

Jaco Island, Timor-Leste

An uninhabited, sacred island at the far eastern tip of Timor-Leste. No roads, no buildings, no crowds — just pristine white sand, turquoise water, and coral reefs that rarely see cruise passengers.

-  Tender / Small boat (wet landing)
-  Typical call: 6-8 hrs
-  USD
-  Tetum, Portuguese
-  National Park — no facilities ashore

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** No pier — wet landing via local boat from Valu Beach on mainland
- Best For:** Snorkeling, swimming, unspoiled beach, spiritual atmosphere
- Walk to Center:** Uninhabited — no town; beach is immediate at landing
- Don't Miss:** The coral reef on the north side and the view back to mainland Timor

 Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Snorkeling the Jaco Reef** — The coral reef ringing Jaco Island is among the healthiest and least-visited in Southeast Asia.
- Beach Day on Jaco** — Simply being on Jaco's white-sand beach is the experience.
- Birdwatching — Nino Konis Santana National Park** — Jaco Island and the surrounding national park host Timor-Leste's endemic birdlife, including the Timor Imperial Pigeon and other tropical species.
- Valu Beach Village Visit** — The small fishing settlement at Valu Beach on the mainland offers a glimpse of traditional Timorese coastal life.

BEST WALKS

- Jaco Island Shoreline Walk** Easy · ~2 km · 45-60 min — Walk the full perimeter of the beach from the landing point north along the shoreline.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		85°	78°	18d
Jun		82°	77°	18d
Aug		82°	75°	9d
Sep		84°	76°	7d
Oct		87°	77°	5d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:33AM–6:27PM · Jun 6:42AM–6:20PM · Aug 6:40AM–6:30PM · Sep 6:24AM–6:27PM · Oct 6:08AM–6:24PM

 USD

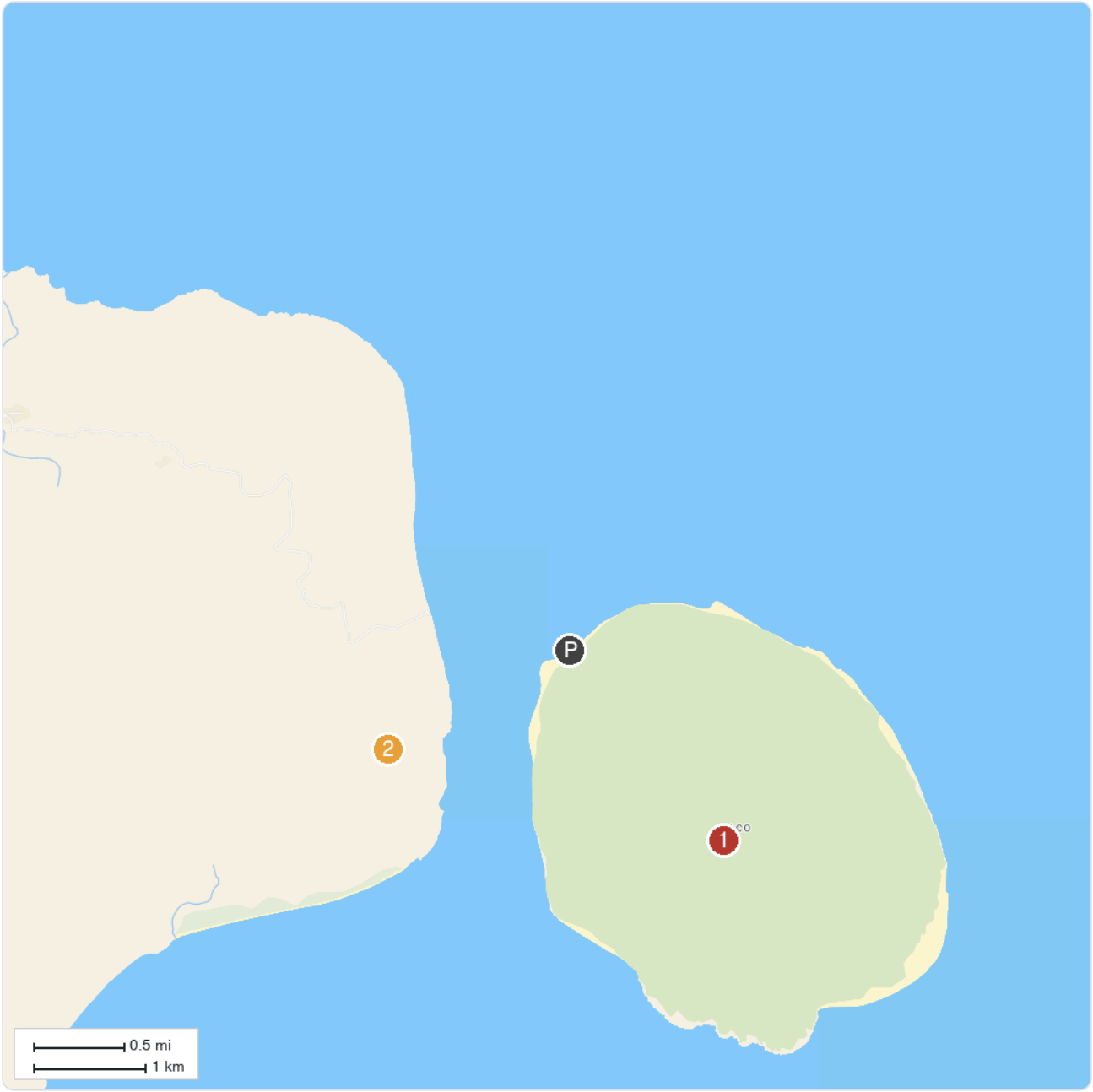
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Water shoes are non-negotiable. The wet landing and reef shallows have coral fragments and sea urchins. Pack them in your day bag.
- The sun is brutal. No shade structures exist on the beach. Rash guard, wide-brim hat, and reef-safe sunscreen are essential.
- Bring a dry bag. Your phone, camera, and dry clothes need protection for the wet landing. Don't rely on the ship's plastic bags.
- Small USD cash only. If you interact with locals at Valu Beach, bring \$1–\$5 bills. No card readers, no ATMs, no change for large bills.
- Leave absolutely nothing behind. Pack out all trash. Do not take shells, sand, or coral — it is both culturally disrespectful and illegal within the national park.
- Confirm your ship's plan. Cruise calls to Jaco are rare. Check whether your ship tenders directly to Jaco beach or to the mainland — the logistics differ and affect how much time you have ashore.

Jaco Island, Timor-Leste — 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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Jaco Island

Sacred, uninhabited island of the Fataluku people believed to house ancestral spirits; day visits only, no overnight stays permitted.
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Nino Konis Santana NP

Timor-Leste's first national park, encompassing Jaco Island's coral reefs and the mainland's tropical dry forests.
- P

Cruise port / terminal