

# Willemstad, Curaçao

Curaçao's capital, Willemstad, is one of the Caribbean's most visually striking port towns — a UNESCO World Heritage waterfront of Dutch-colonial buildings painted in vivid pastels, split by a narrow channel you cross on a floating pontoon bridge. Add gin-clear beaches, dramatic limestone caves, and some of the best wreck diving in the region.

 Docked — Mega Pier / Otrobanda

 Typical call: 8–10 hrs

 Netherlands Antillean Guilder (ANG) · USD widely accepted

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## 🍹 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_ All aboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Mega Pier (Sint Annabaai channel), Otrobanda side — steps from Willemstad center

**To center:** ~5 min walk to Queen Emma Pontoon Bridge / Punda waterfront

**Best For:** UNESCO Old Town · Beaches · Snorkeling & Diving · Dutch Colonial Architecture

**Don't Miss:** Cross the Queen Emma Pontoon Bridge and stroll Punda's colonial waterfront

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$20–\$30/taxi (up to 4) ·  **Rideshare**  not available

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Willemstad UNESCO Walking Tour** — Wander Punda's pastel Dutch-colonial waterfront, browse the Floating Market where Venezuelan vendors sell fresh produce...
- Hato Caves** — Explore an ancient limestone cave system 20 minutes from Willemstad, with stalactite and stalagmite formations...
- Cas Abao or Playa Kenepa Beach Day** — Curaçao's best beaches are on the rugged western coast — Cas Abao offers calm turquoise water, a beach bar, and good...
- Wreck Diving & Snorkeling** — Curaçao is one of the Caribbean's top diving destinations, with the USAT Tugboat wreck (perfect for beginners at just 5...
- Curaçao Liqueur Distillery Tour** — The Curaçao Liqueur Distillery (Senior & Co.) operates from the historic Landhuis Chobolobo in Willemstad, the...

## BEST WALKS

- Otrobanda to Punda Waterfront Walk** 1.5 km · ~30–45 min · Easy — Start at the cruise terminal in Otrobanda, walk east along the waterfront past the Rif Fort (now a shopping complex), cross the Queen...
- Punda Historic Core** 1 km · ~45 min · Easy — From the Pontoon Bridge, walk into Punda's historic grid: pass Fort Amsterdam (the governor's residence and active church), explore...
- Punda & Handelskade Loop** 2 km · 1.5 hrs · Easy — Cross the Queen Emma Bridge into Punda, walk the iconic Handelskade waterfront, loop through the market square (Wilhelminaplein) and...

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

| Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr | 84°  | 78° | 8d   |
| Jun | 85°  | 79° | 13d  |
| Aug | 86°  | 80° | 12d  |
| Sep | 87°  | 81° | 10d  |
| Oct | 86°  | 80° | 18d  |

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

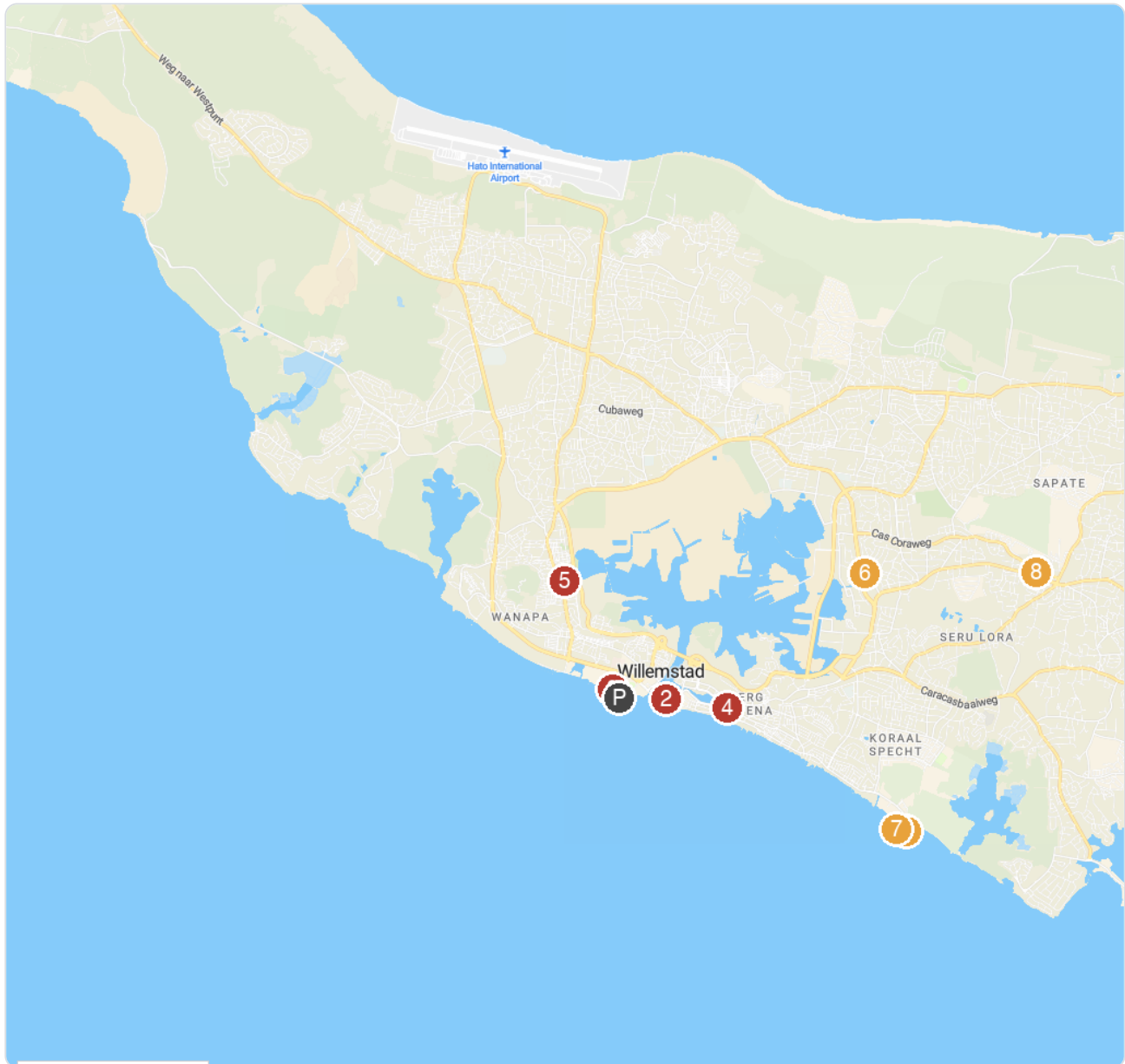
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# Willemstad, Curaçao — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

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



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|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Curaçao Sea Aquarium                            | Large aquarium with marine life and dolphin shows.      | <b>2</b> Fort Church                             | Historic church inside Fort Amsterdam.                |
| <b>3</b> MV Superior Producer - Curaçao Iconic Shipwreck | Dive or snorkel this iconic sunken cargo ship.          | <b>4</b> Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral | Beautiful, historic Catholic cathedral in Willemstad. |
| <b>5</b> Gallery Alma Blou                               | Oldest art gallery showcasing local Caribbean artists.  | <b>6</b> Mongui Maduro Historic House Museum     | Explore a historic Jewish family's home and library.  |
| <b>7</b> Substation Curacao                              | Experience deep-sea exploration with submersible tours. | <b>8</b> Montaña Bierhuis Village                | Craft beer brewery and restaurant complex.            |
| <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal                          |                                                         |                                                  |                                                       |