

Solomon Islands

Honiara sits on Iron Bottom Sound — a sea floor littered with WWII warships — and ashore delivers raw, unpolished Melanesia: WWII relics, shell money at the Central Market, and warmth that no glossy resort destination can manufacture.

 Pier or tender (new Millennium Terminal)

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 Solomon Islands Dollar (SBD); USD accepted at hotels

 English & Solomon Islands Pijin

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Point Cruz / Millennium Terminal (pier); smaller ships tender

Best For: WWII history, local markets, cultural immersion

Walk to center: ~5-10 min on foot from Point Cruz Wharf to Central Market

Don't Miss: Central Market, Solomon Islands National Museum, Vilu War Museum (taxi required)

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ SBD 50–150 (~USD 6–18) for city rides · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **WWII Guadalcanal Battlefield Tour** — Visit the Vilu War Museum (open-air collection of US and Japanese aircraft and artillery), Bloody Ridge, and the US... traditional artifacts, WWII relics, and the...
- **Honiara Central Market** — Plunge into the beating heart of island life: fresh tropical produce, live seafood, shell money necklaces, woven...
- **Solomon Islands National Museum** — A compact but worthwhile museum covering the islands' cultural heritage,
- **Mataniko Falls Hike** — A short taxi ride from town leads to a trailhead through lush jungle to the Mataniko River gorge and cascading falls...
- **Snorkeling Iron Bottom Sound** — The waters around Guadalcanal hold dozens of sunken WWII warships, transports, and aircraft.

BEST WALKS

- **Point Cruz to Central Market Loop** 1.5 km · ~20 min · Flat — Exit the Millennium Terminal and walk east along the waterfront road (Mendana Avenue) past the Solomon Islands Broadcasting...
- **US Guadalcanal Memorial Walk** Short drive + 15 min walk · Some uphill — Take a taxi to the Skyline Ridge above Honiara and walk to the US Guadalcanal Memorial for panoramic views over Iron Bottom Sound and...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	84°	75°	26d
Jun	83°	75°	18d
Aug	83°	74°	19d
Sep	84°	75°	20d
Oct	84°	75°	22d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:23AM–6:16PM · Jun 6:33AM–6:07PM · Aug 6:31AM–6:18PM · Sep 6:14AM–6:16PM · Oct 5:57AM–6:14PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Heat and humidity are intense. Bring water, sunscreen, and a hat. Shade is limited in the Central Market and at outdoor WWII