

São Luís, Maranhão, Brazil

The only Brazilian state capital founded by the French, São Luís dazzles with thousands of azulejo-tiled colonial mansions and pulses to a reggae beat unlike anywhere else in South America.

Tender port (no cruise pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Brazilian Real (BRL)

Portuguese

Hot & humid year-round

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — no dedicated cruise pier; ships anchor offshore

Best For: Colonial architecture, azulejo tiles, reggae culture, Lençóis day trips

Walk to center: ~10–15 min by taxi from tender dock to UNESCO Historic Centre

Don't Miss: Museu do Reggae Maranhão — the only reggae museum outside Jamaica

Getting around: **Taxi** ✅ R\$20–50 · **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, 99

TOP THINGS TO DO

- UNESCO Historic Centre Walking Tour** — Stroll the 18th-century grid lined with Portugal-tile-clad mansions, visiting Palácio dos Leões, Teatro Arthur Azevedo...
- Museu do Reggae & Jamaican Culture** — São Luís is Brazil's undisputed reggae capital — and this is the only reggae museum outside Jamaica.
- Lençóis Maranhenses Day Trip** — Transfer ~5–6 hrs each way to the surreal landscape of white sand dunes and turquoise freshwater lagoons at Lençóis...
- Alcântara Colonial Town Ferry** — A roughly 1–1.5 hr boat ride across the bay from the Praia Grande waterfront reaches Alcântara, a faded colonial gem...
- Casa das Tulhas Market & Maranhense Cuisine** — Browse the lively covered market in the Historic Centre — try cuxá rice, fish moqueca, and the local specialty torta de...

BEST WALKS

- Colonial Core Loop** 1–2 hrs | Mostly flat cobblestones | Free — Start at Praça João Lisboa, walk south along Rua Portugal past the azulejo façades, visit the Metropolitan Cathedral and Palácio dos...
- Waterfront Reviver to Historic Centre** 20 min | Uphill | Free — Walk from the tender landing at the Reviver waterfront up through the older lower city into the Historic Centre.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	84°	75°	29d
Jun	85°	76°	23d
Aug	87°	77°	13d
Sep	88°	78°	10d
Oct	89°	78°	11d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:55AM–5:58PM · Jun 5:58AM–5:56PM · Aug 6:00AM–6:02PM · Sep 5:49AM–5:54PM · Oct 5:38AM–5:47PM

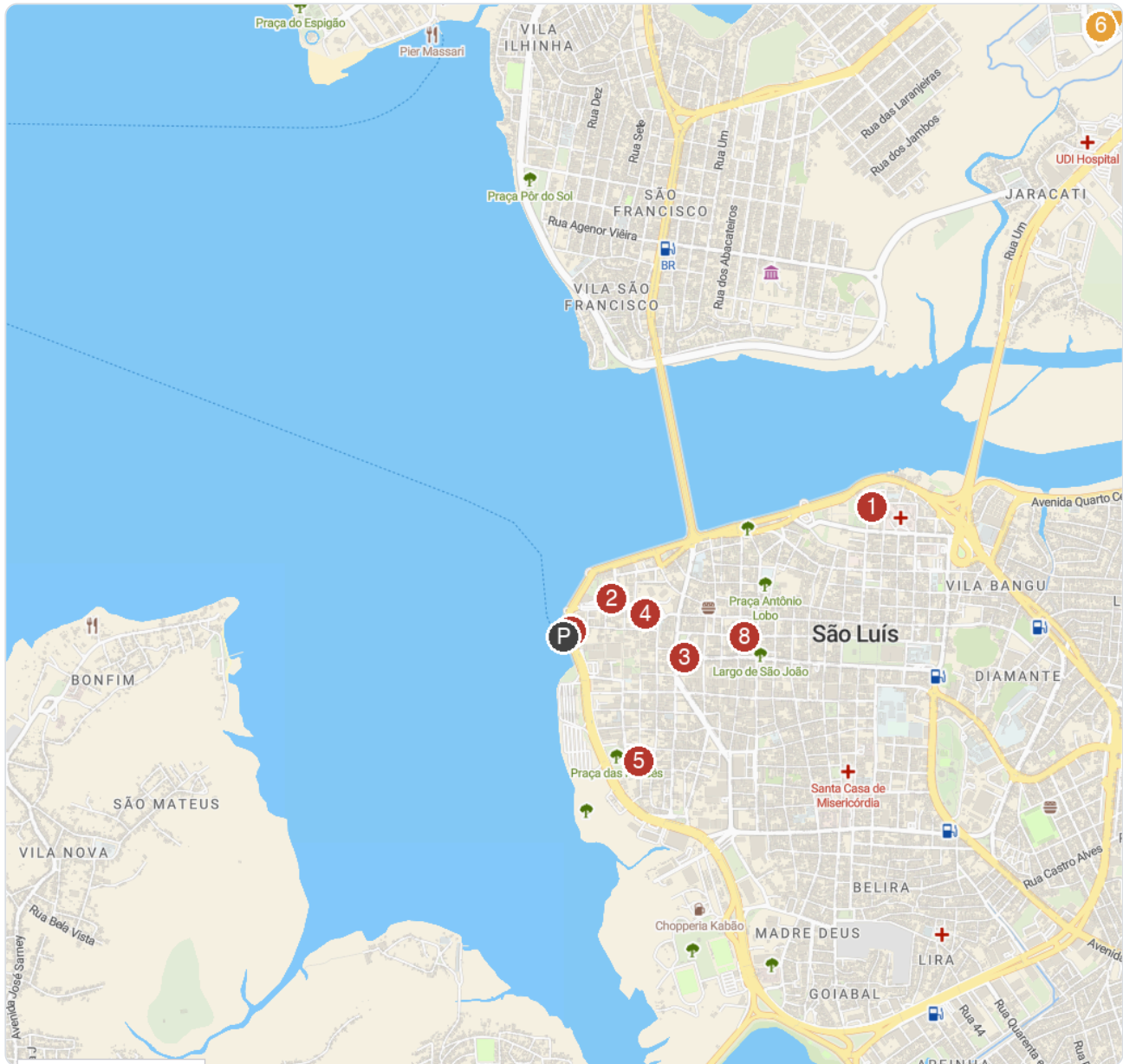
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Stay on main streets. The Historic Centre is patrolled and safe on weekdays during ship hours. Avoid empty side alleys and don't flash cameras, jewelry, or phones.

São Luís, Maranhão, 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 Igreja de Nossa Senhora dos Remédios | Historic church with beautiful architecture. | 2 City of St. Louis | UNESCO World Heritage city, colonial architecture. |
| 3 Igreja do Carmo | Historic Carmelite church, colonial charm. | 4 Catedral Metropolitana de São Luís - Nossa Senhora da Vitória | São Luís' grand main cathedral. |
| 5 Convent of Mercês | Historic convent, now a cultural center and library. | 6 Praias da Avenida Litorânea | Urban beaches along a scenic coastal avenue. |
| 7 Maranhão's House | Museum showcasing Maranhão's rich culture and folklore. | 8 Museu Histórico e Artístico do Maranhão | State museum of Maranhão's history and art. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |