic clock tower standing prominently in the main square.
3	Sendero Iquique	Scenic coastal walking trail offering panoramic ocean views.	4	Recreation Center Huayquique	Family-friendly recreation center with pools, sports, and activities.
5	Casino Dreams Iquique	Modern casino offering gaming, entertainment, and dining options.	6	Corbeta Esmeralda Museum	Full-scale replica museum of the historic Corbeta Esmeralda warship.
7	Immaculate Conception Cathedral	Iquique's main Catholic cathedral, an important religious landmark.	8	Paseo Playa Bellavista	Coastal promenade along Bellavista Beach, perfect for strolls.
P	Cruise port / terminal				