

Dangriga, Stann Creek, Belize

Belize's 'Culture Capital' and Garifuna heartland — a rawly authentic port of drumbeats, jungle wildlife, and reef islands just offshore.

- Tender (no mega-ship pier)
- Typical call: 6-8 hrs
- USD & Belize Dollar (2:1)
- English (official), Garifuna, Creole

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to town dock or Pelican Beach Resort dock — small/expedition ships only; no pier for mega-ships

Best For: Garifuna culture, jungle excursions (jaguar reserve, ziplining), Marie Sharp's factory, reef cayes

Walk to center: 5 min from town dock; ~30 min walk from Pelican Beach dock (taxis available)

Don't Miss: Austin Rodriguez Drum Shop and a bowl of hudut (Garifuna fish stew in coconut broth)

Getting around: Taxi \$5–\$15 USD · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary** — The world's first jaguar preserve offers jungle hiking, waterfall swimming, and river tubing about 45 minutes from Dangriga.
- Marie Sharp's Hot Sauce Factory** — Tour the factory where Belize's most famous export — Marie Sharp's habanero sauces — is made, with tastings of dozens of varieties.
- Tobacco Caye & Barrier Reef Snorkel** — A 30–40 minute boat ride brings you to a tiny coral island on the Belize Barrier Reef with white sand, warm water, and vibrant reef snorkeling.
- Mayflower Bocawina Zipline & Waterfalls** — Zip through the rainforest canopy and rappel beside waterfalls at this national park, less than an hour from Dangriga.
- Gulisi Garifuna Museum** — The premier museum dedicated to Garifuna history, language, music, and traditions — a must for understanding the culture you encounter in town.

BEST WALKS

- Town Dock to Pen Cayetano Gallery** ~20 min walk · Flat · Cultural — From the town dock, walk through the market area and north through the main streets to the studio gallery of Pen Cayetano, creator of Punta Rock and a celebrated...
- Drums Monument to Austin Rodriguez Drum Shop** ~15 min walk · Flat · Cultural — Start at the Drums of My Fathers monument at the town entrance for a quick photo, then walk to Austin Rodriguez's legendary workshop where traditional Garifuna drums are...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain		
Apr	85°	77°	16d	Apr 5:37AM–6:08PM · Jun 5:19AM–6:27PM · Aug 5:36AM–6:17PM · Sep 5:41AM–5:54PM · Oct 5:46AM–5:30PM	
Jun	84°	78°	27d	USD & Belize Dollar (2:1)	
Aug	85°	77°	28d		
Sep	85°	77°	28d		
Oct	84°	75°	25d		

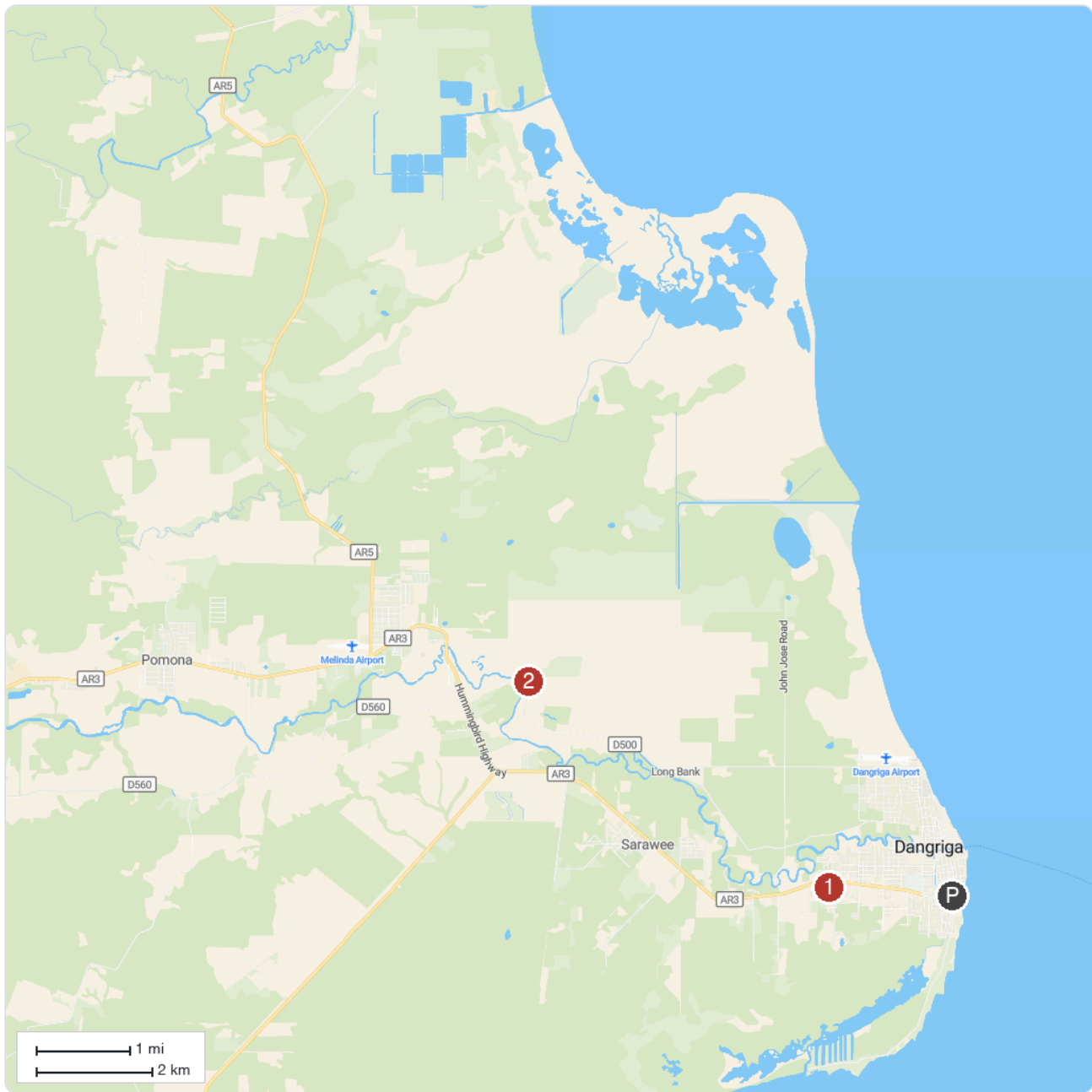
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- 2:1 exchange: Belize Dollars are pegged at \$2 BZD = \$1 USD. US Dollars accepted everywhere — just watch your change, which may come back in BZD.
- No pier for large ships: If you're on a mega-ship, Dangriga is an excursion destination (bus from Belize City/Harvest Caye), not a docking port — confirm with your cruise director.
- Buy Marie Sharp's at source: The factory in Pomona sells every variety including limited flavors not found elsewhere. Stock up — it's checked-luggage gold.
- Eat hudut: This traditional Garifuna fish-and-coconut stew with fu-fu (mashed plantains) is rarely found outside southern Belize. Don't leave without trying it.
- Bug spray is essential for jungle excursions to Cockscomb or Bocawina. Sandflies near the beach and mosquitoes in the forest can be fierce — bring DEET-based repellent.
- Agree taxi fares upfront: No meters in Belize. Town rides are \$5–10 USD; day excursions must be negotiated before you get in.

Dangriga, Stann Creek, Belize — 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** Gulisi Garifuna Museum
Museum dedicated to Garifuna history and culture, located just outside Dangriga.
- P** Cruise port / terminal

- 2** Marie Sharp's Factory
Home factory of Belize's famous hot sauce brand, offering tours and tastings near Dangriga.