

Luanda, Angola, Africa

Angola's sprawling capital crashes colonial architecture into oil-boom skyscrapers on a crescent Atlantic bay — one of West Africa's most raw and rewarding port calls.

 Pier (commercial port)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

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 Portuguese

 West Africa

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Commercial pier, Porto de Luanda — shuttle required to city

Best For: Colonial history, bay views, vibrant African street life

Walk to centre: Not walkable from port; shuttle or taxi to Marginal (~10 min)

Don't Miss: Fortaleza de São Miguel & Ilha de Luanda beach strip

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$4–10 USD ·  **Rideshare**  Bolt, Yango, Heetch

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Fortaleza de São Miguel & Historic Baixa** — Climb to the 1576 Portuguese fort crowning the hill above the bay for sweeping panoramic views over Luanda and the Ilha.
- Palácio de Ferro & Old Town Walk** — See the striking iron pavilion attributed to Eiffel's workshop, then explore the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios church...
- Ilha de Luanda Beach Club** — The Ilha is a 5-mile sand spit just minutes from the port.
- Agostinho Neto Mausoleum (The Sputnik)** — Angola's most dramatic landmark — a futuristic space-age obelisk housing the tomb and museum of the country's first...
- Miradouro da Lua (Moon Lookout)** — An hour south of the city, eroded sandstone cliffs have sculpted an eerily lunar landscape of jagged pillars and ridges...

BEST WALKS

- The Marginal Waterfront Stroll** 1.5 km • Flat • 20-30 min — From the shuttle drop near Avenida 4 de Fevereiro, walk the bay-side palm-lined promenade past modern sculptures, street vendors, and...
- Baixa (Old Town) Heritage Loop** 2 km • Flat • 45 min • Best with a guide — A compact loop past the Palácio de Ferro, Igreja de Nossa Senhora dos Remédios, and the colourful Governor's Palace.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	86°	76°	17d
Jun	81°	68°	0d
Aug	79°	66°	0d
Sep	80°	69°	1d
Oct	84°	73°	4d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:10AM–6:03PM · Jun 6:19AM–5:55PM · Aug 6:17AM–6:06PM · Sep 6:00AM–6:03PM · Oct 5:44AM–6:01PM

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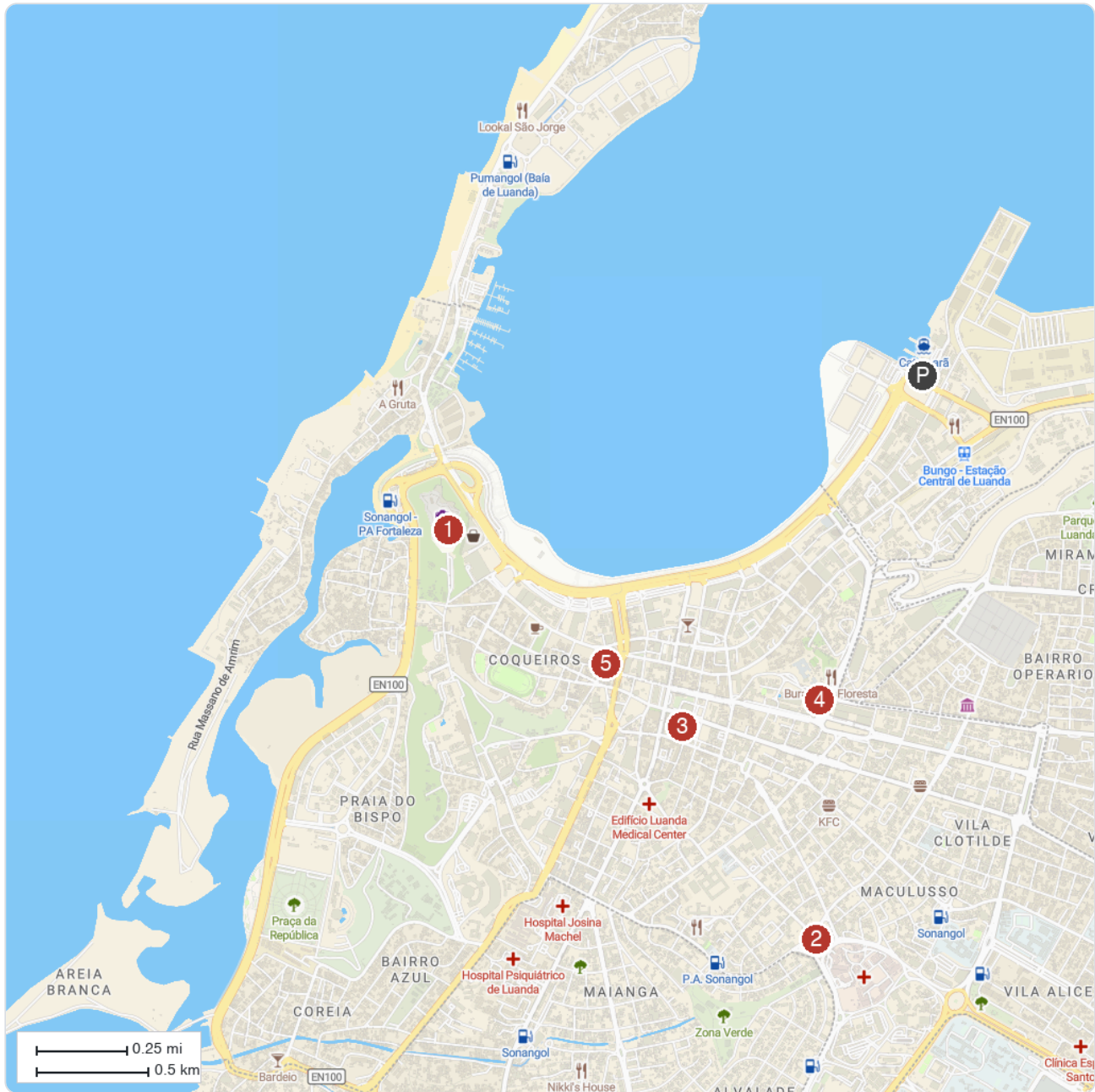
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Security first. Luanda has high petty and opportunistic crime. Leave jewellery and expensive watches on the ship. Keep phones hidden, walk in groups, and stick to main tourist...
- Cash only in most places. Bring crisp USD or EUR notes — bills must be clean, uncreased, and printed after 2012 or they will be

Luanda, Angola, Africa — 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 Fortress of São Miguel. | Historic colonial fortress offering city and sea views. | 2 Holy Family Church | Luanda's modern Catholic cathedral, a significant religious landmark. |
| 3 Church of Carmo | Historic 17th-century Carmelite church with beautiful architecture. | 4 Museum of Natural History | Museum displaying Angola's diverse natural history and wildlife. |
| 5 Church of Our Lady of Remedies | Historic 17th-century church, a colonial architectural gem. | P Cruise port / terminal | |