

explorer

Your guide to the destinations,
dining, events and entertainment
along your journey.

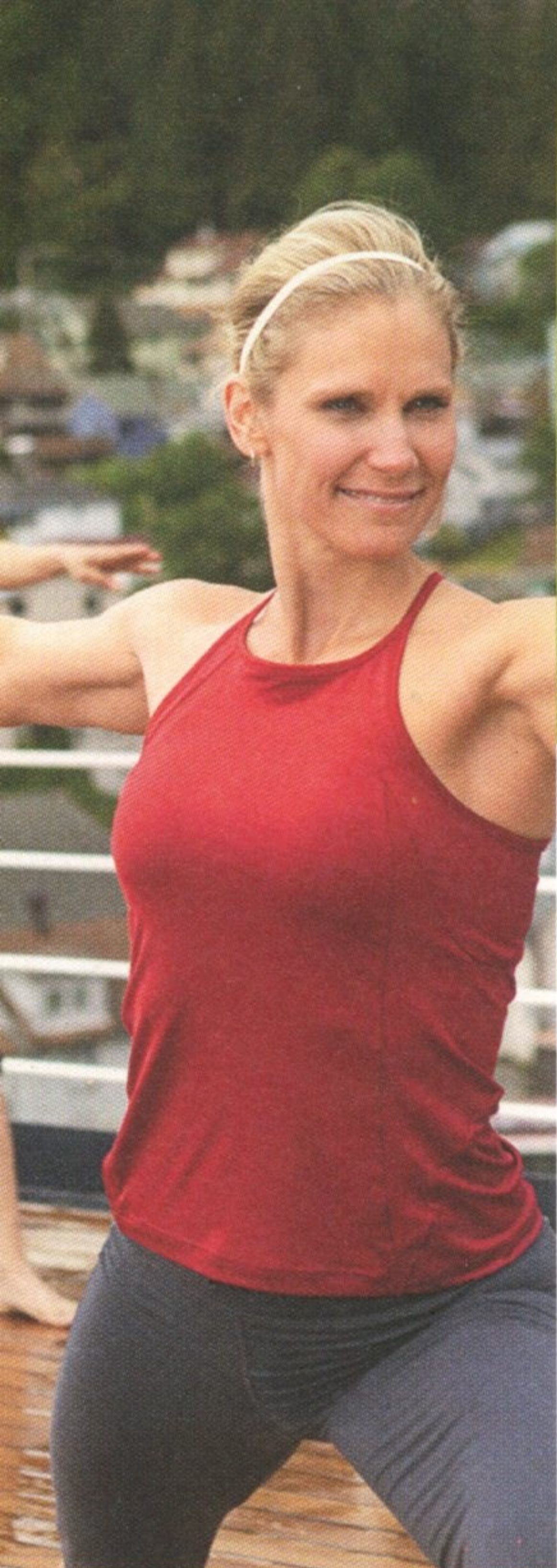


YOUR PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

Port		Suggested Dress
Fort Lauderdale, Florida	8:00am–4:00pm	Smart Casual
Half Moon Cay, Bahamas	8:00am–2:00pm	Smart Casual
At Sea		Formal
Oranjestad, Aruba	1:00pm–11:00pm	Smart Casual
Willemstad, Curacao	8:00am–4:30pm	Smart Casual
At Sea		Formal
Cartagena, Colombia	7:00am–12:30pm	Smart Casual
Panama Canal		Smart Casual
Puerto Limon, Costa Rica	6:30am–3:30pm	Smart Casual
At Sea		Formal
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Fort Lauderdale, Florida	7:00am	

CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER TURNER

Born in England, Christopher Turner was determined to follow a career at sea from a very early age. After completing high school and passing the Admiralty Interview Board, he was offered a commission as an Officer in the British Royal Navy. Instead, he chose to follow a career in the Merchant Navy, joining the British and Commonwealth Company in 1972. He sailed on passenger liners, general cargo ships, container vessels and bulk carriers until the Falklands war, where he served as a navigating officer on the base supply tanker, *Scottish Eagle*. Afterwards, he worked in the North Sea for two years, enabling him to spend more time at home with his wife and two young sons. At the age of 38, he was promoted to captain on a refrigerated cargo ship. Six years later in 1997, Captain Turner joined Windstar Cruises. He served on its four-masted sailing vessels in the Mediterranean, Caribbean, New Zealand, Costa Rica and the South Pacific islands of Tahiti. Recently he transferred to Holland America Line. He and his wife live in a small town near Bath in England. They have two grown sons and enjoy long walks together. He also enjoys scuba diving, sailing, gardening and skydiving.



Explorations Team

Explore exotic cultures, astonishing scenery and intriguing destinations. We invite you to learn new skills, be entertained and return more energized and alive than ever.

YOUR GUIDE TO EVERYTHING ON BOARD AND ASHORE

Created specifically for your cruise vacation, the Explorer Guide is a one stop resource to help you make the most of your time on board and ashore.

- Entertainment
- Music & Lounges
- Restaurants
- Port Information



On Location: Caribbean

On Location brings the cultures, tastes and unique Holland America experiences to life, both on board and off. During your cruise enjoy a myriad of activities and entertainment that focus on the regions to which we travel.

Holland America Line's On Location program truly makes the destination a part of the journey. While on board enjoy local entertainment and live music in select ports, partake in theme nights, taste regional flavors during a cooking classes or learn about the fine wines that have been sourced from the ports in which we travel.

The opportunities are endless both on board and ashore. So get out there and explore!

Some highlights to look forward to this cruise are:

- Sailaway Party
- Caribbean themed cooking demonstrations with our Culinary Arts Center Host and onboard Chefs
- Caribbean Culinary Delights
- Lido Pool Party
- Presentations by our Shore Excursions Manager highlighting things to see and do in our upcoming ports of call
- Join our Port Shopping Ambassador for informative presentations about saving valuable time and money ashore



Uncompromising Value & Service

Our award-winning shore excursions reflect our sincere desire to offer you priceless experiences that feature superior quality, competitive pricing and dedicated service. We offer a range of activities to suit every interest, led by local operators who provide exceptional guidance, attention and care.




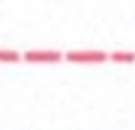


Because our excursions are available exclusively to fellow travelers on your cruise, you can depart straight for your tour without delay and enjoy priority disembarkation. Unlike other tour options, you don't have to worry about transportation; we'll make all the arrangements to get you back to your ship on time.



Half Moon Cay, Bahamas



KEY

-  Shuttle Station
-  First Aid Station
-  Information
-  Runner's Course
-  Cabana
-  Restroom



Bonefish Lagoon

Aqua Trax Adventure

Stingray Adventure

Tram Station

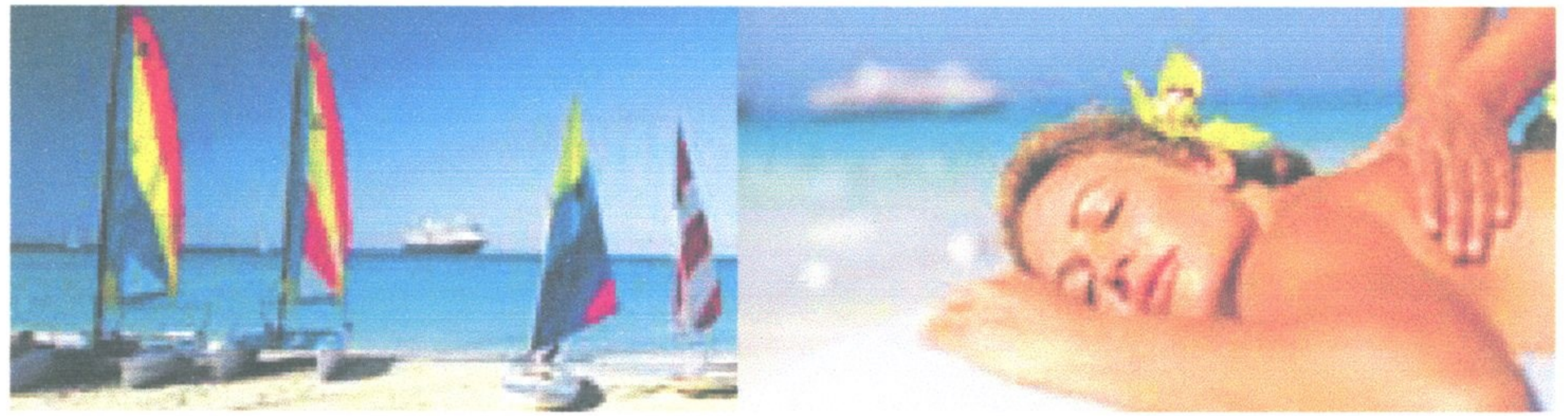
Swimming Area

Snorkeling Area

Welcome Center

Ft. San Salvador

Tram Station



Welcome to paradise on Half Moon Cay, Holland America Line's own private island in the Bahamas. Hours of blissful relaxation are yours to enjoy as you bask on powdery beaches beside a crystal-clear sea. Unwind with the family while taking part in a range of activities.

