

Rabaul, East New Britain, Papua New Guinea

A port unlike any other: moored inside a flooded volcanic caldera, with a smoking cone on the horizon and buried streets from the catastrophic 1994 eruption. Rabaul is equal parts ghost town, WWII time capsule, and raw Pacific drama.

-  Pier — Rabaul Main Wharf
-  Typical call: 7-9 hrs
-  PNG Kina (PGK) — USD/AUD accepted by some operators
-  Tok Pisin & English
-  Active volcano in harbour

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Deep-water pier at Rabaul Main Wharf, Simpson Harbour; occasional tender for large ships

Best For: WWII history, volcano experiences, remote South Pacific culture

Walk to centre: 15–20 min to old Rabaul (very limited); Kokopo (most attractions) is 40 min by taxi

Don't Miss: Mt. Tavurvur & hot springs, Japanese barge tunnels, Yamamoto's Bunker

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  Negotiate on arrival ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Mt. Tavurvur Volcano & Hot Springs** — Boat to the foot of Rabaul's smoking cone, watch volcanic gases vent, and dip into geothermal hot springs where locals...
- Japanese WWII Tunnels & Yamamoto's Bunker** — Explore the vast network of hand-dug tunnels the Japanese built to hide barges, ammunition, and hospitals.
- Kokopo War Museum & Bitapaka Cemetery** — The Kokopo Museum holds Japanese planes, tanks, and occupation-era relics; the Bitapaka War Cemetery (about 45 min out)...
- Baining Fire Dance** — The Baining people dance barefoot through roaring bonfires wearing towering bark-cloth spirit masks.
- WWII Wreck Diving & Snorkelling** — Simpson Harbour is a watery graveyard of WWII Japanese ships and planes that have become thriving artificial reefs.

BEST WALKS

- Wharf to Rabaul Market & Ghost Town** 1.5 km · ~20 min · Easy (dusty/ash underfoot) — Walk from the Rabaul Main Wharf along Mango Avenue toward the Rabaul Market.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌡️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:51AM–5:51PM · Jun 5:55AM–5:48PM · Aug 5:56AM–5:54PM · Sep 5:44AM–5:48PM · Oct 5:31AM–5:42PM	
Apr	84°	76°	26d	 PNG Kina (PGK) — USD/AUD accepted by some operators	
Jun	84°	77°	21d		
Aug	84°	76°	19d		
Sep	84°	77°	19d		
Oct	85°	77°	21d		

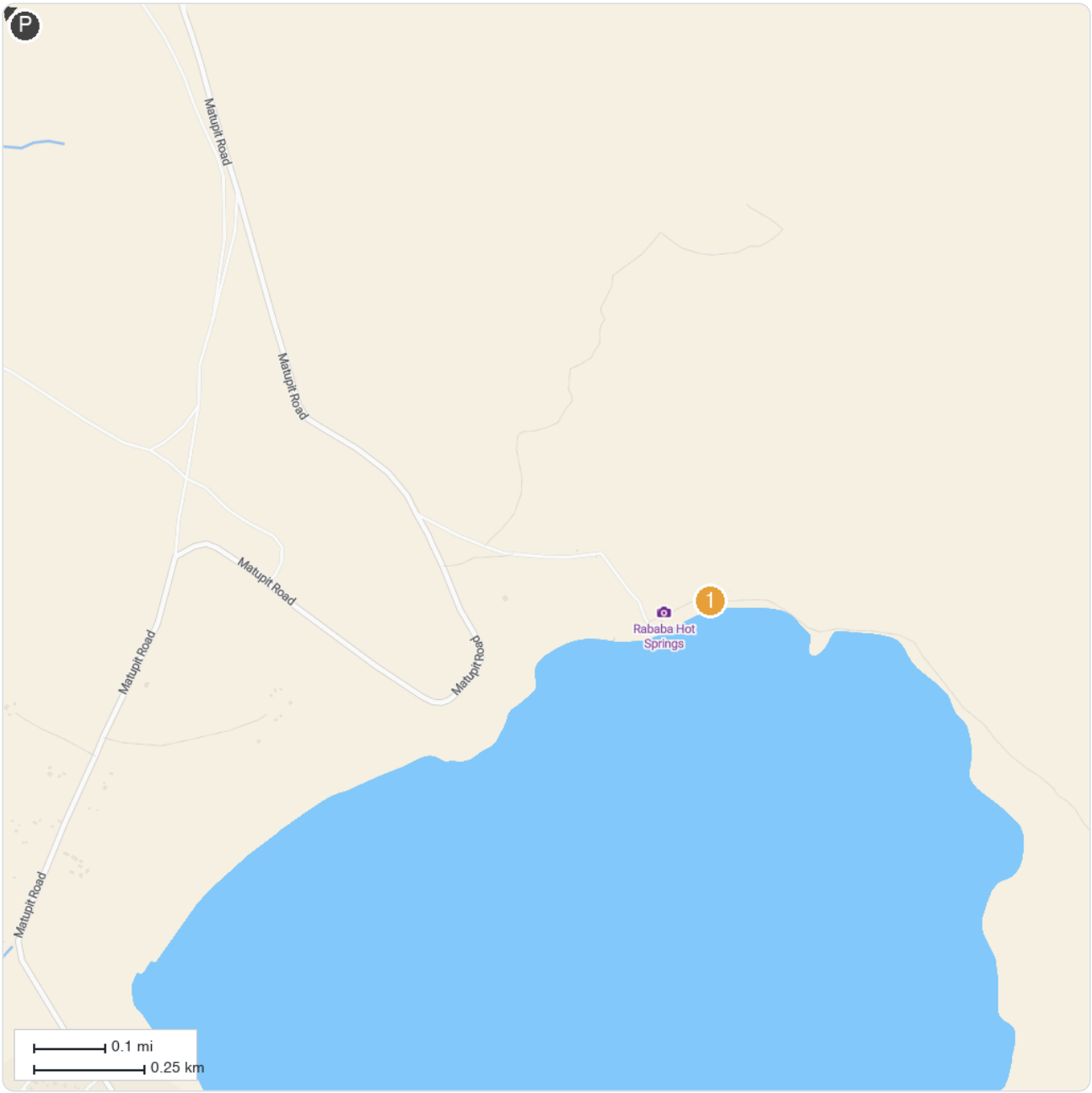
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Kina is king at the market. USD and AUD are sometimes accepted by larger tour operators, but local taxis and market vendors only take PNG Kina. Exchange on the ship — dockside...
- Ash can blow. When wind shifts, volcanic ash drifts across Simpson Harbour and irritates eyes and throat. Pack a light buff or face

Rabaul, East New Britain, Papua New Guinea — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Rababa Hot Springs Natural geothermal springs offering warm, mineral-rich waters for bathing.

P Cruise port / terminal