

Castries, St. Lucia, Caribbean

St. Lucia is one of the Caribbean's most visually dramatic islands — the twin volcanic peaks of the Pitons rise straight from the sea near Soufrière, the rainforest is genuinely wild, and the waterfalls and hot springs are the real thing. Castries is a working port with easy access to all of it.

Docked — Pointe Séraphine / La Place Carenage

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

Eastern Caribbean Dollar (XCD) · USD widely accepted

English (official) · St. Lucian Creole

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pointe Séraphine (north side of Castries Harbour) or La Place Carenage (city-side dock)

Best For: The Pitons · Diamond Falls · Rainforest zip-lines · Sulphur Springs · Marigot Bay

To center: La Place Carenage: steps from Derek Walcott Square. Pointe Séraphine: ~10-min walk around the harbour or a short water taxi across (small fee)

Don't Miss: A boat or road trip south to Soufrière and the Pitons — St. Lucia's defining landscape

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ \$10–\$20 USD · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Soufrière & the Pitons by Boat** — The classic St.
- **Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens** — Set in the lush grounds of the Soufrière Estate, Diamond Falls is a ~15-metre (roughly 50-foot) waterfall fed by mineral-rich volcanic springs — the...
- **Rainforest Zip-line & Aerial Tram** — St.
- **Reduit Beach at Rodney Bay** — The most accessible good beach from Castries — a long crescent of calm Caribbean water backed by hotels, bars, and beach rentals at Rodney Bay, about...
- **Pigeon Island National Landmark** — A fortified promontory on the northwest coast connected to the mainland by a causeway, Pigeon Island has dramatic ruins of British Fort Rodney — the...

BEST WALKS

- **Castries Waterfront & City Center Loop** ~1.5 km · 30–45 min · easy — From La Place Carenage, walk east along the waterfront to Derek Walcott Square — the city's main public space, named for St.
- **Morne Fortune Hilltop Viewpoint** ~3 km drive or steep 45-min walk · moderate — Morne Fortune ('Hill of Good Luck') rises directly behind Castries to about 260 metres and was the scene of fierce fighting between British and French forces in the 18th...
- **Castries City Centre Walk** 1-2 hrs · Flat · Walkable from La Place Carenage — A simple loop through downtown Castries takes in the bustling Central Market (spices, crafts, produce), Derek Walcott Square with its giant saman tree, the Cathedral...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		84°	74°	12d
Jun		84°	76°	18d
Aug		85°	77°	22d
Sep		86°	77°	21d
Oct		85°	76°	21d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:50AM–6:17PM · Jun 5:36AM–6:32PM · Aug 5:50AM–6:25PM · Sep 5:53AM–6:04PM · Oct 5:55AM–5:44PM

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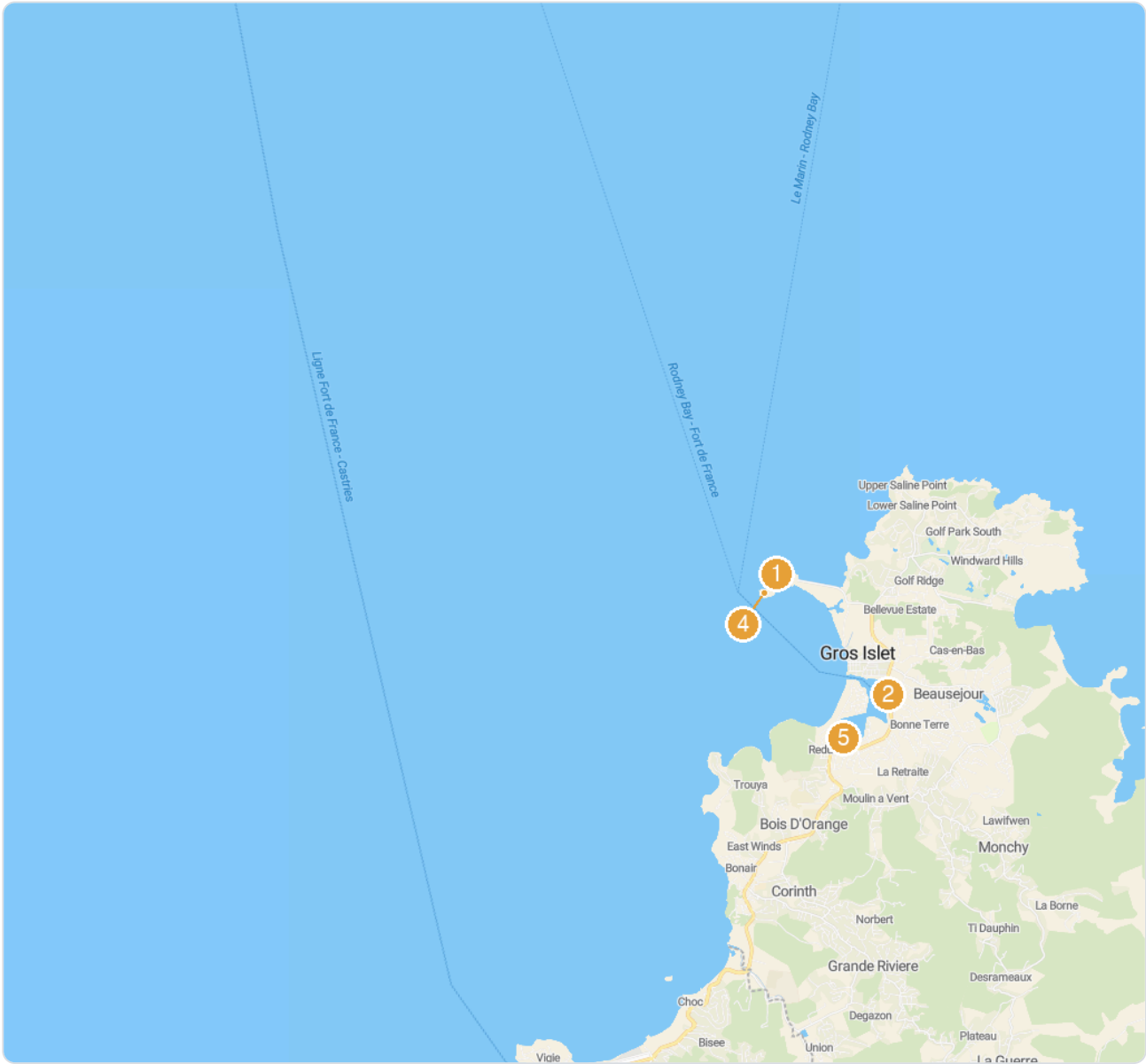
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- The Pitons are worth the journey. The drive or sail to Soufrière takes 1.5 hrs each way but is the reason most cruisers remember St. Lucia. If your ship has an 8-hour call, you have time — by catamaran is the best option (faster, scenic, no winding roads). By road, hire a knowledgeable driver-guide rather than just a taxi.
- USD works everywhere tourists go. Eastern Caribbean dollars are the local currency (XCD 2.70 ≈ USD 1), but USD is accepted at virtually all cruise-oriented businesses. Change will often come back in XCD. No need to exchange unless you're using buses or the market.
- Minibuses are cheap and frequent northward.
- Water taxis cross the harbour.
- St.
- Rotis and grilled fish at the market beat the terminal restaurants.

Castries, St. Lucia, Caribbean — 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 Signal Peak | Signal Peak offers panoramic views of the island and sea. | 2 Sea Spray Cruises Ltd. | Sea Spray Cruises offers boat tours and excursions. |
| 3 Lushan Country Life | Lushan Country Life is an eco-farm with gardens and local food. | 4 Fort Rodney | Fort Rodney is a historic military fort with great views. |
| 5 Treasure Bay Casino | Treasure Bay Casino offers gaming and entertainment. | 6 Constitution Park | Constitution Park is a central green space for relaxation. |
| 7 The Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Cathedral) | This is Castries' beautiful historic Catholic Cathedral. | 8 Cruise Pier Castries | Cruise Pier Castries is where your ship docks. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |