

Salvador da Bahia, Brazil

Brazil's soulful first capital — a kaleidoscope of pastel colonial mansions, baroque gold churches, capoeira, and Afro-Brazilian rhythm, all stacked above a glittering bay.

 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 de Salvador (central)

To Pelourinho: Elevador Lacerda / walk

Best For: History · Culture · Food

Don't Miss: Pelourinho old town

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  R\$15–R\$20 to Pelourinho ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, 99 ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Salvador Bus

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Pelourinho Walking Tour** — The UNESCO-listed colonial heart — pastel mansions, the gilded São Francisco church (one of Brazil's most opulent), Largo do Pelourinho, and live...
- **Bonfim Church & Ribbons** — The Igreja do Bonfim, Bahia's most beloved church, famous for its colorful wish-ribbons (fitas) and a fusion of Catholic and Candomblé devotion.
- **Farol da Barra & Beaches** — The lighthouse at Barra guarding the bay mouth, with a nautical museum and the city's most popular urban beaches for a swim and a coconut.
- **Acarajé & Bahian Food Tasting** — Sample acarajé — the black-eyed-pea fritters fried in dendê palm oil by white-clad baianas — plus moqueca stew and other Afro-Brazilian Bahian...

BEST WALKS

- **Pelourinho old town** ~2 km · 1.5 hrs · easy (hilly) — From Praça da Sé through the Terreiro de Jesus and down the postcard slope of Largo do Pelourinho, past the gilded São Francisco church and craft shops.
- **Mercado Modelo & Lower City** ~1 km · 1 hr · easy — The handicraft market in the old customs house by the port — Bahian crafts, music, and capoeira — a quick stop before riding the elevator up.
- **Farol da Barra waterfront** ~2 km · 1 hr · easy — The promenade around the Barra lighthouse where the bay meets the Atlantic — sunsets, sea breeze, and the maritime museum.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:39AM–5:27PM · Jun 5:53AM–5:15PM · Aug 5:48AM–5:28PM · Sep 5:28AM–5:29PM · Oct 5:08AM–5:31PM	
Apr	82°	76°	23d		
Jun	79°	74°	24d		
Aug	78°	72°	21d		
Sep	79°	73°	18d		
Oct	82°	75°	14d		

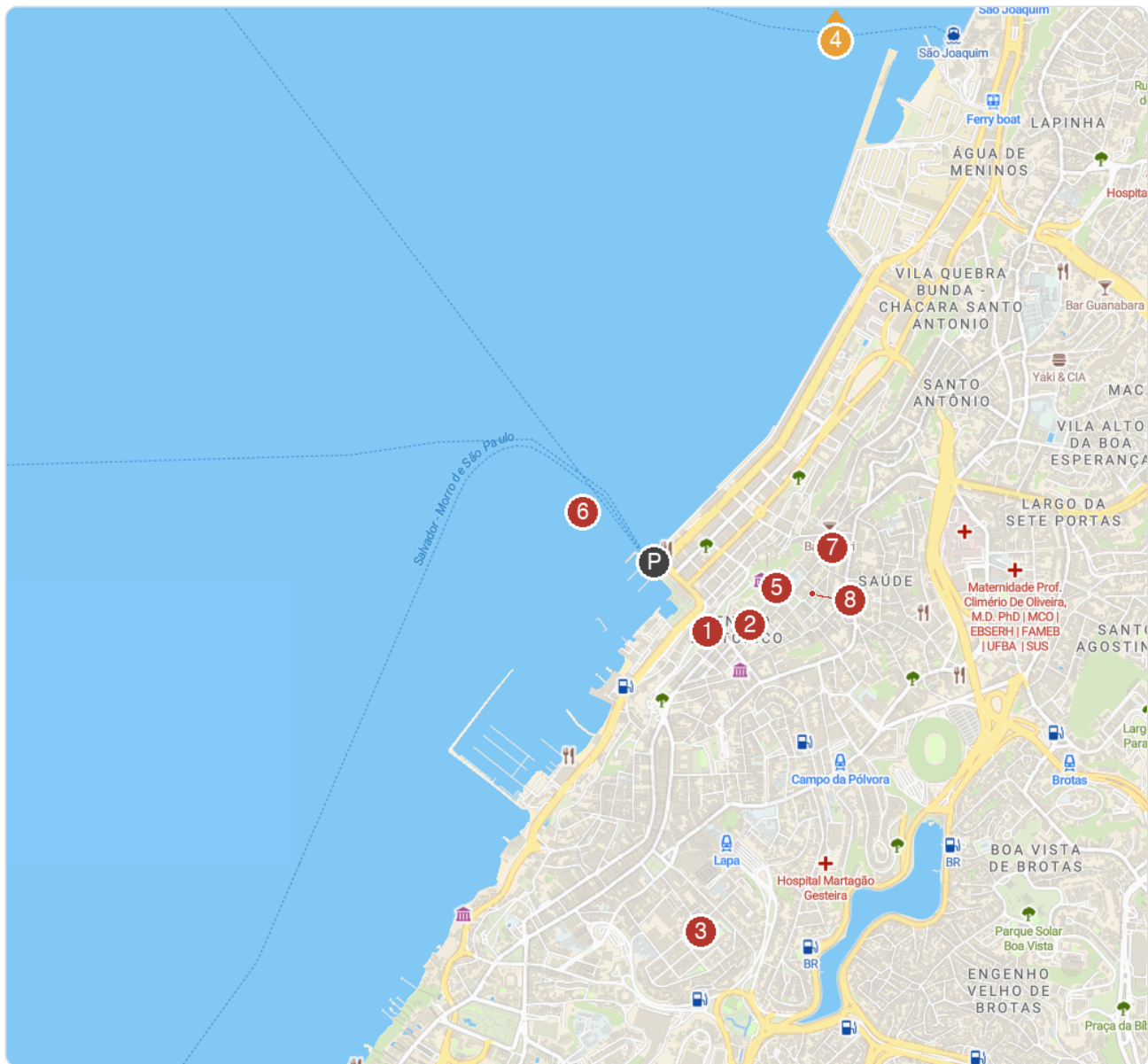
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Ride the Elevador Lacerda. The historic Art Deco lift connects the Lower City port to the Pelourinho for pennies — skip the steep, sketchy stairs.
- Try acarajé. The baianas' black-eyed-pea fritters with shrimp and spicy vatapá are Salvador's iconic street food — a must.
- Stay street-smart. Salvador is wonderful but has petty crime — keep cameras and phones low-key, stick to busy areas, and consider a guide for peace of mind.
- Carry reais. English is limited and cards aren't universal in markets — bring small Brazilian notes for crafts, snacks, and the elevator.
- Soak up the rhythm. The Pelourinho often has live drumming, capoeira, and music — it's the beating heart of Afro-Brazilian culture.

Salvador da Bahia, 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.



- 1 Elevador Lacerda** Historic art deco public elevator connecting Salvador's upper and lower cities.
- 3 Space Xisto Bahia** A vibrant cultural space for art, music, and events.
- 5 Cathedral of Salvador** Salvador's grand Jesuit cathedral, a stunning example of Baroque architecture.
- 7 Museu da Gastronomia Baiana** A museum celebrating the rich history of Bahian cuisine.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Prefeitura Bairro Centro/Brotas** A municipal administrative office, not a tourist attraction.
- 4 Basílica do Senhor do Bonfim** Iconic church famous for its colorful ribbons and religious syncretism.
- 6 São Marcelo Fort** A unique circular 17th-century fort in Salvador's bay.
- 8 MuNEAN- National Museum of Nursing Anna Nery** Museum dedicated to the history of Brazilian nursing, honoring Anna Nery.