

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA

A U.S. Pacific outpost where WWII battlefields meet turquoise lagoons — Saipan rewards curious cruisers with honest history, excellent snorkeling, and a warm island pace few ports can match.

Tender port

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

US Dollar

English & Chamorro

Beach & history

🏖 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in Tanapag Harbor; boats ferry passengers to Garapan waterfront

Best For: WWII history, snorkeling Managaha Island, Pacific island beaches

Walk to center: Tender landing is near Garapan; most attractions require a taxi or rental car

Don't Miss: Managaha Island day trip and American Memorial Park museum

Getting around: **Taxi** \$15–\$35 · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Managaha Island Day Trip** — A short speedboat ride from Garapan drops you on a tiny coral islet with blindingly white sand and some of the clearest...
 - **WWII Northern Saipan Tour** — Visit Banzai Cliff and Suicide Cliff — tragic Pacific War memorials on the island's dramatic north coast — then explore...
 - **American Memorial Park & Museum** — The National Park Service museum in central Garapan tells the full story of the
- 1944 Battle of Saipan with excellent...

 - **The Grotto Snorkel & Dive** — A collapsed limestone cave on the northeast coast filled with vivid blue ocean water — world-renowned for scuba diving.
 - **Micro Beach & Garapan Stroll** — The calm, shallow lagoon beach adjacent to the Hyatt Regency in Garapan is ideal for swimming and lounging with views...

BEST WALKS

- **Garapan Waterfront Walk** 1.5 km · 20–30 min · flat — From the Smiling Cove tender landing, walk south along Beach Road past the DFS Galleria duty-free shops, local restaurants, and craft...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	82°	76°	20d
Jun	84°	78°	22d
Aug	82°	77°	30d
Sep	82°	77°	28d
Oct	82°	77°	28d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:03AM–6:31PM · Jun 5:46AM–6:48PM · Aug 6:02AM–6:40PM · Sep 6:05AM–6:18PM · Oct 6:08AM–5:56PM

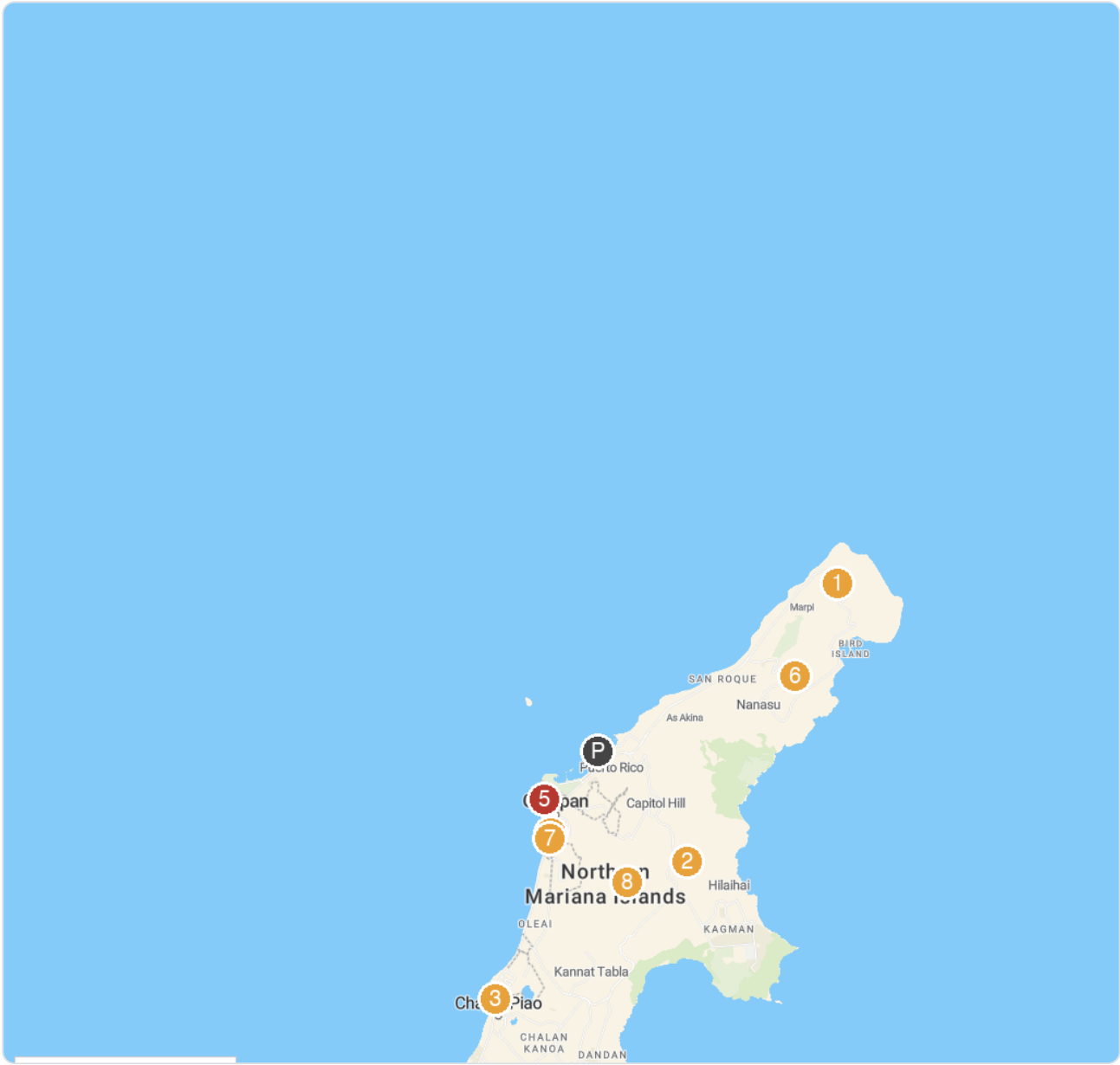
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender wait times matter. Collect your tender ticket early and aim for the first or last wave. Mid-morning crowds can mean a 30–45 min wait at the marina.
- Rent a car for full flexibility. Saipan's best beaches, WWII sites, and viewpoints are spread island-wide. A car lets you see far more in one day than any taxi run.

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA — 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 | Suicide Cliff | WWII cliff where Japanese soldiers jumped to their deaths. | 2 | Santa Lourdes Shrine | Religious grotto with a spring, a place of pilgrimage. |
| 3 | Mount Carmel Cathedral | Saipan's main Catholic church, a beautiful place of worship. | 4 | NMI Museum of History and Culture | Museum showcasing Northern Mariana Islands' rich history and culture. |
| 5 | Imperial Pacific Resort Hotel · Saipan | A large, currently closed, casino resort hotel. | 6 | Abandoned Pacific Barrier Radar III | Abandoned Cold War radar station, a historical relic. |
| 7 | Old Japanese Jail | Historic jail from Japanese colonial era, now a ruin. | 8 | Concrete Jesus at Mt. Tapochao | Large concrete Jesus statue atop Saipan's highest peak. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |