

Robinson Crusoe Island, Juan Fernández, Chile

One of the world's most remote cruise calls — the real island that stranded Alexander Selkirk and inspired Defoe's Crusoe. Tiny village, extraordinary endemic wildlife, and a national park that rewards those who make the tender ride ashore.

 Tender (anchor offshore)  Typical call: 5–7 hrs  Chilean Peso (CLP)  Spanish

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender (anchor offshore)

Walk to center: ~10 min from tender dock to San Juan Bautista

Best For: Wildlife · Hiking · History

Don't Miss: Mirador de Selkirk (Selkirk's Lookout)

 Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Mirador de Selkirk (Selkirk's Lookout)** — The ridge above San Juan Bautista where Alexander Selkirk — the real castaway who inspired Robinson Crusoe — kept watch for passing ships during his...
- **Juan Fernández Fur Seal Colony** — Nearly hunted to extinction, the Juan Fernández fur seal has rebounded and hauls out near the village and along the coast.
- **Archipiélago Juan Fernández National Park** — A UNESCO Biosphere Reserve covering most of the island.
- **Alexander Selkirk & Village History** — San Juan Bautista holds a small museum covering Selkirk's marooning (1704–1709), the island's colonial history, and the WWI Battle of Más a Tierra...
- **Diving the SMS Dresden Wreck** — The German WWI cruiser SMS Dresden was scuttled in Cumberland Bay in March 1915 after being cornered by British warships.

BEST WALKS

- **San Juan Bautista village & waterfront** ~1.5 km · 45 min · easy — A short loop through the island's only settlement: the main plaza, the small local museum, the waterfront lane, and a look at the fur seals that haul out near the jetty.
- **Trail to Mirador de Selkirk** ~8 km round trip · 3–4 hrs · strenuous — The main trail climbs steeply from the village to the ridge where Selkirk watched for rescue ships.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	62°	59°	4d
Jun	57°	55°	9d
Aug	54°	52°	7d
Sep	54°	51°	5d
Oct	54°	52°	4d

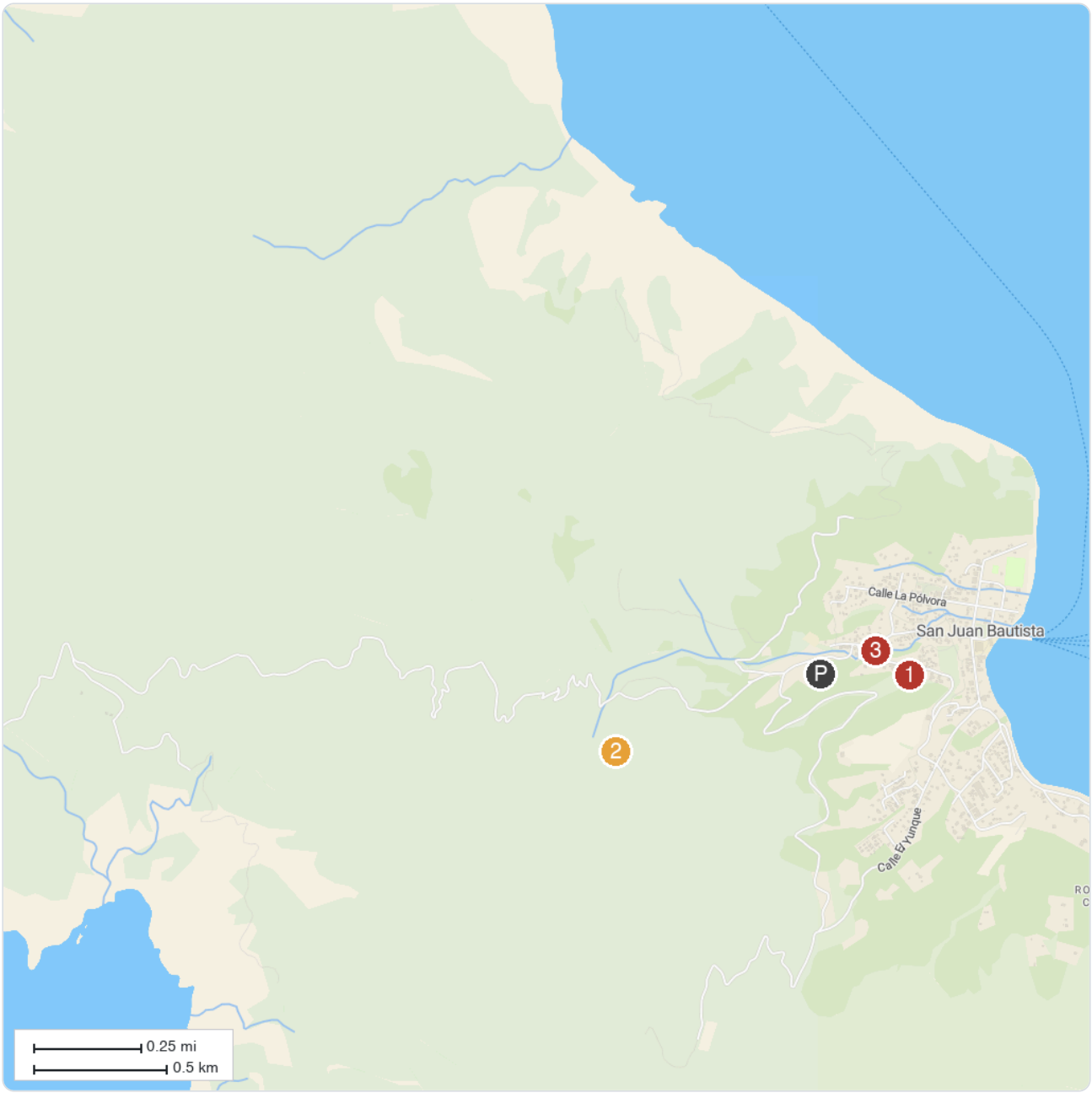
🇨🇱 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Apr 7:38AM–6:51PM · Jun 8:18AM–6:13PM · Aug 7:53AM–6:46PM · Sep 8:14AM–8:07PM · Oct 7:33AM–8:28PM	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Know the last tender time. This is a remote island with no fallback — if you miss the last tender back to the ship, there is no other way off. Check the posted time on board and add a 30-minute buffer.
- Bring Chilean pesos in cash. Credit card readers are extremely rare in San Juan Bautista. Draw cash in Santiago or Valparaíso before you sail — there is no ATM on the island.
- Wear proper shoes. Every worthwhile trail on the island — including the path to Selkirk's Lookout — is steep and rocky. Flip-flops will keep you in the village.
- Tenders can be cancelled. Pacific swells in Cumberland Bay can make tendering unsafe. This is not uncommon — check the ship's daily program and have a plan B if the call is shortened or skipped.
- The firecrown hummingbird is real — but elusive. The Juan Fernández firecrown is one of the world's rarest hummingbirds, endemic to this island. You stand a decent chance of spotting one in the national park forest, especially with a local guide.
- Hire a local guide. The island has certified naturalist guides who know the trails, the wildlife, and the history. For the ridge hike or national park, a guide is genuinely worthwhile — and the income matters to this tiny community.

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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 Fuerte Santa Bárbara | Restored 1749 Spanish stone fort above the bay, built with 16 cannons to defend against pirates. | 2 Mirador de Selkirk | Ridge-top lookout reached by a steep 3-4 hour hike, where marooned sailor Alexander Selkirk scanned for ships. |
| 3 Museo Histórico Alfredo Dat | Village museum with pirate and shipwreck relics and exhibits on Selkirk's four years of solitary survival. | P Cruise port / terminal | |