

Mindelo, Cape Verde

The Cultural Capital of Cape Verde

Port

Arts & Music

Cape Verde

Walkable City

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Dock or tender — confirm with your line

Currency: Cape Verdean Escudo (CVE)

Language: Portuguese, Kriolu

Time Zone: UTC-1

Getting around: **Taxi** ~500 CVE (~€5) to city center · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **City Center & Music Walk** — Stroll colorful colonial streets and visit the Municipal Market.
 - **Monte Verde Hike** — Climb São Vicente's highest point for sweeping views over Mindelo Bay and the volcanic interior.
- **Baía das Gatas Beach** — Relax at the sheltered bay with natural rock pools, golden sand, and calm turquoise water.
 - **Centro Cultural do Mindelo** — Discover Cape Verdean arts and heritage in this restored 19th-century customs house with exhibitions, performances, and a craft shop.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront Promenade Walk** Easy — A gentle stroll along the bay with views of ships and the city skyline.
- **Colonial Heart Exploration** Moderate — Wander the colorful colonial-era streets around the main square and Rua de Lisboa.
- **Market Wander** Easy — Browse the vibrant Municipal Market for fresh produce, fish, and local goods.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	77°	69°	0d
Jun	79°	72°	0d
Aug	83°	76°	4d
Sep	84°	77°	6d
Oct	84°	76°	2d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:24AM–6:55PM · Jun 6:06AM–7:14PM · Aug 6:23AM–7:04PM · Sep 6:28AM–6:41PM · Oct 6:32AM–6:18PM

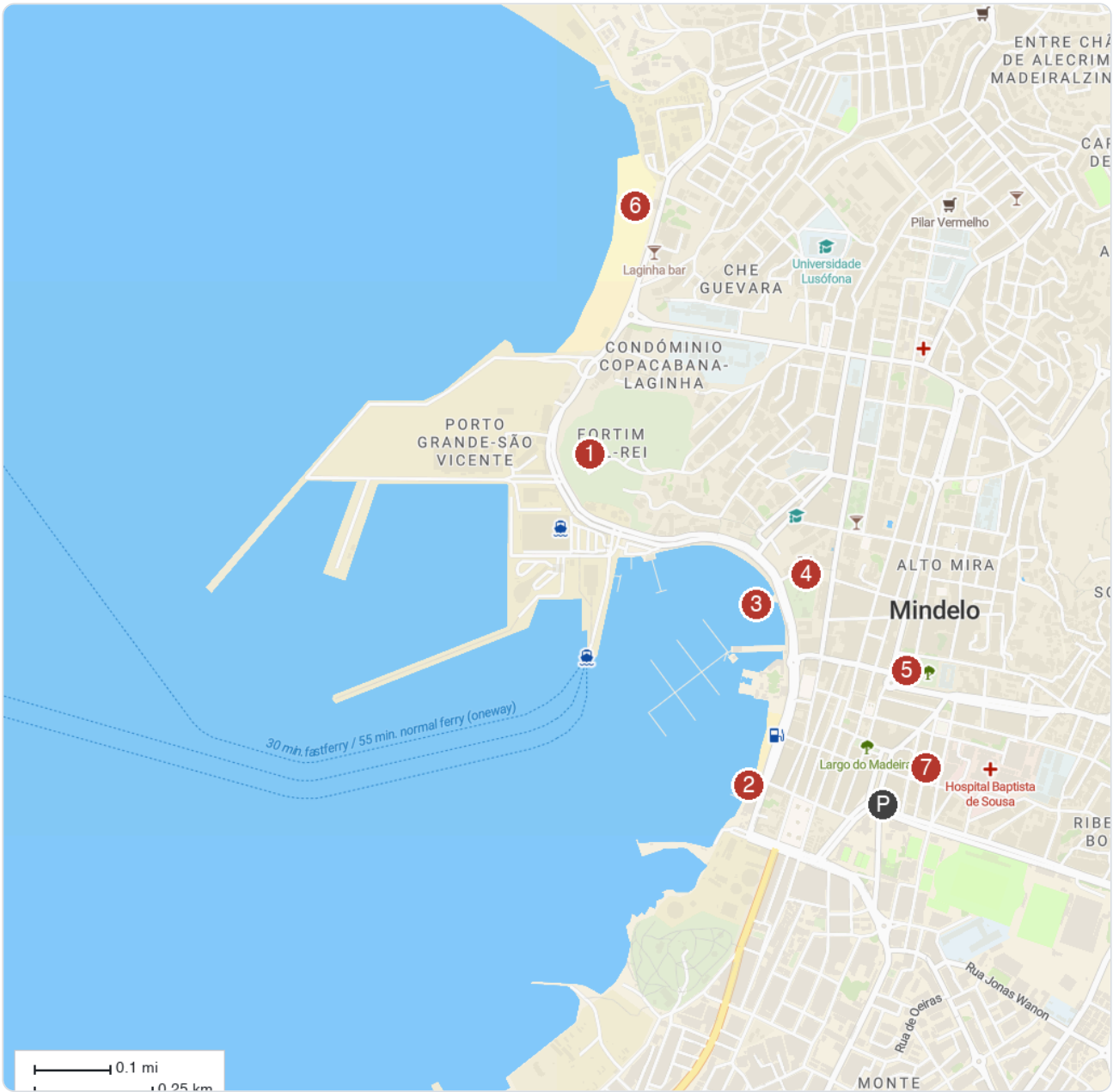
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Euros are widely accepted alongside the Cape Verdean Escudo in shops and restaurants.
- Sun is strong; wear sunscreen and a hat when exploring the city or hiking Monte Verde.
- Live music venues are the heartbeat of Mindelo—step inside when you hear morna playing.
- Colonial architecture and street art make for striking photos; keep your camera ready.
- Comfortable walking shoes for the city; sturdy footwear recommended for Monte Verde hikes.

Mindelo, Cape Verde — 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 | Fortim do Rei | Historic fort offering panoramic views of Mindelo bay. | 2 | Belem Tower Replica Museum of the Sea | Replica tower housing a museum of Mindelo's maritime history. |
| 3 | Mansa Floating Hub | Floating platform for events, dining, and leisure activities. | 4 | Zoom Zoom Mindelo | Lively nightclub and bar for evening entertainment. |
| 5 | People's Palace | Historic colonial palace, now a government building. | 6 | Laginha Beach | Popular city beach for swimming and sunbathing. |
| 7 | Núcleo Museológico Cesária Évora | Museum dedicated to the legendary singer Cesária Évora. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |