

# EXPLORE ASHORE CASTRIES





Passports will not be needed whilst you're ashore. Just remember your ship card.



The official currency is Eastern Caribbean Dollar. However, US Dollars are widely accepted.

£1.00 GBP = \$1.27 USD approximately.



French Creole is spoken by the locals but English is widely spoken and understood.



Unsure of what do in a port or want to make the most of your time ashore? Come and see Destination Services

on Deck 5.

Castries



### DON'T MISS OUT ON...

#### Castries, St Lucia

- Catries Downtown
- Marigot Bay
- Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens
- Rainforest walking
- Derek Walcott Square

- Mamiku Gardens
- Morne Fortune
- Pitons Cruise
- Virgie Beach
- Malabar Beach

#### **GETTING ABOUT**

When we arrive into the port of Castries heading out independently is made extremely easy if you are looking to explore the local town or even head on down to the local white sandy beaches.

There are two options for the cruise ships birth, one being the Queen Elizabeth II port which is only a short distance into town, approximately a 5-10 minute walk. Alternatively If we dock in Pointe Seraphina there is a water taxi, which is around \$5 US return. You can pay at the water taxi stations at the port, but if you would rather walk then why not follow the waterfront for a nice 25-30 minute stroll.

Local taxis can be found outside the terminal depending on our docking location. It's always recommended to confirm a price and the currency you wish to pay in before heading out.

# **TOP TIPS**

#### SHOWSTOPPER SIGHT

Pitons Cruise

When it comes to natural beauties, St Lucia's in a league of its own. Visit Soufriere bay & the twin mountains of Petit and Gros Piton. Topping over 2,000 feet each, which attracts people to the island for a view or a climb.

#### **CULTURE VULTURES**

Derek Walcott Square

The spacious Derek Walcott Square is the central point of Castries, named for the town's famed son who won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1992. The town's only architectural points of interest are to be found on this square.

#### **SUN-SEEKERS**

Virgie Beach

One of the major draws for tourists to St Lucia are the beaches and there are several near Castries. Virgie Beach, Malabar Beach and La Toc Beach are all within easy reach. The cost per taxi is approx. \$25.00 one way.

## SHOPPERS PARADISE

Downtown Castries

There are also many duty free shops within the town itself. Shopping in downtown Castries is found on William Peter Boulevard and Bridge Street. Bone china, jewellery and crystal are the best options in St Lucia.

## **JUST SO YOU KNOW...**

As with all tourist destinations, pick-pockets can operate in crowded areas so please be mindful of your possessions.

For any further information regarding going ashore please pop by Destination services located on Deck 5, we are always happy to help