

Cabrits, Portsmouth, Dominica

Dominica's northern cruise berth puts you inside a national park the moment you step ashore — 18th-century fort ruins, hand-rowed river tours, and volcanic rainforest all within easy reach of Portsmouth.

Docked pier

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Eastern Caribbean dollar / USD widely accepted

English (official)

🗓️ MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Timber wharf inside Cabrits National Park, ~5 min walk to Portsmouth town

Best For: History, nature hikes, Indian River boat tour

Walk to Fort Shirley: 10–15 min on foot from the pier

Don't Miss: Hand-rowed Indian River tour with a stop at the riverside bush bar

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$5–\$15 USD · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Fort Shirley & Cabrits National Park** — Walk 10 minutes from the pier to explore the restored 18th-century British garrison at Fort Shirley.
- Indian River Rowboat Tour** — Glide through Dominica's widest river in a hand-oared wooden boat — no motors allowed.
- Titou Gorge Swim** — Swim through a narrow volcanic canyon to a hidden waterfall — a surreal spot also used in Pirates of the Caribbean.
- Emerald Pool & Morne Trois Pitons** — A grotto waterfall inside the UNESCO World Heritage rainforest, reached by an easy 15-minute trail.
- Whale Watching off Dominica** — Dominica is one of the best places in the Caribbean to spot sperm whales year-round.

BEST WALKS

- Pier to Fort Shirley Loop** 1.5 km · 30–45 min · Easy — Walk the park trail from the cruise terminal north to Fort Shirley's restored garrison ruins.
- Portsmouth Waterfront Stroll** 1.5 km · 25 min · Easy — Head south along the Prince Rupert Bay waterfront into Portsmouth town.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	86°	73°	9d
Jun	88°	76°	14d
Aug	89°	76°	17d
Sep	89°	76°	18d
Oct	88°	75°	18d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:09AM–7:59PM · Jun 4:50AM–9:19PM · Aug 5:52AM–8:24PM · Sep 6:40AM–7:17PM · Oct 7:27AM–6:11PM

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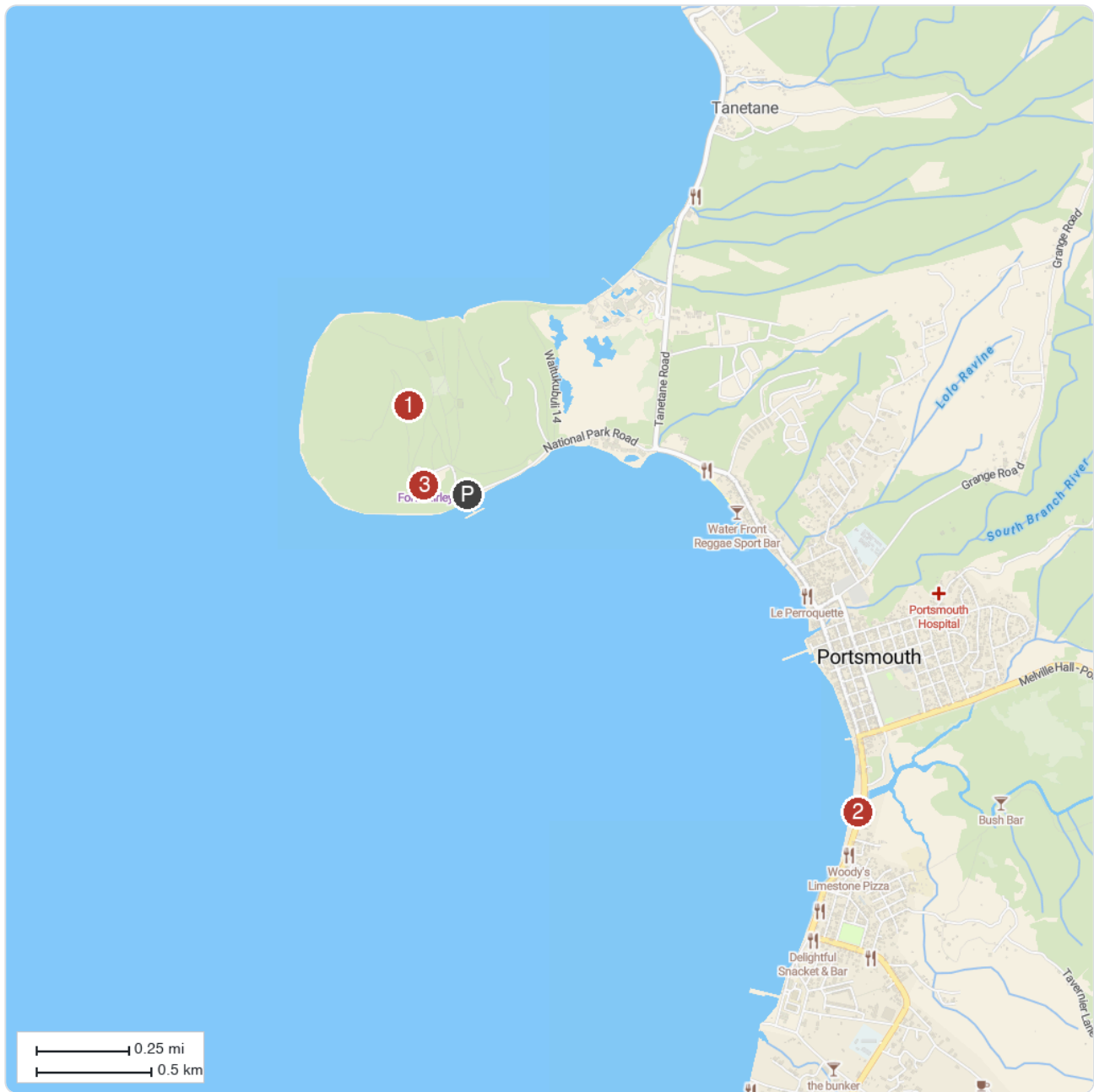
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- USD is widely accepted in Portsmouth and at the terminal. Eastern Caribbean dollars (XCD) give slightly better value at local stalls; rate is fixed at ~2.7 XCD to 1 USD.

Cabrits, Portsmouth, Dominica — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Cabrits National Park** Historic fort ruins amidst lush tropical nature.
- 3 Fort Shirley** Well-preserved 18th-century British fort ruins with ocean views.

- 2 Indian River Tours** Scenic boat rides through a tranquil mangrove river.
- P Cruise port / terminal**