

Pagan Island, Northern Mariana Islands, USA

A raw volcanic wilderness in the middle of the Pacific — two active stratovolcanoes, black-sand shores, and an eerie abandoned village frozen since the 1981 eruption. Pagan is expedition cruising at its most elemental.

-  Tender / Zodiac landing (no pier)
-  Typical call: 4-6 hrs (weather permitting)
-  USD (US territory)
-  English / Chamorro
-  Active volcano — access conditions vary

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender or Zodiac landing only — no pier or dock infrastructure

Best For: Volcano trekking, black-sand beaches, wildlife, remote photography

Walk to Village: Abandoned settlement ~15 min walk from landing beach

Don't Miss: The ghostly pre-1981 village and church, and views up Mount Pagan's flanks

 Getting around:  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Mount Pagan Volcano Walk** — Hike toward the flanks of Mount Pagan (570 m), the island's dominant active stratovolcano.
- Abandoned Village & Church** — Walk to the pre-1981 settlement abandoned after the major eruption.
- Black-Sand Beach & Marine Life** — Pagan's black volcanic beaches are pristine and deserted.
- South Pagan Ridge Exploration** — The southern stratovolcano and connecting isthmus offer dramatic ridge views across both calderas and the Pacific.
- Dolphin & Seabird Watching from Ship** — Spinner dolphins regularly visit Pagan's eastern side, and the island hosts seabird colonies undisturbed by human...

BEST WALKS

- Landing Beach to Abandoned Village** ~1.5 km one-way | Easy | ~15-20 min — From the main landing beach, follow the coastal flat toward the old settlement.
- Lava Field Trek toward Mount Pagan** ~2-4 km | Moderate–Strenuous | 1.5-3 hrs — Strike inland from the village across solidified lava flows toward the lower slopes of Mount Pagan.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:00AM–6:33PM · Jun 5:41AM–6:53PM · Aug 5:59AM–6:43PM · Sep 6:04AM–6:19PM · Oct 6:10AM–5:54PM	
Apr	80°	78°	12d	 USD (US territory)	
Jun	83°	80°	16d		
Aug	83°	79°	28d		
Sep	83°	80°	26d		
Oct	83°	80°	23d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Landing is never guaranteed. Active volcanic emissions, ash plumes, and ocean swells can cancel or shorten your time ashore. Treat any time on the island as a bonus.