

Pisco (Paracas), Peru

Gateway to Peru's desert coast — where the Humboldt Current delivers wildlife-packed islands, crimson beaches, Inca ruins, and the birthplace of South America's most famous spirit.

 Tender to Paracas dock (Puerto General San Martín)

 Typical call: 8–10 hrs

 Peruvian Sol (PEN) · some USD accepted

 Spanish · limited English outside tours

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Paracas / Puerto General San Martín

To Paracas village: ~5-min tender + short walk

Best For: Wildlife · Nature · History

Don't Miss: Ballestas Islands boat tour

 Getting around:  Taxi  ~\$80 USD one-way

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Ballestas Islands Speedboat Tour** — Zip out to the 'poor man's Galápagos' — rocky islands teeming with Humboldt penguins, South American sea lions, Peruvian boobies, and thousands of...
- Paracas National Reserve** — Explore the only protected marine-desert ecosystem in South America.
- Tambo Colorado Inca Administrative Center** — Head inland to one of the best-preserved Inca sites on Peru's coast.
- Pisco Distillery Tour & Tasting** — Pisco — the grape brandy that gives this port its name — is Peru's national spirit and a source of fierce pride.

BEST WALKS

- Paracas Malecón & Waterfront** 1–2 km · Flat · 30–45 min — Stroll the palm-lined waterfront promenade from the tender pier through the heart of Paracas village.
- El Chaco Beach & Paracas Bay** 2 km · Easy · 45 min — Walk south from the pier along El Chaco beach, a calm arc of sand sheltered by the Paracas Peninsula.
- Julio C. Tello Site Museum** Short walk from pier · 1–1.5 hrs inside — The Paracas culture (800 BCE–100 CE) produced some of the finest textiles in the ancient world, and this compact museum tells their story.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		80°	66°	0d
Jun		71°	59°	0d
Aug		70°	56°	0d
Sep		71°	57°	0d
Oct		73°	59°	0d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:11AM–5:58PM · Jun 6:26AM–5:44PM · Aug 6:20AM–5:58PM · Sep 5:59AM–6:00PM · Oct 5:38AM–6:02PM

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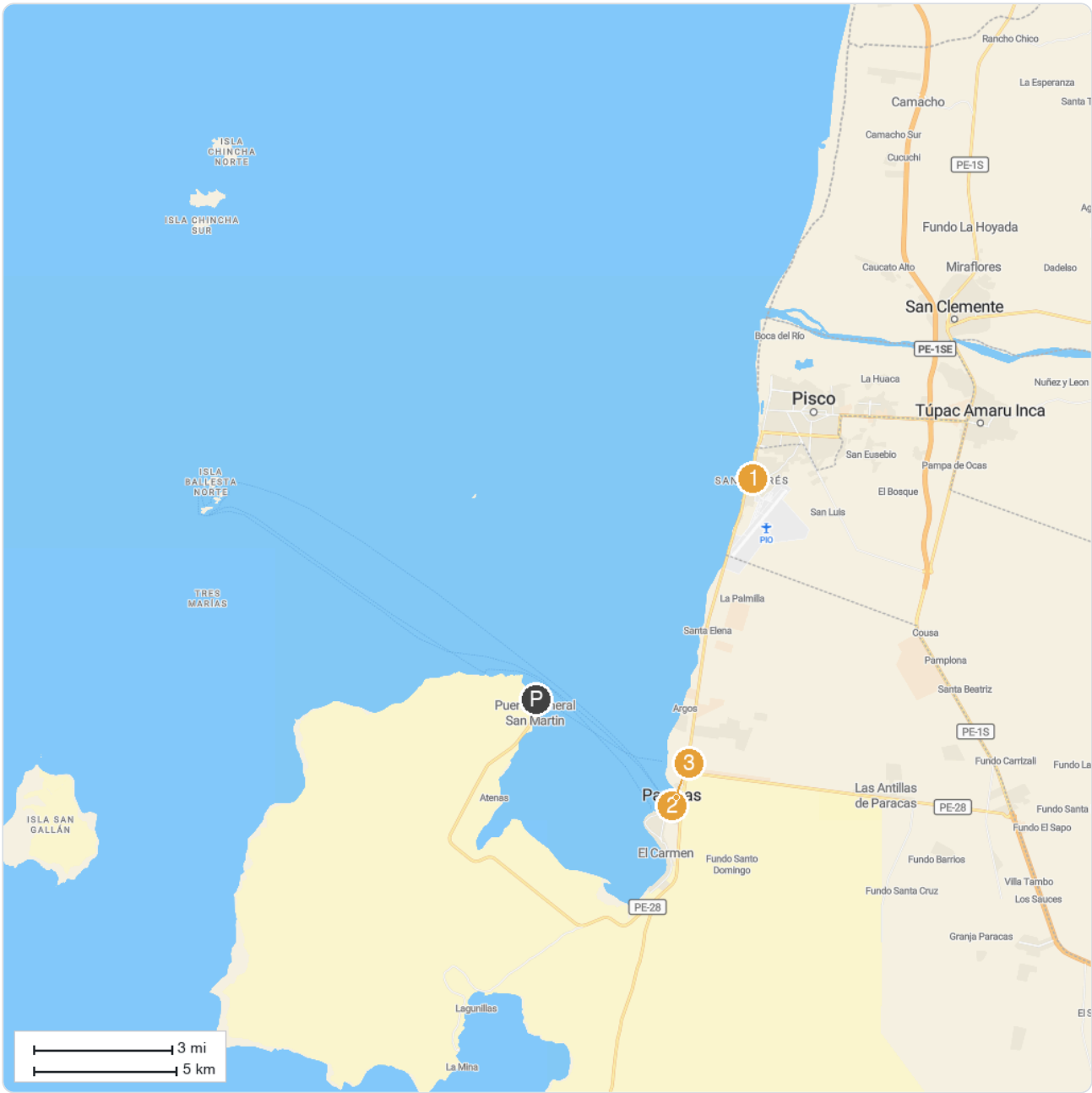
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book your Ballestas Islands boat tour early — either through the ship or at the pier on arrival. Morning tours have calmer seas and better wildlife activity.
- Carry small Peruvian Sol notes (PEN). Independent taxis, market vendors, and small restaurants rarely accept credit cards or USD. Shipboard currency exchange or an ATM near the pier is your best bet.
- The Paracas desert is one of the driest places on earth — UV is brutal year-round. Apply SPF 50+, wear a hat, and bring sunglasses. The wind kicks up sand in the afternoon.
- Ballestas Islands visits are boat-only — no landing is allowed. Binoculars make a huge difference for spotting penguins and sea lions up close from the water.
- Don't skip the ceviche. Paracas sits on one of the world's richest fisheries — local leche de tigre (tiger's milk marinade) ceviche is cheaper, fresher, and better than anything you'll find on the ship.

Pisco (Paracas), 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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| 1 Museo Marino San Andrés | This museum showcases local marine life and archaeological finds. | 2 Aventura en Paracas | Offers various adventure tours and activities in Paracas. |
| 3 El Chaco Paracas | The main pier and waterfront hub for tours and dining. | P Cruise port / terminal | |