

Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil

Brazil's sunniest city sits where a star-shaped Portuguese fort guards the mouth of the Potengi River. Beyond the port, enormous white sand dunes, warm Atlantic waters, and one of the world's great seafood restaurants await.

 Pier (docked)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 Brazilian Real (BRL)

 Portuguese

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ **Notes:** _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Porto de Natal on the Potengi River — no tendering

Best For: Dune buggies, beach days, seafood, colonial history

Walk to center: Ribeira historic district is adjacent but not recommended on foot; take Uber to Ponta Negra (~25 min)

Don't Miss: Genipabu dunes buggy ride and lunch at Camarões Potiguar

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  R\$22–40 (USD \$4–8) ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, 99

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Genipabu Dune Buggy** — Massive white dunes north of the Potengi River are Natal's signature experience.
- **Forte dos Reis Magos** — A star-shaped Portuguese fort built in 1598 on a reef where the Potengi River meets the Atlantic.
- **World's Largest Cashew Tree** — A single cashew tree in Pirangi do Norte covers an area the size of two football fields due to a rare genetic mutation.
- **Ponta Negra Beach Day** — Natal's best beach for cruise visitors — a lively boardwalk, beach kiosks with chairs and umbrellas, warm clear water...
- **Northeastern Brazilian Seafood Lunch** — Lunch at Camarões Potiguar in Ponta Negra is an essential Natal experience — one of Brazil's top seafood restaurants.

BEST WALKS

- **Ponta Negra Boardwalk & Morro do Careca** Easy · ~1.5 km · Flat seafront — Take an Uber to Ponta Negra beach, then stroll the palm-lined Avenida Erivan França boardwalk.
- **Forte dos Reis Magos & Ribeira Waterfront** Easy · ~1 km · Historic waterfront — Uber to Forte dos Reis Magos on the reef at the river mouth.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	84°	76°	23d
Jun	82°	74°	20d
Aug	82°	72°	13d
Sep	83°	74°	12d
Oct	85°	75°	12d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:21AM–5:19PM · Jun 5:27AM–5:14PM · Aug 5:27AM–5:22PM · Sep 5:14AM–5:17PM · Oct 4:59AM–5:13PM

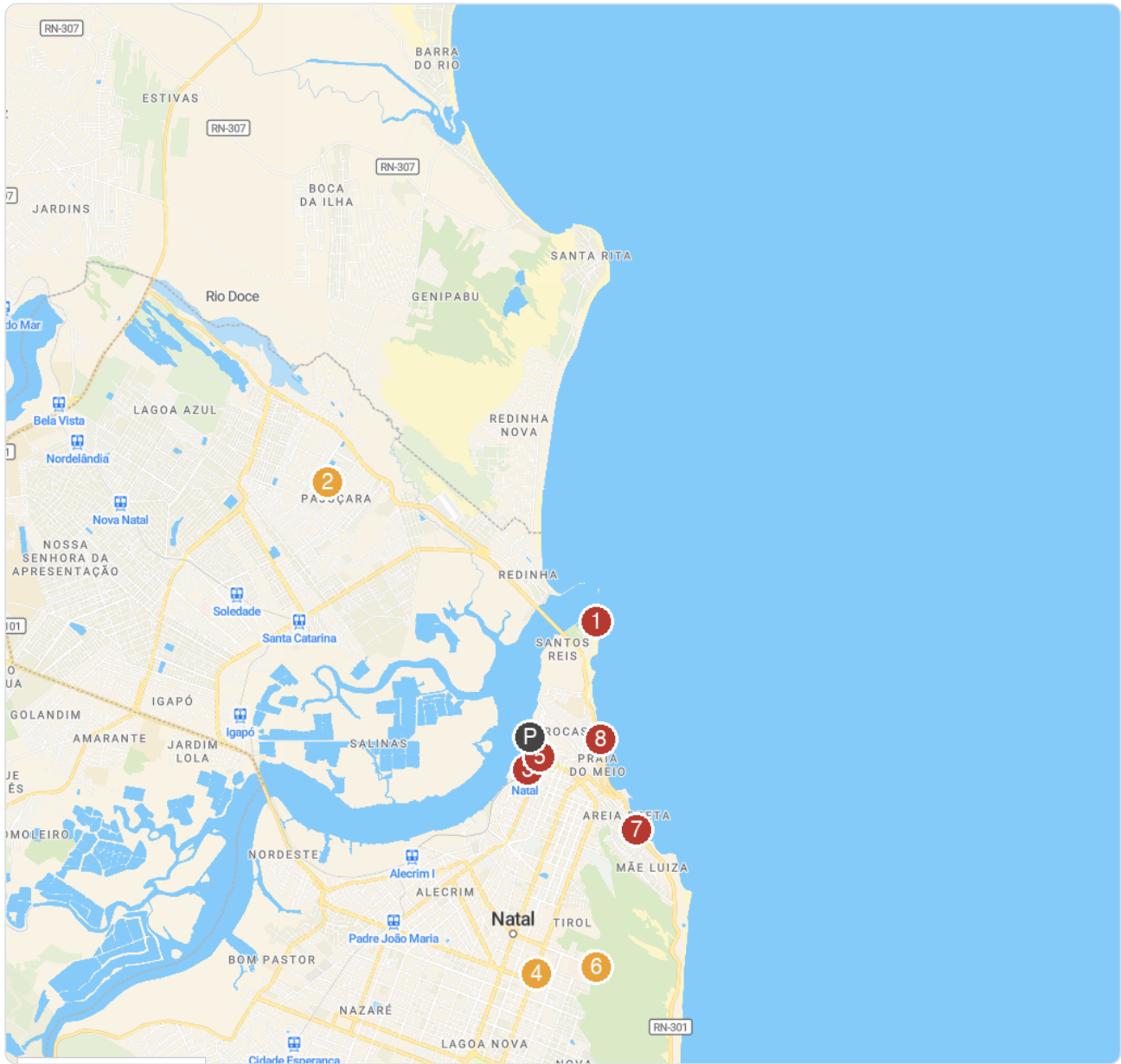
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Uber is essential. Download the app before you arrive. It's cheap, widely available, and far safer than hailing random street taxis — especially important given the port's...
- English is rarely spoken even in tourist areas. Download Google Translate with Portuguese offline and you'll manage fine.

Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil — 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 Fortaleza dos Reis Magos | Historic star-shaped fort offering city and ocean views. | 2 Paróquia Santuário Nossa Senhora de Fátima | A beautiful parish sanctuary dedicated to Our Lady of Fátima. |
| 3 Popular Culture Museum Djalma Maranhão | Museum showcasing local popular culture and traditions. | 4 Museu de Minérios do RN | Museum displaying minerals and geology of Rio Grande do Norte. |
| 5 Paróquia do Bom Jesus das Dores | A historic parish church dedicated to Good Jesus of Sorrows. | 6 Bosque dos Namorados do Parque das Dunas | A romantic nature trail within the Dunas Park reserve. |
| 7 Letreiro da Cidade de Natal | Iconic "Natal City" sign, perfect for souvenir photos. | 8 Estátua de Iemanjá | A statue honoring Iemanjá, the Afro-Brazilian goddess of the sea. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |