



Georgetown, Grand Cayman

Port information

Currency

The local currency is the Cayman Island Dollar but US Dollars are widely accepted.

Language

English is the official language.

Getting around

Distance to town

Depending on where we tender to, it is either a couple of

Main highlights

The top attraction on the island is Stingray City, a sandbar off North Sound where a population of rays once congregated to eat the leftover bits that anglers threw overboard and now hang out to be fed squid by tourists. Best way to get to the sandbank is by boat as it in the open sea.

The town of Hell is centred on a field of crusty, black, razor-sharp rocks that look like the surface of, well, hell. It's admittedly a tourist trap but buy a few souvenirs and mail a postcard that's postmarked "Hell." Approximately 20-minute drive.

The Cayman Turtle Farm is home to 16,000 turtles. It's a unique breeding ground and research centre for five species of green sea turtles. Learn about conservation efforts, see hatchlings feed and perhaps be lucky enough to participate in baby turtle releases. The surrounding park has nature trails and bird- and shark-viewing opportunities. Approximately 20-minute drive. Open 8am to 5pm (Turtle Lagoon closes at 2.30pm, Breakers Lagoon & Turtle Twister water slide close at 4pm). From Georgetown the public minibus service is frequent and inexpensive, approximately \$2.50 per person each way. Entrance for just the turtle farm is approximately \$18 USD.

Pedro St. James "Castle" is considered the birthplace of democracy in the Cayman Islands. In 1831, residents met there to elect the Cayman's first legislative assembly. The great house itself, circa 1780, is the island's oldest stone structure. It has lovely grounds that are ideal for strolling. Check out the panoramic view from the Great Pedro Bluff. Open daily from 8.30am.

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steps into town or a short walk away.

Taxis

Taxis without meters are available at the dock. Fixed rates are displayed but be sure to confirm the fare before the driver takes off. New taxis have meters. Most taxis are actually mini buses and drivers normally require a minimum of four passengers before they'll take you anywhere.

Local buses

You can hail minibuses that shuttle passengers along the main routes. To hail one, respond with a wave when the driver toots his horn. The bus station is next to the library (across from the Hero's Square Fountain). There are stops next to popular attractions like Dolphin Discovery and Hell, but you may be taking the "scenic" ride when using the public bus

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Located in town, the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands serves to promote and encourage the appreciation and practice of the visual arts in the Cayman Islands.

Walk along to see the remains of Fort George located on the corner of Harbour Drive and Fort Street.

For something a bit further afield, head off to Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park approximately 40 minutes taxi journey. It's located in the North Side district and consists of 65 acres of everything from nature walks to natural wetlands to colourful floral gardens. Open daily from 9am. Entrance is approximately \$12 USD.

Essential information

Tourist information

Located in the Royal Walter Terminal building & in town.

Internet access

Cable & Wireless, the main internet provider for the Cayman Islands, has a "Communication Station" located just across the Harbour, next to Columbian Emeralds in town

Nearest beaches

Seven Mile Beach (which is actually about 5½ miles long) starts at the edge of the Georgetown and has everything from beachfront bars to water sports. There are shuttle buses outside the terminals taking you to the public areas of the beach for approximately US\$4- US\$5 per person per journey.

Shopping

PLEASE NOTE: As with all tourist destinations, please keep a close eye on valuables

Georgetown is a small simple town that has a couple of tourist sites to offer but is mainly your shopping paradise. Humorously referred to as "Brand Cayman" by those savvy shoppers who know the island's reputation for fabulous duty-free prices on designer merchandise.

Cardinal Avenue is the main shopping street. On it, you'll find Caymania Duty Free, one of the island's best-known duty free shops for perfumes, cosmetics and gemstones. The Tortuga Rum Company (S. Church Street and various other locations) makes incredible rum cakes. You can sample the different flavours before buying. There's even a Hard Rock cafe along Church St.

Just so you know... Grand Cayman is one of the more expensive islands and this is evident in cafés and restaurants. Be cautious as you walk along Harbour Drive and Church Street, which only have sidewalks on one side of the street at some places. In addition, just as drivers need to heed left-side driving rules, pedestrians should stay alert for cars.

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