AROUND THE ISLAND

- 1 Security
- 2 Watersports Center #1/Lockers
- 3 Chapel
- 4 Volleyball/Basketball Court
- 5 Massage Cabana
- 6 Watersports Center #2
- 7 Watersports Center #3
- 8 Horse Stables
- 9 Half Moon Lagoon Aqua Park
- 10 Club HAL
- 11 Private Oasis Cabana

SHOP

- A Straw Market
- B Island Gift Shop
- C Lustre Jewelry

EAT AND DRINK

- 12 Captain Morgan On The Rocks Bar
- 13 Tropics Restaurant
- 14 Dining Pavilion
- 15 Rumrunner's Bar
- 16 'I Wish I Could Stay Here Forever' Bar
- 17 Bell Bar

SHORE EXCURSION

HIGHLIGHTS

Horseback Riding by Land & Sea: Head to the high point of the cay on horseback before a brisk ride in the surf.

Aqua Trax Adventure: Get on a personal watercraft for a tour of the island, then test your skills on an obstacle course.

Visit the Shore Excursion desk for more information and to sign up. Locations can be found in the Welcome Center by the Information Desk and outside the Welcome Center.

ENVIRONMENT

Please help us preserve the natural beauty of Half Moon Cay. Do not pick flowers and plants, and don't disturb marine life or shells. When disposing of trash, please use the cans provided.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The sun's tropical rays can be deceptive, even when it's cloudy. Please use sunscreen and/or cover up when staying in the sun. Drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration. For your convenience, separate snorkeling and swimming areas are designated on your map. Please do not swim in undesignated areas and avoid strenuous activity in the water after eating. Half Moon Cay is a coral island. Coral is often difficult to see, as it may be just below the sand. Please be careful and wear proper footwear at all times.

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Oranjestad, Aruba

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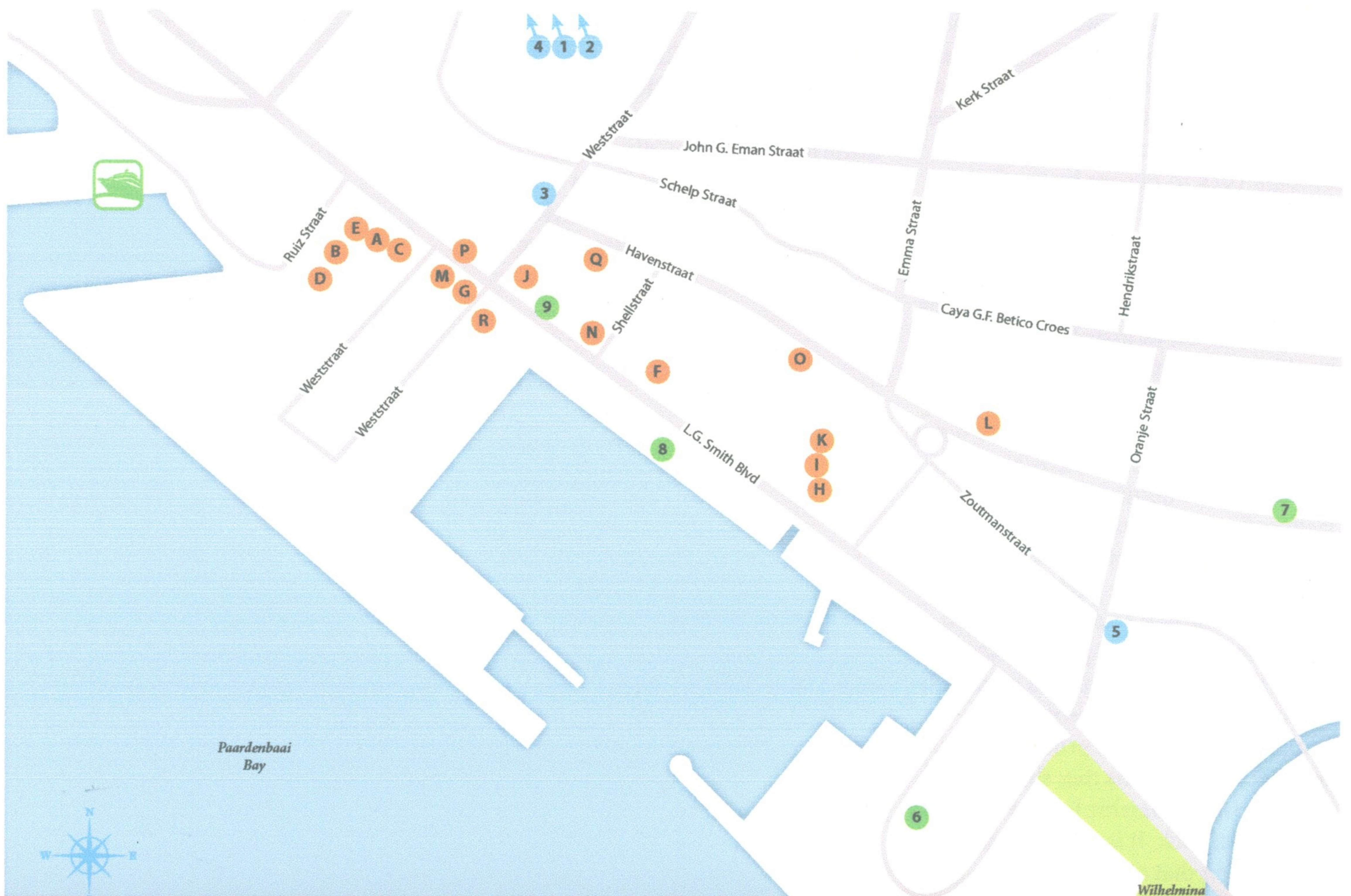
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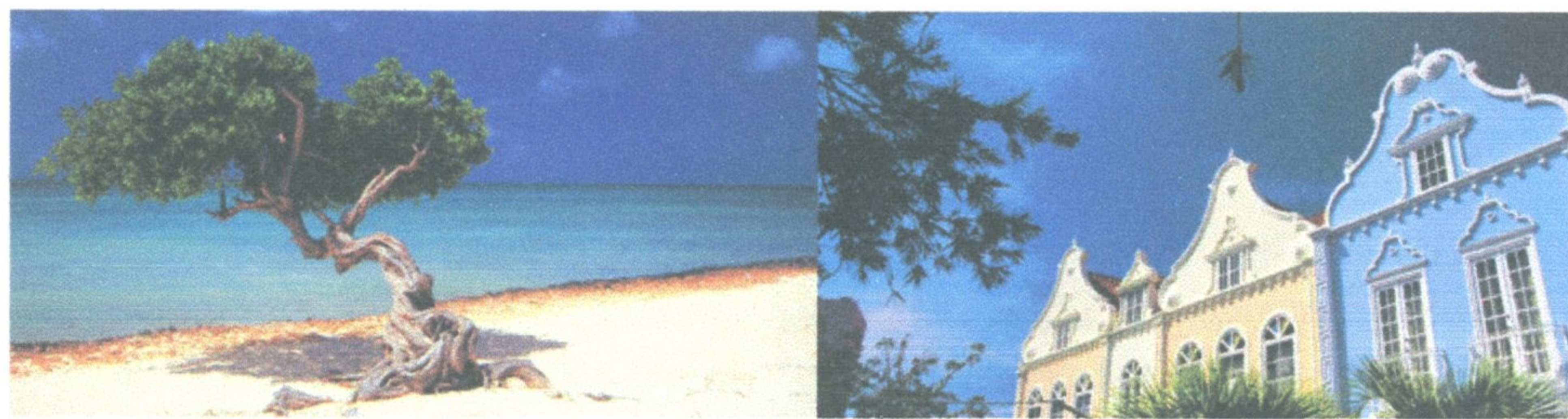
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- Ayo Rock Formations** Monolithic rock boulders located on the island near Ayo Village. 🗺️

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- ★ **DUFREY Duty and Tax Free (2 locations)** Perfumes and cosmetics.





★ **Touch of Gold** Amazing collection of jewelry.

★ **Pearl Gems** Pearl specialists, fine diamond jewelry and watches

★ **Swatch** Swiss made, water-resistant and shock-resistant watches

★ **Furla** Affordable, luxurious fine Italian leather goods

★ Indicates the Holland America Line Buyer's Guarantee is available. These businesses have paid a promotional fee in order to be included in the shopping program.

FROM THE TRAVEL GUIDE

It's difficult to be unhappy in Aruba, an island that has only recently emerged as a major tourist destination and has thus preserved a rich and colorful history. To understand the complexity of this island, take a look at the colors of the national flag. The red star in the corner represents the ancient industry of Brazilwood, brought back to Europe by the first the first explorers. The yellow stripes represents the islands economic history in gold mining. The white outlining the star symbolizes the snow-white beaches that now attract tourists from all over the world, as well as the purity of the Aruban people. Surrounding these symbols, is the color blue which represents the ocean and sky that surrounds the island. The star itself has 4 points, said to invite visitors from all corners of the world. All in all Aruba is "One Happy Island" acting as a Caribbean theme park with abundant beaches, scuba diving sites, and incredible vistas. Approximately 1/5th of the island is composed of Arikok National Wildlife Park, which is comprised of the three primary geological formations that shape this amazing island: basaltic lava, granite and ancient reef rock. It is this geological composition that creates the alien

landscape of twisted divi-divi trees and cacti found here. Furthermore, it influences the historic human settlement and activity patterns of the island. This area was designated as a national park in the 1980s and is the keystone of the government's long-term ecotourism plan to preserve Aruba's resources and showcases the island's fascinating history.

ESSENTIALS

Currency Aruban florin (AWG)

Transportation Cabs are readily available.

Bus system is called "Arubus"

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5825447. E-Mail:

aruba@armadaportagents.com

EAT

6 **Café the Plaza** Good value for money with breakfast served late.

7 **Cuba's Cookin'** Fun atmosphere featuring authentic Cuban food.

8 **Eetcafe The Paddock** Fun atmosphere with an eclectic style.

9 **Iguana Joe's** Good burger joint.

READ

An Island Away by Daniel Putkowski

Under a Blue Flag by Daniel Putkowski

Dark Currents by Daniel Putkowski

LISTEN

Aruba Dushi by Padu Del Caribe

Arubanita by Rufo Wever

MUSIC by Dushi Band of Aruba

Vive by Sonic Lab 297

Looking Forward by Delbert Bernabela

Bumble Bee's Boogie by Antonio Bello

Blues

Aruba by Ivan Jansen

Nadie Como Tu by Robert Jeandor y Su

Solo Banda Show

Bon Appetite by Connor Lee

Mondi Wayaka by Serghio Jansen

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Willemstad, Curaçao

THINGS TO SEE

- 1 **Fort Amsterdam** Built in 1634, this fort contains the historic Fort Church complete with a museum full of artifacts
- 2 **Christoffel National Park** the highest point in Curacao and within its park you can find Indian caves complete with paintings
- 3 **Queen Emma Bridge** Also known as the "Swinging Old Lady" this pontoon bridge was completed in 1888.
- 4 **Floating Market** A mini boat fleet that comes in from Venezuela, this market sells ultra fresh fish and fruit at the best prices.
- 5 **Mikve Israel-Emanuel Synagogue** founded in 1651 and is oldest temple in Western Hemisphere
- 6 **Curacao Maritime Museum** Explores the history of the Curacao shipping industry, pirates and maritime history of navigation
- 7 **Curacao Sea Aquarium** 400 varieties of fish on display and underwater

observatory to see stingrays and sharks

- 8 **Kura Hulanda Museum** Anthropological museum that chronicles the cultures of Curacao over the years.
- 9 **Curacao Museum** Housed in a colonial style this spacious museum displays the geological history of Curacao, as well as pre-Colombian Indian artifacts

GET OUT OF TOWN

Hato Caves Coral and limestone caves that were carved out below the sea and exposed when the sea level dropped. Home to beautiful stalagmite formations, water pools, and a waterfall.

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- F **Mr. Tablecloth** Waterfront location on the Punda side, just across from the bridge
- G **Royal Gems** Family-owned since 1986
- H **The Old Freeport Shop** Great selection of fashion watches and affordable gifts
- I **Freeport Jewelers** Luxury brands for watches and designer jewelry
- J **Freeport Jewelry and Gifts** Fine jewels, watches and crystal





- K Freeport Duty-Free Ltd** Fine jewelry and watches for every budget
- L Freeport Jewelers at Renaissance Mall** Exclusive collection of timepieces by Audemars Piguet
- M Swarovski Boutique Renaissance Mall** Visit the sparkling world of Swarovski at this new boutique
- N Furla** Affordable, luxurious fine Italian leather goods

FROM YOUR TRAVEL GUIDE

The first thing that you will notice about Willemstad is the pastel skyline created by the painted Dutch architecture that lines the waterfront. Locals say that it was the 19th century Governor-General Albert Kikkert who is responsible for this colorful architecture. Legend has it that he suffered from migraine headaches that he attributed to the harsh reflection of the sun on the white buildings of Willemstad. Thus a decree was issued to paint the structures any color other than white. Buildings were Caribbean hues of blues, greens, yellows and reds. The result is a vibrant introduction to the city as the ship navigates the slim passage of the Sint Annabaii channel. The city itself is a blend of cultures, from the languages spoken to the cuisine that can be found in this bustling port. Outside of the city, Curacao boasts 38 beaches with reef systems that beacon diving enthusiasts from all over the world. The "C" in the Dutch ABC islands, Curacao is the largest, most populous, and most cosmopolitan of the former Lesser Antilles. Aptly named for the Portuguese word "heart" upon discovery in 1499 this island, rich with culture rooted in history and hospitality, has a good chance of stealing yours during this visit.

ESSENTIALS

Currency Netherlands Antillean Guilder (ANG)

EAT

- 10 Bistro Le Clochard** This French-inspired formal restaurant has several seating options, including a glassed-in dining room near the entrance and an outdoor terrace.
- 11 Belle Terrace** This open-air restaurant is housed in a 200-year-old mansion overlooking the sea and offers satisfying food in a relaxed atmosphere. Features Scandinavian, Continental, and local cuisine.
- 12 The Ribs Factory** Specializing in, you guessed it, spare ribs, this restaurant doesn't just say their ribs are the best, they will gladly prove it to you.
- 13 The Grill King** The Grill King offers tasty and finger-licking herb-spiced, surf and turf grilled dishes.
- 14 Iguana Café** The Iguana Café and bar features open air terrace seating along the waterfront.
- 15 Scampi's** relax in an intimate setting at one of the island's most historic monuments.
- 16 Perla Del Mar** Come and enjoy the fresh surf and turf at the best sea view in town
- 17 Sawasdee Thai Restaurant** Uses only fresh vegetables that are picked daily and authentic spices that are imported directly from Thailand.
- 18 Steak and Ribs** since built an outstanding reputation when it comes to grilled meats and seafood
- 19 Fort Nassau Restaurant** With its beautiful 360 degree view over the island, Fort Nassau is a spectacular setting for an unforgettable culinary experience.

