

Rodrigues Island, Rodrigues, Mauritius

Rodrigues is Mauritius as it was 50 years ago — no traffic lights, no high-rises, just a turquoise lagoon twice the size of the island itself, giant tortoises roaming a restored valley, and women wading at low tide to spear octopus.

-  Tender (most ships)
-  Typical call: 7-9 hrs
-  Mauritian Rupee (MUR)
-  Creole, French, English

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Port Mathurin jetty (most cruise ships); small expedition vessels may dock at the quay

Walk to Centre: 2-5 min flat walk from jetty to market & shops

Best For: Giant tortoises, unspoiled beaches, Creole seafood, eco-tourism

Don't Miss: François Leguat Giant Tortoise Reserve & octopus curry at Chez Robert et Solange

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  MUR 100–200 (~\$2–5 USD) within Port Mathurin; day hire ~MUR 1,500–2,500 ·  **Rideshare**
 not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **François Leguat Giant Tortoise & Cave Reserve** — Walk among hundreds of free-roaming Aldabra giant tortoises in a beautifully restored valley at Anse Quitor, then take...
- **Caverne Patate (Cave Tour)** — An extensive limestone cave (over 1 km of passages) filled with stalactites and stalagmites; guided tours cover roughly...
- **Trou d'Argent & Saint François Beach** — Saint François is the most accessible white-sand beach on the east coast and the start of a 30-45 minute coastal hike...
- **Île aux Cocos Bird Sanctuary** — A protected flat sandy island in the lagoon packed with thousands of noddy and fairy terns.
- **Port Mathurin Market & Town Walk** — The island's bazar is a short walk from the jetty and sells hand-woven leaf baskets, chili pastes, and jarred Rodrigues...

BEST WALKS

- **Port Mathurin Town Loop** ⌚ 45 min · 🚶 Easy · 📍 Starts at jetty — From the jetty, walk to the Port Mathurin market (5 min), browse the colonial main street with its colourful wooden buildings, then...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	80°	77°	16d
Jun	75°	73°	11d
Aug	73°	70°	10d
Sep	73°	71°	6d
Oct	74°	72°	6d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:57AM–5:35PM · Jun 6:18AM–5:15PM · Aug 6:07AM–5:33PM · Sep 5:42AM–5:40PM · Oct 5:16AM–5:48PM

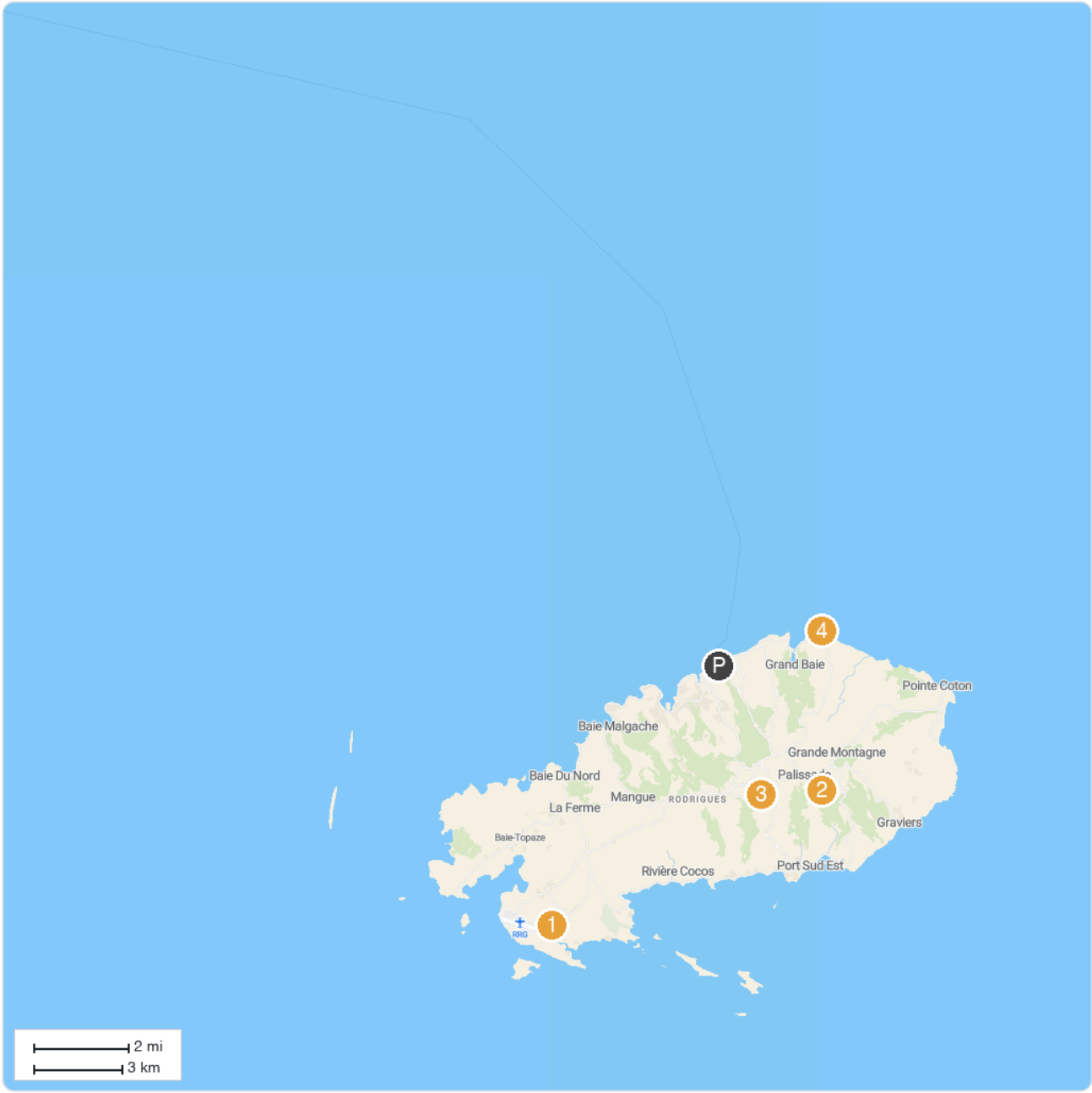
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Get local cash at the port gate ATMs. Some vendors accept euros or USD but you'll get better value paying in Mauritian Rupees (MUR).
- Negotiate taxi fares before you get in. There are no meters. A full-day island tour should be \$60-80 USD — agree the price upfront.

Rodrigues Island, Rodrigues, Mauritius — 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 **Francois Leguat Reserve Rodrigues**

See giant tortoises and explore caves in this nature reserve.

3 **Cathédrale St Gabriel**

Visit Rodrigues' largest and most iconic Catholic cathedral.

P **Cruise port / terminal**

2 **Jardin des Cinq Sens**

Experience a unique botanical garden engaging all five senses.

4 **Baladirou Beach**

Relax on this beautiful, tranquil beach with clear waters.