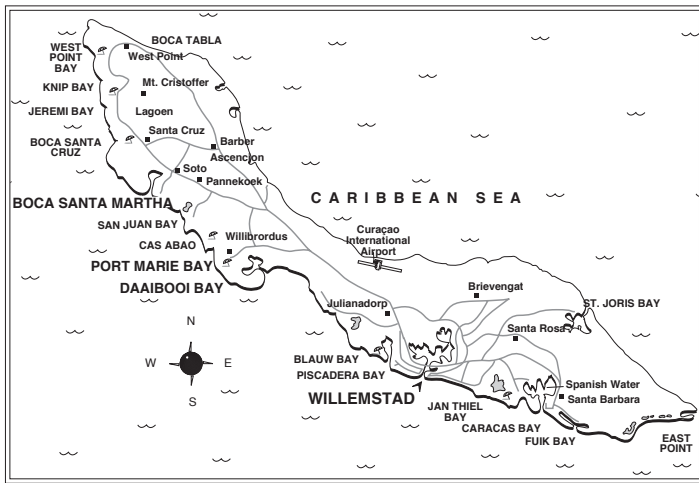


Spotlight on Curaçao

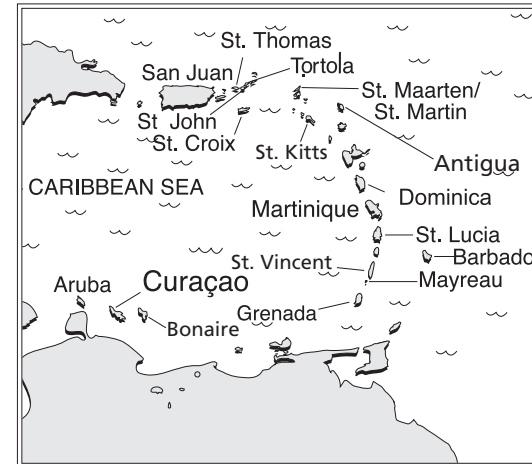


HISTORY

No one is sure when Curaçao's first residents arrived. Perhaps the first settlers were the Caiquetios Indians who settled most of the Caribbean. Anthropologists speculate that the fierce, cannibalistic Caribs had conquered the coast of South America, forcing the Caiquetios to paddle for their lives from Venezuela to Curaçao. If they were seeking safety, they found it. And they established the first regular trade route to Curaçao, bringing food and materials from Venezuela. Alonso de Ojeda and geographer Amerigo Vespucci were the first Europeans to find Curaçao, on a voyage from Spain in 1499.

Curaçao did not play a role in plans for colonization until 1527, when a group of treasure-hunting colonists arrived. They lived quietly and uneventfully, raising cattle for hides and seeking gold in the desert. Their solitude ended in 1634 when the Dutch West India Company claimed Curaçao. They did so without striking a single blow, and the island soon prospered under Dutch rule. Curaçao became an important trading center. It was during this period that Willemstad, the capital, acquired its distinctive European look.

Curaçao existed tranquilly under Dutch rule, until 1915 – the year that the Royal Dutch/Shell Company built one of the world's largest refineries to process crude oil from Venezuela. Workers from around the world moved to Curaçao, turning Willemstad into a cosmopolitan city. Today, some 40 nationalities are represented on the island, which remains prosperous.



CAPITAL

The capital of Curaçao is Willemstad.

LOCATION

The island lies 35 miles north of Venezuela and 42 miles east of Aruba.

SIZE

Curaçao is the largest of the 5 islands that comprise the Netherlands Antilles. It is 38 miles long and 7.5 miles at its widest point.

POPULATION

Approximately 170,000 people live on the island of Curaçao.

LANGUAGE

Dutch is the official language. English, Spanish, and Papiamentu a local dialect, are also spoken throughout the island.

CURRENCY

The Netherlands Antilles florin, also called a guilder, is the official currency. United States dollars, travelers checks and credit cards are widely accepted.

TIME ZONE

Curaçao is on Atlantic Standard Time, one hour ahead of Eastern Standard Time. The ship may not always follow local time. Please adhere to the ship's time while in port.

TOURIST INFORMATION

The tourist information office is located in the downtown shopping area: Pietermaa - #19. Phone: 434-8200.

LOCAL FLAVORS

Curaçao's Dutch influence is evident in the local wares. From Delft china to fine linens and lace to wooden shoes, Dutch goods are the island's best buys. Resort wear with tropical and batik prints is also very popular. Curaçao is most famous for the bright blue Curacao liqueur made on the island.

DOCKING/TENDERING

The ship docks in Willemstad, Curaçao at the Mega Pier.

TRANSPORTATION

The basic means of transportation are taxis, which are easily identified by their sign of a "TX" on their license plates. They are metered and rates are based on a four passenger capacity. Each additional passenger pays 25% of the charged fee. It is advisable to agree on a rate before departure. Fairs from cruise terminal to Punda (downtown): approximately \$12.

SHORE EXCURSIONS

Please check your ticket for the correct meeting time

and location of your tour. Your cruise line representative will direct you to your transportation.

HOW TO GET TO TOWN

Willemstad's shopping area, called Punda, is about a 15 minute walk from the pier. Taxis are available at the pier.

SHOPPING

For decades, the leading activity on this island has been shopping. Best buys are found on luxury items such as Swiss watches, jewelry, English bone, china, porcelain and crystal. Don't leave Curaçao without trying their famous Curaçao liqueur. Curaçao is also

known for its colorful Batik and Caribbean clothing. The main shopping streets are Heerenstraat, Breedestraat and Handelskade.

STORE HOURS

Recommended stores are open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm, whenever a cruise ship is in port. On Sundays, recommended stores are open from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

EMERGENCY

In case of an emergency, dial 911 or 912 for an ambulance.

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DiVersa.....Effy Jewelers	Festina..... Effy Jewelers, Freeport Duty Free
Edward Mirell..... Effy Jewelers, Signature Jewelry	Longines.....Old Freeport Shop
Firefly by Timothy Pasha.....Effy Jewelers	Maurice Lacroix.....Freeport Jewelers
Hearts on Fire.....Freeport Jewelers	Movado..... Old Freeport Shop
John Hardy.....Freeport Jewelers, Old Freeport Shop	National Geographic..... Effy Jewelers, Signature Jewelry
Judith Ripka.....Freeport Jewelers	Philip Stein Teslar..... Freeport Jewelers
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Roberto Coin.....Freeport Duty Free	
Sophia Fiori..... Signature Jewelry	
Yvel..... Signature Jewelry	



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MUST SEE**FREEPORT JEWELERS**
Swiss Watches and Designer Jewelry

- **Watches:** Chopard, Bvlgari, Audemars, Pignet, Baume & Mercier and Technomarine
- **Designer Jewelry:** Timothy Pasha, Kabana, John Hardy, Bvlgari, Roberto Coin and Chopard
- Many limited edition creations available in Freeport's Boutique Store

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MUST SEE**FREEPORT JEWELRY & GIFTS**
Fine Jewelry and Swiss Watches

- **Jewelry:** Ammolite by Korite and Caribbean Topaz
- **Watches:** Ebel, Movado, Maurice Lacroix, Fendi, Longines, Bertolucci, David Yurman, Charriol and Philip Stein
- Precious and semiprecious jewelry, Mark Henry Alexandrite and fire opals
- Lladro and Nao figurines

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MUST SEE**FREEPORT DUTY FREE LIMITED**

- **Watches:** Baume & Mercier, Tissot, Technomarine, MOMO designs, Seiko and Citizen
- **Jewelry:** Large collection of men's jewelry in gold and steel as well as precious and semiprecious jewelry - all at affordable prices

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MUST SEE**EFFY JEWELERS**
"Remember Forever"

- **DiVersa Collection:** Pendants change to necklaces, stud earrings change to dangle earrings, white diamond rings change to blue diamonds
- **Journeys of the Caribbean Rainbow Sapphire Collection:** Featuring sapphires in every color of the rainbow
- **Balissima:** Sterling silver and 18K gold with diamonds and gemstones
- Amazing prices on diamond pendant and earring sets and National Geographic watches

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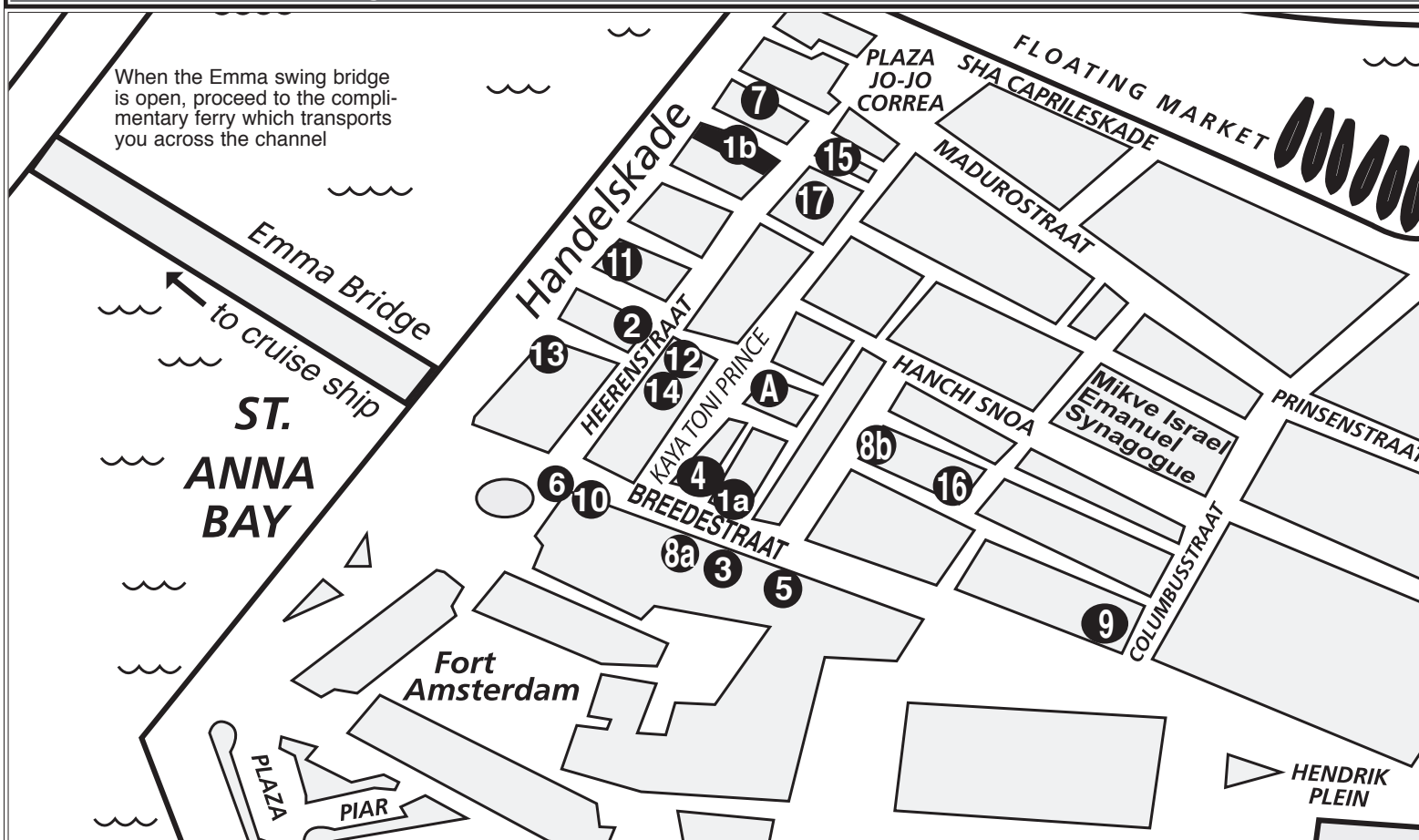
THE YELLOW HOUSE

- Since 1887, offering exclusive cosmetics and perfumes
- **Fragrances:** Angel, Issey Miyake and many more
- **Cosmetics:** Sisley, YSL, Guerlain, Dior, Clarins

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MUST SEE**JEWELS BY RANI**
Family Business for 15 Years

- **Loose Stones:** Certified diamonds, tanzanite, alexandrite, imperial topaz, precious and semiprecious rare stones
- **Jewelry:** Exclusive white, blue, black and canary diamonds, tanzanite, emeralds, rubies, sapphires and rainbow topaz
- **Watches:** Citizen, Elini, Nobel and gold watches

SHOPPING IN CURAÇAO

ONLY THE STORES LISTED ON THIS MAP ARE GUARANTEED BY THE CRUISE LINE

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MUST SEE**BABA'S JEWELERS**
Hearts on Fire - Judith Ripka
- Caribbean Topaz

- **Jewelry:** Tanzanite, emeralds, rubies, colored sapphire and GIA certified loose diamonds with a GIA graduate on staff to assist you
- **Designer Jewelry:** Hearts on Fire, Judith Ripka, Caribbean Topaz, Chameleon collections and Charles Garnier
- **Watches:** Ernst Benz, Fortis, Skagen, Pulsar, Drops Milano, Givenchy, Pierre Cardin

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MUST SEE**THE OLD FREEPORT SHOP**
Fashion Watches and Jewelry

- **Fashion Watches:** Fossil, Michele, Guess, Citizen, Seiko, Calvin Klein, Skagen and Swiss Army
- 14K and 18K gold jewelry at affordable prices
- Sorrelli jewelry

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LITTLE HOLLAND
Linens - Cigars - Souvenirs

- **Linens:** One of the Caribbean's largest and finest selections of hand-embroidered linen tablecloths, placemats, doilies and runners in all shapes and sizes
- **Cigars*:** Walk-in humidor; wide variety of high end cigars and accessories
- **Great Gifts Ideas:** Touch By The Sun products, Blue Delft from Holland, Caribbean rum cakes, Dutch cheese, Panama hats, Polo Ralph Lauren clothing collection for the family and Kipling travel bags

Please Note: United States Customs prohibits the entry of Cuban cigars into the United States

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ZYLO

Offering Designer Fragrances and Accessories

- **Watches:** DKNY, Guess, Tommy Hilfiger, Tommy Bahama, Lacoste, ESQ, Diesel
- **Sunglasses:** Prada, Versace, Emporio Armani, Gucci, Ray-Ban, D&G, Arnette, Killerloop
- **Handbags and Jewelry:** Guess and Paris Hilton; Misaki, Gathmann and Hot Diamonds

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MUST SEE**SIGNATURE JEWELRY**
Where Dreams Become Reality

- **Designer Diamond Jewelry:** Blue diamonds by Sophia Fiori, Simon G. collection, unique designs by Charriol
- **Designer Jewelry:** Yvel pearls, emeralds by Green Nile, silver collection by Pierre Cardin
- **Watches and Men's Jewelry:** Edward Mirell, National Geographic, Cerrutti
- **GIA and EGL Certified Diamonds:** White, blue, pink and canary yellow available in many shapes and sizes

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NEW HORIZON

Boccia - Mats Jonasson - Gambaro & Poggi

- **Watches:** Boccia titanium watches
- **Jewelry:** Boccia titanium, Mats Jonasson, crystal and sterling silver jewelry
- **Crystal and Glass Art:** Mats Jonasson, crystal figurines, bowls and vases; Gambaro & Poggi, Murano from Venice, Italy

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KINGS JEWELRY
Guaranteed Low Prices You
Must See For Yourself

- Third generation family owned business of manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers
- Featuring loose diamonds and fine jewelry in diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires and tanzanite set in 14K and 18K gold
- Huge savings and certified appraisals
- United States based service center; Receive a free gift with every purchase.

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MR. TABLECLOTH
World of Linens & Souvenirs

- **Embroidered Linen:** Tablecloths, runners, napkins, placemats and doilies
- **Souvenirs:** Blue Delft, collector plates, ceramic gifts, beachtotes, magnets, glassware and wind chimes
- **Location:** On the waterfront of picturesque Handelskade

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ROYAL GEMS
Tommy Bahama - Storm - Kenneth Cole

- **Watches:** Bulova, Nautica, Harley Davidson by Bulova, Storm, Kenneth Cole and Tommy Bahama
- **Jewelry:** Diamonds, blue diamonds, pearls, Caribbean Topaz, 14K and 18K gold jewelry, silver jewelry, Alvand Vahan and Samuel B ladies jewelry, men's stainless steel jewelry by Fibo
- **Family Owned Since 1986:** A name you can trust; offering great selections at affordable prices

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MEENA'S
A Collection of the Most Exquisite
Designer Accessories

- **Sunglasses:** Gucci, Dior, Prada, Bulgari, Versace, Ray-Ban and Maui Jim
- **Watches:** Guess, Kenneth Cole, Bulova, Police and Ice Link
- **Jewelry:** 14K and 18K gold, .925 sterling silver, stainless steel and rubber men's accessories

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NENA SANCHEZ GALLERY
A Colorful Collection of Local Art by
Celebrity Artist, Nena Sanchez

- Located in a charming early 18th century building
- **Amazing Artwork:** Original paintings, giclées, reproductions, lithographs, paints, painted tiles, postcards, mouse pads, T-shirts and more; worldwide shipping available
- Incredible selection of great gifts to choose from

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CARIBBEAN PARADISE
Batik - Exotic Beach and Resort Wear

- **Ladies Clothing:** Exclusive ladies hand-printed sarongs, beach wrap sets, dresses, caftans, crochet and hand embroidered clothing, Indian garments, sequined bags and slippers
- Boy's and men's cotton/rayon Hawaiian shirts and sets, Dashikis, Guayaberas, color change T-shirts, Curacao polo shirts, shorts, hats and caps
- **Gifts and Souvenirs:** Children's clothing, sunglasses, shot glasses, magnets, suntan lotion, famous Curacao liquor, shell jewelry, beach towels and bags