READ

- Such is Life in the Tropics: How Difficult can it be to Survive in Paradise?* by Mercedes de Marchena
- The House of Six Doors* by Patricia Selbert
- A Brief History of the Caribbean: From the Arawak and Carib to the Present* by Jan Rogonzinski
- Jews of the Dutch Caribbean: Exploring Ethnic Identity on Curacao* by Alan F. Benjamin

LISTEN

- The heritage is partly European and partly African and the island has more than 50 nationalities. Besides the native language, Papiamentu, Dutch, English and Spanish are spoken. Curacao's musical heritage is a rich blend of African, European, US, Latin American and Caribbean influences. Over the years traditional musical styles from these and other places have been blended and adapted, creating several unique local styles. Different genres of music include Tambú (Curacao blues), Seú (festive folklore), Tumba (Merengue and Afro-Caribbean), Laborsongs (songs about labor)
- No Bai* by Randal Corsen
 - Percussion Creed* by Pernell Saturnino
 - Tin Un Kambio* by Doble R SSS
 - Pia Di Galina* by Kizzy Getrouw
 - Survival* by Cayley Monte
 - Foi Riba Kama* by Gio Fuertissimo
 - Ban Wap'é* by Izaline Calister
 - Rumba Mejoral* by Tania Cross
 - Plegaria* by Oswin Chin Behilia
 - Awaseru* by Izaline Calister

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Cartagena, Colombia

THINGS TO SEE

- 1 **Old Walled City** Historic old town surrounded by the city wall. Main entrance is the Clock Tower Gate. 🗺️
- 2 **Castle of San Felipe** The largest fortification in the city, it was built by the Spanish to protect the city from pirate attacks.
- 3 **La Popa Hill** This 490ft/150m hill provides great views of Cartagena.
- 4 **La Matuna** The financial district and international trade center that also houses popular tourist sites.
- 5 **Bocagrande Peninsula** Filled with upscale bars, shops and restaurants. 🗺️
- 6 **Palacio de la Inquisición** Headquarters of the Spanish Inquisition of Colombia. 🗺️
- 7 **Iglesia de San Pedro Claver** Named in honor of the priest San Pedro Claver who was the first saint of the new world. 🗺️
- 8 **La Catedral** Completed in 1612 and mostly preserved in its original form. 🗺️
- 9 **Iglesia de Santo Domingo** Built at the

end of the 16th century this is the oldest church in the city. 🗺️

- 10 **Navy Museum** Contains a large collection of boat models and artifacts covering centuries of naval history. 🗺️

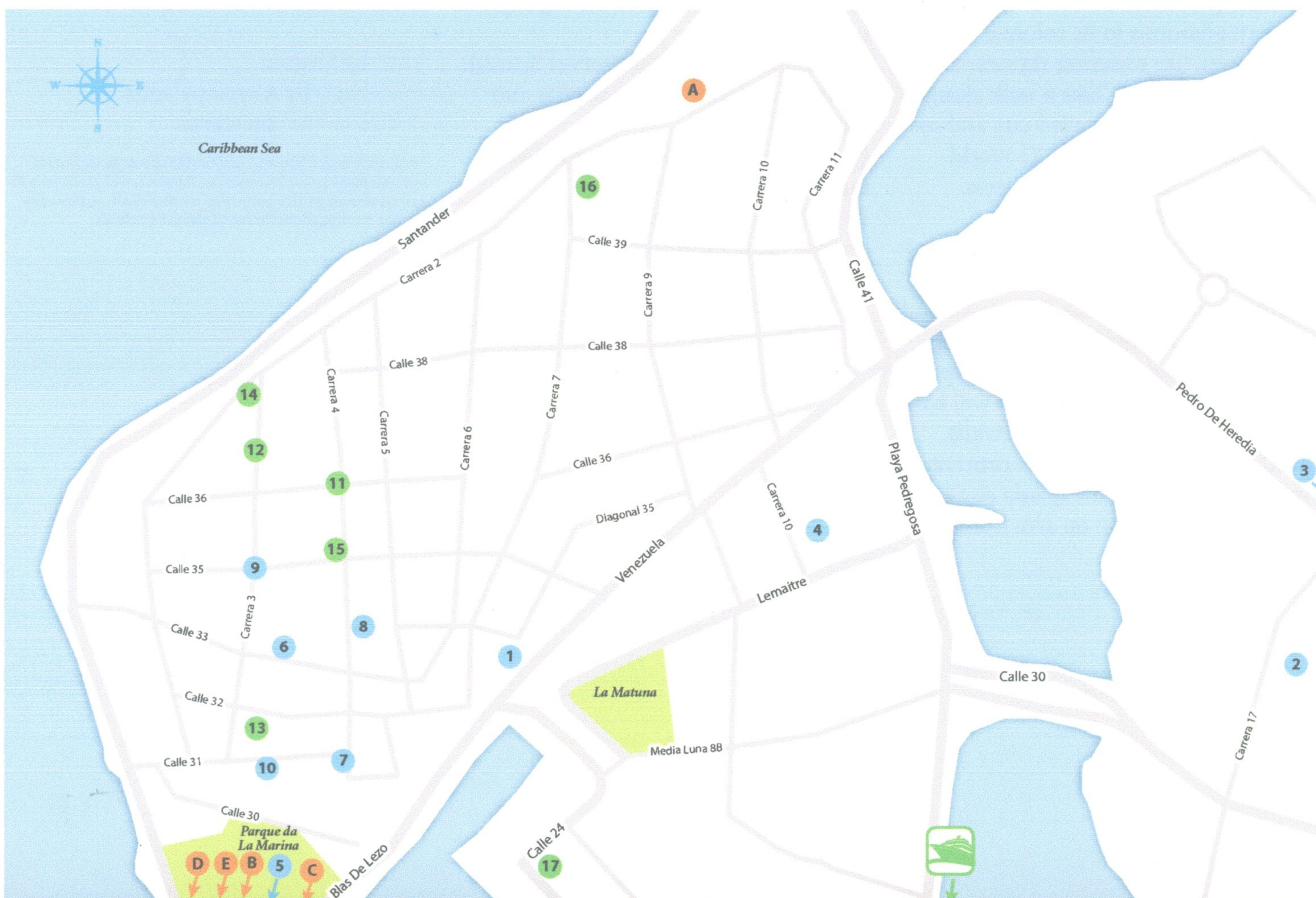
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SHOP

- A **Las Bovedas** Also known as "The Dungeons", contain rows of handicraft stalls.
- B **Pierino Gallo Shopping Center** Sells Colombian emeralds, leather goods, coffee and other souvenirs.
- C **Adriana's Jewelry** Custom-made Colombian emeralds and 18kt. gold jewelry.
- D **Mister Emerald** One of a kind custom cut emeralds in handmade settings.
- E **Coffee and ...** The finest selection of premium roast coffee in Cartagena.





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ESSENTIALS

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 Bocagrande Edificio Costamar
 Cartagena, Colombia.
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 Tollfree: 575-665-9428
 Fax: 575-665-4144
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EAT

- 12 **Fogon Costeno** Local fare, including a generous selection of tapas, local beer, and a lively street scene.
- 13 **Restaurant Vesuvio** This restaurant specializes in Neapolitan cuisine.
- 14 **Parrilla Argentina Quebracho** The focus here is on Argentine specialties.
- 15 **Salou** fresh seafood is the highlight of this menu
- 16 **El Burlador de Sevilla** serves Spanish favorites including tapas, paellas and more
- 17 **Di Silvio Trattoria** Italian food with indoor and outdoor seating
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- 8 **La Catedral** Completed in 1612 and mostly preserved in its original form. 🗺
- 9 **Iglesia de Santo Domingo** Built at the

end of the 16th century this is the oldest church in the city. 🗺

- 10 **Navy Museum** Contains a large collection of boat models and artifacts covering centuries of naval history. 🗺

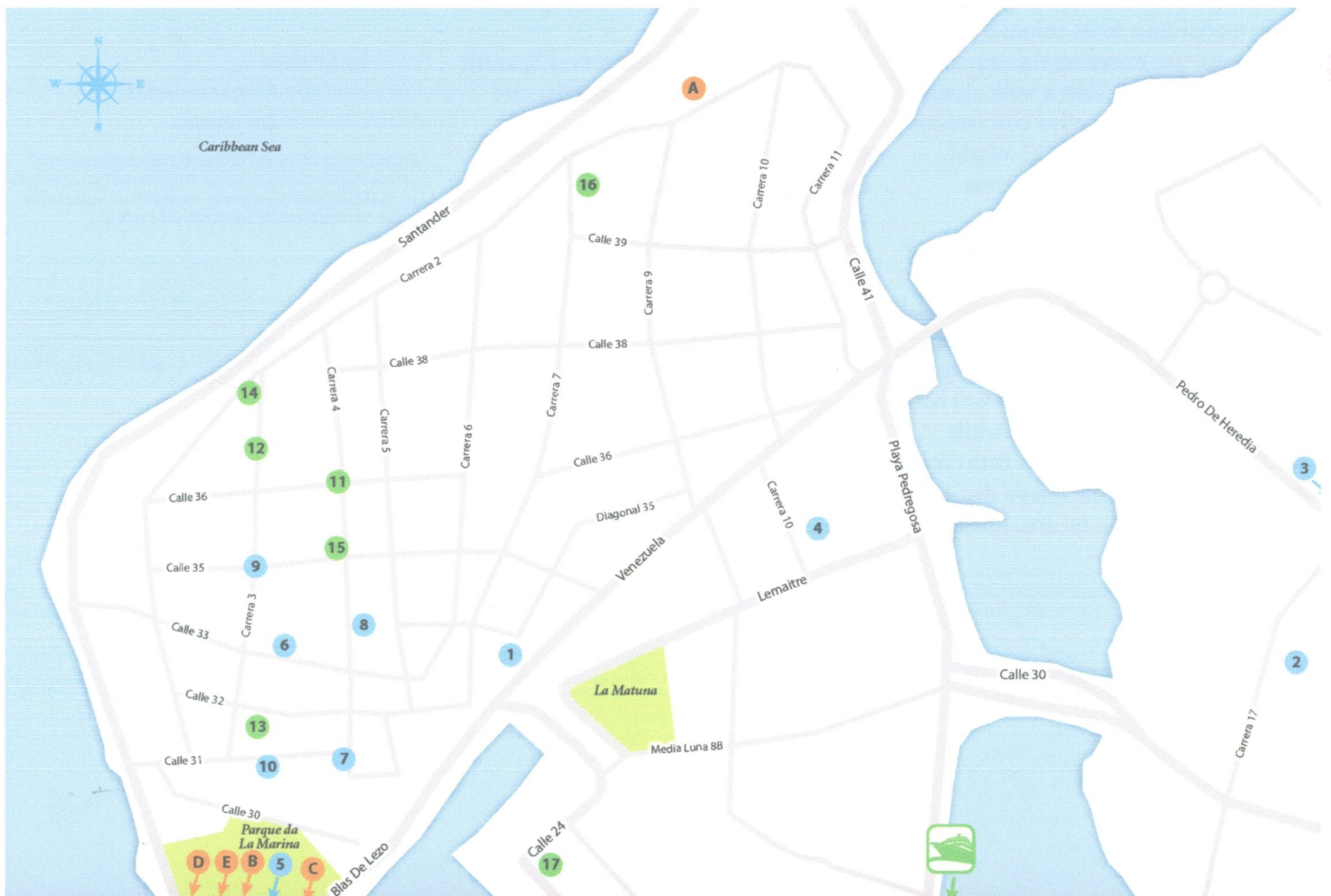
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Inner Bay Take a cruise on these beautiful waters for views of Fort Manzanillo. 🗺

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SHOP

- A **Las Bovedas** Also known as "The Dungeons", contain rows of handicraft stalls.
- B **Pierino Gallo Shopping Center** Sells Colombian emeralds, leather goods, coffee and other souvenirs.
- C **Adriana's Jewelry** Custom-made Colombian emeralds and 18kt. gold jewelry.
- D **Mister Emerald** One of a kind custom cut emeralds in handmade settings.
- E **Coffee and ...** The finest selection of premium roast coffee in Cartagena.



Puerto Limon, Costa Rica

THINGS TO SEE

- 1 **Parque Vargas** expanse of sidewalks beneath a jungle of tall palms and tropical flowers 🌿
- 2 **Town Hall** interesting building boasts glaring blue arches
- 3 **Catedral Sagrado Corazón de Jesús** recently completed Catholic cathedral with a dramatic exterior and a crystal-shaped spire.
- 4 **Black Star Line** oldest building in Puerto Limon and former headquarters of the Black Star Line Steamship Company

GET OUT OF TOWN

Tortuguero Canals make your way through swamps and marshes to see wildlife in the protected park

Rainforest Aerial Tram Series of gondolas provides spectacular views of wildlife and rainforest

Costa Flores Largest tropical flower farm in the world with more than 600 varieties of tropical flowers

Isla Uvita Small island where Columbus reportedly landed in 1502. A half hour hike will take you around the island.

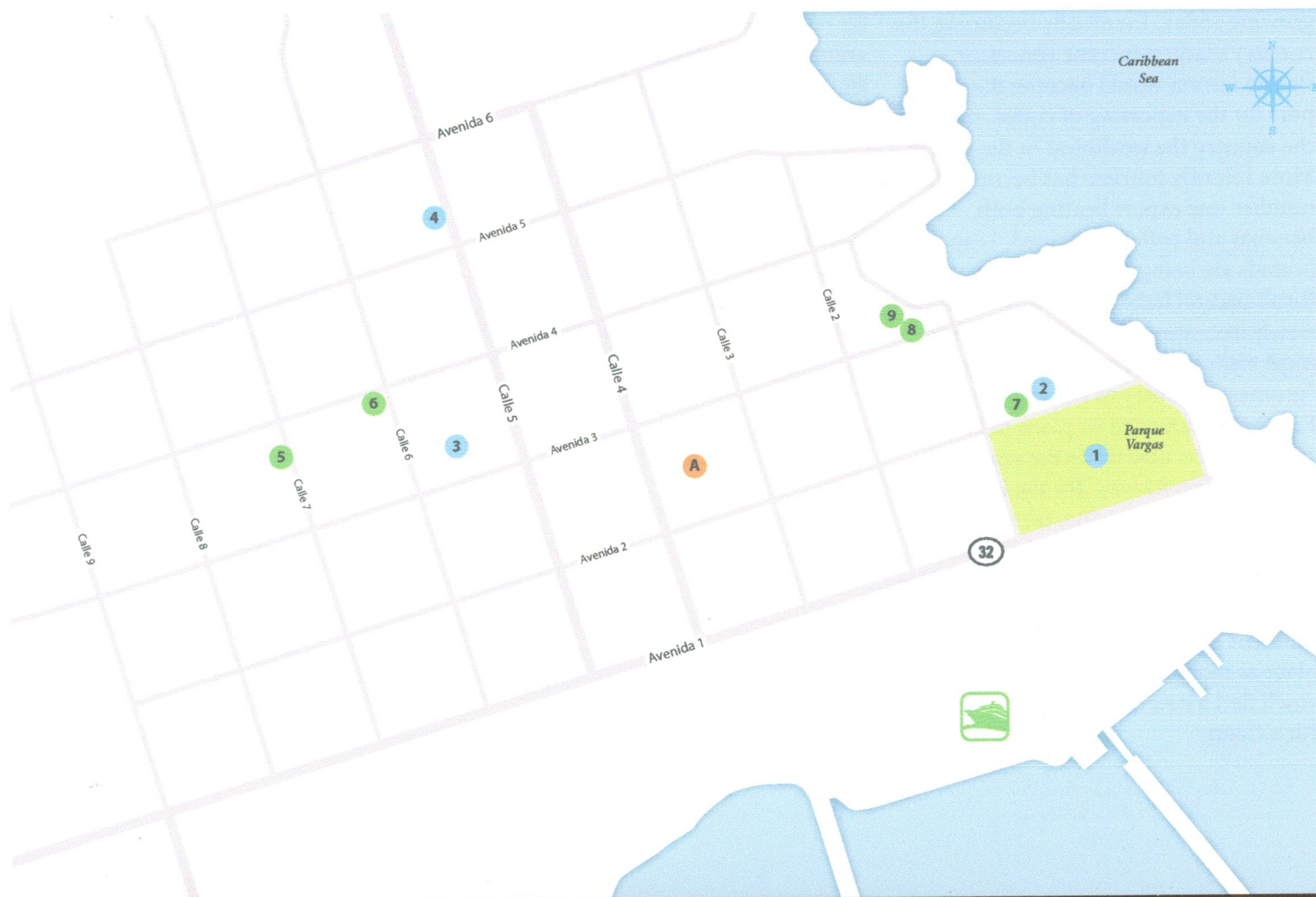
Braulio Carrillo National Park a flora and fauna sanctuary in the central volcanic corridor of Costa Rica

San Jose

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SHOP

A Central Market mostly visited by locals to buy produce and other wares





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By chance of a hurricane damaging his ship, Christopher Columbus was forced to drop anchor near today's Puerto Limon and explore the land while awaiting repairs. He described a place where he had seen "more gold in two days than he had seen in four years in Spain", simply calling it "The Rich Coast". After the return from his voyage he asked the Spanish Crown to sanction him as the governor of Costa Rica, but instead the seat was given to a rival who after several failed expeditions declared the place to be "the poorest and most miserable in all the Americas", a starkly different description. It was only after Costa Rica fought and won its Independence from Spain in 1821 that its true riches were revealed - land fertile for growing coffee. Eventually becoming the country's largest income generator, Puerto Limon would become the main port for the exporting of coffee, making the country the wealthiest in the region. More recently tourism has become the number one export beating both bananas and coffee combined. Leaps and bounds are being made to preserve Costa Rica's natural habitat as "ecotourism" is slowly becoming the driving force for most visitors. Currently rated as the "greenest" country in the world, Costa Rica has announced its plans to become 100% carbon neutral by the year 2030 and is well on its way. Try the local specialty of cashew wine, take a zip-line tour, ride horseback along the beach, cuddle up with some sloths, and let loose in all that nature has to offer. Discover a different type of wealth in this magical place as many have before, and maybe you'll find a new meaning for gold on the Rich Coast.

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www.grupoha.com/en

EAT

- 5 **Taquería y Antojería Yenori** small Mexican restaurant, need to ring door bell to enter
- 6 **Restaurante Bionatura** serves healthy vegetarian cuisine
- 7 **Restaurant Brisas del Caribe** enjoy Caribbean fare on their breezy balcony
- 8 **Park Hotel** A nice restaurant in arguably Limon's best hotel
- 9 **Caribbean Kalisi Coffee Shop** serves a wide variety of local specialties

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The Scent of Jade by Dee DeTarsio

LISTEN

Puerto Limón, has a long tradition of Afro-Caribbean music. Much is based on a sinkit rhythm and follows a Calypso or Reggae beat. Drums and banjos are more characteristic instruments of the music from this zone. In Limón you will hear not only traditional music of Costa Rica but also the cool beats of reggae, calypso and soca.

Primer Ritmo de Comparsa by by Calypso Performers of Puerto Limon
Lobsterman by by Cyril Sylvan
Good by by Walter Ferguson
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Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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- 2 **Riverwalk** Hailed as "Florida's Most Beautiful Mile" complete with dining, shopping, and museums. 🗺️
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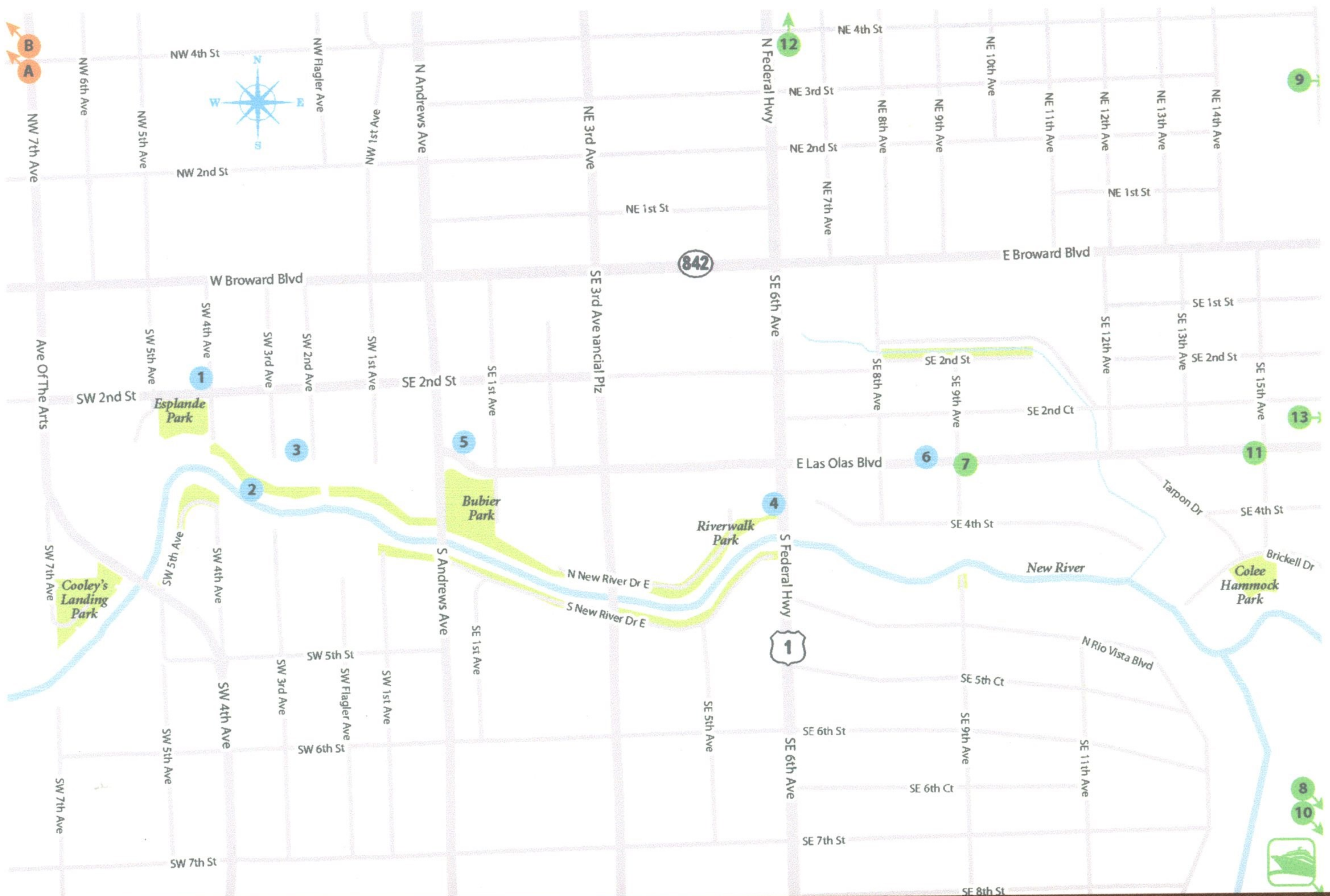
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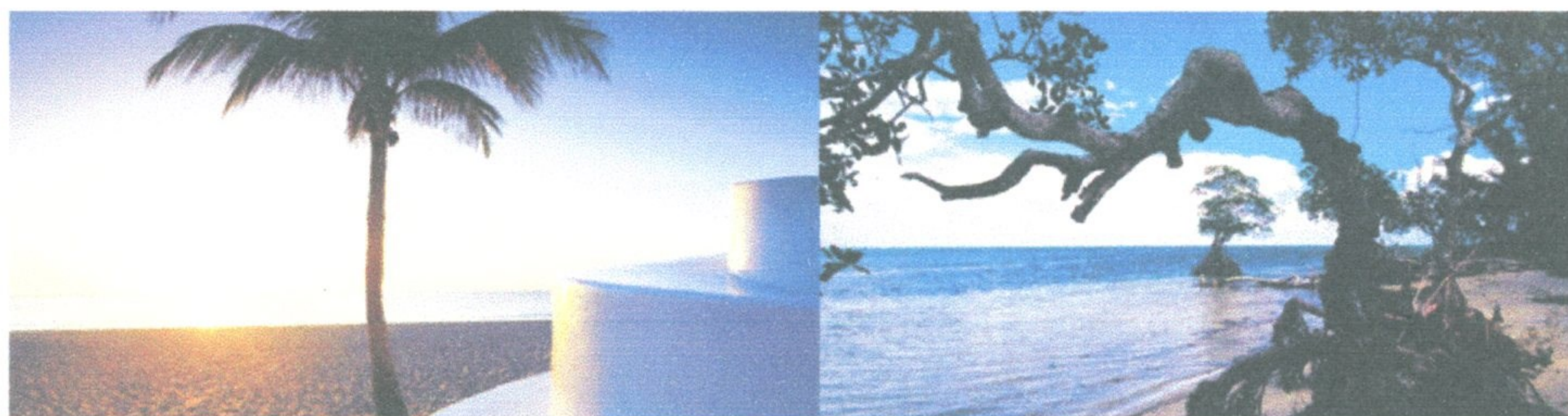
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SHOP

