

Matarani, Arequipa, Peru

An industrial cargo port on Peru's arid Pacific coast, Matarani punches above its weight as the gateway to Arequipa — the 'White City' of volcanic sillar stone — and the world-famous Colca Canyon condor flights.

Docked (TISUR pier)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Peruvian Sol (PEN)

Spanish

Altitude: Arequipa at 7,660 ft

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — TISUR industrial wharf; shuttle bus to port gate required

Best For: Arequipa's colonial architecture, Santa Catalina Monastery, Colca Canyon condors

Walk to center: Not walkable — mandatory shuttle to Mollendo (25 min) or taxi to Arequipa (2–2.5 hrs)

Don't Miss: Chupe de camarones (river prawn chowder) — the signature dish of Arequipa

Getting around: **Taxi** \$7–\$10 USD

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Arequipa & Santa Catalina Monastery** — The 'White City' is built almost entirely from white sillar volcanic stone.
- Juanita the Ice Maiden — Museo Santuarios Andinos** — View the remarkably preserved 15th-century mummy of a young Inca girl sacrificed on Mount Ampato.
- Mejía Lagoons — Coastal Bird Sanctuary** — A rare wetland oasis in the coastal desert, just 45 minutes south of the port.
- Mollendo Beach & Castillo de Forga** — The closest option to the port — a coastal resort town 25 minutes away.
- Colca Canyon — Condor Viewpoint** — One of the world's deepest canyons and the best place on Earth to watch Andean condors soar on thermals at Cruz del...

BEST WALKS

- Mollendo Clifftop & Beach Walk** ~1.5 km · Easy · 30–45 min — From Mollendo's Plaza de Armas, walk downhill to the beachfront promenade and along the cliffs toward the Castillo de Forga.
- Arequipa: Plaza de Armas to Santa Catalina** ~0.8 km · Easy · 10-min walk — Start at Arequipa's dazzling Plaza de Armas — flanked by the Basilica Cathedral and the Jesuit Church — then walk north a few blocks...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	72°	62°	2d
Jun	73°	61°	0d
Aug	73°	61°	0d
Sep	73°	62°	0d
Oct	73°	62°	0d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:04AM–5:47PM · Jun 6:20AM–5:32PM · Aug 6:13AM–5:48PM · Sep 5:51AM–5:51PM · Oct 5:28AM–5:55PM

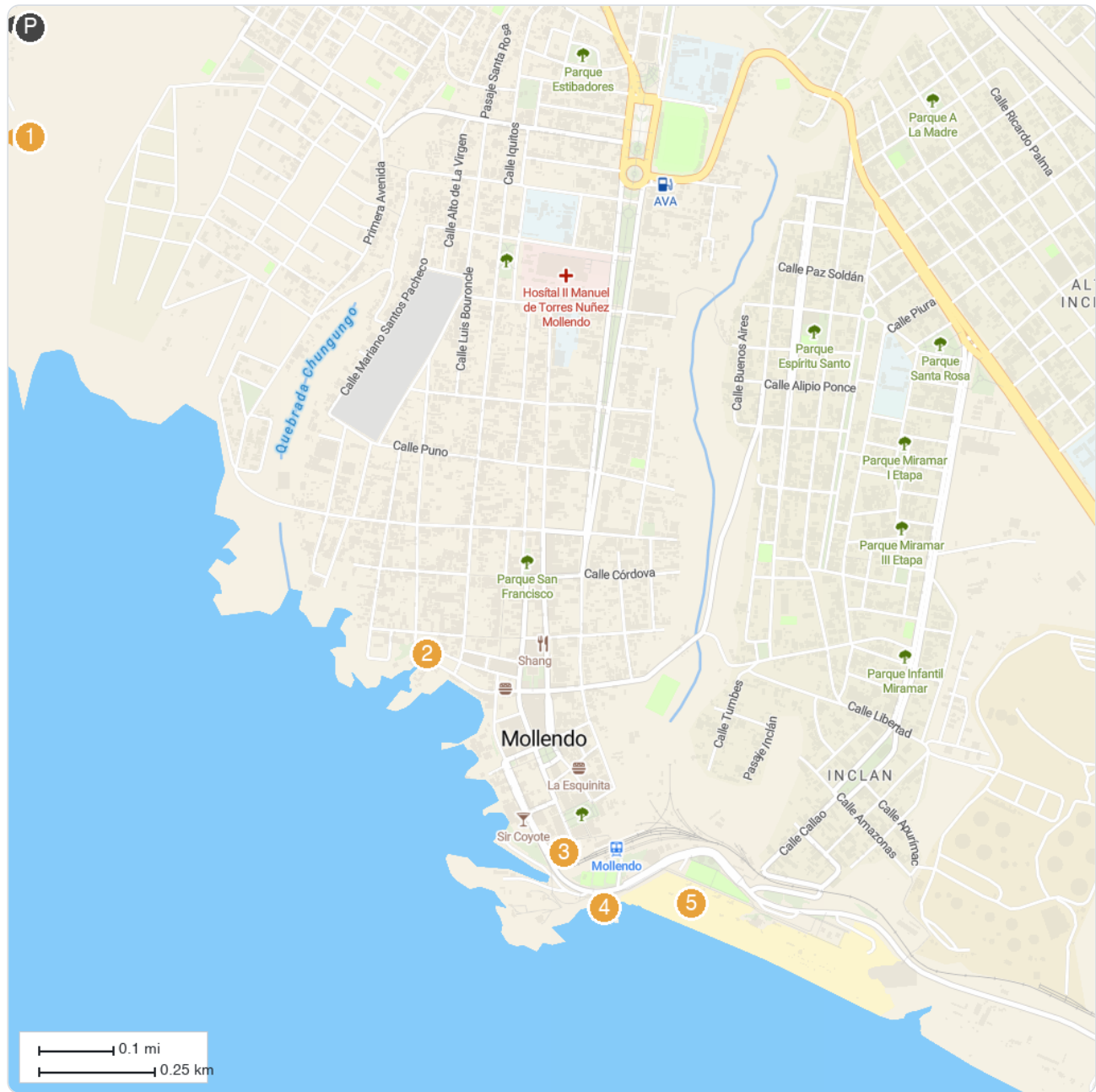
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book ship excursions for Arequipa. The 2–2.5 hr highway is the only road — delays from traffic or vehicle issues could cause you to miss sailing. Ship tours guarantee the vessel...
- Altitude awareness. Arequipa sits at 7,660 ft (2,335 m). Coming from sea level, take it slow — stay hydrated, skip heavy meals,

Matarani, Arequipa, Peru — 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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| <p>1 Playa "Catarindo"</p> <p>3 Malecón Ratti</p> <p>5 Primera Playa</p> | <p>Catarindo Beach is a popular sandy beach for swimming and sunbathing.</p> <p>Malecón Ratti is a scenic waterfront promenade with ocean views.</p> <p>Primera Playa is Mollendo's main beach, ideal for families.</p> | <p>2 Aguadita</p> <p>4 Aquatic Park Mollendo</p> | <p>Aguadita is a natural spring with clear, refreshing waters.</p> <p>Aquatic Park Mollendo offers fun water slides and pools.</p> |
| <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | | | |