

explorer

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



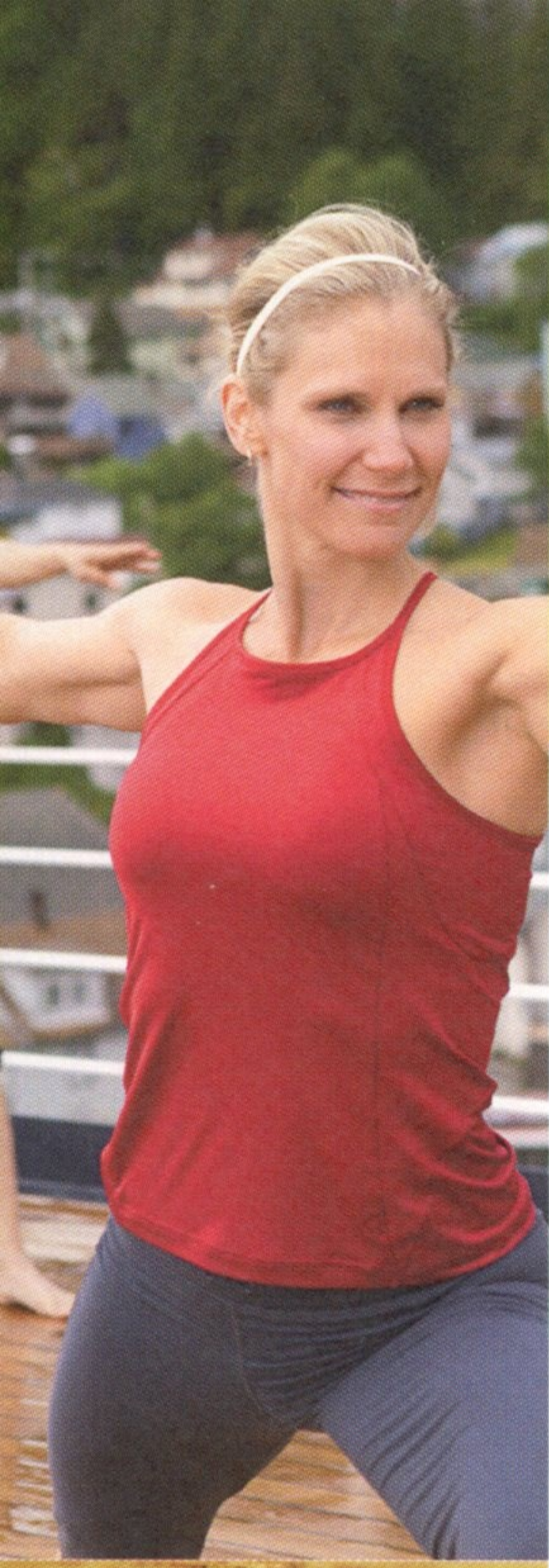
YOUR 11-DAY SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

Port		Suggested Dress
Fort Lauderdale, FL	All aboard: 3:00pm	Smart Casual
At Sea		Gala Night
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Philipsburg, St. Maarten	8:00am – 2:30pm	Smart Casual
Castries, St. Lucia	8:00am – 3:30pm	Smart Casual
Bridgetown, Barbados	8:00am – 4:30pm	Smart Casual
Fort-de-France, Martinique	8:00am – 4:30pm	Smart Casual
Basseterre, St. Kitts	8:00am – 4:30pm	Smart Casual
St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.	8:00am – 4:30pm	Smart Casual
At Sea		Gala Night
Half Moon Cay, Bahamas ⚓	8:00am – 2:30pm	Smart Casual
Fort Lauderdale, FL	Arrival: 7:00am	Smart Casual

⚓ Tender Port

YOUR CAPTAIN

Captain Robert-Jan Kan was born in Wormerveer, The Netherlands. Having been raised in a sea-faring family, it came natural for him to attend the nautical academy in Amsterdam not far away from his home town. He started sailing on cargo vessels of the Nedlloyd Group in 1991, and worked both as a Deck as well as an Engineering Officer. In 1993, he had the opportunity to join Holland America Line and has been here ever since, rising through the ranks. Captain Kan received his first commission as Captain on the Rotterdam in the spring of 2009, followed by an assignment as captain on the Amsterdam. When not at sea, Captain Kan spends his time in the village of “Broadway”, situated in the beautiful Cotswolds, in England, where he resides with his wife Lisa and their two young sons.



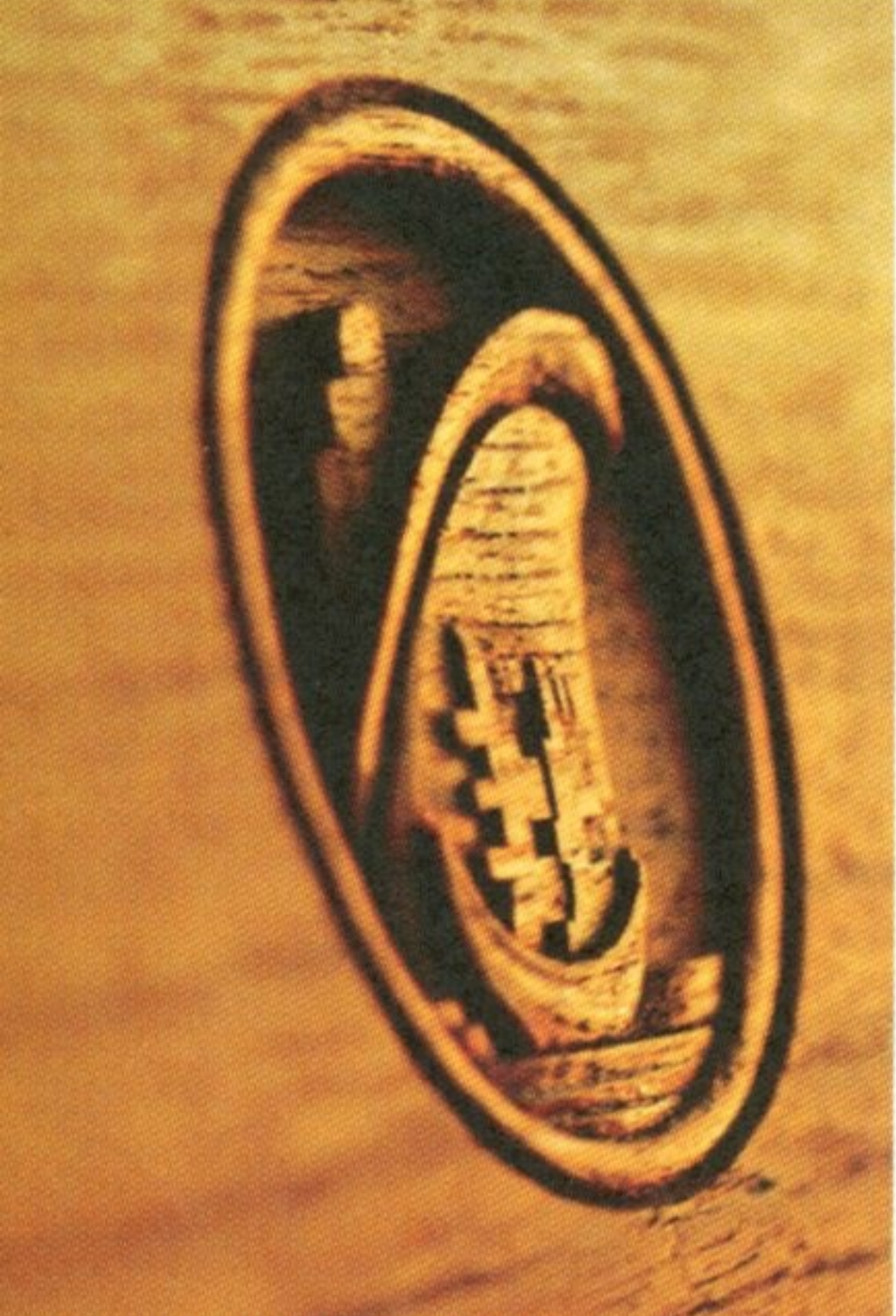
Explorations Team

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 Today On Location 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: Southern 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:

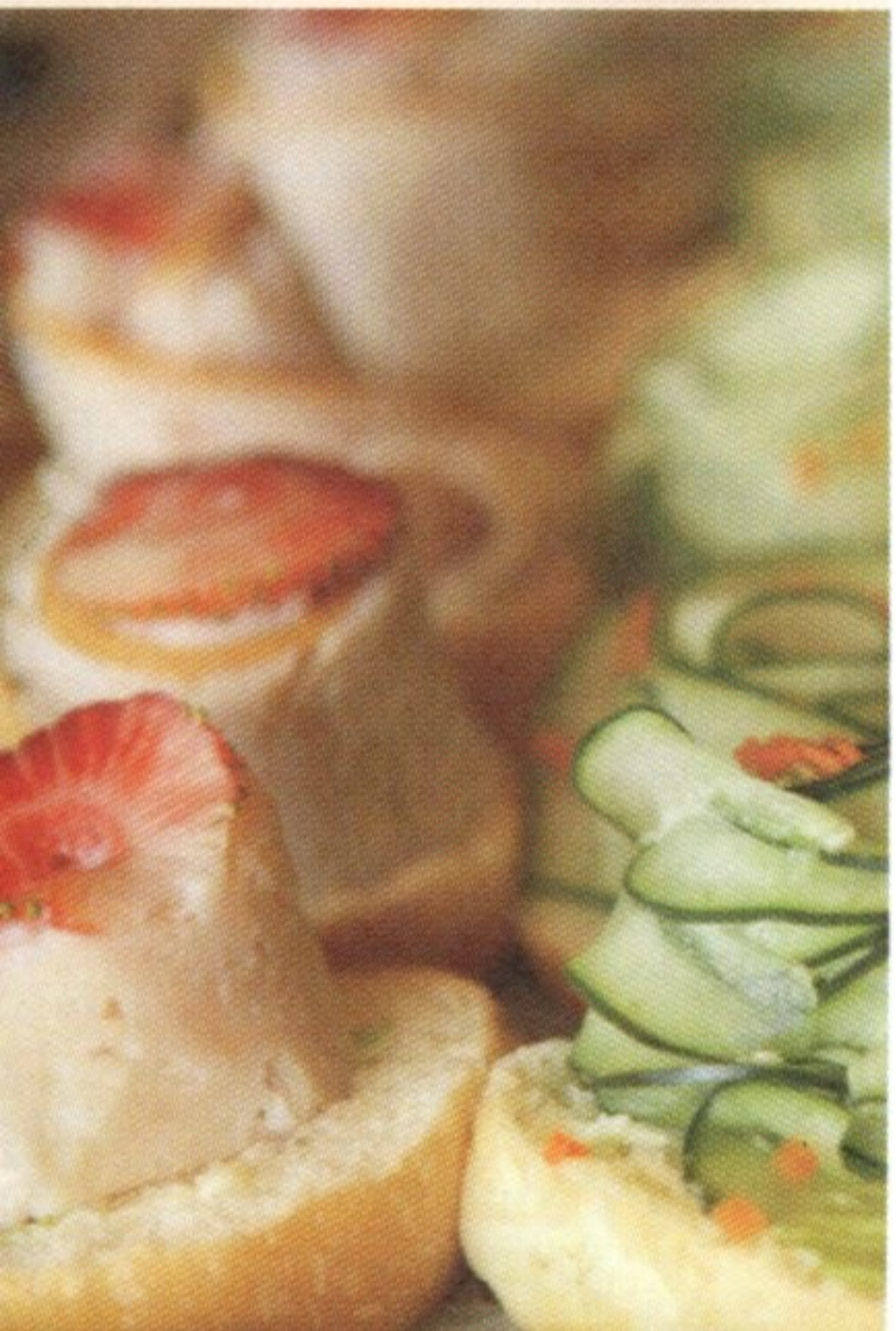
- Hands-on steel drum classes
- On Location presentations & Shore Excursion talks highlighting things to see and do in our upcoming ports of call
- Write your own Calypso
- Caribbean Themed Dinner & Island BBQ
- Regionally focused cooking shows
- Hands on cooking classes with our talented chefs
- Mixology classes and Wine Tastings



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.



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Explore On Board



Every day on board a Holland America Line cruise ship brings a wealth of cruise activities and indulgences, along with the freedom to partake in as many, or as few, as you please. It's an opportunity to try something new that surprises you, every day. Dabble, discover, daydream, do everything, or do nothing at all. There's a perfect onboard activity for everyone.

Greenhouse Spa & Salon

Rejuvenate and relax. The Greenhouse Spa & Salon features heavenly beauty and wellness rituals.

- Massage and facial therapies
- Thermal Suite & Hydro pool
- Yoga, Pilates and Indoor Cycling classes
- Licensed Acupuncturist
- Board Certified Medi-Spa Physician
- Personal Trainers

Greenhouse Spa, Lido Deck, 9

The Signature Shops

A world-class shopping experience is just steps away.

- All at tax- and duty-free savings
- Designer watches and fine jewelry
- Fragrances and cosmetics
- Premium liquor & tobacco
- Holland America Line souvenirs
- Knowledgeable specialists

Signature Shops, Promenade Deck, 3

Merabella Luxury Collection

This exclusive jewelry boutique offers a luxury shopping experience paired with unprecedented designs.

- Stunning styles from Le Vian
- Unique and exquisite jewelry pieces
- Dedicated and knowledgeable Merabella Manager

Merabella Luxury Boutique, Promenade Deck, 3

Casino

Offering slot machines, games for all levels, as well as complimentary lessons from our friendly dealers and tournaments for both novice and veteran players.

- Table games
- Slots
- Tournaments
- Gaming lessons

Casino, Lower Promenade Deck, 2

Photo Gallery

Take home memories of your voyage that will last a lifetime.

- Print & digital photos and packages
- DVDs of cruise itinerary and voyage
- JC Black Label Art photography

Photo Gallery, Promenade Deck, 3

Art Gallery

Holland America Line offers outstanding paintings, mixed-media works, sports memorabilia and more.

- Art auctions
- Educational seminars

Art Gallery, Lower Promenade Deck, 2

Explorations Café

The Explorations Café, powered by *The New York Times*.

- Comfortable, coffee house environment
- Enjoy fresh pastries
- Browse our extensive library
- Internet stations with free access to *The New York Times* online
- Browse and surf the web, 24-hour access and internet time packages available

Explorations Café, Observation Deck, 10

Future Cruises

Book your next cruise with our knowledgeable Future Cruise Consultant.

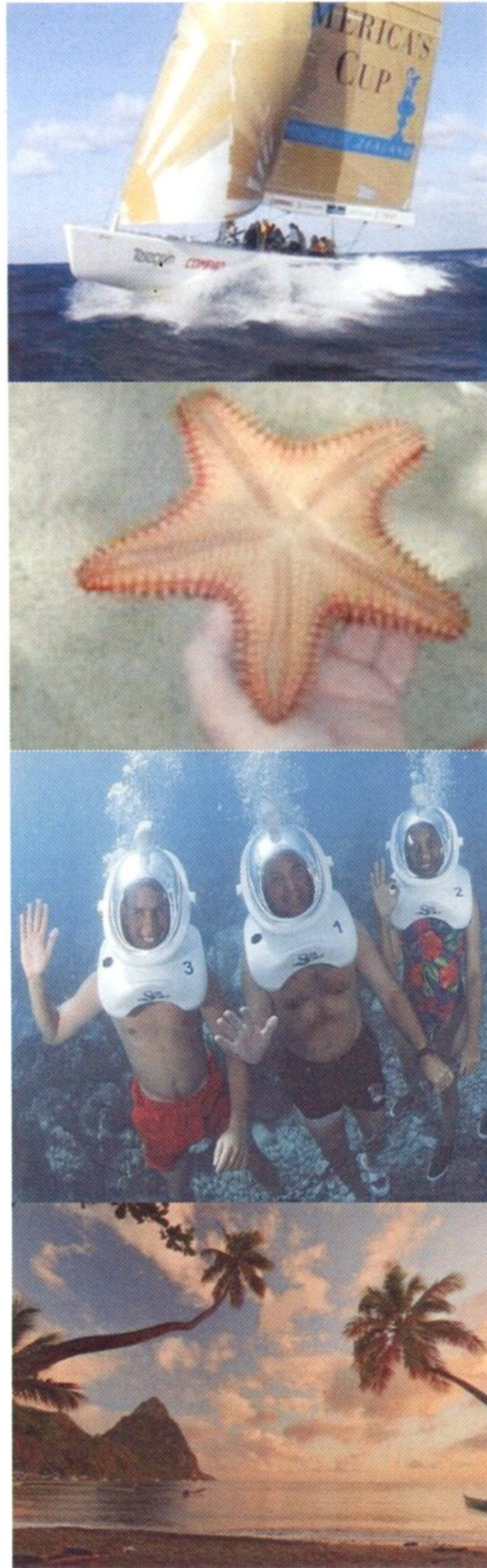
- Receive a Reduced Deposit on your next cruise
- Get up to \$200 per person in shipboard credit
- Best availability and stateroom selection
- Continue to work with your travel professional when you get home

Future Cruise Desk, Main Deck, 1

Check your Today On Location for hours and specials.

See, explore, and discover more

Holland America Line offers a wide variety of shore excursions to fit your lifestyle, ranging from easygoing activities to high adventure. Each of our tours provides the highest level of quality, convenience and value.



Great Excursions

Philipsburg (St. Maarten) ~ Under Two Flags Island Drive

Discover the two worlds of St. Maarten, from the Dutch capital of Philipsburg to the French capital of Marigot on an air-conditioned motorcoach.

Philipsburg (St. Maarten) ~ America's Cup Regatta

Almost too much FUN. This is a thrilling sail on professional world cup yachts. Relax and enjoy or take part in the race. This is the most fun you can have sitting down! Enjoy a refreshing swim at the end.

Castries (St. Lucia) ~ Historic Island Extravaganza: From Castries ending in Soufriere

The only tour where you see the UNESCO World Heritage Site 'Pitons' from the land on tour and sea from the ship. This is an extraordinary tour that covers the most possible ground in a day. You depart the ship in Castries and the ship sends a tender boat to pick you up in Soufriere at the end of the day.

Bridgetown (Barbados) ~ Barbados Coast to Coast

Head inland and up to more than 1,000 feet to take in the breathtaking views before descending past fields of sugar cane and sleepy villages to head towards the coast to Bathsheba, a 'surfing spot'.

Fort-de-France (Martinique) ~ Panoramic Martinique

Take a panoramic drive around the island to see as much as possible in a day.

Charlotte Amalie (St. Thomas) ~ Magen's Bay Beach Getaway

Enjoy two hours at the white sand Magen's Bay beach (voted as one of the 10 most beautiful beaches in the world by National Geographic).

Half Moon Cay (Bahamas) ~ Horseback Riding by Land & Sea

Saddle up for the horseback riding experience of a lifetime. Ride horses on the winding trails and even go for a swim into the ocean with your horse.

Ft. Lauderdale ~ Everglades Airboat Ride

The Everglades is an expanse of swampland known for natural beauty and abundant wildlife. Your tour includes a 1/2-hour "airboat" ride into this vast wilderness. After your airboat ride, take a tour of the reptile exhibit. You will see the notorious Everglades alligator and other creatures that call Florida home at the endangered species exhibit--you may even be lucky enough to see the rare Florida panther.

Guest Recommended Tour: Barbados in Focus: A Photographic Expedition

The photo tour around Barbados was outstanding in every regard, the guide was expert regarding photography and eagerly shared his knowledge with the tour group at every stop. It was one of our better tours anywhere. The guide's name is Merritt.

Guests consistently rate the tour 5/5 stars. ★★★★★

Getting more ashore

Why book tours with Holland America Line versus making your own arrangements ashore?

Quality & service

- Our tours offer a wide range of activities with something for everyone.
- Professional, local guides and independent tour operators offer exceptional guidance.
- Expert advice offered on board with our Shore Excursion staff.
- Award winning tours: named Best Shore Excursions by Cruise Critic Editors' Picks 2011

Convenience & peace of mind

- Maximize your time ashore – go straight to the highlights you want to see without waiting, getting lost, negotiating fares or hassling with currency exchange.
- Tour departure times coincide with the ship's schedule as well as other tours, enabling you to take multiple tours if desired.
- Worry-free return to the ship. In the very rare event that your tour is late and the ship must leave, we will arrange at our expense to get you to the next port of call. With independently booked tours, you are responsible for all costs associated with rejoining the ship at the next port of call.

Stop by the Shore Excursions office, Deck 1 during office hours listed in the daily program

Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

THINGS TO SEE

- 1 **Front Street** The main drag lined with jewelry stores, boutiques and other duty-free goods.
- 2 **Wathey Square Courthouse** Built in 1793 as the home of Commander John Philips.
- 3 **The Guavaberry Emporium** Sells many different products derived from the native guavaberry.
- 4 **The Boardwalk** Almost 50 feet wide and is lined with bars and restaurants.
- 5 **Fort Amsterdam** Built in 1631 to protect Philipsburg from seaborne invaders.
- 6 **Museum of Sint Maarten** Hosts rotating cultural exhibits as well as permanent historical displays.

GET OUT OF TOWN

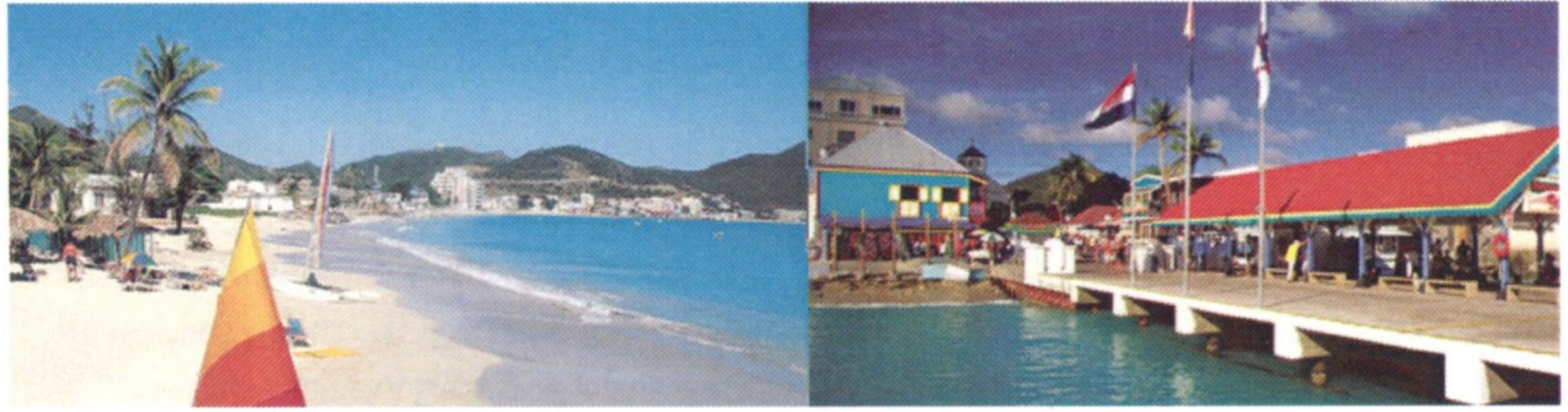
- Marigot** the French capital of the island filled with upscale shopping, sidewalk cafes and food markets. 🚩
- The Butterfly Farm** 1,000 square meters of fenced gardens housing many different species of Butterflies. 🚩
- Simpson Bay Lagoon** View the yachts & homes of the rich and famous. 🚩
- Orient Bay** Known as the French Riviera of the Caribbean. 🚩

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SHOP

- A Diamonds International (3 locations)** Caribbean's number one recommended retailer when shopping ashore.
- B Tanzanite International** Number one recommended store for tanzanite when shopping ashore.
- C DI Watch & Design (2 locations)** Fine timepieces and designer jewelry.
- D Bvlgari Boutique** The Essence of Italy's Finest Since 1884.
- E Effy Jewelers (3 locations)** Explore unique designs and collections of eclectic abundance.
- F Majesty Jewelers** Voted cruise guest's favorite store - the heart store.
- G Milano Diamond Gallery (2 locations)** Amazing destination for jewelry under \$1,000.
- H Del Sol** The world's largest color-change retailer.
- I Cariloha** Where everything is made of bamboo.
- J Goldfinger Jewelry (5 locations)** The





official Rolex retailer.

K Guavaberry Emporium (2 locations) Guavaberry is the national liqueur of St. Maarten.

L Pearl Gems Pearl specialists, fine diamond jewelry & watches.

M The Yoda Guy At Planet Paradise See Yoda, Darth Vader, The Alien, Highlander, and Terminator.

N TAG Hauer Boutique TAG Hauer has pioneered Swiss watch making since 1860.

O Penha Perfume and Cosmetics Your luxury boutique for fine skin care and fragrances.

FROM YOUR LOCATION TEAM

At only 37 square miles St. Martin/Sint Maarten is the smallest land mass in the world divided between two governments. Having been abandoned by the Spanish in the mid 17th century, the French and Dutch moved onto the island at relatively the same time and, after some conflict, decided to split the island in two. While some historians may disagree, legend has it the border was originally decided by a drunken wager between a Dutchman and a Frenchman. Each agreed to see who could claim the most land by walking in opposite directions around the shore of the island and meeting on the other side. The winner, by a small amount was the Frenchman and still is to this day as the French now govern 21 square miles to the Dutch's 16. Despite the French owning more land, it was the Dutch who came out ahead economically by creating the first duty free port on the island. Philipsburg, the capitol and main port of the Dutch Sint Maarten, is unique in that it is only four streets wide and a mile long but manages to captivate most of the islands visitors. Established in 1763 the small capitol soon became an international trade center and created a bargain hunter's dream where shop after shop competes to give the best products at the lowest price. Anything can be

found on this mile stretch from alcohol to fine jewelry. If you're up for a bit of the local flavor, be sure to try some guavaberry liquor, a fruit exclusive to the island.

ESSENTIALS

Currency Netherlands Antilles Florins (NAF). US dollar and the Euro are widely accepted

Port Agent Maduro Shipping Emmaplein, Bldg #1 63 Philipsburg .Blank Telephone: 011-599-542-2472 Fax: 011-599-542-2958 E-Mail: shipping@maduro-sxm.com www.madurosxm.com

EAT

7 The Kangaroo Court Menu of salads, pizzas, burgers, and pasta appeal to both locals and tourists.

8 L'Escargot Serves French cuisine.

9 Barefoot Restaurant Serves Caribbean food and drinks.

10 The Greenhouse This plant-filled, open-air eatery with marina views is a favorite among locals and island regulars.

11 Taloula Mango's Serves American pub food, and cold local beers right off the beach.

12 Ocean Lounge International cuisine with a great view of the Great Bay.

13 Mr. Busby's Beach Bar Extensive menu with beach view.

READ

Mermaid - Our Family Paradise by Philip Rink

Saint Martin/sint Maarten: Portrait of an Island by Madeleine Greey

LISTEN

The music found in Philipsburg includes a variety of styles beloved throughout the Caribbean. Calypso, merengue, soca (soul + calypso), zouk, and reggae all contribute to the festive culture. They have a well-known Carnival tradition featuring music and dance. 2 Music festivals are Summer Heat Festival and St. Maarten Heineken Regatta – A festival that features bands, DJs and other musicians during the boat races.

Celebration by Connis Vanterpool

Jazz Flamboyant by Neville York

Bo Bo by King Beau Beau

For Love by Philipsburg

All Night Long by Rupee

I Wish This Jam Last Forever by His Majesty Baker Jr.

The DutchSide Song by Jukebox Heroes SXM

St. Maarten Rumba by Mighty Dow

A Strong Leader by King Jacko

Too Old Man by The Boys

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Castries, Saint Lucia

THINGS TO SEE

- 1 **Derek Walcott Square** Named for the Pulitzer Prize winner in literature and home to a 300-year-old Saman tree.
- 2 **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception** One of the largest churches in the West Indies.
- 3 **Castries Central Library** Opened in 1924, but was destroyed in the 1948 fire and reopened in 1950.
- 4 **Morne Fortune** This fort was constructed by French colonizers and still stands with other military buildings today.
- 5 **Our Planet** Interactive environmental center where visitors can learn more about the planet earth.
- 6 **The Castries Market** Built in 1894, has a selection of craft goods, exotic fruits, and spices.

GET OUT OF TOWN

- The Pitons** These two scenic peaks have been made a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Pigeon Island** A historical fort sits high on the hill overlooking the bay and there are many beaches and hotels nearby.
- Fond Doux Estate** Site of the Battle of Rabot in 1795, where today fortifications still exist, along with the ruins of the original estate houses and working buildings.
- St. Lucia Botanical Gardens** botanical gardens complete with sulfur waterfall.
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SHOP

- A Effy Jewelers** Only authorized retailer of DiVersa, Balissima, & Passion Cut.
- B Diamonds International (2 locations)** Number one recommended store for all

loose and set diamonds when shopping ashore.

- C Tanzanite International (2 locations)** Number one store for all tanzanite when shopping ashore.
- D Diamonds International Watch & Design (2 locations)** Fine watches and designer jewelry.
- E Colombian Emeralds International (2 locations)** The emerald and gemstone specialists.
- F Jewelers Warehouse** Affordable fine jewelry from the islands' "value leader."
- G Del Sol (2 locations)** The world's largest color-change retailer.
- H Carihola (2 locations)** Where everything is made from bamboo.





FROM YOUR LOCATION TEAM

Head to the northwestern coast of the island of St. Lucia and arrive at the capital city of Castries. Founded in the mid 17th century by the French, Castries eventually became a major coaling station for the Royal Navy. The city has been rebuilt several times after suffering devastation from three substantial fires in 1796, 1813, and 1948. Today, Castries boasts a booming tourism industry, attracting thousands of visitors from around the world. Head to Derek Walcott Square and roam this popular area where the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and the Castries Central Library are located. Spend some time in downtown Castries perusing the duty-free shops. Pick up a souvenir or grab something to take home for yourself at one of many stores in the mall.

Continue your shopping excursion at Castries Market where you'll find locally crafted goods and Caribbean spices. Take the kids to Our Planet, where interactive exhibits allow visitors to see the affects of growing worldwide environmental concerns. Head over to the military cemetery, Morne Fortune, to learn about the conflicts between the French and the British while enjoying a picturesque view of the landscape and seascape below. Wrap up your adventure with some relaxation time just enjoying Marigot Bay. Whether you're on the beach or in a palm-tree sheltered cove, this is an experience you'll remember for a lifetime.

ESSENTIALS

Currency East Caribbean Dollar (XCD)
Port Agent Cox and Company Ltd. Vide Bouteille Highway P.O. Box 88 Castries
Saint Lucia Telephone: (758) 456 5000/456-5038 Fax: (758) 456 5016
E-Mail: Ship-Ops@coxcoltd.com

EAT

- 7 **The Coal Pot** Specializes in local seafood.
- 8 **Chic** Fine dining French restaurant.
- 9 **Hardest Hard Restaurant** Local food made fresh daily.

READ

Marie Antoinette: The Last Queen of France by Evelyne Lever
Battle Zone Normandy: Battle for Cherbourg by Robin Havers
Secret Life of France by Lucy Wadham

LISTEN

Jwé is an informal folk music of St. Lucia which is performed at social events such as wakes and dances. Performers improvise lyrics that are often comedic or have double entendre. The goal of the performer is to get the audience to participate by clapping, singing, dancing, and responding to the performer as part of call-and-response singing. The singing is usually done in the Creole language.

Jwé konpa by Do-La

Jwé épée by Dédé Saint-Prix

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Bridgetown, Barbados

THINGS TO SEE

- 1 **Barbados Museum** Housed in the former British Military Prison and features exhibits about the history of Barbados.
- 2 **St. Mary's Church** Georgian church consecrated in 1827.
- 3 **National Heroes Square** Located in the center of Bridgetown, this is home to the famous statue of Lord Admiral Nelson.
- 4 **St. Michael's Cathedral** Located near the center of Bridgetown, built in 1665, then rebuilt in 1789.
- 5 **Parliament Buildings** Home to the third-oldest parliamentary body in the English-speaking world.
- 6 **The Independence Arch** Built to commemorate Barbados independence from the United Kingdom.
- 7 **Nidhe Israel Synagogue** Standing since 1654, this is one of the oldest synagogues in the Americas.
- 8 **Queen's Park** Former residence of the Commander of the British Troops for the West Indies.

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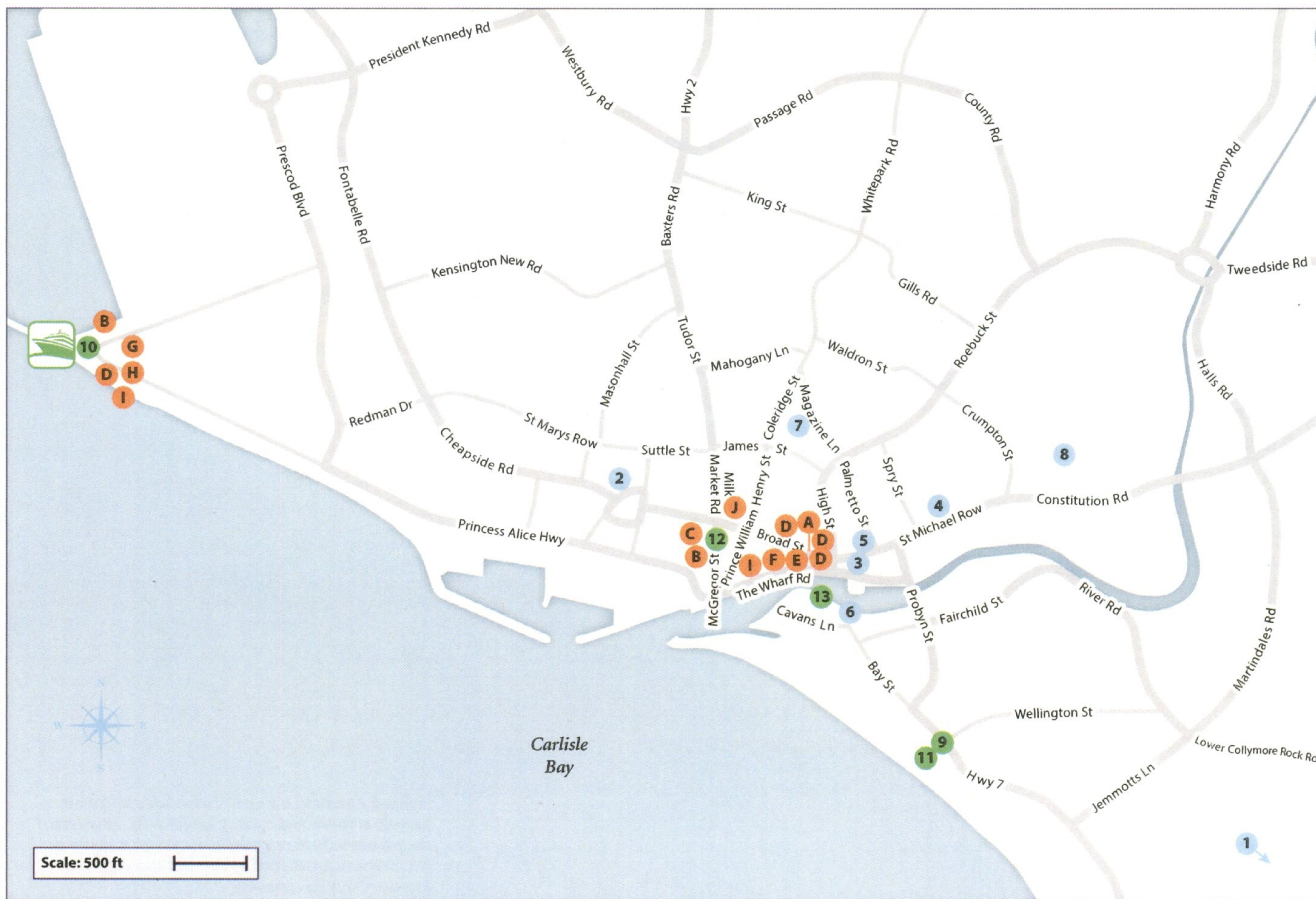
- Orchid World** Dozens of exotic species are displayed on the grounds. 🌿
- Harrison's Caves** Includes an underground tram ride in order to see the spectacular limestone stalactites. 🌿
- Barbados Wildlife Reserve** Primarily a refuge for the vervet monkey. Also has opossums, deer, raccoons, wallabies and tortoises. 🌿
- Sunbury Plantation House** A historical plantation house, includes a wide display of antiques and pleasant garden area. 🌿
- Mount Gay Rum Factory** Considered the best rum factory tour in the Caribbean.

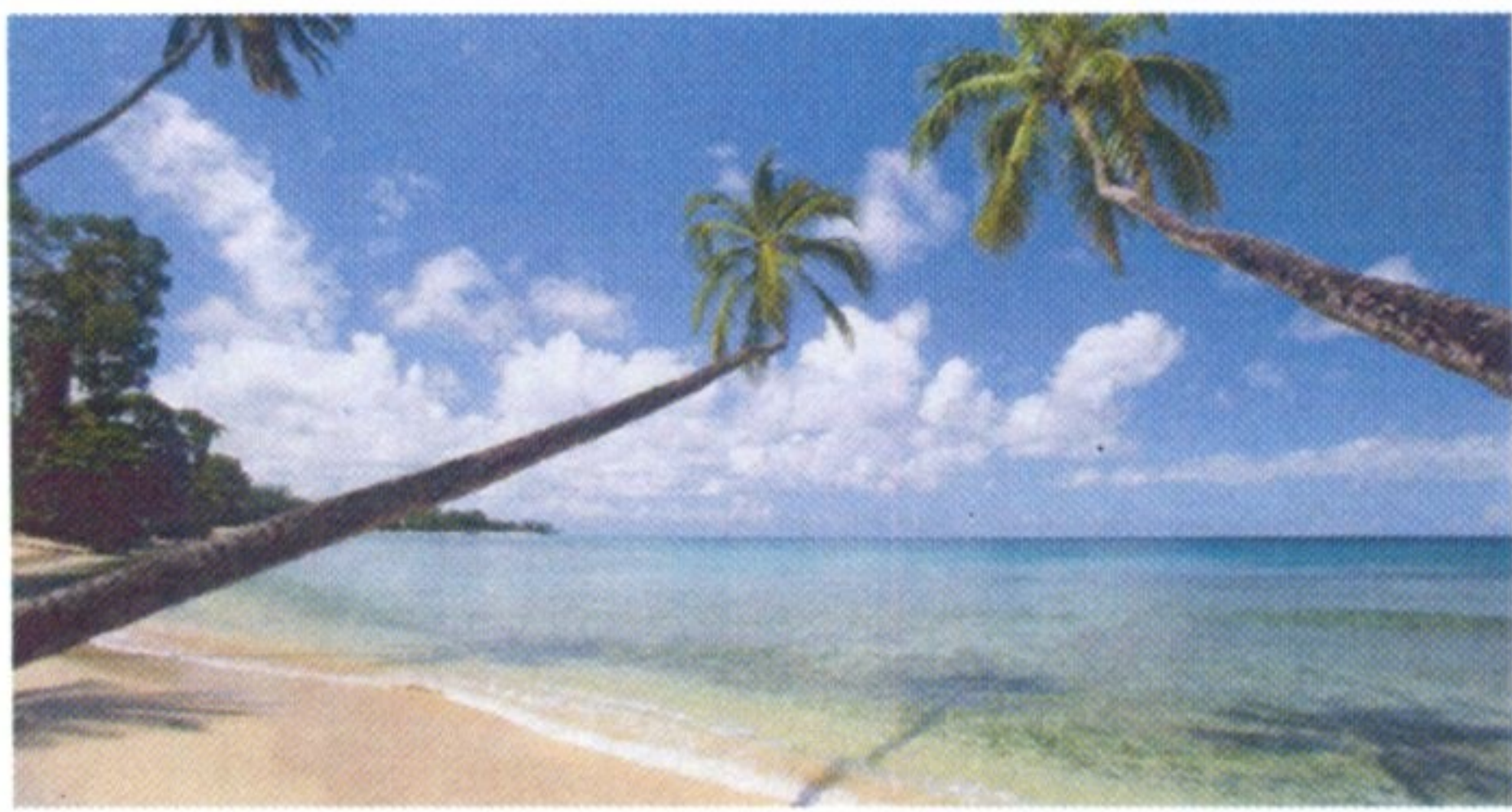
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- G Del Sol** World's largest color-change retailer.
- H Cariloha** Where everything is made from bamboo.
- I The Royal Shop (two locations)**
Duty- and tax-free jewelry and timepieces exclusively for you.
- J Little Switzerland** Defining luxury in the Caribbean for over 60 years.





FROM YOUR LOCATION TEAM

Discover the epitome of paradise on the island of Barbados. Just east of St. Vincent and St. Lucia lies this 166- square-mile (431 square km) island lined with white-sand beaches, lush greenery and plenty of space for enjoying some rest and relaxation. While the island was first discovered in the late 15th century by the Spanish, it was the British who took ownership almost 200 years later in the early 17th century. Barbados has earned itself a strong economy from its robust sugar cane industry and booming tourist draw. Upon arrival, head to the island's largest city, Bridgetown, where you'll find the Parliament Building, Independence Square, the Montefiore Fountain and more. Spend some time here and learn about the history of the island while enjoying the shops, wandering the streets and dining on delectable local food. The island's second-largest city, Speightstown, lies just 12 miles (19 kilometers) north of Bridgetown and offers street side vendors offering local goods and produce. Art lovers can visit the Gallery of Carribean Art in this town, which features works by several local and Caribbean artists. Make your way to the countryside to the coastal town of Oistins, where the primary activity is fishing and visitors come to kick up their heels. Join the locals for a fish fry each Friday and hear festive music, watch traditional dances and delve into a choice selection of fresh seafood.

ESSENTIALS

Currency

Barbadian dollar (BBD)

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EAT

- 8 **The Boatyard** Umbrella and chair rentals available on the beach, shuttle bus service available from the terminal building.
- 9 **Port Terminal Building** A nice café and bar is situated just outside the exit doors of the terminal. Specialty of the house is Flying Fish Cutters and Banks Beer (the local brew).
- 10 **Lobster Alive** Lobster bisque, grilled lobster, broiled lobster and a variety of other crustaceans complete this menu.
- 11 **Mustor's Restaurant** Flying fish, pork and beef stews, mac and cheese bake, chicken, split peas and rice. This is a cool place to try local foods. Three balcony tables only outside, the rest are inside.
- 12 **Waterfront Café** Flying fish sandwiches, salads and other light fare. Nice view of the river that flows through downtown.

READ

Caribee

by Thomas Hoover

Hell in Barbados: The True Story of a Man Imprisoned in Paradise

by Terry Donaldson

Parish Behind God's Back:

The Changing of Rural Barbados

by George Gmelch

LISTEN

Just as Barbadian culture is a mix of British and African elements, so is the music. Tuk bands are typical of Barbados and are based on British regimental military bands. Tuk bands consist of a pennywhistle flute, kittle triangle, snare drum and double-headed bass drum. While the percussion instruments provide the rhythm, the flute, or in past times the bow-fiddle, provide the melody. This music is accompanied by African characters such as Shaggy Bear, who represents an African witch doctor, and Mother Sally, who represents female fertility and has an exaggerated rear end.

Scipio

by Ruk-A-Tuk International

Barbados

by Typically Tropical

Fort-de-France, Martinique

THINGS TO SEE

- 1 **La Savane** A large public park with a statue of Empress Josephine, wife of Napoleon Bonaparte, who was born on the island
- 2 **Schoelcher Library** Known as the city's architectural icon, it was originally built for the Paris Exposition of 1889
- 3 **Fort Saint-Louis** An active naval base that also contains a museum
- 4 **Cathedral Saint-Louis** This cathedral has been rebuilt six times in the same spot
- 5 **Martinique Pre-Columbian Museum** Learn about the native inhabitants of the island, the Arawak and the Caribe tribes
- 6 **Place José Martí** Features botanical and geological displays
- 7 **Maison Bougenot** Traditional colonial built in 1887

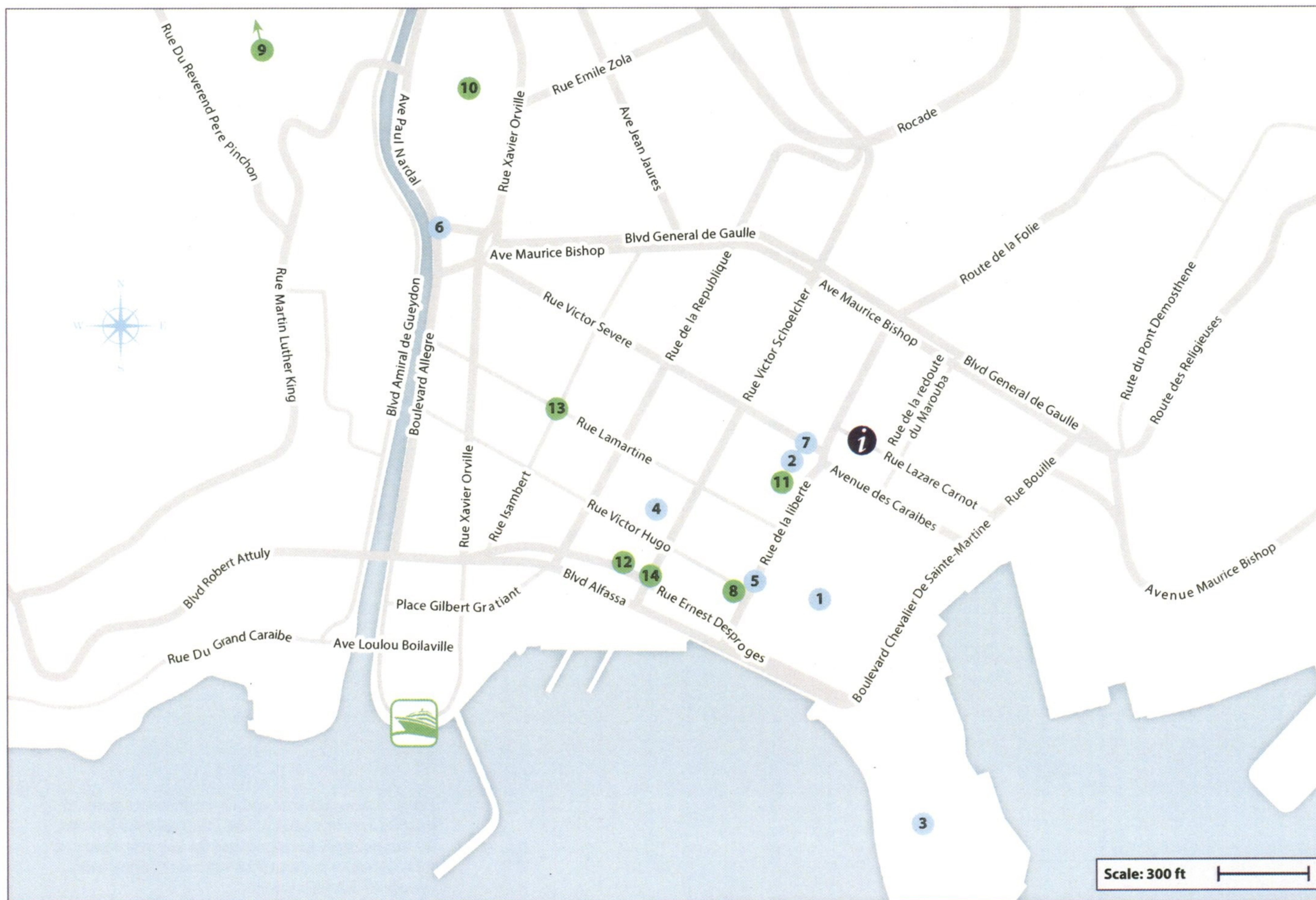
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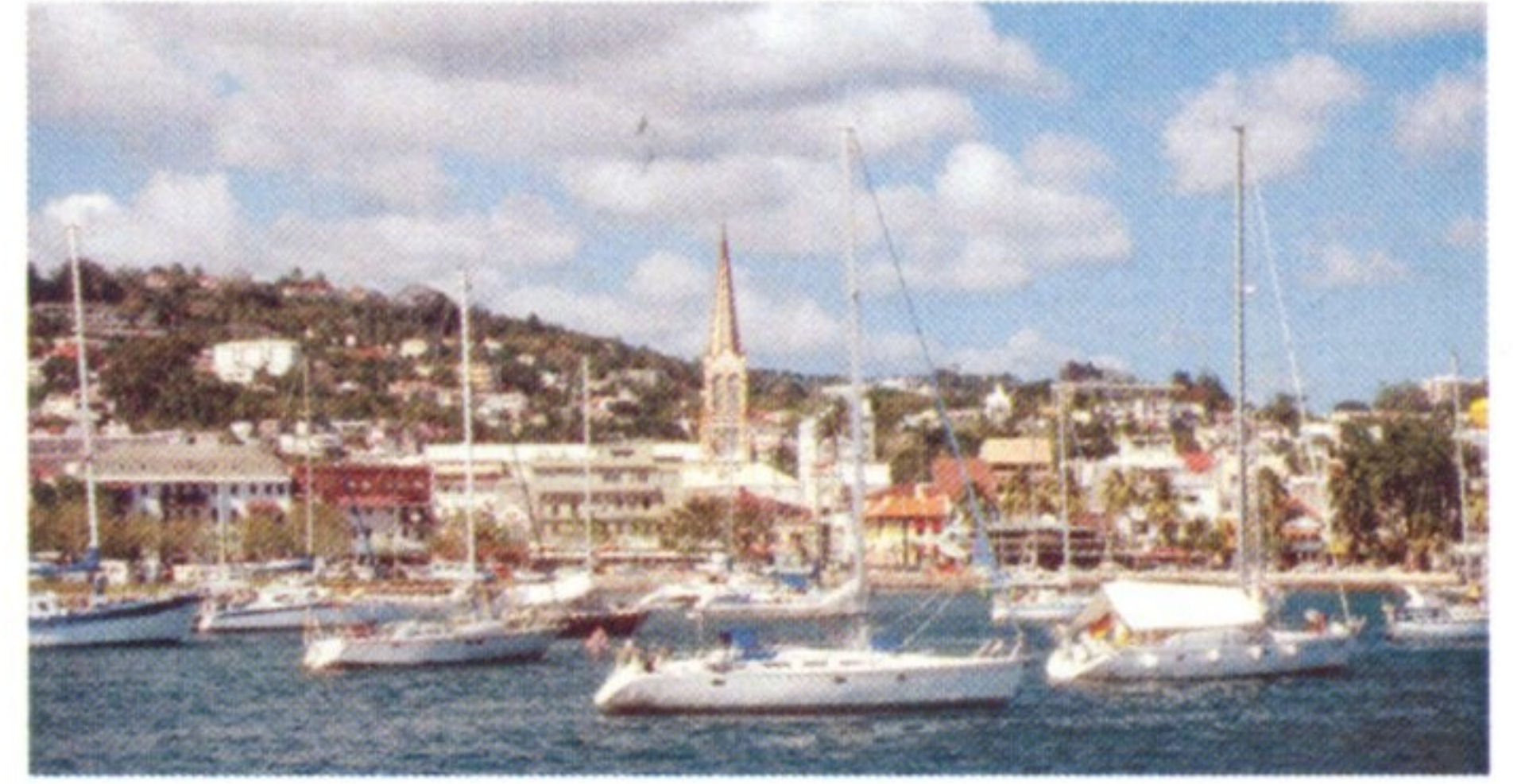
Mount Pelée Towering over the northern end of the island, this active volcano offers spectacular views

Sacré-Coeur de Balata A replica of Paris' Montmartre, sits perched on a cliff surrounded by tropical rain forest

St. Pierre Formerly the capital of Martinique but was destroyed by Mount Pelée's eruption in 1902

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Venture to the French island of Martinique and land at Fort-de-France, where picturesque scenery, a rich military history and lasting memories await you. The city was established as a naval base back in the early 17th century and since has been the victim of several enemy attacks. Fort-de-France has also experienced its share of fires and earthquakes, but by the 20th century the city rose in economic importance. Today, Fort-de-France specializes in rum, sugar, canned fruit and cacao exports and attributes tourism to a good part of its economy. Upon arrival, be sure to visit any of the four forts that occupy the area. Fort Saint Louis, Fort Desaix, Fort Tartenson and Fort Gerbault all offer historical insight to the past threats Martinique faced. Visit the Schoelcher Library and admire its unique architecture. Erected in France in the late 19th century, the building was shipped piece by piece to Martinique and stands today as a monument to slavery abolitionist Victor Schoelcher. Wander the city's central park, La Savane, where the famous statue of Napoleon's Empress, Josephine, stands. Delve into the lush greenery of the island at Balata Gardens or the Parc Naturel Regional de la Martinique. Find several varieties of local plants and trees as well as native island critters.

ESSENTIALS

Currency
Currency Euro (EUR)

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Tourist Information Center
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Fort-de-France 97200, Martinique
Tel: +596 596 60 27 73

EAT

- 8 **La Cave a Vin** Fine French and Creole cuisine and known for excellent wines
- 9 **La Belle Epoque** Located in a turn-of-the-century house, it boasts a small venue with an open air terrace
- 10 **La Baie** Savory crepes filled with seafood, berries, etc. are great here. Also has a nice terrace for the views.
- 11 **Bistrot Savane** A variety of French based recipes fill the menu here
- 12 **Crew** A wide variety of French- and Creole-based dishes served here in this nautical-themed locale
- 13 **Garage Popular** Small bar with themed menus changed regularly
- 14 **Le Foyaal** Gastropub and brasserie serves small plates and tapas

READ

The Rose of Martinique
by Andrea Stuart
Martinique: Snake Charmer
by Andre Breton
The Tragedy of Pelée
by George Kennan
The Island: Martinique
by John Edgar Wideman

LISTEN

Zouk originated in the 1980s in Martinique and Guadeloupe. This fast, rhythmic music was created in an attempt to modernize Carnival music. It is a blend of reggae, compas and salsa elements. Zouk shows are very theatrical with colorful costumes, many special effects and outrageous acts.

Sové Lanmou
by Zouk Machine
Zouk la sé sèl mèdikaman nou ni
by Kassav'

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Basseterre, St. Kitts

THINGS TO SEE

- 1 **St George's Anglican Church** Evidence of a fiery religious battle between French and British occupants.
- 2 **Independence Square** The main center of activity for the city, was named for St. Kitts achieving political independence in 1983.
- 3 **Romney Manor** Old plantation estate houses the Castella Batik fabric workshop.
- 4 **The Circus** At the center of this roundabout stands a clock built in honor of Thomas B.H. Berkeley.
- 5 **Immaculate Conception Co-Cathedral** Airy church is evidence of the French occupation days when Catholicism was the prominent religion.

GET OUT OF TOWN

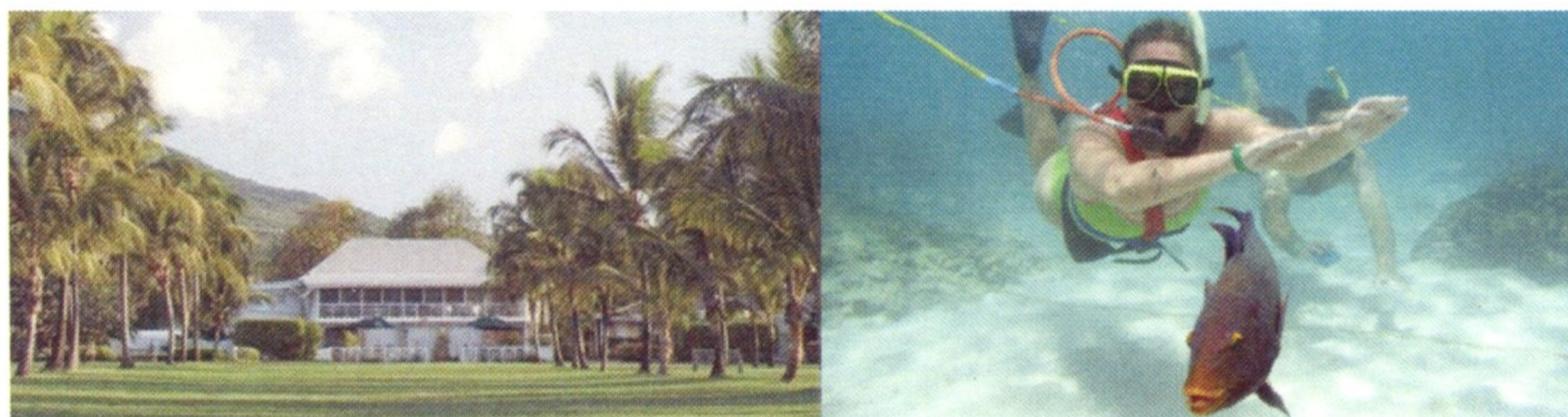
- St Kitts Scenic Railway** Makes a 30 mile circle around the island, offering breathtaking view of the coastline, lush vegetation and fields of sugar cane.
- Brimstone Fortress** Perched nearly 800 ft above sea level, this well preserved fort was built over 300 years ago and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Nevis** Visit St. Kitts' sister island, separated by a narrow channel, which offers a taste of the simple Caribbean lifestyle.

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SHOP

- A **Diamonds International** Caribbean's number one recommended store when shopping ashore.
- B **Colombian Emeralds International** Emerald and gemstone specialists.
- C **Effy Jewelry** Colored diamond experts.
- D **Milano Diamond Gallery** The most relaxed shopping experience you'll have in the Caribbean.
- E **Dufry Duty-Free** Best brands, best selection, best prices guaranteed.
- F **Gold Mine** Family owned store since 1988.
- G **Gems & Jewels** Luxury designed jewelry.
- H **Del Sol** World's largest color-change retailer.
- I **Cariloha** Where everything is made from bamboo.





FROM YOUR LOCATION TEAM

Visit the southwest coast of Saint Kitts Island and find yourself at the port of Basseterre, one of the oldest towns in the eastern Caribbean. Founded in the early 17th century by the French, the port served as the capital of the French colony of Saint-Christophe, and then became the capital of the entire island of Saint Kitts. Upon arrival, head to Independence Square, which today serves as the social center of the city and a gathering place for many. Next, spend some time at the Circus for plenty of people watching and a roundabout with a historic clock at its center. Head to the Clay Villa Plantation House & Gardens to learn about Basseterre's past and wander through picturesque gardens filled with local flora. For more history, stop at the National Museum or tour St. George's Anglican Church. Satisfy your shopping craving with a stop at the Amina Craft Market or the Public Market offering locally crafted goods, or for more modern shops, head to the Pelican Shopping Mall.

ESSENTIALS

Currency East Caribbean Dollar (XCD).
U.S. Dollar widely accepted.
Port Agent Delisle Walwyn & Co. (Ltd)
P.O. Box 44 Liverpool Row Basseterre
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Telephone: (869) 465 2631 / 5686
Fax: (869) 465 1125
E-Mail: dcable@delislewalwyn.com

EAT

- 6 **The Georgian House** Gourmet restaurant housed in a restored brick home.
- 7 **El Fredo's** Good local food makes this a popular lunch option.
- 8 **Rock Lobster** Offer more than just lobster.
- 9 **Fisherman's Wharf** Offers extensive menu filled with primarily seafood dishes.
- 10 **Serendipity** Eclectic restaurant overlooking the harbor.
- 11 **Ballahoo** Overlooks the Circus clock and is great for people watching.

READ

Miriam Gone Home: The Life of Sister Huggins Miriam H. Huggins
Out of Crowded Vagueness Brian Dyde
Second Place of Birth: Nevis: Eight Days in the Jungle Without Water and Food Anton Tomazic
Caribbean Chemistry: Tales from St. Kitts Christopher Vanier
Indigo Marina Warner

LISTEN

Basseterre in St. Kitts holds the annual "St. Kitts Music Festival," of popular music near the end of every June that draws major international music acts while showcasing the best local acts. St. Kitts and Nevis are festive and vibrant islands that are rich in music traditions and festivals. Popular genres of these celebrations include calypso, soca, salsa, jazz and steelpan music.
Everybody King Konris
Tempo Ellie Matt
(Clara) St. Kitts Woman Taj Mahal

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St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

THINGS TO SEE

- 1 **Blackbeard's Castle** 17th century castle said to have been used by the famous pirate as a lookout. ⚓
- 2 **Paradise Point** Offers a beautiful aerial view of Charlotte Amalie and can be reached by a sky tram. ⚓
- 3 **St. Thomas Synagogue** The oldest synagogue in continuous use under the U.S. flag. ⚓
- 4 **Kongens Quarter** Once the center of Danish colonialism with many buildings dating back to the 18th century. ⚓
- 5 **99 Steps** Built in the mid 18th century by Danish settlers. ⚓
- 6 **Caribbean World Amber Museum** Features amber antiques, and a rainforest with a waterfall crafted out of amber. ⚓
- 7 **Pedersen Estate** This estate consists of several gardens and historical buildings. ⚓
- 8 **Fort Christian** The oldest standing structure in the Virgin Islands.

GET OUT OF TOWN

- St. John Island** Known as the "Emerald of the Caribbean" for its beautiful landscapes and abundant marine life. ⚓
- Coral World** Offers fascinating exhibits explaining the fascinating marine life of the Caribbean. ⚓
- Tortola** Home to a dolphin discovery facility where you can see dolphins up close. ⚓

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SHOP

- A Diamonds International (5 locations)** Caribbean's number one recommended retailer when shopping ashore.
- B Diamonds International Collection** Designer Showroom at Duty-Free Prices
- C DI Watch & Design** Fine timepieces and designer jewelry.
- D Effy Jewelry (2 locations)** Colored diamond experts.

- E Milano Diamond Gallery (2 locations)** The most relaxed shopping experience you'll have in the Caribbean.
- F Del Sol (2 locations)** World's largest color-change retailer.
- G Cariloha (2 locations)** Where everything is made of bamboo.
- H Ammolite Gallery of St. Thomas** Experience the rare and exquisite beauty of ammolite.
- I Hublot Boutique** The art of fusion.
- J Tanzanite International** Number one recommended store for tanzanite when shopping ashore.
- K Mr. Tablecloth** The original linen store.
- L Colombian Emeralds International** Emerald and gemstone specialists.
- M Breitling Boutique** Instruments for professionals since 1884.





FROM YOUR LOCATION TEAM

St Thomas has something for just about everyone and is included on most cruise ship itineraries for just this reason. Originally established as a Dutch colony in the 17th century the island's sugar plantations lost profitability after the abolishment of slavery causing labor prices to skyrocket. With sugar plantations no longer able to maintain its workforce the island's economy sank into a sharp decline. Seeing this as an opportunity, the US purchased St Thomas and two other islands in 1917 for a total of \$25 million as part of a defensive strategy during the First World War. While the island never saw battle, the innovations of war gave the island just what it needed to turn the economy around, large ships and airplanes capable of transporting lots of leisure seeking people. Today St Thomas is one of the busiest ports in the Caribbean as the island is capable of, and often does, support influxes of up to 20 thousand visitors a day. This may have something to do with the port being a renown shopping mecca with some of the best jewelry and fine goods available at a steep discount. If the shopping bug has not bit you yet, the island has much more to offer than deals. Try a tram ride to the top of the island's highest peak or visit an underwater coral reef observatory. Numerous marine protected areas are accessible from St. Thomas. The USVI are a haven for excellent swimming, snorkeling and diving. These MAPs feature a wide variety of tropical ecosystems where you can observe many kinds of coral, fish, and migratory birds.

ESSENTIALS

Currency U.S. Dollar (USD)
 Port Agent Virgin Port Services, 1001 Blackbeard's Hill, St Thomas, USVI, 00804, United States. Telephone: 24 hr: (340) 514-6773. Tollfree: (340) 775-1151
 E-Mail: portagent@virginexcursions.com

EAT

- 9 **Tickles Dockside Bar and Grill** Eat lunch among the anchored yachts.
- 10 **The Fat Turtle Bar and Grill** Open air restaurant serves bar food next to the dock.
- 11 **Restaurant at Paradise Point Tramway** Take in the amazing mountaintop view while dining.
- 12 **Big Kahuna Rum Shack** Serves drinks, tacos and other lunch options.
- 13 **The Cup and Cork** Coffee shop and deli serves sandwiches to go.
- 14 **Chez le Caribe** At the top of the 99 stair climb this restaurant serves French food with a Caribbean twist.
- 15 **Room with a View** Fine dining restaurant located in Blackbeard's Castle.

READ

Caribbean Capers: Brotherhood of Pirates Kidnapped in the Caribbean by Joan Santomena
Desiring Paradise...A True Story of Succumbing to the Dream by Karin W. Schlesinger
Seasoned by Salt: A Voyage in Search of the Caribbean by Jerry L. Mashaw

LISTEN

From its neighbors, St. Thomas has imported various pan-Caribbean genres of music, including calypso from Trinidad. The Lifestyle Festival is held in St. Thomas and leverages artists and entertainers to bring focus to health and wellness, with many musical acts performing this year in July, one of the many music festivals held annually in the Virgin Islands.

Love Me Still by P'your Passion Band
Rock Melody by Eddie & The Movements
Virgin Islands March by Alton Adams
St. Thomas by Sonny Rollins
Don't Blame It on Elvis by The Fabulous McClevertys
My Joy by Kenya Eugene
"Children's Parade" by Reginald Cyntje
Hold On by Rudy
21st Century by Dion Parson
Toco Band by Rising Stars Youth Steel Orchestra

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Half Moon Cay, Bahamas





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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Fort Lauderdale, Florida

THINGS TO SEE

- 1 **Museum of Discovery and Science**
Interactive museum featuring exhibits on ecology, health, and outer space.
- 2 **Riverwalk** Hailed as "Florida's Most Beautiful Mile" complete with dining, shopping, and museums. 📍
- 3 **Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Museum** Consists of four historic structures with exhibits following the history of the area.
- 4 **Stranahan House** Example of "Florida Frontier" architecture and contains turn-of-the-century furnishings and historical photos of the area. 📍
- 5 **Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale** Hosts world-class touring exhibits with a permanent collection of 20th-century European and American art.
- 6 **Las Olas Boulevard** Great destination for shopping, dining and people-watching. 📍

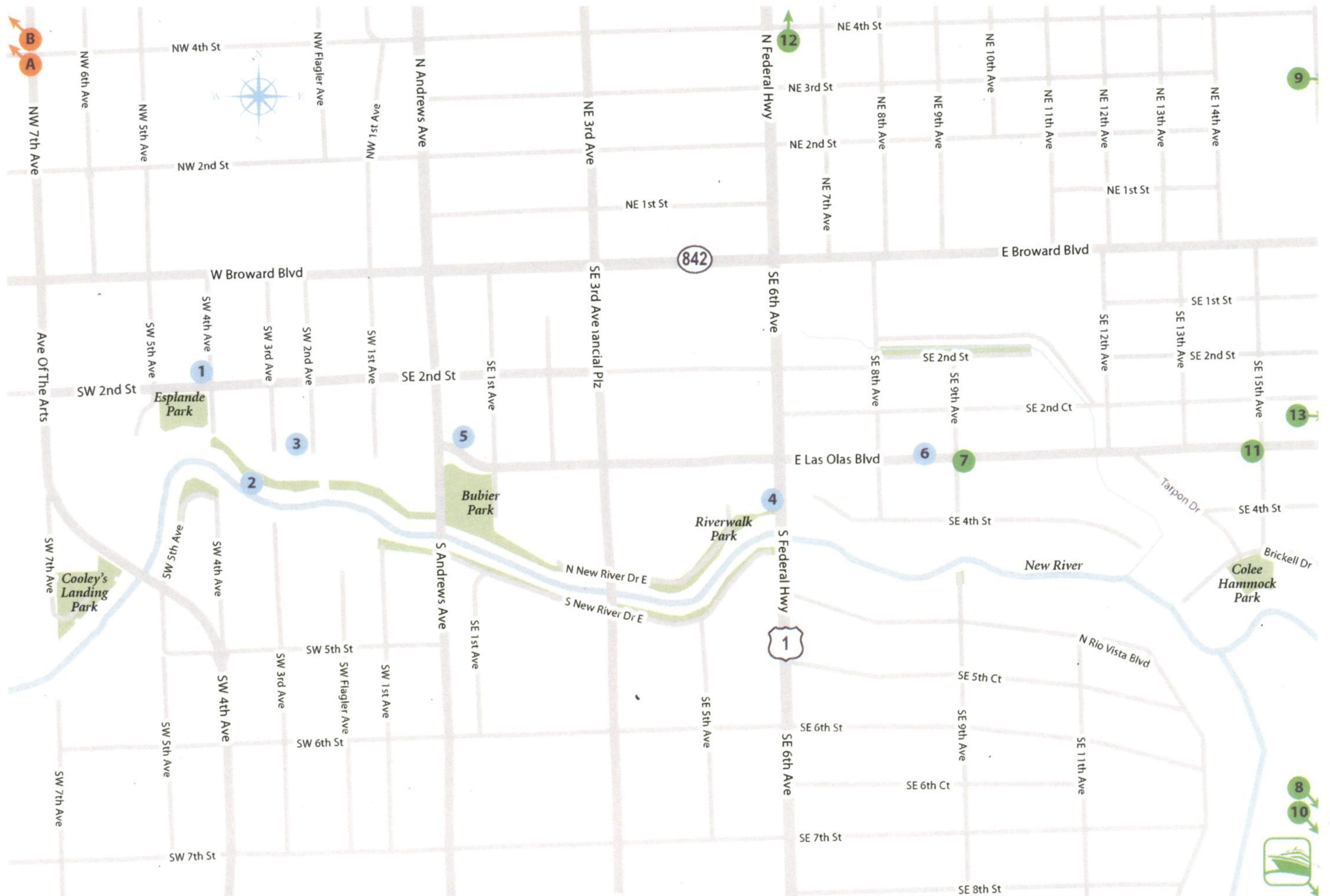
GET OUT OF TOWN

- Hugh Taylor Birch Park** 180-acre park lies on a barrier island between the Atlantic Ocean and the Inland Waterway.
- Flamingo Gardens** Botanical gardens and aviary featuring wading birds, a crocodile lagoon and a citrus grove.
- Hollywood Florida** Beautiful seaside village with its world famous boardwalk. 📍
- Everglades National Park** Known for its natural beauty, abundant wildlife, and the world famous air-boat rides. 📍

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SHOP

- A **Sawgrass Mills Mall** Outlet mall with over 300 stores. 📍
- B **Festival Flea Market Mall** Contains more than 800 vendors.





FROM YOUR LOCATION TEAM

Fort Lauderdale is a hub of activity with vacationers coming from all over the world seeking the abundant sunshine and beaches this city provides. It's hard to believe that this sophisticated city was once a swamp, with nothing more than a fort built on its land. Fort Lauderdale is named after a series of forts built in 1838 by the United States during the second Seminole War. The forts took their name from Major William Lauderdale who was the commander of the detachment of soldiers that built the first fort. With over 300 miles of intercoastal waterway, Fort Lauderdale is truly the "Venice of America." Along these rivers and canals of café-lined walkways and, of course, beaches. As a jump off point for so many cruise ships, Fort Lauderdale is the perfect end for your cruise vacation. With over 50 golf courses, plenty of art galleries, and world class spas, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Not to mention the abundant shopping opportunities, including everything from small boutiques along Las Olas Boulevard to the massive Sawgrass Mill outlet mall just outside the city. For a truly Floridian experience take an airboat ride through the Everglades before heading to the airport.

ESSENTIALS

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 Lauderdale FL 33316 United States
 Telephone: 800-516-5330 Tollfree: Fax:
 954-462-7768 E-Mail:
 Port_Operations_FLL@hollandamerica.
 com

EAT

- 7 **Mangos** Outdoor café with nightly music.
- 8 **15th Street Fisheries** Fish and chowder house that offers casual dining downstairs and more formal meals upstairs.
- 9 **Casablanca Cafe** Mediterranean food served in a historic two-story Moroccan-style villa.
- 10 **Bimini Boatyard Bar & Grill** Fresh seafood cooked on a wood-fired grill.
- 11 **The Floridian** Landmark famous for its breakfasts.
- 12 **Jalisco** Small, family owned Mexican restaurant.
- 13 **Chima** Excellent Brazilian rodizio.

READ

The Stranahans of Fort Lauderdale by Harry A Kersey
Haunted Fort Lauderdale by John Marc Carr
Fort Lauderdale: The Venice of America by Susan Gillis

LISTEN

The influence of Cuban and Latin culture and music history on the music of South Florida is undeniable. Fort Lauderdale is noted for the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch: considered by many the ideal way to relax and enjoy Fort Lauderdale's scenic Riverwalk. Due to its close proximity to Miami, Fort Lauderdale is a major hub and driving force for much popular and ethnic-fused music.

Kuru/Speak Like A Child by Jaco Pastorius
Hero by Melanie Amaro
Blues For Brother George Jackson by Archie Shepp
The Truth by Nonpoint
I've Got Fort Lauderdale by Nate Sparks
Break of Dawn by Blue Stone
If You Say My Eyes Are Beautiful by Casely
That's The Way I Like It by KC & The Sunshine Band
Young At Heart by Lynne Meryl Band
Conga by Gloria Estefan
Fort Lauderdale by Nat Adderly

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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 Vista Lounge comes alive with dynamic concerts and exciting musical productions. Among the featured performances this cruise:

The Mainstage

Rockin' Roadhouse

The Roadhouse Bar is the setting for this high energy spectacular. Join the Oosterdam Singers and Dancers as they rock their way through some of country music's favorite hits.

Comedian Jim McDonald

From The Late Show with David Letterman

Pianist Paul Pappas

Ragtime to Rock 'n Roll, Broadway to Buble, Pop, the Classics, Movie Music and more! Fast-flying fingers and fun.

Stage & Screen

Film and theater come together for this high energy show with the amazing costume designs of Bob Mackie. Featuring the Oosterdam Singers and Dancers.

dancing with the stars at sea

Six of your fellow guest take the stage to find out who will be crowned "Dancing with the Stars: At Sea" Cruise Champion.

BARS & LOUNGES

QUEEN'S LOUNGE



Whether it's the B.B. King's Blues Club Band playing the great music that made Beale Street famous, or a game show starring your fellow guests, the Queen's Lounge offers entertainment nightly.



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



Relax with the best views on the ship.



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



It's cocktails and dancing as The Band plays.



Grab a drink, join the party and sing along to your favorite requested songs.



As You Wish Dining

You choose where, when and with whom you dine from among our many restaurant choices. Or you may choose to dine in with our complimentary in-room dining. For reservations dial 88 on your phone.

RESTAURANTS



Refined and wondrous, romantic and intimate, the pinnacle of exceptional dining featuring aged Double R Ranch beef and premium seafood. Open for lunch and dinner. ☎



Named for a famous 18th century Venetian artist, the new Canaletto Restaurant is adjacent to the Lido Restaurant dining area. "Spartire" is the Italian word for sharing; our menu is designed around this authentic Italian experience and offers a variety of dishes to enjoy and share with family and friends. ☎



This gracious setting features table service for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Dinners offer the option of fixed seating times (noted on your stateroom key card) or open seating for those who wish to be more spontaneous. ☎



Relaxed dining featuring a variety of cooked-to-order selections.