- A Sawgrass Mills Mall** Outlet mall with over 300 stores. 🗺️
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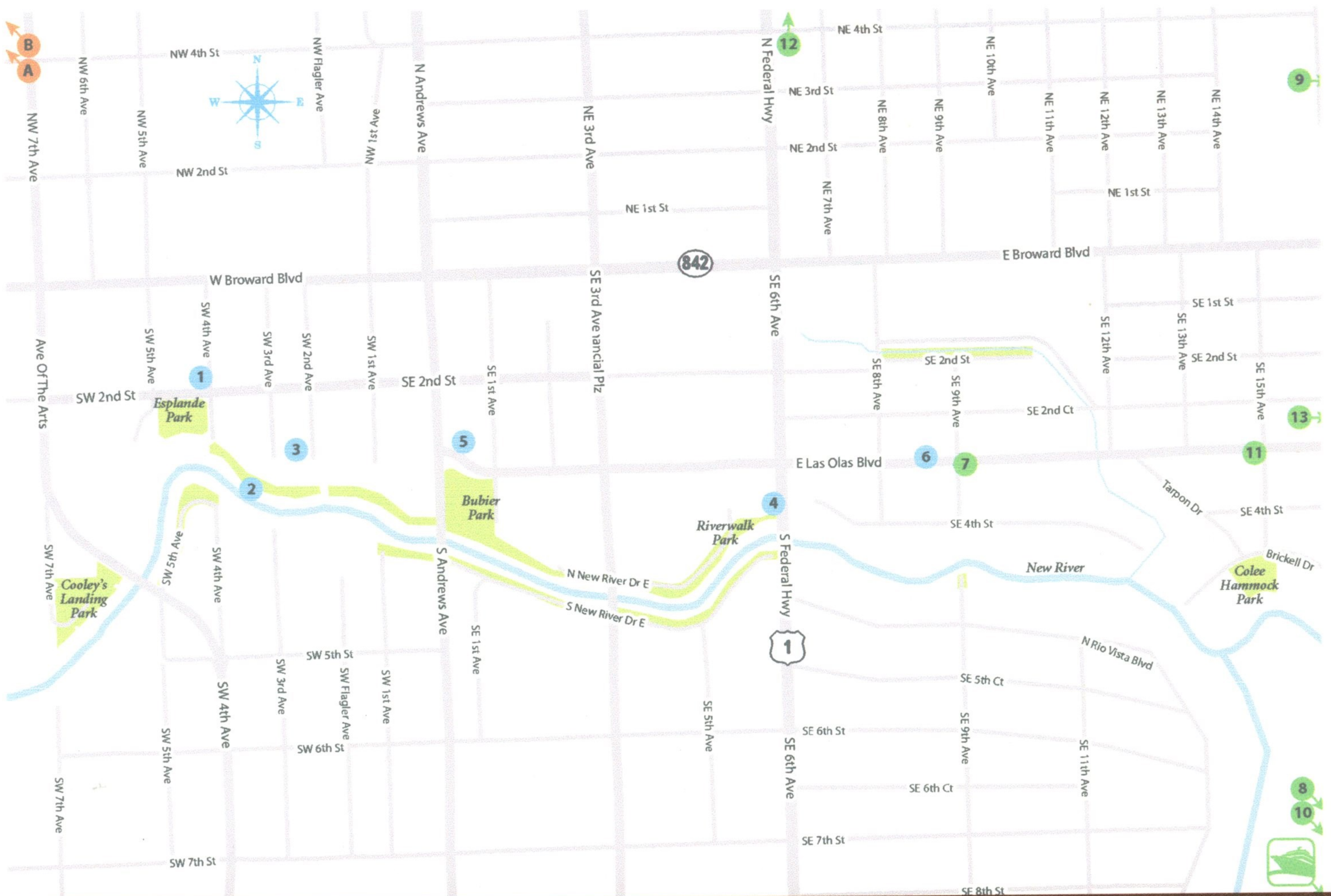
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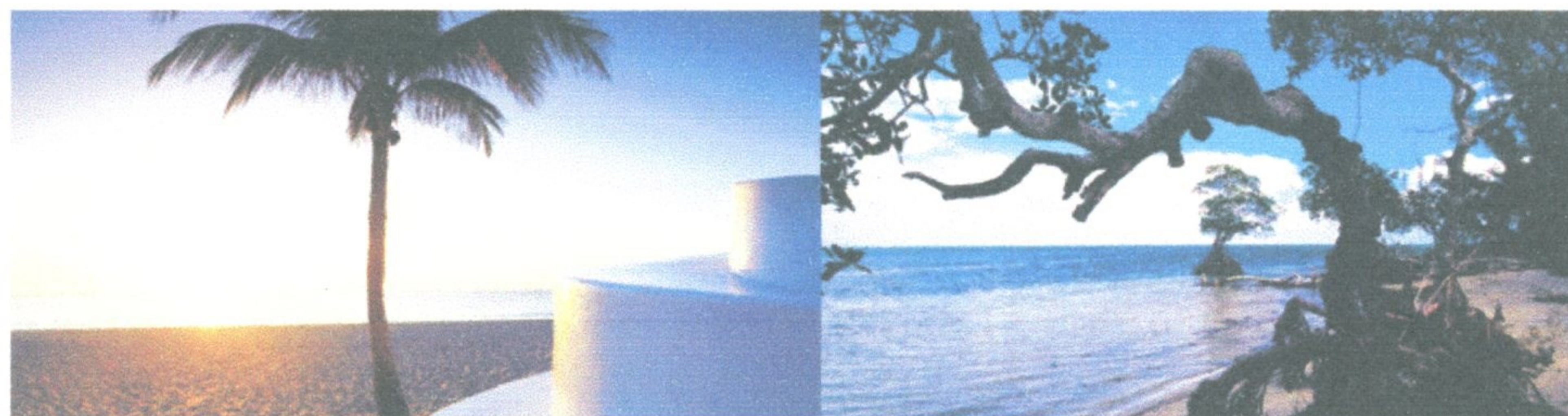
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Night Life

Evenings on board glitter with choices. Take in a show on stage, dance to the music of your favorite band, enjoy a martini flight. Stay up late singing along in the piano bar.

At night, the lounge comes alive with dynamic concerts and exciting musical productions. Among the featured performances this cruise:

Vista Lounge

Listen to the Music

Join us as we showcase over 40 professional entertainers who will be taking to the Vista Lounge to present a fun introduction of what's on offer for your cruise of a lifetime!

In Concert

The world's biggest in music & number one hits are brought to the stage by the Zuiderdam Singers & Dancers.

James Cielen

He will dazzle you with a wide variety of magic, from sleight-of-hand to large-scale grand illusion.

Stage & Screen

Join the cast of the Zuiderdam for a trip through Broadway & Hollywood with dazzling costumes designed by Bob Mackie.

BARS & LOUNGES

QUEEN'S LOUNGE

The Queen's Lounge offers entertainment nightly from the HALCats.



In this genteel lounge, Adagio serenade as coffee, drinks and liquors are served.



Relax with the best views on the ship as the Solo Guitarist plays your favorites.



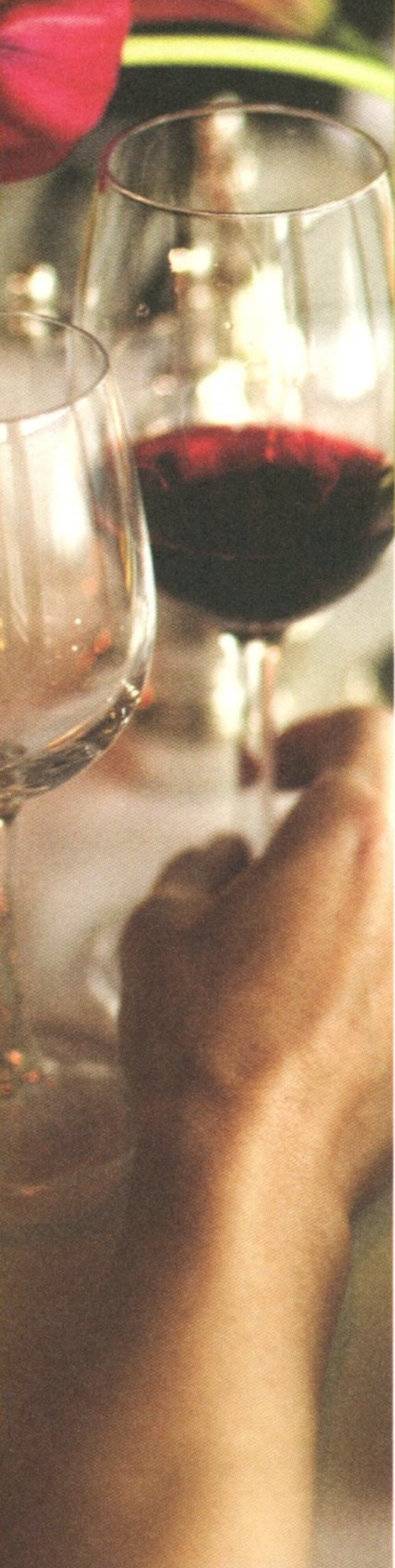
For the young and young at heart, the Show Host gets the party started and keeps it going into the night in the Northern Lights.



Its cocktails and dancing as the HALCats play the Great American Songbook

Drinks and Tastings

Signature cocktails are available at all bars and lounges, along with wine packages and beverage cards. See the On Location Program for exclusive tastings and other fun events.



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Pacific Northwest Steak and Seafood in an intimate setting



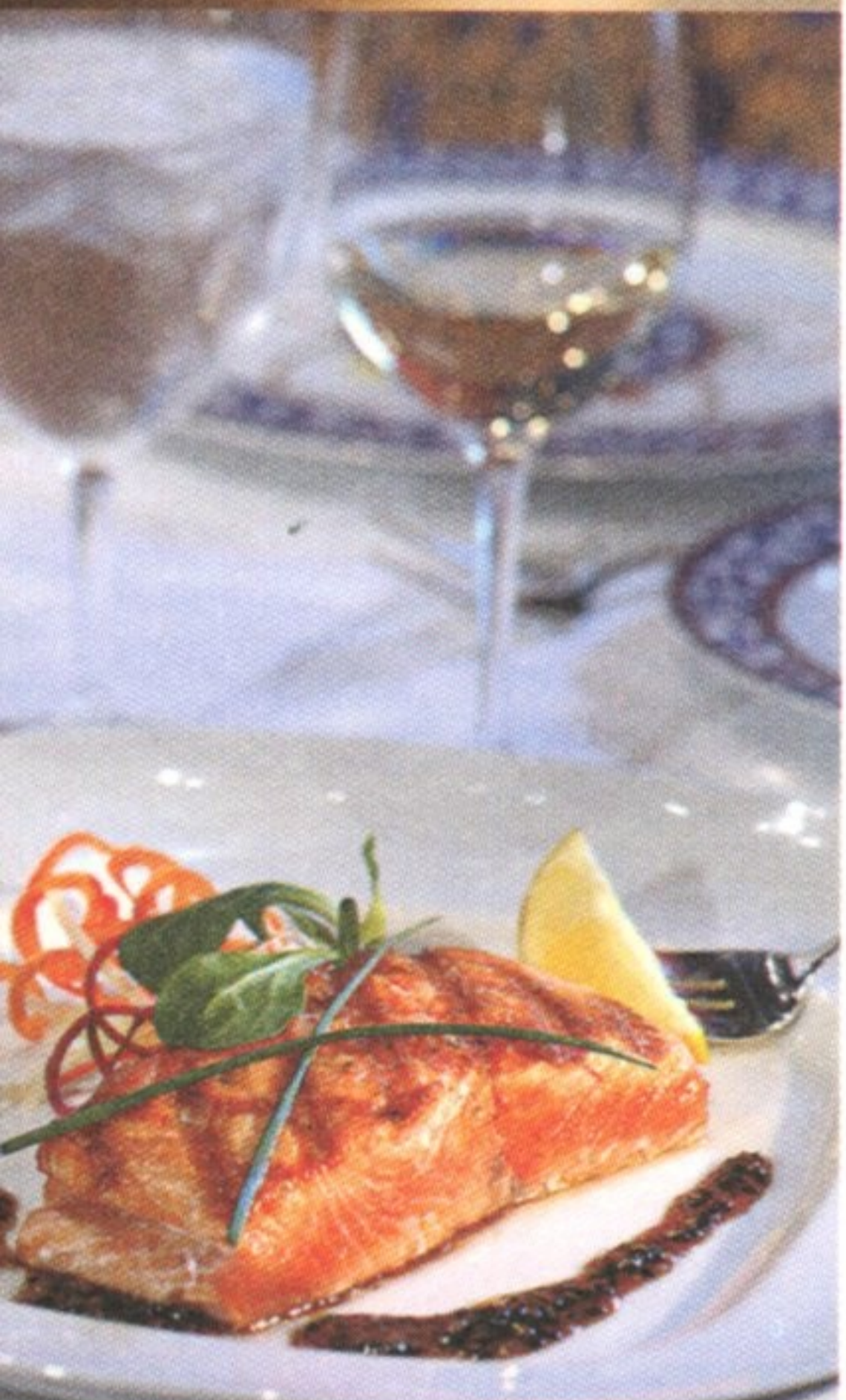
A taste of Italy featuring small plates for sharing.



A wide variety of options for breakfast, lunch and dinner in this classic setting with ocean views.



Our casual option breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Terrace Grill

Burgers, Dogs and Fries served poolside.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Hands on Cooking Class

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In the Pinnacle Grill, Puerto Limon evening

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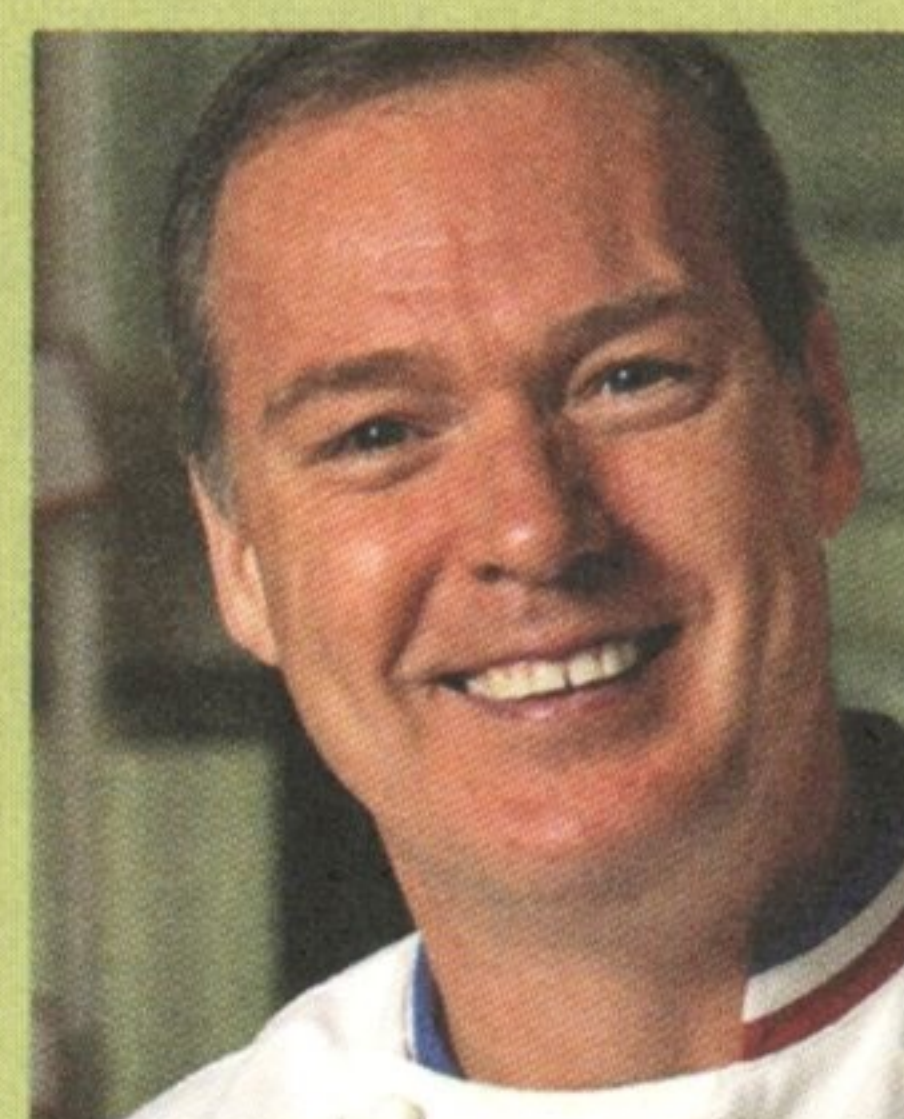
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