

Port Canaveral, Florida, USA

America's second-busiest cruise port sits next to a rocket launch pad. Watch a SpaceX liftoff from the deck, tour NASA in the morning, and dig your toes into Cocoa Beach sand by afternoon — nowhere else combines a cruise departure with outer space quite like this.

Docked (no tendering)

Home port (turnaround day)

USD

English

Adjacent to Kennedy Space Center

🔑 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: All ships dock at cruise terminals CT1–CT10; no tendering ever required

Best For: Kennedy Space Center, Cocoa Beach, bioluminescent kayaking, Orlando parks

Walk to center: No walkable center from piers; The Cove is 1.5–3 mi; Cocoa Beach ~5 mi by rideshare

Don't Miss: Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex — Space Shuttle Atlantis is a genuine jaw-drop

Getting around: **Taxi** \$20–\$130 · **Rideshare** Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex** — Walk beneath a Saturn V rocket, board the Space Shuttle Atlantis exhibit (genuinely awe-inspiring), and ride the...
 - Bioluminescent Kayaking** — Paddle after dark through the Indian River Lagoon or Banana River while millions of glowing dinoflagellates light up...
- Cocoa Beach** — Florida's nearest beach to the port.
 - Airboat Ride & Gator Safari** — Flat-bottom airboats skim the Florida marshlands at speed while guides point out alligators, osprey, and roseate...
 - Orlando Theme Parks** — Walt Disney World, Universal Orlando, and SeaWorld are all ~60 miles west.

BEST WALKS

- The Cove Waterfront Loop** ⌚ 30–45 min · 🚶 Easy · 🌊 Waterfront dining — The Cove is a compact waterfront district inside the port with restaurants (Grills Seafood, Rusty's Oyster Bar, Fish Lips), a marina...
 - Exploration Tower & Jetty Park** ⌚ 45–60 min · 🚶 Easy · 🚀 Views + beach — Exploration Tower is a 7-story architectural landmark at the port entrance with panoramic views of the harbor, cruise ships, and Cape...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		79°	67°	10d
Jun		85°	75°	22d
Aug		86°	77°	25d
Sep		84°	76°	22d
Oct		81°	72°	14d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:56AM–7:48PM · Jun 6:25AM–8:21PM · Aug 6:52AM–8:00PM · Sep 7:07AM–7:26PM · Oct 7:23AM–6:52PM

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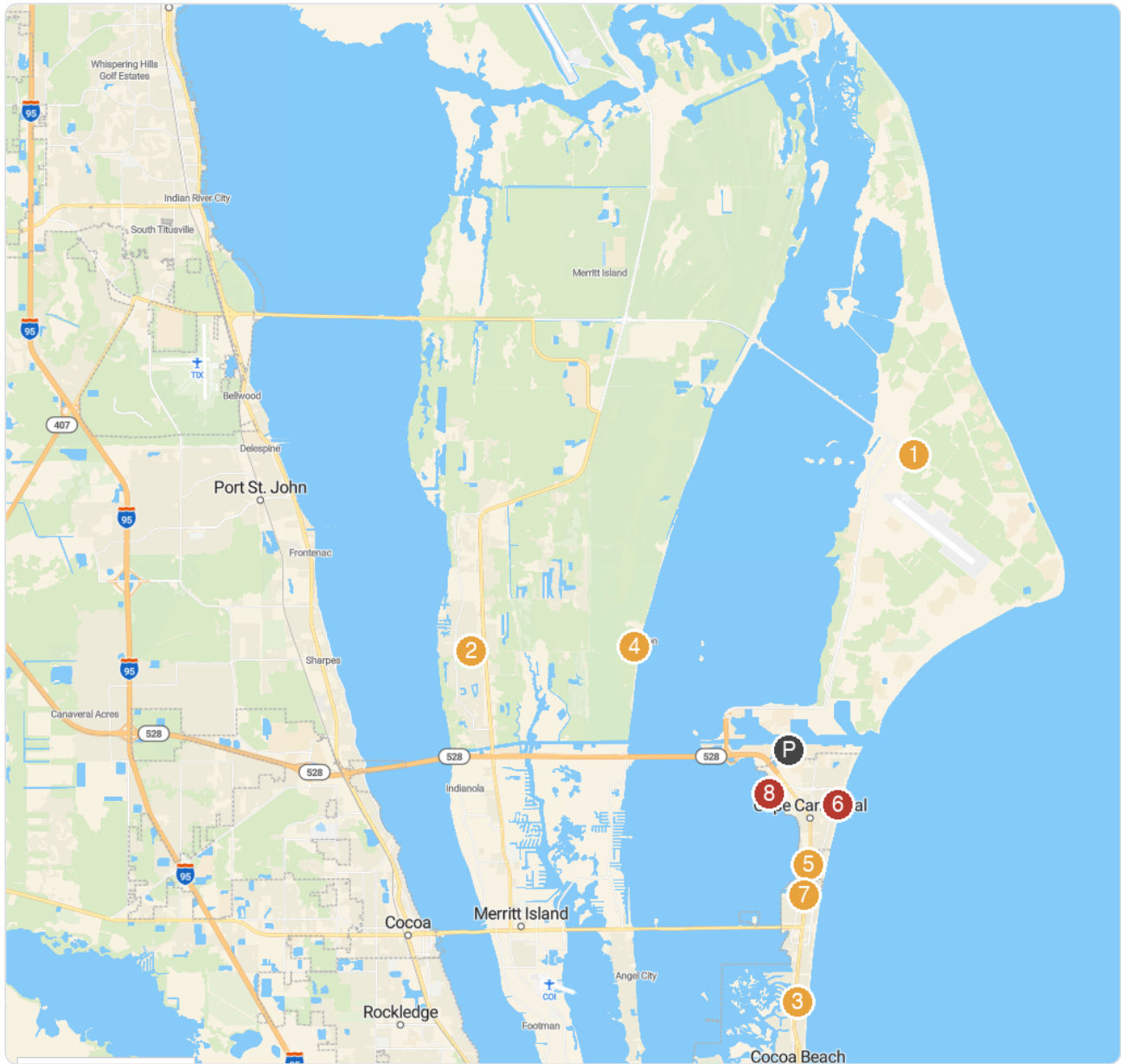
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the launch schedule. Cape Canaveral Space Force Station and SpaceX launch frequently. Check [spaceflightnow.com](#) before your cruise — a liftoff from the Jetty Park beach or...
- Book KSC tickets before you leave home. Kennedy Space Center sells out on busy days and special-tour slots (Astronaut Training Experience, Launch Complex bus tour) go fast. No...

Port Canaveral, Florida, USA — Port Map

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



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| 1 Cape Canaveral Air Force Station | Active US Space Force station for rocket launches and history. | 2 Mitchell Ellington Park | Large sports complex with fields for baseball, soccer, and more. |
| 3 Lori Wilson Park | Oceanfront park with beach access, boardwalk, and a dog park. | 4 KARS Park | NASA/Space Force recreation park with beach, camping, and water sports. |
| 5 Golf N Gator | Mini-golf course featuring live alligators and other reptiles. | 6 Cherie Down Park | Quiet beach park with dunes, boardwalk, and ocean access. |
| 7 Church of Our Saviour | Local Catholic church offering services and community events. | 8 Manatee Sanctuary Park | Waterfront park for viewing manatees in their natural habitat. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |