

Bridgetown, Barbados

The birthplace of rum and a UNESCO-listed capital, Bridgetown packs history, white-sand beaches, and sea-turtle snorkeling into one easy port day — all walking distance or a short taxi from the ship.

Docked (Deep Water Harbour)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Barbadian Dollar (BBD) / USD widely accepted

English

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Deep Water Harbour, 1.5 km west of city center; up to 6 ships docked simultaneously

Best For: History buffs, beach lovers, rum enthusiasts, snorkelers

Walk to center: 15-25 min along paved waterfront path, or \$2 shuttle / \$6 taxi

Don't Miss: Swim with turtles in Carlisle Bay; Mount Gay Rum tour; UNESCO Garrison walk

Getting around: Taxi US\$2/pp shared · US\$8–10 private

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Swim with Sea Turtles — Carlisle Bay** — Carlisle Bay, just south of the cruise terminal, is home to a resident hawksbill and leatherback turtle population.
 - Catamaran Sail & Snorkel** — Board a large catamaran from Bridgetown Harbour, cruise Barbados's calm west coast, anchor for turtle swimming and snorkeling, and return with open...
- UNESCO Bridgetown & Garrison Walk** — Wander the UNESCO World Heritage-listed city center: Parliament Buildings, National Heroes Square, the 1654 Nidhe Israel Synagogue, St.
 - Mount Gay Rum Distillery Tour** — Founded in 1703, Mount Gay is the world's oldest commercial rum distillery.
 - Harrison's Cave Tram Tour** — Ride an electric tram through an underground limestone cathedral of stalactites, stalagmites, streams, and waterfalls in Barbados's interior.

BEST WALKS

- UNESCO City Center Loop** 2-3 hrs · 3 km · Easy · Self-guided — Walk from the cruise terminal along Harbour Road to National Heroes Square, then loop through the Parliament Buildings, the Nidhe Israel Synagogue, St.
- Carlisle Bay Beach Walk** 1 hr each way · 1.5 km · Easy · Beach — Stroll south from the terminal along Bay Street to Carlisle Bay's white-sand crescent.
- Bridgetown Historic City Walk** ~2.5 km · 45–60 min · easy — Walk east from the cruise terminal along Harbour Road to the Careenage — Bridgetown's photogenic inner harbor lined with wooden schooners and colonial warehouses.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		85°	75°	6d
Jun		86°	77°	13d
Aug		87°	76°	15d
Sep		87°	76°	15d
Oct		86°	76°	16d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:45AM–6:11PM · Jun 5:32AM–6:25PM · Aug 5:46AM–6:19PM · Sep 5:47AM–5:59PM · Oct 5:49AM–5:39PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (America/Barbados). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

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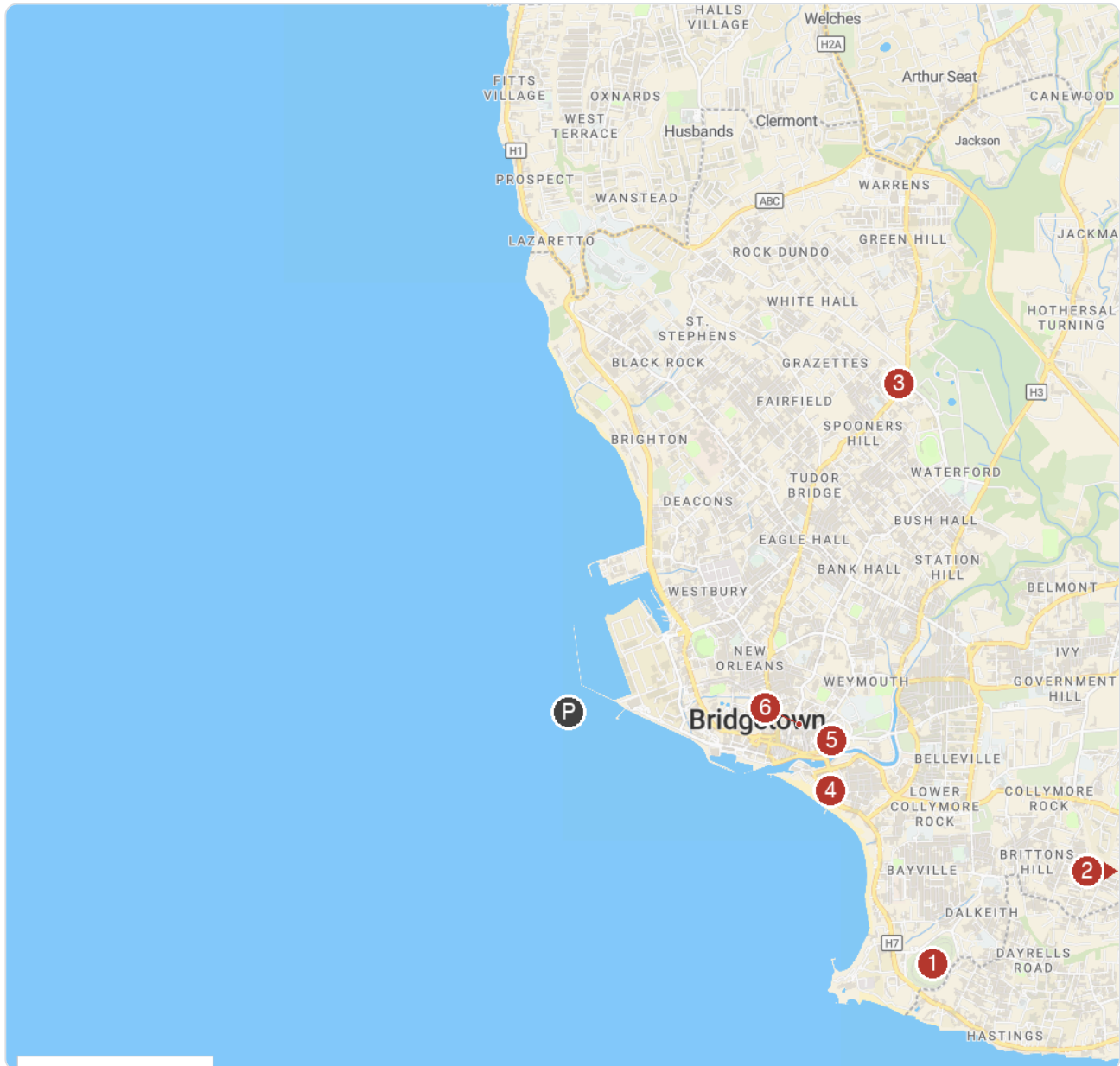
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- USD works everywhere near the port — taxis, bars, shops all accept it at a pegged 2:1 rate (BBD \$2 = USD \$1). Most places quote both prices; little reason to exchange cash for a day visit.
- Negotiate before you get in — Barbados taxis are not metered. The government posts recommended rates and a printed rate card is available at the terminal info desk; confirm price before longer journeys.
- East coast = rougher surf. Bathsheba is spectacular for photos, but swimming is unsafe. Stick to the sheltered west and south coasts (Carlisle, Accra, Crane) for swimming.
- Try a rum punch at a local bar — not the ship's version.
- Flying fish is the national dish — eat it.
- The Garrison Savannah is free to walk and often overlooked by cruise passengers — its 17th-century British fortifications and horse racing track are a genuine highlight.

Bridgetown, Barbados — 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 Garrison Savannah | A historic horse-racing track and UNESCO World Heritage garrison area. | 2 Harry Bayley Observatory | Barbados' only astronomical observatory, open to the public for stargazing. |
| 3 Tyrol Cot Heritage Village | A historic plantation house and heritage village showcasing Bajan architecture and crafts. | 4 Bethel Methodist Church | A historic Methodist church noted for its architecture near Bridgetown's center. |
| 5 St. Michael's Cathedral | Bridgetown's Anglican cathedral, first built in the 17th century and rebuilt after hurricane damage. | 6 Nidhe Israel Synagogue | One of the oldest synagogues in the Americas, dating to the 17th century, in Bridgetown's historic district. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |