

Marco Island, Florida, USA

The largest island in Florida's Ten Thousand Islands, Marco is a sun-soaked Gulf Coast escape prized for powdery shell-sand beaches, dolphin-filled mangrove waterways, and a surprisingly rich Calusa Indian heritage.

Small ship / tender (no large cruise pier)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

USD

English

Famous for shelling

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Tender to Rose Marina or Caxambas Park; small-ship dockage at Rose Marina
- Best For:** Beaches, shelling, dolphin/manatee boat tours, Cape Romano dome houses
- Walk to center:** Limited — Snook Inn & Esplanade ~10-15 min from Rose Marina; beaches need a ride
- Don't Miss:** Key Marco Cat (replica) at Marco Island Historical Museum (free)

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$75+/hr (3-hr min) · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Ten Thousand Islands Dolphin & Mangrove Tour** — Glide through the labyrinthine mangrove channels of the Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge, spotting...
- Cape Romano Dome Houses Boat Tour** — Take a charter boat south to see the surreal Cape Romano Dome Homes — six futuristic concrete domes completed in 1982...
- Tigertail Beach & Shelling** — Marco Island's signature beach experience: walk the wild tidal spit known as Sand Dollar Spit to find lightning whelks...
- Marco Island Historical Museum** — Free and compact, this museum is a genuine gem.
- CraigCat Guided Boat Tour** — Pilot your own two-person, low-to-the-water CraigCat boat through the Marco River and mangrove backcountry on a guided...

BEST WALKS

- Rose Marina to Snook Inn & Esplanade** ~1 mile | Easy | Flat riverside path — From Rose Marina, follow Smokehouse Bay Drive north along the Marco River waterfront to the legendary Snook Inn (open-air chickee bar...
- Otter Mound Preserve Loop** 0.3 miles | Easy | Shaded trail — A short, peaceful walk through a small preserve built on an ancient Calusa shell mound in the historic Caxambas area (south end of...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		83°	68°	9d
Jun		86°	75°	23d
Aug		88°	77°	25d
Sep		87°	75°	22d
Oct		84°	72°	14d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:03AM–7:50PM · Jun 6:35AM–8:19PM · Aug 7:00AM–8:02PM · Sep 7:13AM–7:30PM · Oct 7:26AM–6:58PM

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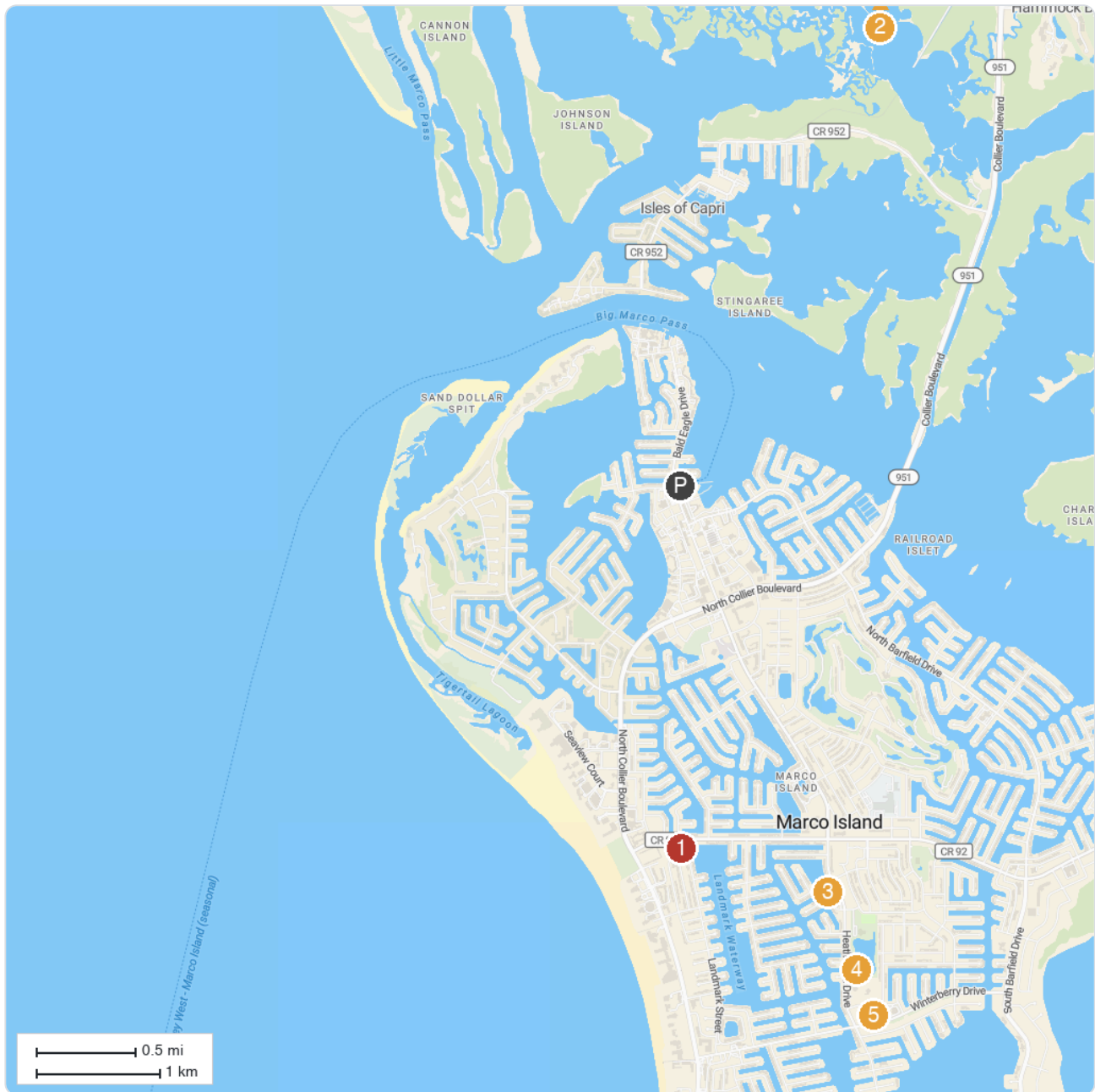
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Download Uber/Lyft before you arrive. There is no public transit on Marco Island and taxis can be slow. Rideshare is the fastest, cheapest way to reach Tigertail Beach or the...
- Live shells are protected. Florida law prohibits taking live shells, anything with an animal still inside, including live sand dollars.

Marco Island, Florida, USA — 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 San Marco Catholic Church | A beautiful local Catholic church for worship and reflection. | 2 Briggs Boardwalk | Walk a scenic boardwalk through mangroves, spotting wildlife. |
| 3 Marco Island Historical Museum | Discover Marco Island's rich history, including Calusa Indian artifacts. | 4 Canine Cove Dog Park | An off-leash dog park where your furry friends can play. |
| 5 Winterberry Park | A community park with playgrounds, sports courts, and picnic areas. | P Cruise port / terminal | |