

Puerto Princesa, Palawan, Philippines

Gateway to the Philippines' most spectacular nature, Puerto Princesa pairs a UNESCO World Heritage underground river with pristine island-hopped sandbars, a remarkably litter-free city, and a food scene shaped by Vietnamese refugees.

Pier (cruise terminal)

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

Philippine Peso (PHP)

English widely spoken

Eco-Tourism Capital

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Puerto Princesa City International Cruise Port, 500 m wharf

Best For: Underground river, island hopping, WWII history, local cuisine

Walk to center: 5–10 min to port gate; Rizal Ave ~1.5 km (tricycle recommended)

Don't Miss: Honda Bay island hop or book-ahead Underground River tour

Getting around: Taxi ₱150–₱300

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Puerto Princesa Underground River** — Paddle the navigable 4.3 km of an 8.2 km UNESCO World Heritage cave system where the river flows directly into the sea.
- Honda Bay Island Hopping** — Boat tour among Starfish Island, Luli Island, and Cowrie Island — white sandbars, crystal water, snorkeling, and a...
- Plaza Cuartel & WWII Memorial Walk** — Open-air ruins of the Japanese garrison where roughly 139 American POWs were massacred in December 1944 (only 11 of...
- Palawan Wildlife Rescue & Conservation Center** — Sanctuary for hundreds of Palawan crocodiles (both species), endemic birds, and the Palawan bearcat.
- Palawan Food & Culture Tour** — Sample chaolong (Vietnamese-Filipino noodle soup), crocodile sisig, and tamilok (raw woodworm) at local eateries.

BEST WALKS

- Port Gate to Plaza Cuartel & Cathedral** 1.5 km · ~20 min · Flat · Free — Walk the baywalk promenade from the port gate, then head inland past the city hall to Plaza Cuartel WWII ruins and the Immaculate...
- Rizal Avenue Market Stroll** 1 km · ~15 min · Flat · Free — Tricycle or walk to Rizal Avenue, the main commercial strip.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	86°	77°	19d
Jun	85°	78°	27d
Aug	85°	77°	26d
Sep	85°	77°	27d
Oct	84°	77°	28d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:55AM–6:15PM · Jun 5:45AM–6:26PM · Aug 5:56AM–6:22PM · Sep 5:55AM–6:05PM · Oct 5:53AM–5:48PM

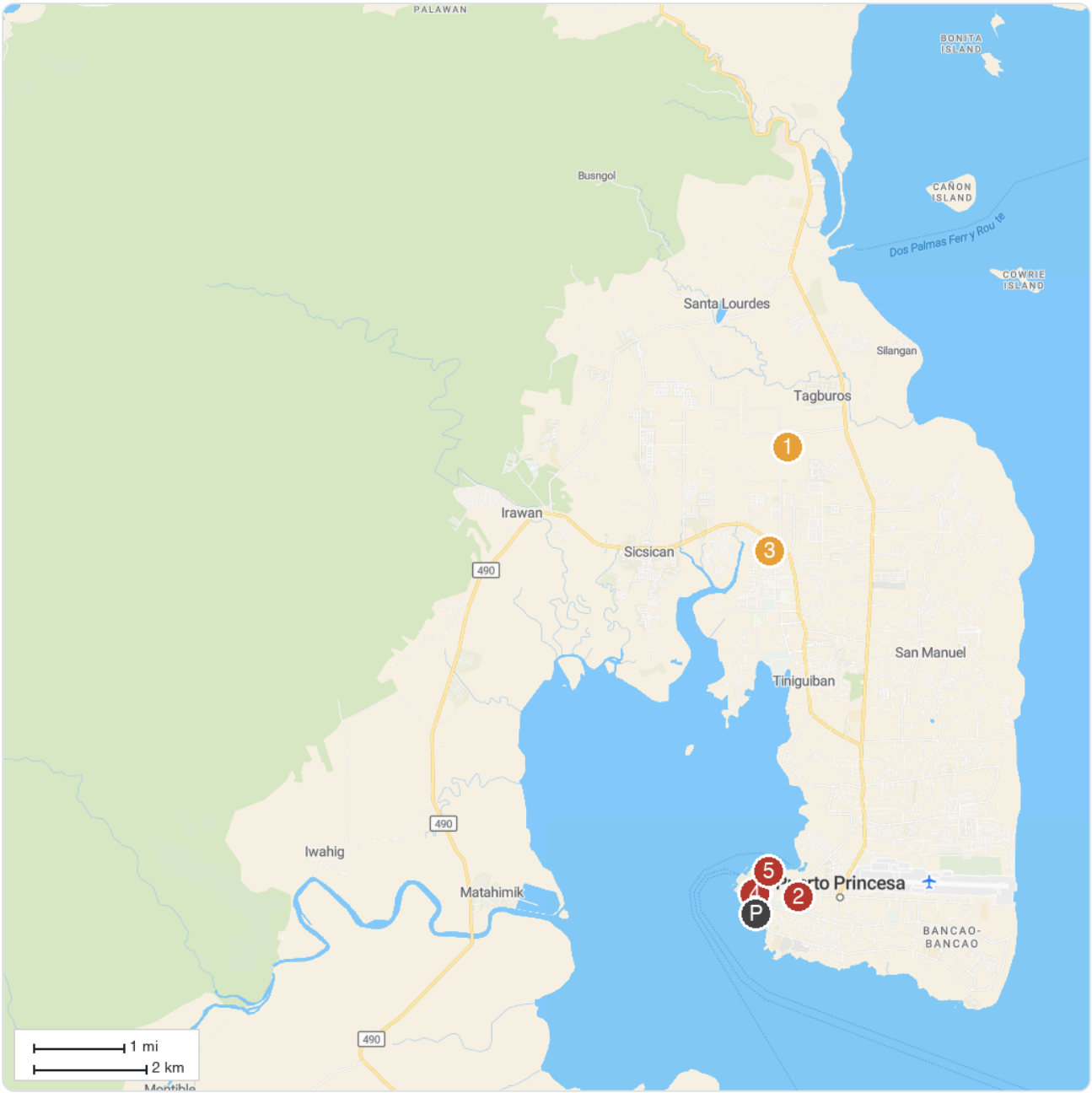
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry pesos. ATMs are inside the terminal and near the Cathedral. Most tricycles, local eateries, and entry fees only accept cash PHP. USD is rarely taken beyond souvenir stalls.
- Agree on the fare first. Tricycle rides within the city center should be 50–100 PHP. For longer trips, hire a private van at the port

Puerto Princesa, Palawan, Philippines — 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 Mitra's Ranch | Scenic ranch with a house, views, and zipline. | 2 Mendoza Park | Historic city park with a monument to WWII heroes. |
| 3 Palawan Butterfly Ecological Garden and Tribal Village | Butterfly garden and cultural village showcasing indigenous tribes. | 4 Immaculate Conception Cathedral | Historic blue-painted cathedral with a distinctive pointed facade. |
| 5 Puerto Princesa City Baywalk Park | Waterfront promenade for strolling, dining, and sunset views. | P Cruise port / terminal | |