

Santarém, Pará, Brazil

Where the blue-green Tapajós crashes into the muddy Amazon, Santarém is your gateway to white-sand river beaches, cathedral rainforest, and one of nature's most arresting color-clash spectacles.

⚓ Docked (river quay) or tender depending on ship size

🕒 Typical call: 8–10 hrs

🇧🇷 Brazilian Real (BRL)

🇵🇹 Portuguese

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Santarém river quay (downtown)

Walk to center: 5–10 min on foot

Best For: Alter do Chão · Amazon wildlife

Don't Miss: Meeting of the Waters

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ R\$30–50 (approx. \$6–10 USD) · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Meeting of the Waters** — Seen from a boat, the vivid blue-green Tapajós and the chocolate-brown Amazon run side by side without mixing for several kilometres — one of the...
- **Alter do Chão Beach** — Called the 'Caribbean of the Amazon', Alter do Chão's white sand spits and crystal-clear Tapajós water are strikingly beautiful.
- **Tapajós National Forest** — A vast protected tract of primary Amazon rainforest starting just south of Alter do Chão.
- **Amazon River Wildlife Boat Trip** — Early-morning or dusk boat trips along the Amazon and Tapajós floodplain hunt for pink river dolphins, caimans, sloths, and Amazonian birdlife.
- **Waterfront Market & Centro Cultural João Fona** — The Mercado Modelo on the waterfront sells açaí, exotic Amazon fruits, dried fish, and regional crafts.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront promenade & market** ~1.5 km · 1 hr · easy — From the Cais do Porto, follow the riverside promenade past the Mercado Modelo to the waterfront square — a slice of everyday Amazonian town life with river views, açaí...
- **Alter do Chão village stroll** ~1 km · 30 min · easy (after taxi/tour transfer) — Once at Alter do Chão, a short walk from the main square to the water's edge passes craft shops, local restaurants, and the boat landing for the sandbar.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	84°	76°	29d
Jun	84°	77°	25d
Aug	87°	79°	9d
Sep	89°	79°	8d
Oct	89°	80°	10d

🇧🇷 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY

Apr 6:37AM–6:40PM · Jun 6:40AM–6:38PM · Aug 6:42AM–6:44PM ·
Sep 6:31AM–6:36PM · Oct 6:19AM–6:29PM

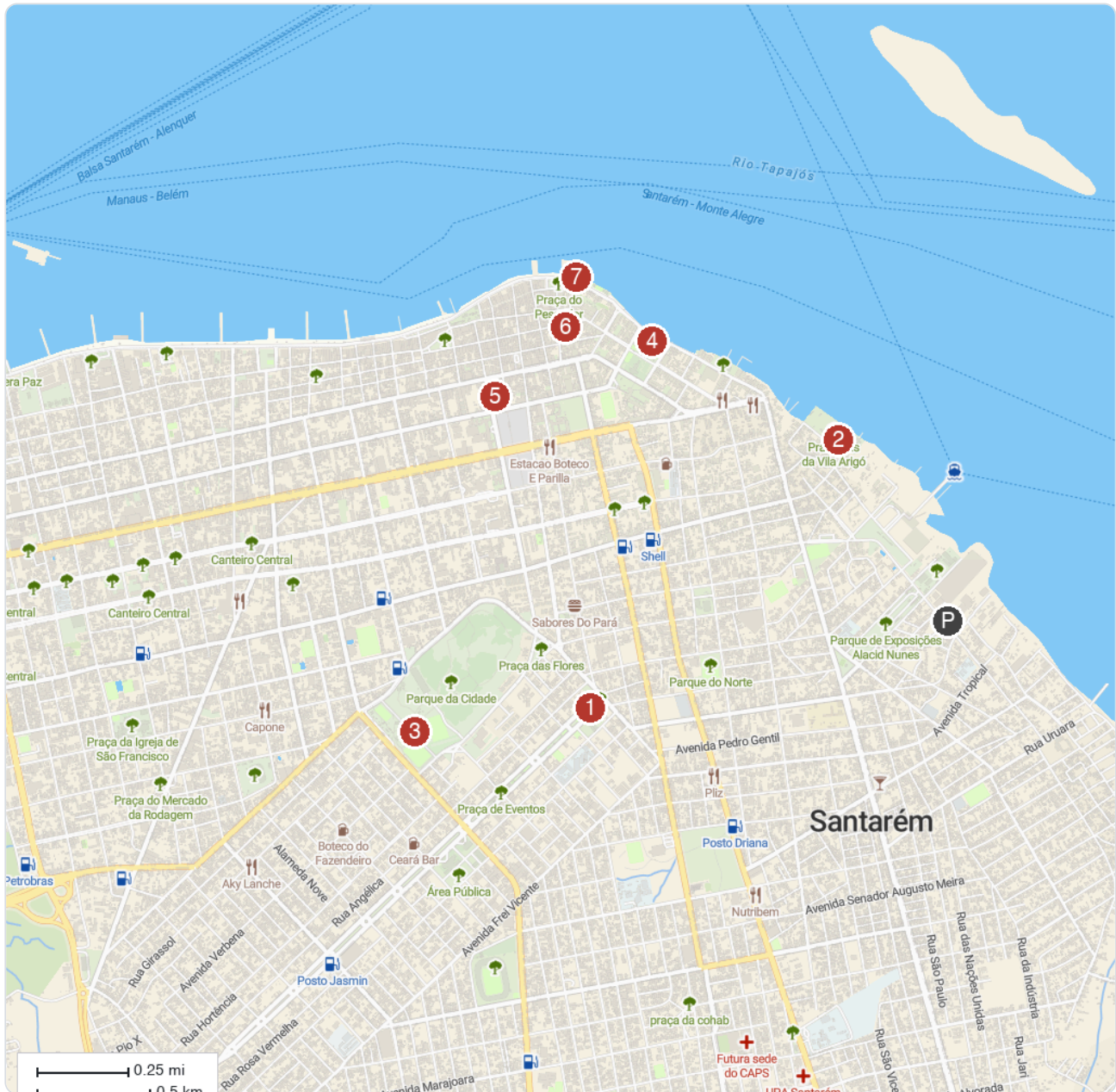
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Time your visit for the beach. Alter do Chão's famous sandbars are largest at low water — July through November is prime. At high water (March–June) the beach may be partly submerged.
- Bring cash in Reals. Most tour operators, market stalls, and small restaurants are cash-only. ATMs exist downtown but can be unreliable — draw money before leaving the ship if possible.
- Use insect repellent. This is the Amazon — DEET-based repellent and long sleeves for forest/boat trips will save you. Mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk.
- Expect heat and humidity. Santarém sits near the equator; temperatures run 30–35 °C year-round with high humidity. Lightweight, breathable clothing and sun protection are essential.
- Book the Meeting of Waters by boat. The color contrast is only visible from the water — a brief boat trip is far more dramatic than viewing from shore. Operators wait at the quay.
- Try fresh açaí. Santarém is in the heart of açaí country — the real thing, thick and unsweetened, served in a bowl at the market, is nothing like the smoothie-bowl version back home.

Santarém, Pará, 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.



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| <p>1 Bible Square</p> <p>3 Parque da Cidade</p> <p>5 Centro de artesanato Cristo rei</p> <p>7 Orla de Santarém</p> | <p>A public square featuring biblical themes and monuments.</p> <p>Santarém's main urban park, ideal for recreation and relaxation.</p> <p>A handicraft center selling local artisan products and souvenirs.</p> <p>Santarém's main waterfront promenade, perfect for strolls and views.</p> | <p>2 Orla da Vila Arigó</p> <p>4 CENTRO CULTURAL - JOÃO FONA</p> <p>6 Museu Dica Frazão</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Waterfront promenade in Vila Arigó, offering scenic river views.</p> <p>A cultural center showcasing local art, history, and events.</p> <p>A museum dedicated to local history and culture of Santarém.</p> |
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