

Tangier Island, Virginia, USA

A tiny Chesapeake Bay island where time moves slowly, soft-shell crabs reign supreme, and locals still speak a dialect rooted in 17th-century Cornish English. Small ships only — and that's exactly the point.

 Docked (small ships/ferries only)

 Typical call: 4–6 hrs

 USD — cash preferred

 English (unique Tangier dialect)

 Soft-shell crab capital

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Small ships dock at Tangier City Dock or Parks Marina; no mega-ships

Best For: Seafood, history, unique culture, birdwatching, beachcombing

Walk to center: 2 min from dock to main street; entire island walkable in 20 min

Don't Miss: Soft-shell crab sandwich + a golf cart lap of the ridges

 Getting around:  **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Golf Cart Island Tour** — Rent a golf cart at the dock and explore all three ridges — Main, Canton, and West.
- Soft-Shell Crab Lunch at Hilda Crockett's** — A Tangier institution since 1939.
- Tangier Island History Museum** — A compact, donation-based museum covering the island's watermen heritage, erosion crisis, duck decoys, and a short...
- Kayaking the Guts** — Paddle through the island's tidal marsh channels ('guts') for close-up views of herons, osprey, and pelicans.
- Beachcombing at Tangier Beach** — A wild, undeveloped beach at the island's southern tip.

BEST WALKS

- The Three Ridges Walk** 1.5 miles · 30–45 min · Flat — Start at the dock, head up Main Ridge Road through the Main Ridge, detour onto Canton Ridge to see the crab shanties over the water...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		65°	52°	1d
Jun		81°	68°	1d
Aug		84°	73°	1d
Sep		79°	68°	1d
Oct		69°	56°	1d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:28AM–7:39PM · Jun 5:41AM–8:27PM · Aug 6:19AM–7:56PM · Sep 6:46AM–7:11PM · Oct 7:12AM–6:25PM

 USD — cash preferred

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring cash. Card readers are unreliable on Tangier. Golf cart rentals, boat tours, and small shops are cash-only.
- Dry island. No alcohol is sold anywhere on Tangier. Don't bring open containers ashore.
- Bug spray is mandatory. Salt-marsh mosquitoes and greenhead flies can be brutal, especially near the beach. Bring DEET-based repellent.

Tangier Island, Virginia, USA — 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 **Tangier History Museum** Museum dedicated to Tangier Island's unique history and culture.

P **Cruise port / terminal**