

San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Ecuador

Where Charles Darwin first set foot in the Galapagos, sea lions sleep on park benches and marine iguanas sun themselves on the pier — wildlife doesn't just live here, it owns the place.

- Tender port
- Typical call: 6–9 hrs
- US Dollar (USD)
- Spanish (English widely spoken)
- Wildlife-rich

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in Shipwreck Bay (Bahía Naufragio)

Best For: Wildlife encounters, snorkeling, Darwin history, tortoise viewing

Walk to center: 2 min from tender pier to waterfront; town fully walkable

Don't Miss: Kicker Rock (León Dormido) snorkel tour and Cerro Tijeretas frigatebird hill

Getting around: Taxi \$2–\$4 per ride

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kicker Rock (León Dormido) Snorkel Tour** — The island's signature excursion.
- Cerro Tijeretas (Frigatebird Hill) Walk** — A paved trail from the Interpretation Center climbs to a hilltop where both Magnificent and Great Frigatebirds nest...
- La Galapaguera de Cerro Colorado — Giant Tortoise Reserve** — A semi-natural breeding center in the highlands, about 35 minutes by taxi, where you can see the endangered San...
- El Junco Lagoon & Highlands Tour** — The only permanent freshwater lake in the Galapagos sits in a volcanic caldera in the highlands.
- Isla Lobos Sea Lion & Booby Snorkel** — A short boat hop to a small islet where Blue-footed Boobies nest close to the trail and a large sea lion colony invites...

BEST WALKS

- Malecón to Playa Mann** 1.2 km · 15 min · Easy — Walk the waterfront Malecón (Avenida Charles Darwin) north from the pier, past sea-lion-occupied benches and pelican-watched fishing...
- Town to Cerro Tijeretas via Interpretation Center** 2.5 km · 40 min · Easy–Moderate — Head north along the waterfront, past the Interpretation Center (free, worth a stop), and continue up the paved trail to Cerro...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		81°	75°	14d
Jun		77°	72°	5d
Aug		74°	69°	5d
Sep		73°	68°	4d
Oct		74°	69°	4d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:55AM–6:00PM · Jun 5:57AM–6:01PM · Aug 6:00AM–6:05PM · Sep 5:50AM–5:56PM · Oct 5:40AM–5:47PM

US Dollar (USD)

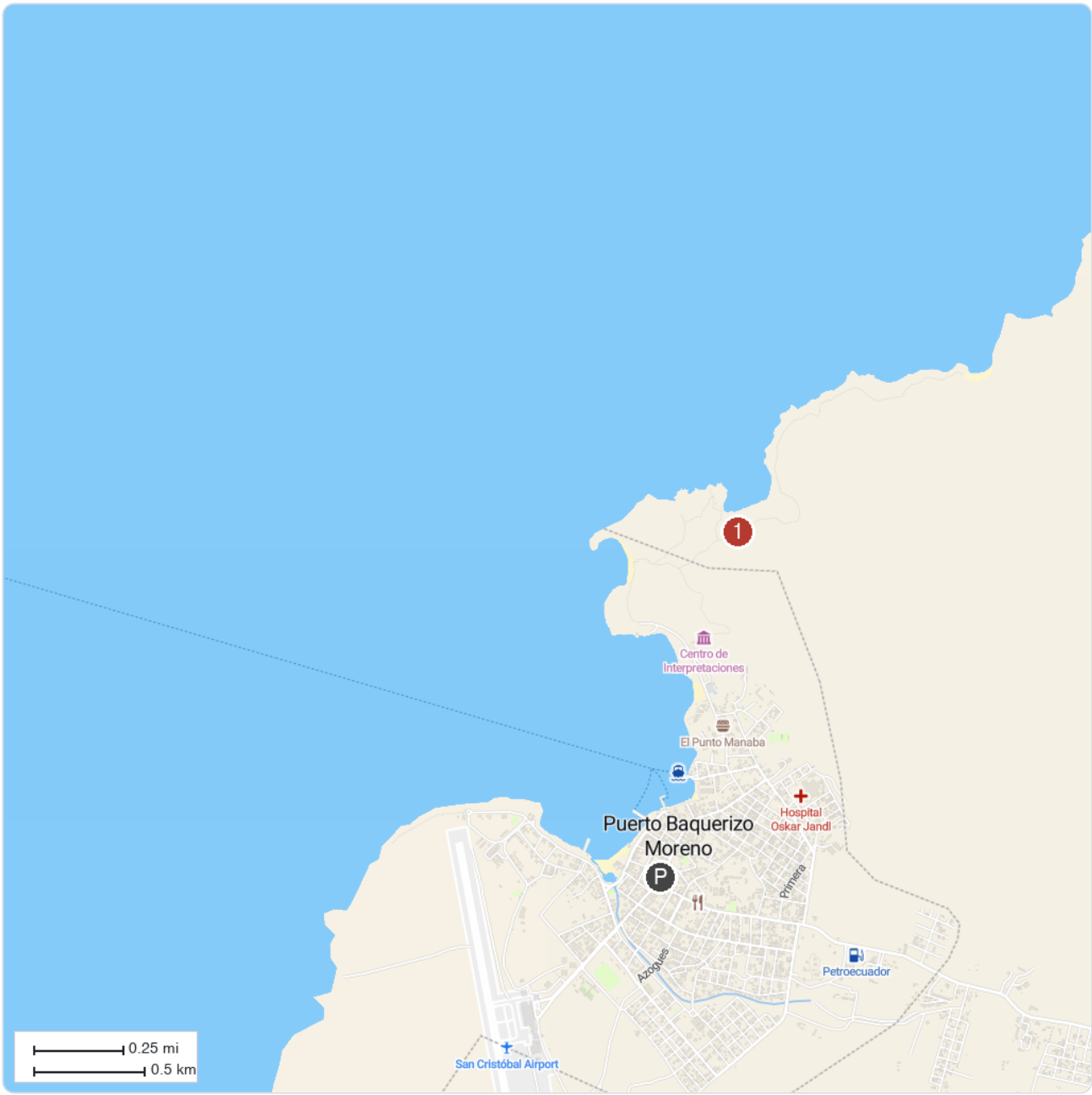
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash in small bills. Ecuador uses the US Dollar. ATMs exist in town but frequently run out. Bring \$1, \$5, and \$10 bills — vendors struggle to break \$50s and \$100s.
- Keep 3 meters from wildlife — by law. Sea lions will approach you; do not touch or feed them. Marine iguanas, sea turtles, and

San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Ecuador — 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 Mirador Cerro Tijeretas

Scenic viewpoint for frigatebirds and Kicker Rock.

P Cruise port / terminal