

Margarita Island, Nueva Esparta, Venezuela

Venezuela's largest island earns its 'Pearl of the Caribbean' nickname: golden beaches, a vast mangrove lagoon, 17th-century forts, and the Venezuelan street-food classic — empanadas de cazón fresh from the fryer.

 Pier (Puerto El Guamache)

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 USD widely accepted

 Spanish

 Beach destination

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Puerto El Guamache (SW coast); tendering rare

Best For: Beaches, mangrove boat tours, colonial forts

Walk to Center: No walkable city center — taxis required; Porlamar ~35 min

Don't Miss: La Restinga National Park mangrove boat ride

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$20–\$30 USD

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **La Restinga National Park Boat Tour** — Board a lancha (small motor boat) to navigate tight mangrove tunnels alive with sea stars, seahorses, and herons...
- **Castillo de San Carlos de Borromeo, Pampatar** — A well-preserved 17th-century star fort built to repel pirate raids, overlooking Pampatar Bay.
- **Island Jeep Safari** — 4x4s cross both halves of the island — from the lush eastern mountains to the stark cactus desert of the Macanao...
- **Playa El Yaque Windsurfing Beach** — Constant trade winds make El Yaque a world-class windsurfing and kitesurfing spot.
- **La Asunción & Castillo de Santa Rosa** — The island's historic capital features the 16th-century Castillo de Santa Rosa — where patriot Luisa Cáceres de...

BEST WALKS

- **Port Beach Stroll** Easy · 30-45 min · No transport needed — The beach at Playa El Guamache sits directly beside the cruise terminal.
- **Pampatar Waterfront** Easy · 1 hr on foot · Taxi to Pampatar required — From the drop-off in Pampatar, walk the seafront Paseo to the Castillo de San Carlos de Borromeo, browse the small fishing beach, and...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	83°	76°	4d
Jun	83°	77°	16d
Aug	84°	78°	19d
Sep	86°	79°	15d
Oct	85°	79°	16d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:04AM–6:26PM · Jun 5:53AM–6:38PM · Aug 6:05AM–6:34PM · Sep 6:05AM–6:15PM · Oct 6:04AM–5:57PM

 USD widely accepted

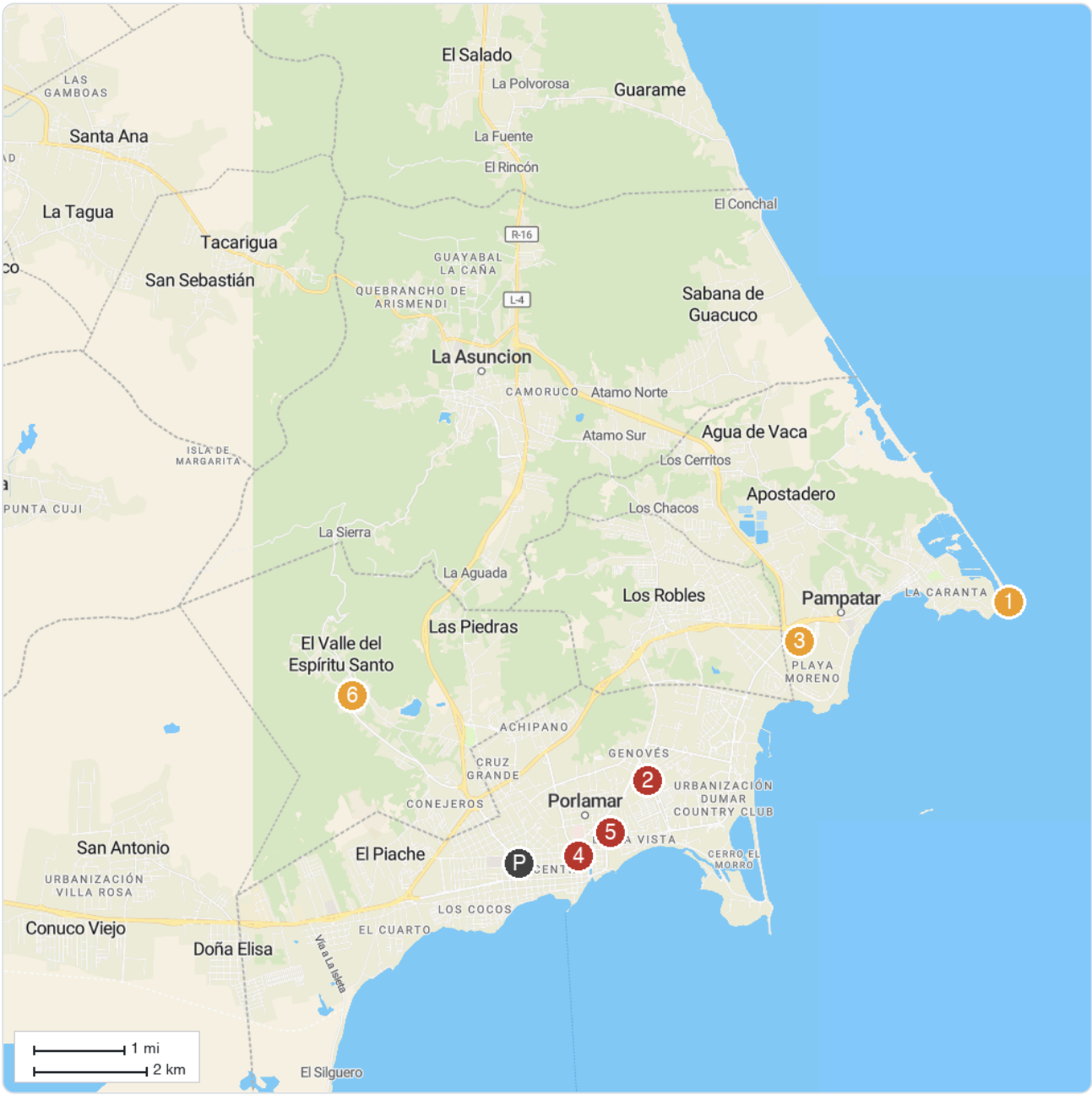
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring clean small USD bills. US dollars are preferred and widely accepted. Carry \$1, \$5, and \$10 notes — large bills are hard to change. Credit cards rarely work reliably for...
- Fix your taxi fare before you leave the port. Agree on a round-trip price in USD at the terminal gates. Drivers will wait for you —

Margarita Island, Nueva Esparta, Venezuela — 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 | Punta Ballena | Scenic viewpoint offering panoramic ocean and island vistas. | 2 | Casa de la Cultura Ramón Vásquez Brito | Cultural center showcasing local art, history, and traditions. |
| 3 | Parque de Atracciones Diverland | Large amusement park with rides and family entertainment. | 4 | Museum of Contemporary Art Francisco Narváez | Museum displaying contemporary Venezuelan and international art. |
| 5 | Casino Caribe Plaza | Casino offering gaming tables, slots, and entertainment. | 6 | The minor Basilica of Our Lady of the Valley | Important basilica and pilgrimage site dedicated to the Virgin. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |