

Mossel Bay, Western Cape, South Africa

One of the most walkable ports in South Africa, Mossel Bay packs a Dias museum with a replica caravel, a famous Post Office Tree, shark-cage diving, and the world's longest over-ocean zipline into a compact harbor town blessed with near-perfect weather.

Tender port (anchor in bay)

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

South African Rand (ZAR) — cards widely accepted

English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa

Mild year-round; breezy coast

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in the bay; tender boats bring you to the working harbor waterfront

Best For: History buffs, beach lovers, adventure seekers (zipline, shark diving), easy walkers

Walk to center: Dias Museum: 2 min • Santos Beach: 10 min • Cape St. Blaize Lighthouse: 25 min

Don't Miss: Bartolomeu Dias Museum caravel replica and mailing a postcard from the Post Office Tree

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ R 60–120 (~\$4–7 USD) · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Bartolomeu Dias Museum Complex** — The cultural heart of Mossel Bay centers on a full-size replica of the caravel that sailed here in 1988 to mark 500...
- **Mossel Bay Zipline** — Billed as the world's longest over-ocean zipline at 1.1 km, you launch from the cliffs at The Point and glide as high...
- **Shark Cage Diving** — Mossel Bay is one of South Africa's top great white shark sites.
- **St. Blaize Trail & Lighthouse** — Walk the dramatic cliff-top St.
- **Botlierskop Private Game Reserve Safari** — About 30 minutes from the harbor, this private reserve offers guided game drives to see four of the Big Five (lion...

BEST WALKS

- **Harbor to The Point Coastal Walk** 2.5 km one-way • ~25 min • Flat • Scenic — Exit the harbor gates and follow the waterfront right past Santos Beach and along the coastal path to The Point.
- **Harbor to Dias Museum & Town Center** 1.5 km loop • ~30 min walking • Easy — Step off the tender and visit the Dias Museum Complex immediately (2 minutes from the gates).

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		71°	58°	6d
Jun		67°	51°	6d
Aug		66°	49°	6d
Sep		67°	53°	6d
Oct		69°	56°	7d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:54AM–6:07PM · Jun 7:35AM–5:28PM · Aug 7:10AM–6:01PM · Sep 6:30AM–6:22PM · Oct 5:49AM–6:45PM

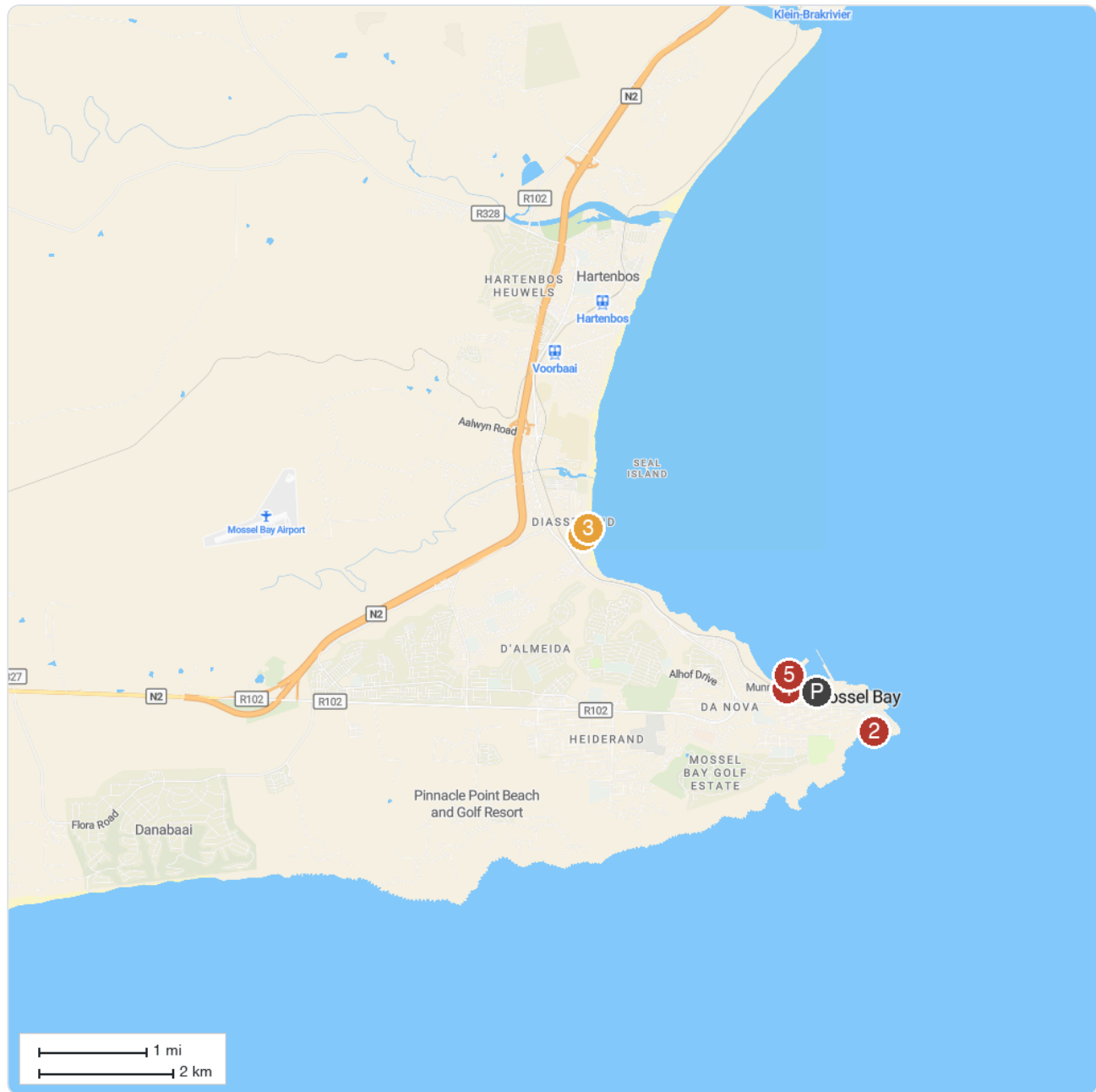
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- **Tender timing:** Collect your tender ticket early — first tender often goes at 7:30 AM. The new Cruise Reception Facility (2025) speeds up processing, but lines still build...

Mossel Bay, Western Cape, South Africa — 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 Diaz Water Park | Diaz Water Park offers thrilling slides and pools for family fun. | 2 Cape St Blaize Lighthouse Complex | Historic lighthouse complex with a cave and stunning ocean views. |
| 3 Surf's Up Mossel Bay | Learn to surf or rent gear at this popular surf school. | 4 Bartolomeu Dias Museum Complex | Museum complex featuring a replica caravel and local history exhibits. |
| 5 Mossel Bay Boat Adventures | Offers boat trips for marine wildlife viewing and ocean adventures. | P Cruise port / terminal | |