

Manta, Ecuador

Ecuador's tuna capital and Pacific gateway — a laid-back port city backed by cloud-forest reserves, where the world's finest hats are woven by hand in a nearby hilltop village.

Docked at Puerto de Manta cruise terminal

Typical call: 7–9 hrs

US Dollar (USD) — Ecuador uses American currency

Spanish · English limited outside hotels

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Puerto de Manta cruise terminal

Best For: Culture · Beaches · Cloud Forest

To center: 5-min walk to Malecón / Playa El Murciélago

Don't Miss: Montecristi Panama hat workshops

Getting around: **Taxi** \$1.50–\$5 USD · **Rideshare** Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Montecristi — Birthplace of the Panama Hat** — Despite the name, the Panama hat was always Ecuadorian — named after the canal workers who wore them.
- Pacocha Cloud Forest — Howler Monkeys & Mist** — The Pacocha Marine and Coastal Wildlife Refuge is one of the last coastal cloud forests in Ecuador.
- Tuna Fleet & Fish Market Tour** — Manta is Ecuador's undisputed tuna capital — the largest tuna-fishing fleet on the Pacific coast operates from this harbor.
- Playa El Murciélago & the Malecón** — Playa El Murciélago (Bat Beach) is Manta's signature urban beach — a long crescent of dark Pacific sand backed by the lively Malecón esplanade.

BEST WALKS

- Malecón & Playa El Murciélago Stroll** 1.5 km · 30 min · Easy — Walk north along the Malecón esplanade from the cruise terminal to Playa El Murciélago.
- Tarqui Fish Market & Artisan Docks** 2 km · 45 min · Easy — Head east along the harbor to the Tarqui fishing district, where the tuna fleet anchors and the morning market buzzes.
- Centro Cultural & City Market** 1 km · 40 min · Easy — A short walk inland from the Malecón leads to Manta's city market and the Centro Cultural, where local artisans sell toquilla-straw goods, cacao products, and tagua-nut...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		82°	72°	12d
Jun		79°	70°	4d
Aug		78°	68°	1d
Sep		79°	68°	1d
Oct		78°	68°	2d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:20AM–6:25PM · Jun 6:22AM–6:25PM · Aug 6:25AM–6:29PM · Sep 6:15AM–6:21PM · Oct 6:05AM–6:12PM

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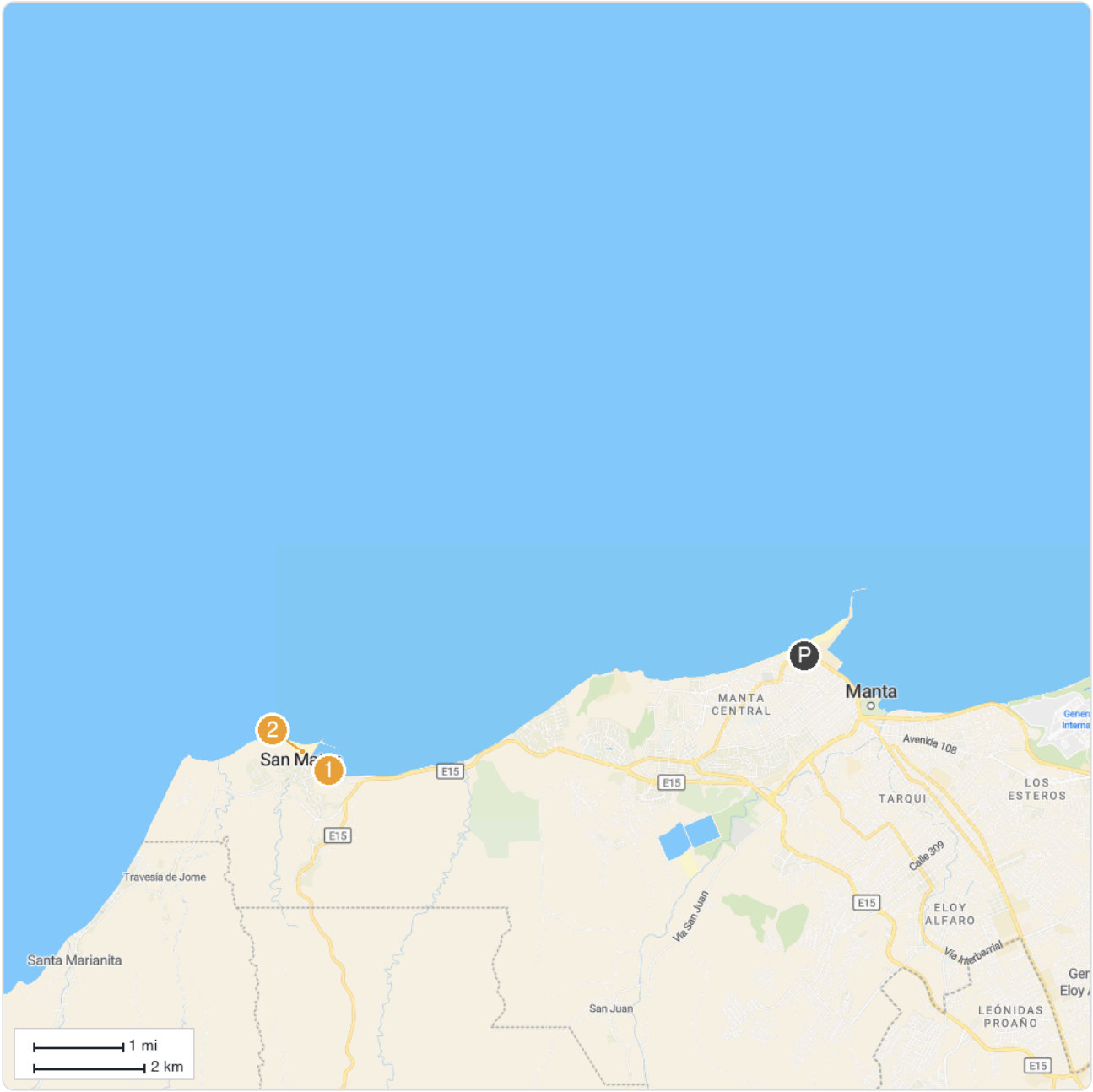
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Ecuador uses the US Dollar — no exchange needed. ATMs are available in the city center, and most tour operators accept cash USD.
- Buy your Panama hat in Montecristi, not at the ship — prices are a fraction of on-board boutiques and you'll meet the actual weavers.
- Manta is Ecuador's tuna capital. Try ceviche de atún or encebollado (tuna broth soup) at any of the Malecón restaurants for an authentic local lunch.
- Taxis are cheap (city rides \$2–5) but always agree the fare before you get in. Most drivers don't use meters. A few Spanish words help enormously.
- The Ecuadorian Pacific sun is intense year-round, even on overcast days. Apply high-SPF sunscreen before leaving the ship and carry water.

Manta, Ecuador — 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 Playa Bonita- San Mateo

Playa Bonita is a scenic beach near San Mateo.

2 Carpas playa San Mateo

Rent beach tents and enjoy the sun at San Mateo.

P Cruise port / terminal