

Tampa, Florida, USA

Medium-sized ships, big-city energy. Tampa's cruise terminals sit one block from Sparkman Wharf, a free historic streetcar, and the start of a 2.6-mile waterfront Riverwalk — all before you've even paid for parking.

Docked — no tendering

Major homeport (turnaround days)

USD

English

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Terminals 2, 3 & 6 on Channelside Drive — all pier, no tendering

Best For: Families, foodies, history lovers, beach seekers

Walk to Center: 5 min to Sparkman Wharf; 8 min to Riverwalk & Florida Aquarium

Don't Miss: Sailing under the Sunshine Skyway Bridge on departure evening

Getting around: Taxi \$25–\$35 · Rideshare Uber, Lyft · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Ybor City — Tampa's Latin Quarter** — Ride the free TECO streetcar to 7th Avenue, America's former cigar capital.
- Tampa Riverwalk & Waterfront** — A 2.6-mile paved path links Sparkman Wharf, the Florida Aquarium, Tampa Bay History Center, Tampa Museum of Art, Glazer Children's Museum, and Curtis...
- The Florida Aquarium** — Literally 2 minutes from Terminal 2, this 250,000 sq ft aquarium covers Florida wetlands, live reef ecosystems, sharks, sea turtles, and baby gators.
- Busch Gardens Tampa Bay** — Africa-themed mega-park 8 miles north with world-class coasters including Iron Gwazi and SheiKra, plus a 12,000-animal zoo, water rides, and live...
- Clearwater Beach & Gulf Coast** — Consistently ranked among America's best beaches.

BEST WALKS

- Channelside to Curtis Hixon Park via Riverwalk** 2.5 miles · Easy · ~1–1.5 hrs one way — Head out from the terminal, pass Sparkman Wharf and the Florida Aquarium, then pick up the Tampa Riverwalk south of the Hillsborough River.
- Streetcar to Ybor City** Streetcar + stroll · Easy · 2–4 hrs — Walk 5 minutes to the Channelside TECO Streetcar stop and ride the free yellow streetcar north to Ybor City.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		82°	65°	9d
Jun		87°	75°	22d
Aug		88°	77°	25d
Sep		86°	75°	20d
Oct		83°	69°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:04AM–7:55PM · Jun 6:33AM–8:27PM · Aug 7:00AM–8:07PM · Sep 7:15AM–7:33PM · Oct 7:30AM–7:00PM

USD

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Don't miss the Sunshine Skyway sailaway: About 2–2.5 hours after departure, your ship passes under the Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge (180 ft clearance). Head to the top open deck — watching a cruise ship squeeze under a bridge at sunset is a Tampa tradition.
- Free streetcar to Ybor City: The TECO Line Streetcar is 100% free and stops right outside Terminals 2 and 3. It runs every 12–15 minutes to 7th Avenue — skip the rideshare for this one.
- Beach day is doable: Clearwater Beach is 30–35 min by rideshare. Leave the ship early and aim to be back by early afternoon to avoid rush-hour gridlock on the causeways.
- Gasparilla in late January: Tampa's massive annual pirate festival (3rd-largest parade in the US) takes over the city in late January. Tremendous fun — but hotels triple in price and traffic is brutal. Book months ahead if you're sailing during this time.
- Pre-book parking: The Port Tampa Bay Channelside Parking Garage (810 Channelside Dr) is directly across from Terminals 2 and 3 with a pedestrian bridge. Self-park ~\$15–17/day. Reserve online at porttb.com to guarantee a space.
- Eat at the Columbia Restaurant: Florida's oldest restaurant (Ybor City, est.

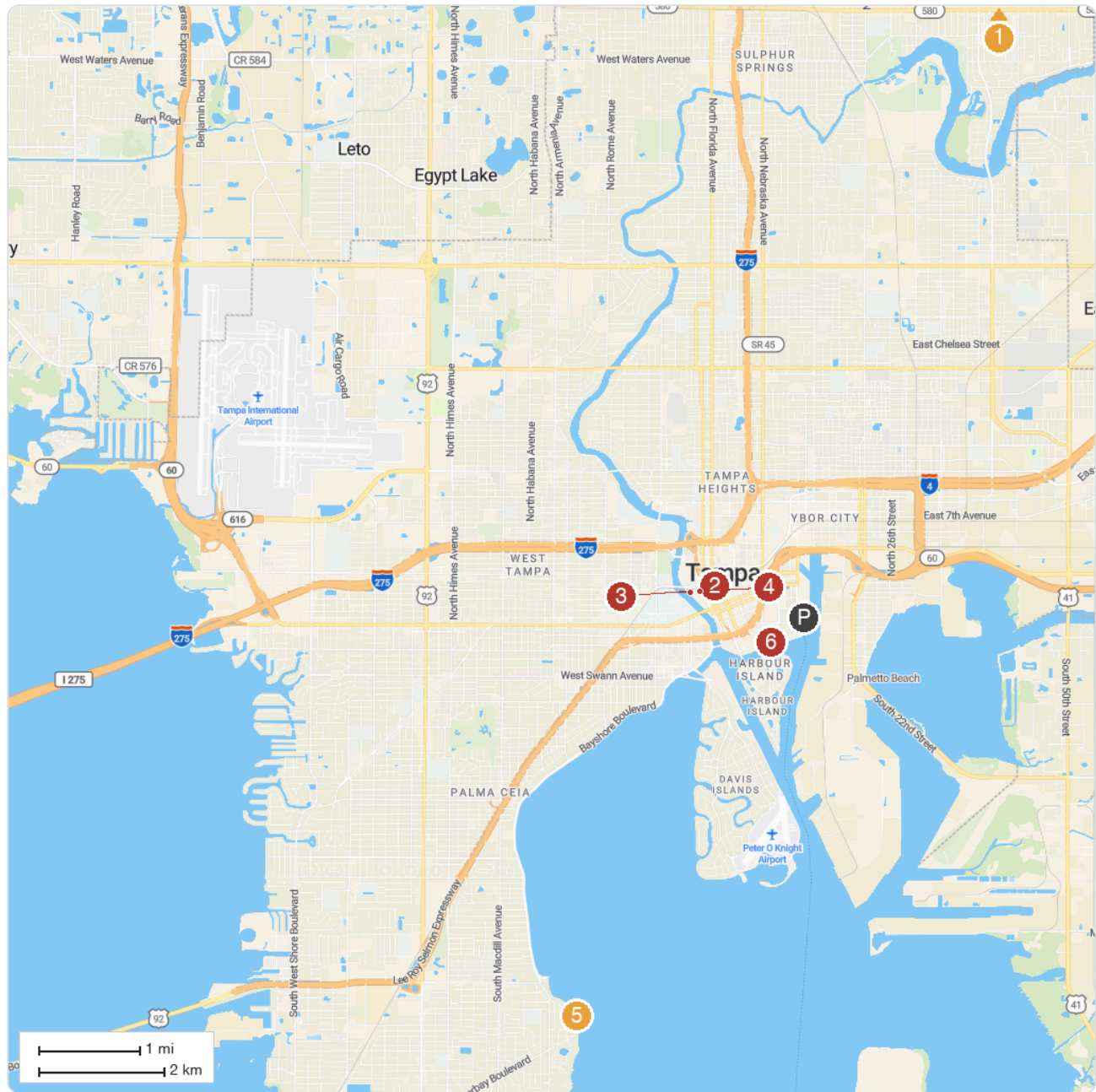
ESSENTIAL TRAVEL QUALIFICATIONS

- Streetcar; verify current hours/service: Free (operator checked 3 Oct 2026).

Tampa, Florida, 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.



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| 1 Adventure Island | Tampa's outdoor water park with slides and pools. | 2 Tampa Theatre | Historic 1926 movie palace showing films and concerts. |
| 3 Tampa Museum of Art | Modern and contemporary art museum by the river. | 4 Glazer Children's Museum | Interactive museum for kids to play and learn. |
| 5 Ballast Point Park | Waterfront park with a pier, playground, and splash pad. | 6 Tampa Bay History Center | Museum exploring Tampa Bay's history and culture. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |