

Recife, Brazil

The 'Venice of Brazil' — a city of rivers, bridges, and colorful colonial streets, twinned with the hilltop UNESCO jewel of Olinda and a long ribbon of urban beach.

Docked (central port) Typical call: 8–10 hrs Brazilian Real (BRL) Portuguese · limited English

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Porto do Recife (central)

Walk to old town: 5–10 min

Best For: Olinda · History · Beach

Don't Miss: Olinda hilltop

Getting around: **Taxi** R\$10–40 (~\$2–8 USD) · **Rideshare** Uber, 99

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Olinda Historic Center** — The UNESCO-listed hill town of pastel houses, baroque churches, and artist ateliers, with sweeping views back over Recife.
- **Recife Antigo Walking Tour** — The restored old island core — Marco Zero square, the Kahal Zur Israel (the Americas' first synagogue), Rua do Bom Jesus, and colorful colonial...
- **Boa Viagem Beach** — Recife's long urban beach with reef-protected pools and a palm-lined promenade — a relaxed swim and a coconut (mind the marked no-swim reef zones).
- **Frevo & Carnival Culture** — Recife and Olinda are the home of frevo, the frenetic carnival dance — visit the Paço do Frevo museum or catch a street performance of giant carnival...

BEST WALKS

- **Recife Antigo loop** ~2 km · 1.5 hrs · easy — From Marco Zero square along restored Rua do Bom Jesus past the first synagogue in the Americas and colorful colonial buildings of the old island core.
- **Olinda hill climb** ~2 km · 1.5 hrs · moderate (hilly) — Up Olinda's cobbled lanes past the Sé cathedral and São Bento monastery to the Alto da Sé viewpoint over the coast — best by taxi up, walk down.
- **Boa Viagem promenade** ~2.5 km · 1 hr · easy — The palm-lined beachfront promenade of Recife's main beach — joggers, kiosks, and reef pools at low tide.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:21AM–5:16PM · Jun 5:30AM–5:09PM · Aug 5:28AM–5:19PM · Sep 5:13AM–5:16PM · Oct 4:57AM–5:13PM	
Apr	84°	76°	22d		
Jun	81°	74°	25d		
Aug	80°	73°	23d		
Sep	81°	73°	20d		
Oct	83°	75°	19d		

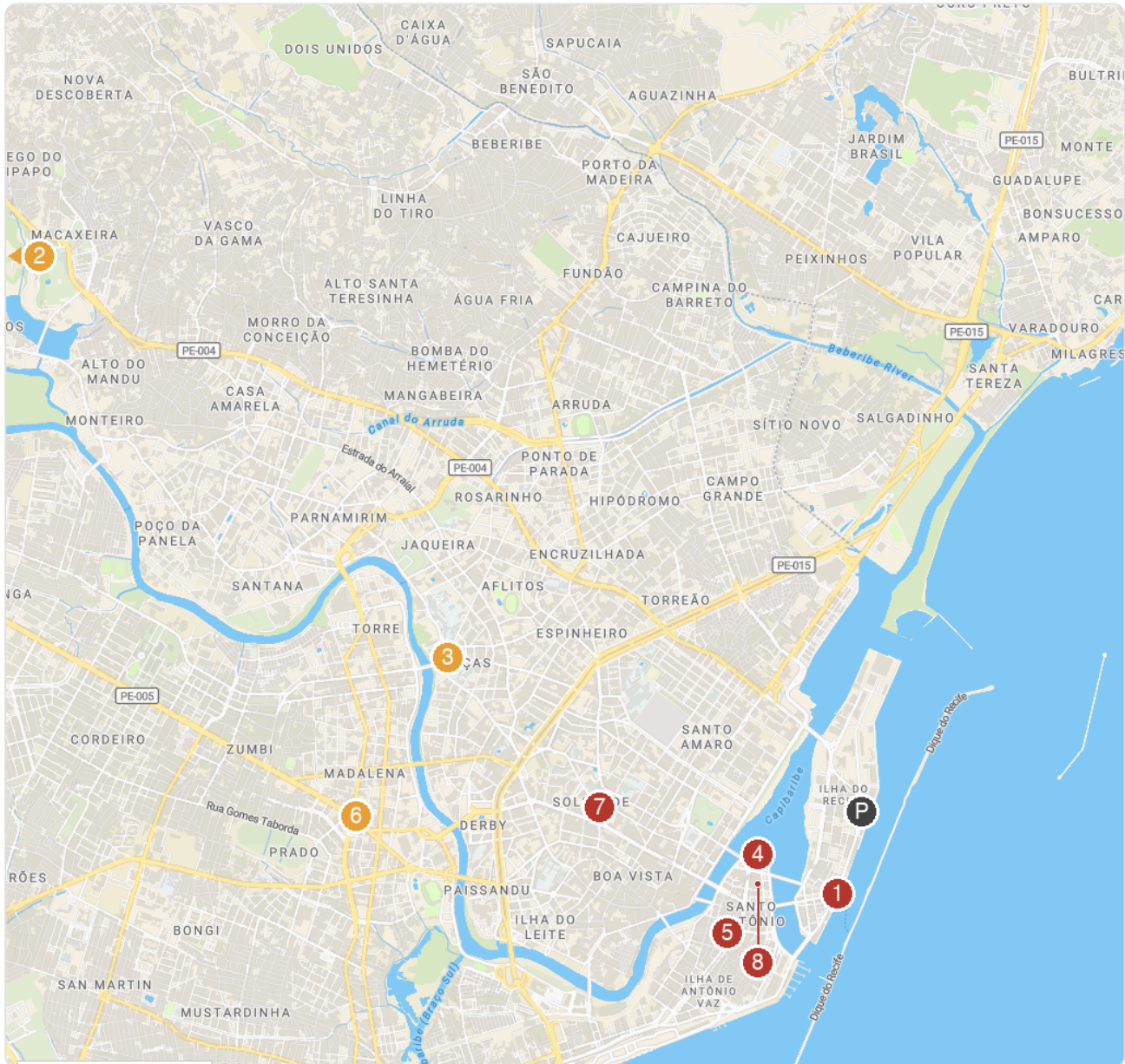
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Olinda is the highlight. The hilltop UNESCO town's churches, art studios, and views beat anything in the modern city — don't skip it.
- Mind the reef at Boa Viagem. Swim only in marked areas — there are reef pools but also no-swim zones; heed the flags and signs.
- Stay street-smart. Recife has petty crime — keep valuables discreet, stick to busy restored areas, and consider a guide or tour.
- Carry reals. English is limited and cards aren't universal — bring small Brazilian notes for taxis, crafts, and snacks.
- Catch some frevo. This is carnival country — look for the colorful giant puppets and the frenetic frevo dance, especially in Olinda.

Recife, 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 Praça do Marco Zero | Recife's historic ground zero square by the sea. | 2 Parque Estadual Dois Irmãos | Large state park with a zoo and botanical garden. |
| 3 Pernambuco State Museum | Museum showcasing Pernambuco's history, art, and culture. | 4 Palácio do Campo das Princesas | Historic palace, seat of Pernambuco's state government. |
| 5 Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel | Grand historic Catholic basilica in downtown Recife. | 6 Museum of Abolition | Museum detailing Brazil's history of slavery and abolition. |
| 7 Paróquia Nossa Senhora da Soledade | Historic Catholic parish church with beautiful architecture. | 8 Capela Dourada | Ornate 17th-century chapel famous for its gilded interior. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |