

São Francisco do Sul, Santa Catarina, Brazil

One of Brazil's three oldest cities, São Francisco do Sul sits on a bay island where 300-year-old pastel colonial buildings line cobblestone streets and a landmark maritime museum anchors the waterfront — all steps from where ships dock.

- Pier (commercial port, short ride to center)
- Typical call: 7-9 hrs
- Brazilian Real (BRL); cards widely accepted
- Portuguese — little English spoken
- Beaches 15-20 min by taxi/Uber

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Cruise ships berth at the commercial port; free shuttle or short taxi to the historic center (~5 min)

Best For: Colonial history, maritime museum, beach day, small-town Brazil vibes

Walk to Center: ~10 min walk or 5-min taxi from port gate to historic cobblestone streets

Don't Miss: Museu Nacional do Mar — one of Latin America's finest maritime museums, right on the waterfront

Getting around: **Taxi** R\$15–30 · **Rideshare** Uber, 99

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Historic Center Walking Tour** — Stroll the national heritage zone — 150+ preserved 18th- and 19th-century colonial buildings, the 1699 Igreja Matriz...
- Museu Nacional do Mar** — One of Latin America's top maritime museums, housed in a restored 19th-century waterfront warehouse.
- Praia da Enseada Beach Day** — The island's most popular ocean beach — a horseshoe bay with calm water, soft sand, beach-chair rentals, bars, and...
- Forte Marechal Luz & Viewpoint** — Built in 1909 to guard the bay, this hilltop fort retains its original cannons and offers 360° views of the ocean and...
- Babitonga Bay Boat Trip** — Cruise the calm bay waters, spot coastal wildlife, and explore the small islands of the Babitonga archipelago...

BEST WALKS

- Colonial Heart of São Francisco do Sul** ~2 km · 45-60 min · Easy · Cobblestones — A loop through the core of the historic district, taking in the 1699 church, the old market, the Carioca Fountain, and the sea museum...
- Morro da Boa Vista Viewpoint** ~1.5 km one-way · 30 min · Easy-moderate uphill — A short uphill walk from the historic center to the Morro da Boa Vista overlook for panoramic views of the bay, the old town rooftops...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:30AM–5:57PM · Jun 7:00AM–5:29PM · Aug 6:43AM–5:54PM · Sep 6:11AM–6:07PM · Oct 5:39AM–6:21PM	
Apr	77°	69°	16d		
Jun	70°	60°	11d		
Aug	69°	60°	11d		
Sep	72°	63°	15d		
Oct	74°	66°	20d		

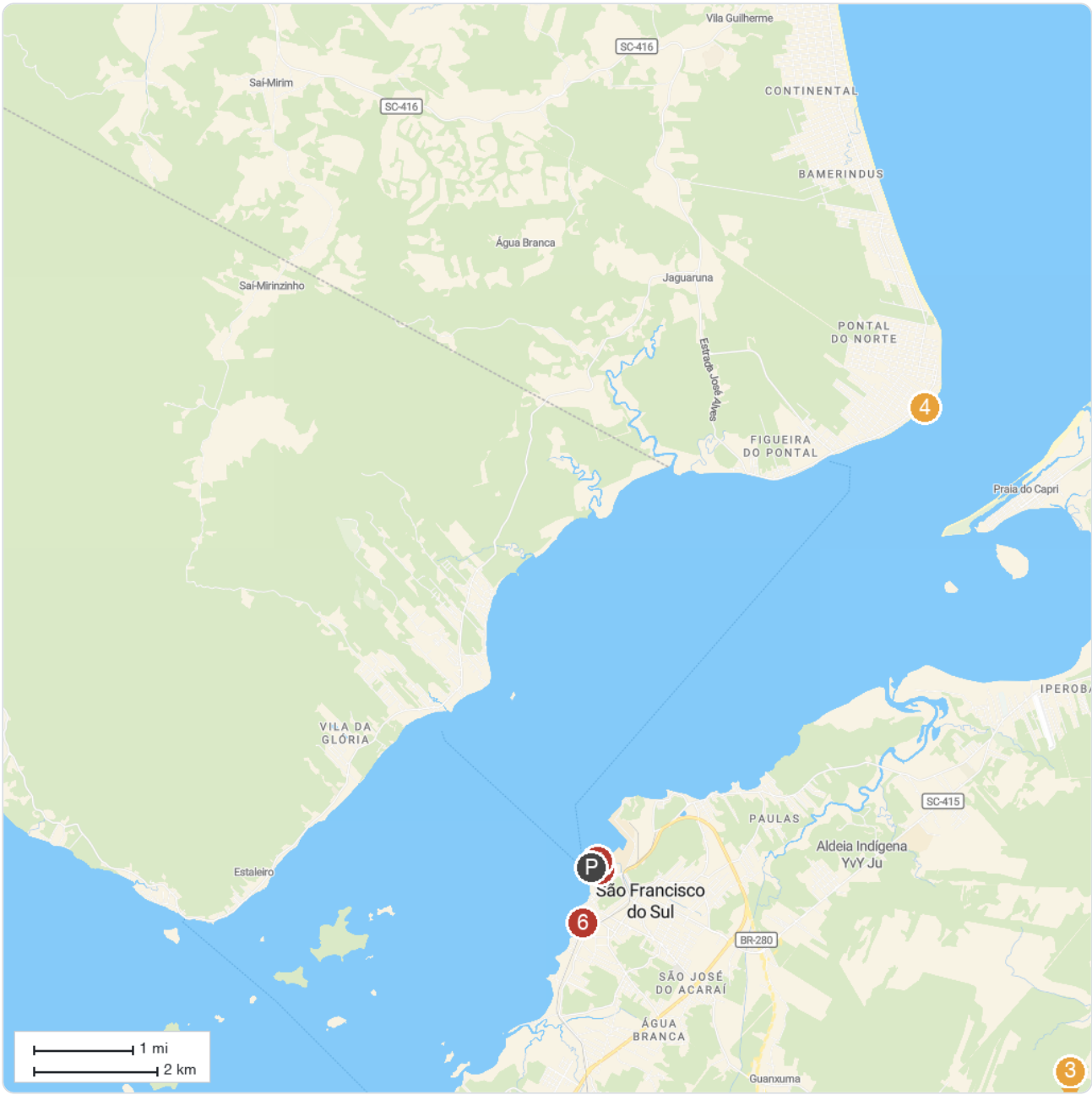
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- English is rarely spoken here. Download Google Translate offline for Portuguese before you arrive — it's genuinely useful, even in

São Francisco do Sul, Santa Catarina, 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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| 1 Parque Ecológico Municipal | Municipal ecological park for nature and wildlife. | 2 Visit São Chico | Local tourism information center. |
| 3 Parque Estadual Acaraí | State park for hiking and nature exploration. | 4 Itapoá Lighthouse | Scenic lighthouse with panoramic coastal views. |
| 5 Sea National Museum Craft Brazilian | National museum of Brazilian maritime history and vessels. | 6 History Mayor José Schmidt Museum | Local history museum honoring Mayor José Schmidt. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |