

Bridgetown



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Bridgetown, Barbados

Port information

Currency The official currency is the Barbados Dollar.

Language The official language is English.

Getting around

Distance to town There's no public transport into the town because of its close proximity to the centre. You'll find mini buses, which will collect from the port and transfer you to downtown for around \$3 USD. A reduced bus service from the town centre services the island. However this can be quite unreliable.

Getting about You can take a nice stroll of around 20-30 minutes, walking along the promenade, which has very little shade. Or taxis are available. Just bear in mind that most of Bridgetown is closed on Sundays.

Taxis You need to walk along the quayside and through the terminal. Taxis are available outside the terminal building, which are usually not metered. It's around \$5 US into town, \$7 US to the closest beach and approximately \$25 US per hour for other journeys. Make sure to agree a price and the currency you wish to pay with before commencing your journey. The taxis normally wait until they are full before leaving.

Important info Remember: As we are calling into Barbados on a Sunday, it's lovely to have a stroll, see all the locals in their Sunday best heading for the churches, however, many attractions are closed including Concord Museum, Ocean Park, Kensington Oval (unless there's a match) and Mount Gay Rum Distillery.

Main highlights Wanderling bustling Bridgetown, with its many sights and old colonial buildings, can easily occupy a day. There is good shopping, especially along Broad St and on pedestrian-only Swan St, which buzzes with the rhythms of local culture. The entire downtown area and south to the Garrison was named a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2012 for its historical significance.

Parliament Buildings, On the north side of National Heroes Sq are two stone-block, neo-Gothic-style buildings constructed in 1871. The western building with the clock tower contains public offices; the building on the east side houses the Senate and House of Assembly.

Essential information

Tourist information The Barbados Department of Tourism is located inside the Cruise Terminal.

Internet access Wi-Fi is available in the Cruise Terminal or at one of the cafe bars at the nearest beaches.

Nearest beaches Brighton Beach is approximately 5 minutes by taxi. Malibu Beach is one of the more popular ones in the area and costs approximately \$10 US by taxi. Most beaches charge an entrance fee and/or for sun beds and umbrellas. If you're looking for a livelier atmosphere whilst on the beach, you'll find 'The Boatyard' which will cost approx. \$7 USD in a taxi. Entrance costs approx. \$20 USD, sun beds and umbrellas are included.

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Barbados

There can be last minute changes. Please check Cruise News for the latest information before you go ashore

Shopping

Jewellery, cosmetics, electronics, watches and clothes are all available in the cruise terminal too, which are normally open. The shops in Bridgetown town are usually closed on a Sunday.

IMPORTANT:

As with all tourist destinations, please keep a close eye on personal valuables.

For any more going ashore information pass by the Destination Services Centre located on Deck 5. We're always happy to help make the most of your time ashore.

Whoever you visit in Barbados, trying the island's soul food is a must. Street side stands offer the best in macaroni pie, and of course fried chicken, rice and peas. And Speightstown is home to the Fisherman's pub, a no-frills locals' spot where you'll get some of the best flying fish, and traditional specialties like cou-cou and pepper pot. For St James and Daphnes, a waterfront restaurant in a romantic setting.

Visit Queen's Park and you the magnificent Babobab Tree will be easy to spot. One of the largest trees on the island, it takes approximately 15 adults to stretch their arms all the way around its enormous trunk and it looks like it's come straight out of a fantastical story book.

Many other sporting activities. And many people come here to fly kites, go jogging or simply watch their horses. These days, the track is home to race course where plantation owners used to race ruins of St Ann's Fort and the famous Savannah Mathias Church once used by British Forces, the taking a day to explore. You'll see the beautiful home to architectural splendour and its worth a historic military base, Garrison Savannah is

National Heroes Square, This triangular square (formerly known as Trafalgar Sq) marks the bustling center of the city. It honors 10 Bajan heroes, from cricket greats to slave leaders.

St Michael's Cathedral, The island's Anglican cathedral was originally completed in 1655 to accommodate 3000 worshippers, but came tumbling down in a hurricane a century later. Today's structure dates from 1789. The closest away from the port, service is 07.00 and 11.00.