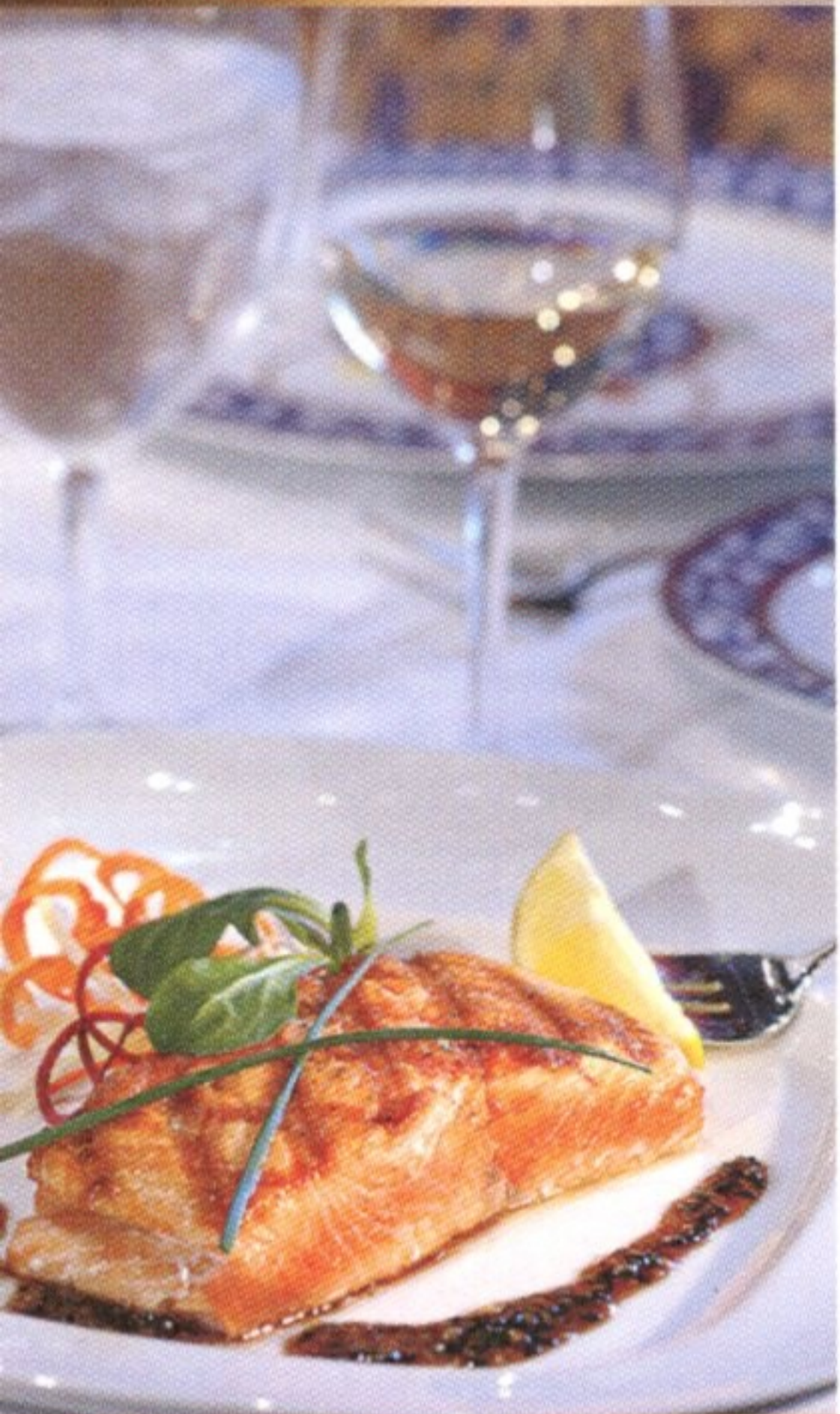
Signature burgers and hot dogs with a secret sauce.

SPECIAL EVENTS

An Evening at Le Cirque

Join us for the unique taste of Sirio Maccioni's celebrated New York restaurant at sea. The Pinnacle Grill is transformed into the legendary Le Cirque of New York City for this one-time event only featuring French Continental cuisine. ☎

Make reservations directly with your server or dial 88 ☎ Reservations recommended



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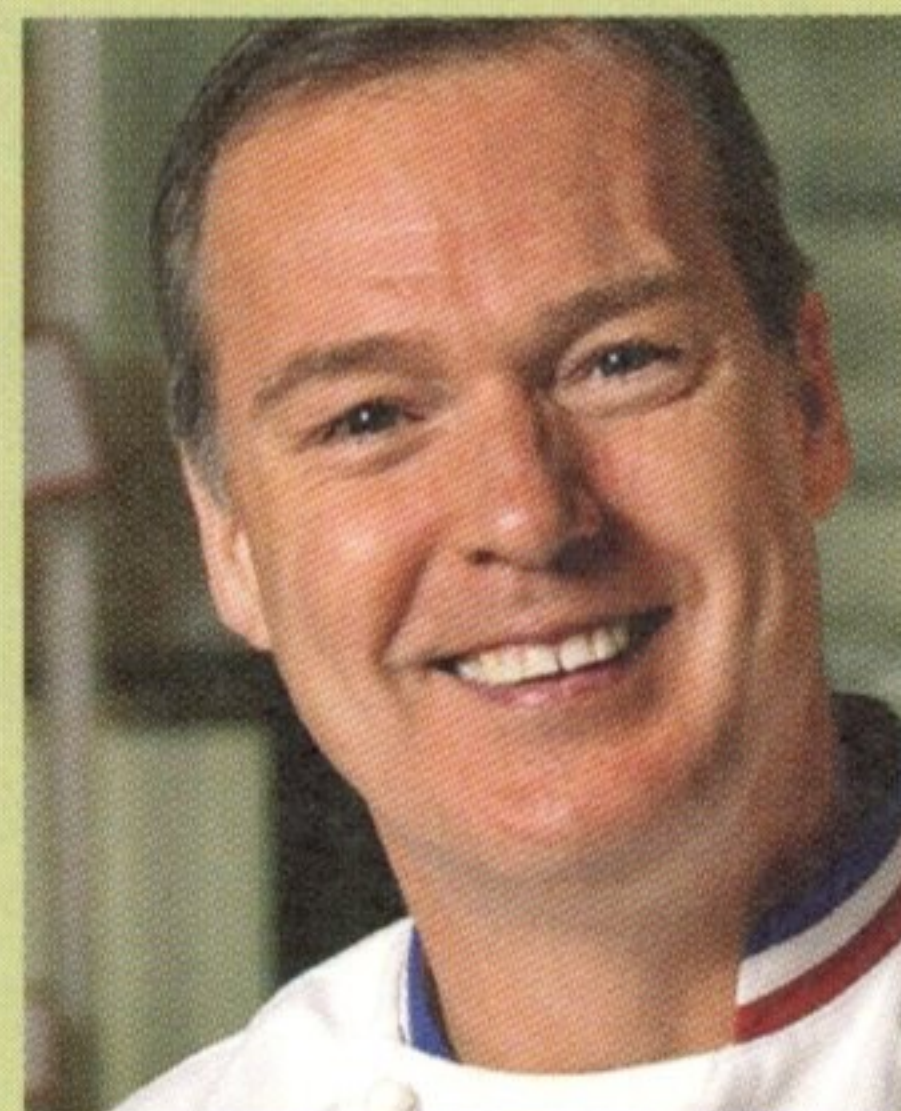
◀ **Rudi Sodamin**
Master Chef and Culinary Consultant



Jonnie Boer



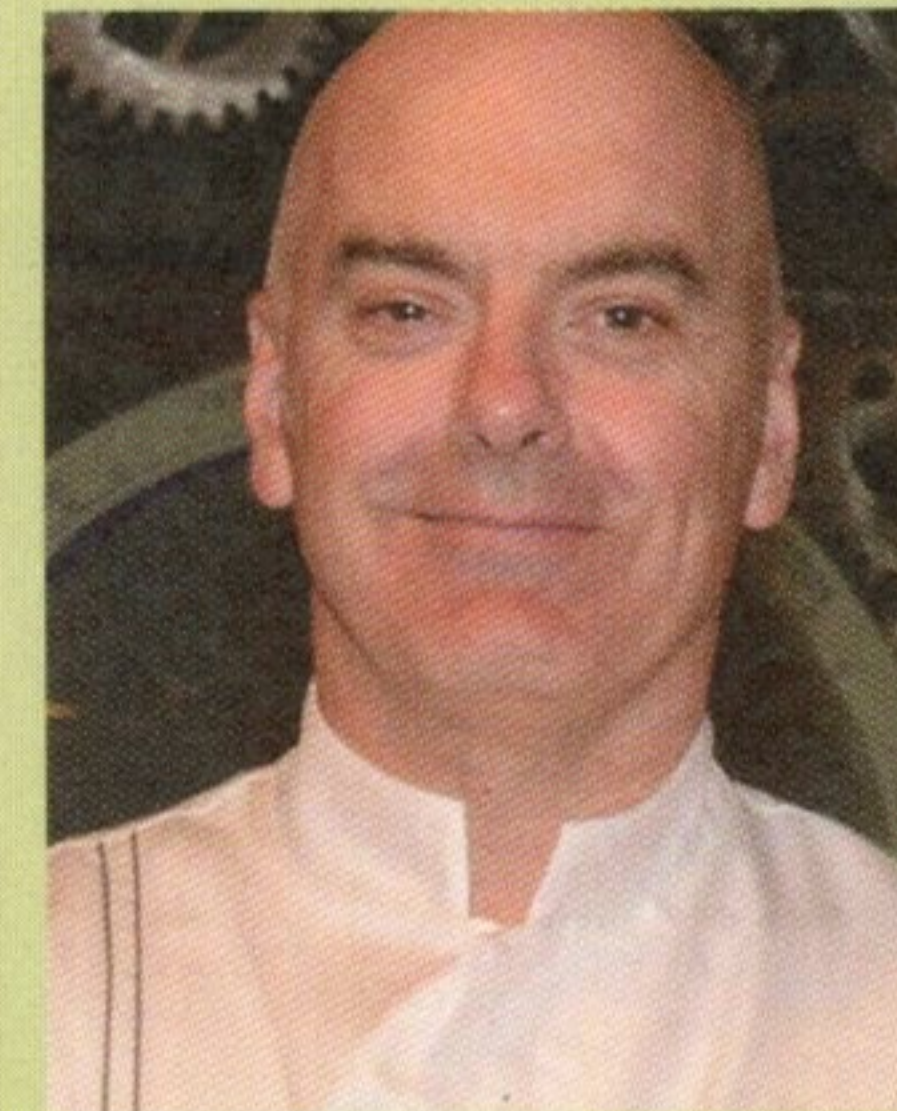
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