



## Scarborough, Tobago

### Port information

<b>Currency</b>	The official currency is the Trinidad & Tobago Dollar TTD however US Dollars are widely accepted.	<b>Language</b>	The official language is English.
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### Getting around

<b>Distance to town centre</b>	The town can be reached with a five minute walk. Scarborough cruise terminal. In the terminal there are toilets, a tourist information booth, and reception area where there are usually some craft stalls outside.	<b>Main highlights</b>	<b>Scarborough Court House</b> , The old Court House overlooks James Square in the heart of bustling little Scarborough. It's a fine Georgian building, constructed in 1825 for the Tobago House of Assembly, and it is home to the government of the island today. In 1847, a hurricane destroyed Scarborough's Catholic and Protestant churches, but the Court House survived. It hosted alternate services for the churches in the main courtroom – which is still wonderfully preserved, with original furniture. <b>Fort James, Plymouth</b> , Fort James is an 18th-century British coastal fortification that once defended the town of Plymouth, Tobago's former capital. Founded by Jacobus, or James, Duke of Courland, the fort sits atop several previous military structures, including the foundations of a blockhouse erected when the Dutch held sway over the island. The walls of the fort are constructed from hand-hewn limestone blocks, laid together without mortar. The location offers a stunning view over the blue waters and golden sands of Great Courland Bay. A pretty place to duck out of the heat, with a variety of flowering trees and shrubs, including flamboyants, African tulips and orchids (in an orchid house) laid out over 3 hectares of a former sugar estate. The most convenient of several entrances is just back from Carrington St on Gardenside St. <b>The Fort King George officers' quarters</b> now contain this small but worthy museum, which displays a healthy collection of Amerindian artifacts, maps from the 1600s, military relics, paintings, a small geology exhibit and a neat collection of domestic artifacts from Tobago's more recent history. <b>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.</b>
<b>Taxis</b>	Taxis are available from the terminal and they have set prices for the journeys around the island. Always confirm the price and the currency you would like to pay in before setting off with a local taxi.		
<b>Local Buses</b>	"Buses" in Tobago refer to minibuses and usually are 20 seaters. You must buy your tickets from the ticket office before boarding the bus. Always double check routes and departure times.		
<b>Main highlights</b>	Scarborough, fought over throughout its history by the Dutch, French and English, is now a thriving, bustling little town. You could visit some of the following highlights during your time ashore.  <b>Speyside waterwheel</b> , Sugar was the key crop in Tobago from the time that Gedney Clarke, a British landowner, exported the first shipment in 1770. The cultivation, reaping and processing of sugar canes dominated all aspects of island life and culture into the early 1900s. Although very little sugar cane is now grown (and that only for consumption by the planters), the island is dotted with rusting machinery and crumbled stone walls – silent reminders of the sugar days. Near the village of Speyside, on the north-eastern tip of Tobago, you can see the ruins of a big iron waterwheel that once provided power for a thriving sugar plantation. <b>Fort King George, Scarborough</b> , Built during the 1770s, in the turbulent period when Tobago changed hands between the French and the British, Fort King George is perched on high elevation, from where its silent cannons look down on the island's largest town, Scarborough. The fort has undergone a recent renovation and is home to the Tobago Museum..		

### Essential information

<b>Tourist information</b>	The local tourist information is situated in the terminal building.	<b>Shopping</b>	The <b>Scarborough Mall</b> is open throughout the week, being at its busiest on Fridays and over the weekend, and is a good place to pick up gifts, such as leather sandals and bags, carved coconuts and shells, straw baskets, and various other locally made handicrafts.
<b>Internet access</b>	Some limited wireless access is available in the cruise terminal.	<b>IMPORTANT: As with all tourist destinations, please keep a close eye on personal valuables.</b>	
<b>Nearest beaches</b>	The nearest beach is <b>Pigeon Point</b> , this is a 15 minute taxi ride and costs around USD \$20.00 each way. <b>Bacolet Bay</b> , a large beach-hut bar is set back from the sea, providing shade as well as drinks. The sea here gradually deepens, unlike some beaches in Tobago that go from shallow too deep in an instant, so taking a dip at Bacolet Bay is a relaxing experience. <b>Parlatuvier Bay</b> , this horseshoe-shaped beach spans the width of a charming fishing village with a French-Caribbean look thanks to the colourfully painted houses (bright pinks and turquoise) dotted along the road to the beach.		The main street in Scarborough is nice for some of the more local shops. There are a few street food stalls that the locals go to and you may be able to entertain yourself there for a while by watching the locals and shopping for a few local foods like the fruit & spices. The market is in <b>Lower Scarborough</b> , and is especially worth a visit on Saturday mornings.

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