

PORT INFORMATION

The islands of the Caribbean have a year-round climate that's perfect for your vacation. Low temperatures range from 75°F-80°F and afternoon highs, from 80°F-90°F. Short-sleeved shirts and shorts are appropriate for almost all outdoor activities. Walking shoes will come in handy.

For a complete list of shore excursion activities that can be purchased from Royal Caribbean, refer to the Shore Excursions information.

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

About The Region

San Juan, the capital of Puerto Rico, dates back to the early 16th century, making it the second oldest city in the Americas. This amazing island is saturated with history, small-town charm and spectacular beaches. Beyond the paradise appeal, San Juan is also known for windsurfing, deep-sea fishing and, some would argue, the world's best spot for kite-flying.

Highlights

Old San Juan -- the only walled city in the Caribbean -- is a haven for history buffs. The city boasts four fortresses from the Spanish colonial empire. Visitors can walk the cobblestone streets of the old city or visit the myriad historic sites and buildings dating from the 17th and 18th centuries. Outside San Juan, visitors can explore the unique **El Yunque Rainforest**, the only tropical rainforest in the U.S. National Forest system. The island's oldest natural wonder, the **Camuy Caves** is the site of one of the longest underground river systems in the world. Certain to amaze visitors is **Caguana Indian Ceremonial Park**, a treasured preservation of stone monoliths and petroglyphs dating from 800 A.D. Man-made attractions include the **Arecibo Observatory**, the site of the largest radio/radar telescope in the world.

What to do on Shore

Historic San Juan comes alive in a city and rum distillery tour. Spend a full day swimming and exploring the rainforest. During the evening, let the night reverberate with the Latin rhythms of a Rumba Show.

PHILLIPSBURG, ST. MAARTEN

About The Region

As the Spanish closed their colonial fort on St. Maarten in 1648, a few Dutch and French sailors hid on the island and decided to share it. Soon thereafter, the Netherlands and France signed a formal agreement to split St. Maarten in half, as it is today. Philipsburg displays its Dutch heritage in its architecture and landscaping. The island offers endless stretches of beach and great shopping.

Activities

In Phillipsburg, most of the action centers along Frontstreet, the bayfront road, which is lined with boutiques, jewelry shops, restaurants, casinos and duty-free shops selling everything from Danish porcelain to Japanese cameras and electronics.

There's decent snorkeling at a number of places, including Baie Rouge, Dawn Beach and the islands of Green Cay and Ilet Pinel off the northeast coast. You can rent snorkeling gear at most dive shops and hotel huts; the going rate is about \$US15 per day.

The island's most popular hike is up to Pic Paradis, St. Martin's highest point. Not only will this hike reward you with great views, but Pic Paradis also serves as a take-off point for a few longer hikes that reach down to the coast.

Horseback riding is available from Bayside Riding Club (near Orient Beach or the Ok Corral (at Baie Lucas).

What to do on Shore

Water lovers will appreciate the aquatic adventures that await in St. Maarten. Gear up go snorkeling or take a certified dive. Indulge in a rare opportunity to race a multi-million dollar America's Cup sailboat. Or, take it easy with shopping and island sightseeing.

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CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS USVI

About The Region

St. Thomas is known as a vacation idyll today, but its history is not so peaceful. In the 18th century, the island was at the center of a bustling pirate culture, as swashbuckling pirates such as Blackbeard and Drake traded stolen wares in the port of Charlotte Amalie.

Highlights

Snuba

In between snorkeling and scuba. Instead of carrying a tank on your back, it floats above you on a raft. 1-1/2 hours St. John \$49. 693-8063.

Kayak/Snorkel Tour

Monday thru Saturday 9 am. Monday sunset tour 4 pm. Both tours 2 1/2 hours in ocean kayaks thru the Marine Sanctuary and Wildlife Refuge at the East End lagoon. Wear swimsuits. Custom tours available. Virgin Islands Ecotours \$50.

Parasailing

Fly into the sky with Caribbean Parasail which leaves from all beachside hotels and also the Charlotte Amalie waterfront, the West Indian cruise ship dock and Cruz Bay, St. John.

Water Toys

Waverunners, kayaks, water trampolines and battery powered chairs at Elysian Resort and Bluebeards Beach Club (formerly Limetree). Paddle boats, kayaks and glass bottoms at [Aqua Action](#) at Secret Harbour. Kayaks, wave runners, sunfish at Dive In! at Sapphire Beach.

Trail Rides

Daily. 9 am, 2 pm, 5 pm. 1 1/2 to 2 hour rides from Half Moon Stables to the Atlantic over trails overlooking Magens Bay and the BVI. Western or English saddles. Private lessons available. (180 lb. weight limit).

What to do on Shore

Experience St. Thomas from both air and sea. Get a bird's-eye view of The Virgin Islands when you view them from a helicopter. Take a submarine tour of the undersea world. Beachcombers will enjoy a sun-soaked nap on an excursion to Magens Bay Beach.

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NASSAU, BAHAMAS

About The Region

For a city now known for its warming sun and balmy breezes, Nassau has a tumultuous past. First settled by the English, the area was contested among England, France and Spain. For many years Nassau was a home base for notorious pirates, and was burned to the ground by the Spanish three different times. Since 1740, however, visitors from all over the world in search of both relaxation and adventure have made Nassau their vacation destination.

Getting around Nassau/Paradise Island is very easy. Metered taxis are always waiting outside the hotels and may also be hired by the hour. Water taxis operate daily between Nassau and Paradise Island. Buses run from the hotels to downtown Nassau several times a day. And, cars and motor

scooters are available for rental. Please be aware that people drive on the left side of the road and that helmets are mandatory for all motor scooters.

Highlights

Fifteen minutes and a world away from Nassau's teeming Bay Street, cruise passengers can retreat to a resort experience like no other. **The Atlantis Resort** on Paradise Island--a huge complex along a three-mile ribbon of powdery shoreline--includes a multi-towered hotel, giant casino, top-notch stores, restaurants, tennis courts and putting green, as well as lagoons and spectacular marine exhibits.

You can purchase day passes (\$25 for adults, \$19 for children 4-12, free for under 4) from the Temple of The Moon booth, located in the casino at the Royal Tower. From Prince George Dock, you can take a \$6 roundtrip, 15-minute ferry ride to the Paradise Island Ferry Terminal, then walk less than five minutes to the resort. Alternatively, a taxi journey--about \$5 to \$10 apiece--brings you to the front door of the Royal Tower in about 10 minutes.

What to do on Shore

Discover pirates on a one-of-a kind tour dedicated to Nassau's pirate history. Hear a lecture on the habits of the dolphin, then enjoy a rare opportunity to interact first-hand with these gentle creatures. Explore marine life even further when you play, pet and feed a friendly stingray.

Shore Excursions Guide

Shore Excursion details are available at <http://shorex.rccl.com>. Shore Excursions can be purchased 30 days before sailing. In our next mailing, you will receive your cruise confirmation ID and complete instructions on booking excursions online. Now would be a good time to start planning which excursions you would like to take. You will also receive a detailed description of tours with your cruise documents.

San Juan, Puerto Rico Excursions	Price/Person (USD)	
	Adult	Child
Old & New San Juan City Tour		
Approximate Duration: 2 Hours	\$25.00	\$25.00
Old San Juan Walking Tour		
Approximate Duration: 2 Hours 30 Minutes	\$33.00	\$22.00
El Yunque Rain Forest Tour		
Approximate Duration: 4 Hours 30 Minutes	\$30.00	\$30.00
City Tour & Bacardi Rum Distillery		
Approximate Duration: 4 Hours	\$28.00	\$28.00
Mountain Biking Through the Pinones Reserve		
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours	\$68.00	\$68.00
Kayaking the Espiritu Santo River		
Approximate Duration: 4 Hours 30 Minutes	\$77.00	\$77.00
Ocean Trail Horseback Ride		
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes	\$82.00	\$82.00
Philipsburg, St. Maarten Excursions	Price/Person (USD)	
Adult	Child	
St. Martin Mountain Bike Adventure		
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes	\$72.00	\$72.00
Butterfly Farm & Marigot		
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes	\$38.00	\$30.00
St. Maarten Island Tour		
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours	\$23.00	\$14.00
Pinel Island Snorkel Tour		
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes	\$37.00	\$37.00
Explorer Cruise & Grand Island Tour		
Approximate Duration: 4 Hours	\$52.00	\$27.00
America's Cup Sailing Regatta		
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours	\$84.00	\$84.00
St. Martin Beach Rendezvous		
Approximate Duration: 4 Hours 30 Minutes	\$49.00	\$36.00
Land & Sea Island Tour		
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes	\$49.00	\$39.00
Golden Eagle Island Sailaway		
Approximate Duration: 4 Hours	\$72.00	\$42.00
Shipwreck Snorkel Adventure		
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours	\$45.00	\$45.00
Lagoon Kayaking Adventure		
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes	\$72.00	\$72.00
Discover Scuba Diving		
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes	\$99.00	\$99.00

Philipsburg, St. Maarten Excursions (Continued)	Price/Person (USD)	
	Adult	Child
St. Maarten Rhino Rider Adventure Approximate Duration: 3 Hours	\$78.00	\$78.00
St. Maarten Snuba Adventure Approximate Duration: 3 Hours	\$89.00	\$75.00
Hidden Forest Adventure Tour With Lunch Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes	\$74.00	\$74.00
4 x 4 St. Maarten Safari Approximate Duration: 6 Hours 30 Minutes	\$79.00	\$79.00
Away From The Crowds Beach Break Approximate Duration: 4 Hours	\$38.00	\$38.00
Deep Sea Fishing Expedition Approximate Duration: 4 Hours	\$199.00	\$199.00
St. Maarten Sensation & Beach Escape With Lunch Approximate Duration: 6 Hours	\$57.00	\$57.00

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas Excursions	Price/Person (USD)	
	Adult	Child
Scuba Dive With Equipment Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes	\$90.00	\$90.00
Scuba Dive Without Equipment Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes	\$80.00	\$80.00
St. Thomas Sightseeing Tour Approximate Duration: 2 Hours 30 Minutes	\$34.00	\$24.00
St. John Island Tour Approximate Duration: 4 Hours 30 Minutes	\$45.00	\$25.00
St. John Beach Tour Approximate Duration: 4 Hours 30 Minutes	\$48.00	\$28.00
Atlantis Submarine Approximate Duration: 2 Hours	\$89.00	\$46.00
Kon-Tiki Party Tour Approximate Duration: 3 Hours	\$34.00	\$22.00
Buck Island Sailing & Snorkeling Tour Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes	\$52.00	\$52.00
Catamaran Sailing & Snorkeling Tour Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes	\$50.00	\$30.00
Captain Nautica's Power Raft Snorkeling Tour Approximate Duration: 4 Hours	\$64.00	\$58.00
St. Thomas Island Drive Approximate Duration: 2 Hours	\$22.00	\$15.00
St. Thomas Helicopter Tour Approximate Duration: 1 Hour	\$99.00	\$99.00
Kayak Marine Sanctuary Tour Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes	\$72.00	\$72.00
Water Island Bike Trip Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes	\$66.00	\$66.00
Historic Walking Tour & Shopping Approximate Duration: 4 Hours	\$30.00	\$20.00
Skyride to Paradise Point Approximate Duration: At Your Leisure	\$15.00	\$7.50

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas Excursions (Continued)		Price/Person (USD)	
		Adult	Child
St. Thomas Snuba			
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours		\$59.00	\$59.00
Turtle Cove Sailing & Snorkeling			
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 15 Minutes		\$50.00	\$30.00
Magen's Bay Beach Getaway			
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours		\$22.00	\$16.00
Island Drive & Coral World			
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours		\$39.00	\$23.00
Discover Scuba Diving			
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes		\$99.00	\$99.00
Super Powered Snorkel			
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours		\$78.00	\$78.00
Planet Aqua - Above & Below			
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours		\$85.00	\$85.00
BOB Underwater Adventure			
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes		\$99.00	\$99.00
Magen's Bay & Coral World			
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes		\$54.00	\$54.00
Parasail			
Approximate Duration: 45 Minutes		\$79.00	\$79.00
St. Thomas Scenic Island Drive			
Approximate Duration: 2 Hours 30 Minutes		\$34.00	\$24.00
PADI Scuba Diver Certification Course			
Approximate Duration: 4 Hours 30 Minutes		\$249.00	\$249.00
Nassau, Bahamas Excursions		Price/Person (USD)	
		Adult	Child
Scuba Dive With Equipment			
Approximate Duration: 6 Hours		\$110.00	\$110.00
Rainbow Reef Snorkeling			
Approximate Duration: 2 Hours 30 Minutes		\$34.00	\$25.00
Sailing And Snorkeling			
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes		\$41.00	\$24.00
Discover Scuba Diving			
Approximate Duration: 4 Hours		\$99.00	\$99.00
Nassau & Paradise Island Tour			
Approximate Duration: 2 Hours		\$24.00	\$19.00
Yellowbird Tour			
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours		\$30.00	\$30.00
Nassau Sightseeing & Ardastra Gardens			
Approximate Duration: 2 Hours 30 Minutes		\$33.00	\$25.00
Glass Bottom Boat Tour			
Approximate Duration: 1 Hour 45 Minutes		\$25.00	\$14.00
Seaworld Explorer			
Approximate Duration: 1 Hour 30 Minutes		\$44.00	\$23.00
Close Dolphin Encounter			
Approximate Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes		\$92.00	\$92.00
Pirates & Dungeons Tour			
Approximate Duration: 2 Hours		\$29.00	\$16.00

Nassau, Bahamas Excursions (Continued)	Price/Person (USD)	
	Adult	Child
Pirates of Nassau Approximate Duration: At Your Leisure	\$12.00	\$5.00
Historic Harbor Cruise & Discover Atlantis Approximate Duration: 2 Hours 30 Minutes	\$42.00	\$31.00
Thriller Powerboat Tour Approximate Duration: 1 Hour	\$42.00	\$32.00
Nassau Sea & See Island Tour Approximate Duration: 3 Hours	\$54.00	\$54.00
Blackbeard's Cay Beach Break Approximate Duration: 4 Hours	\$23.00	\$14.00
Stingray Thriller Beach Break Approximate Duration: 3 Hours	\$60.00	\$48.00
Stingray Snorkel & Beach Break Approximate Duration: 3 Hours	\$42.00	\$37.00
Scuba Dive Without Equipment Approximate Duration: 6 Hours	\$75.00	\$75.00

Miami, Florida Excursions	Price/Person (USD)	
	Adult	Child
Miami Highlights Tour Approximate Duration: 2 Hours	\$26.00	\$15.00
Everglades Safari Tour Approximate Duration: 4 Hours	\$45.00	\$39.00
South Beach & Island Queen Cruise Approximate Duration: 4 Hours	\$42.00	\$37.00

Not all excursions are available for advance purchase and tour availability may be limited. Prices are subject to change. Information on all tours have been obtained from Royal Caribbean's web site.

Verify departure and return times of all tours against the course schedule before signing up for any excursion.