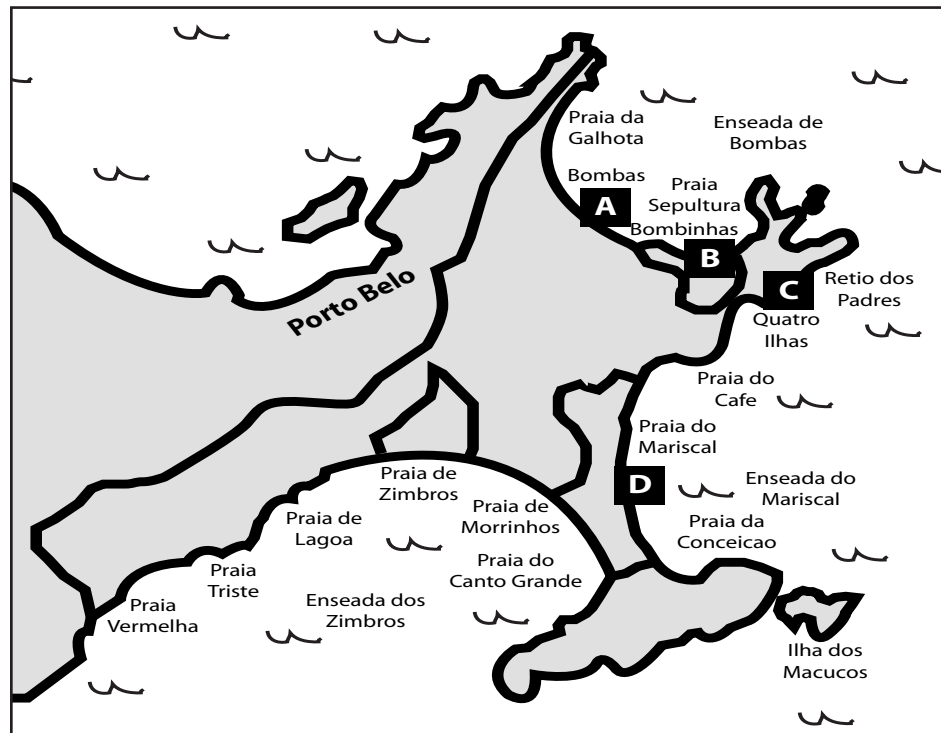


Spotlight on Porto Belo



PORTO BELO

PORT & SHOPPING MAP



HISTORY

In the 18th century, the town of Porto Belo was just a small fishing village, with most of its inhabitants Portuguese descendants from the Azores Islands. Today, the town still looks like a small fishing village, but with some modern touches that are contributed by the growth of tourism in the area including hotels, restaurants, and boat excursions. Porto Belo is noted as the quaintest part of the Emerald Coast and the hotels and pousadas are equally charming for the most part. The most popular beach in the area is Praia da Enseada, an inlet on the southern end of the village where you'll find clear, greenish water that is perfect for swimming.

Ilha do Port Belo

The Island of Porto Belo is the principal attraction of the area. It has a small beach with large stones scattered along its length, forming numerous little areas for sunbathing. You can follow the footpath that weaves in and out and there are two beach bars for cold drinks. Take a boat around to the tip of the island for some snorkeling in the clean and clear waters or float along the underwater trails to check out the fish.

English



CAPITAL

Brasilia is the capital of Brazil.

LOCATION

Porto Belo is located on a peninsula in southern Brazil, less than 60 kilometers north of Florianopolis.

POPULATION

Approximately 11,150 people live in Port Belo.

LANGUAGE

Portuguese is the official language of Brazil.

CURRENCY

The monetary unit of Brazil is the Real (R\$). However, US dollars are widely accepted.

TIME ZONE

Porto Belo is on UTC-3.

TOURIST INFORMATION

There is a tourist information center on the main highway just before the vilarejo and another one at the entrance to the village.

DOCKING

Porto Belo is a tender port. The cruise ship will anchor outside of Porto Belo and tender into Porto Belo's yacht harbor.

SHORE EXCURSIONS

Please check your tour ticket for the correct meeting time and location for your tour. Your Shore Excursions team will direct you to your transportation.

TRANSPORTATION

You can visit Porto Belo on foot or take a shuttle into town. Shuttle cost 7 reais or \$ 5 United States dollars.

HOW TO GET TO TOWN

It is only a ten-minute shuttle ride from the cruise ship tender port to the main square of Porto Belo.

SHOPPING

There is limited shopping right by the tender wharf and there is a free shuttle that will take you into downtown Porto Belo to visit small shops and vendors selling various crafts and other items. Porto Belo offers shops and boutiques selling local crafts, wood carvings, paintings, unique art items, beach clothes and equipment, and locally crafted costume jewelry.

BANK HOURS

Banks are generally open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

POST OFFICE HOURS

The AC Porto Belo Post Office is located at Rua Gualberto Leal Nunes, 240. It is open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

TELEPHONES

The public telephones installed at public places work with phone card, allowing local and international calls, as well as collect calls. The telephones that make international calls are identified by the operational instructions of the telephone.

EMERGENCY

In case of an emergency, dial 190.

PLACES TO SEE

A. Bombas Beach

Bombas Beach is the closest beach to town. Enjoy the complete beach services including restaurants, bars and beach activities.

B. Bombinhas Beach

Bombinhas Beach is located past Bombas Beach and offers more solitude. It is lined with restaurants, bars, shops and boutiques and the main street, about 1 block inland, offers even more shopping opportunities.

C. Quatro Ilhas (4 Ilhas) Beach

Quatro Ilhas Beach is within walking distance of Bombinhas Beach. Enjoy surfing in the clear waters.

D. Mariscal Beach

Take a taxi to visit this 8 km beach. It offers great waves for surfing and body boarding.

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