

Trujillo (Banana Coast), Colón, Honduras

One of the oldest colonial towns in the Americas, Trujillo blends pirate-era forts and Garifuna drum culture with lush national-park rainforest and wide golden beaches — an authentic alternative to Roatán's resort strip.

-  Tender port (no pier)
-  Typical call: 7-9 hrs
-  USD widely accepted / Honduran Lempira
-  Spanish; English at port & with guides
-  Eco & history destination

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in bay; tenders land at Banana Coast terminal

Walk to center: ~2 km / 25 min uphill; mototaxis \$2–3 USD

Best For: History buffs, eco-lovers, Garifuna culture, off-the-beaten-path travelers

Don't Miss: Fort Santa Bárbara cannons with ship views, William Walker's grave, Garifuna drumming

 Getting around:  Taxi  ~\$5–10 USD

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Fort Santa Bárbara & Colonial Trujillo** — Climb to the 16th-century Spanish fortress (built c.1550) with 13 surviving cannons pointing over the bay — the same bay your ship now anchors in.
- Garifuna Village & Drumming Experience** — Visit the Garifuna community at Santa Fe (12 km west) — descendants of shipwrecked Africans and indigenous Caribs whose language and music are...
- Guaimoreto Lagoon Kayak & Wildlife** — Paddle through mangrove canals of this protected coastal lagoon where roseate spoonbills, crocodiles, manatees, monkeys, and iguanas are regularly...
- Capiro & Calentura National Park Hike** — The rainforest mountains rising directly behind town hide waterfalls, wild orchids, and white-faced capuchin monkeys.
- ATV Jungle & Beach Combo** — Blast through banana plantation tracks and jungle trails on ATVs before cooling off at a local beach.

BEST WALKS

- Banana Coast Terminal to Fort Santa Bárbara** ~2.5 km one-way | 30–40 min uphill | Moderate — Walk from the tender dock up through Trujillo's streets to Parque Central, then continue uphill to Fort Santa Bárbara for panoramic views over the bay and your anchored...
- Town Center Stroll** ~1 km loop | 30–45 min | Easy (once you're in town) — Stroll the shady Parque Central, peek inside the Cathedral of San Juan Bautista, and wander the nearby cemetery where William Walker is buried.

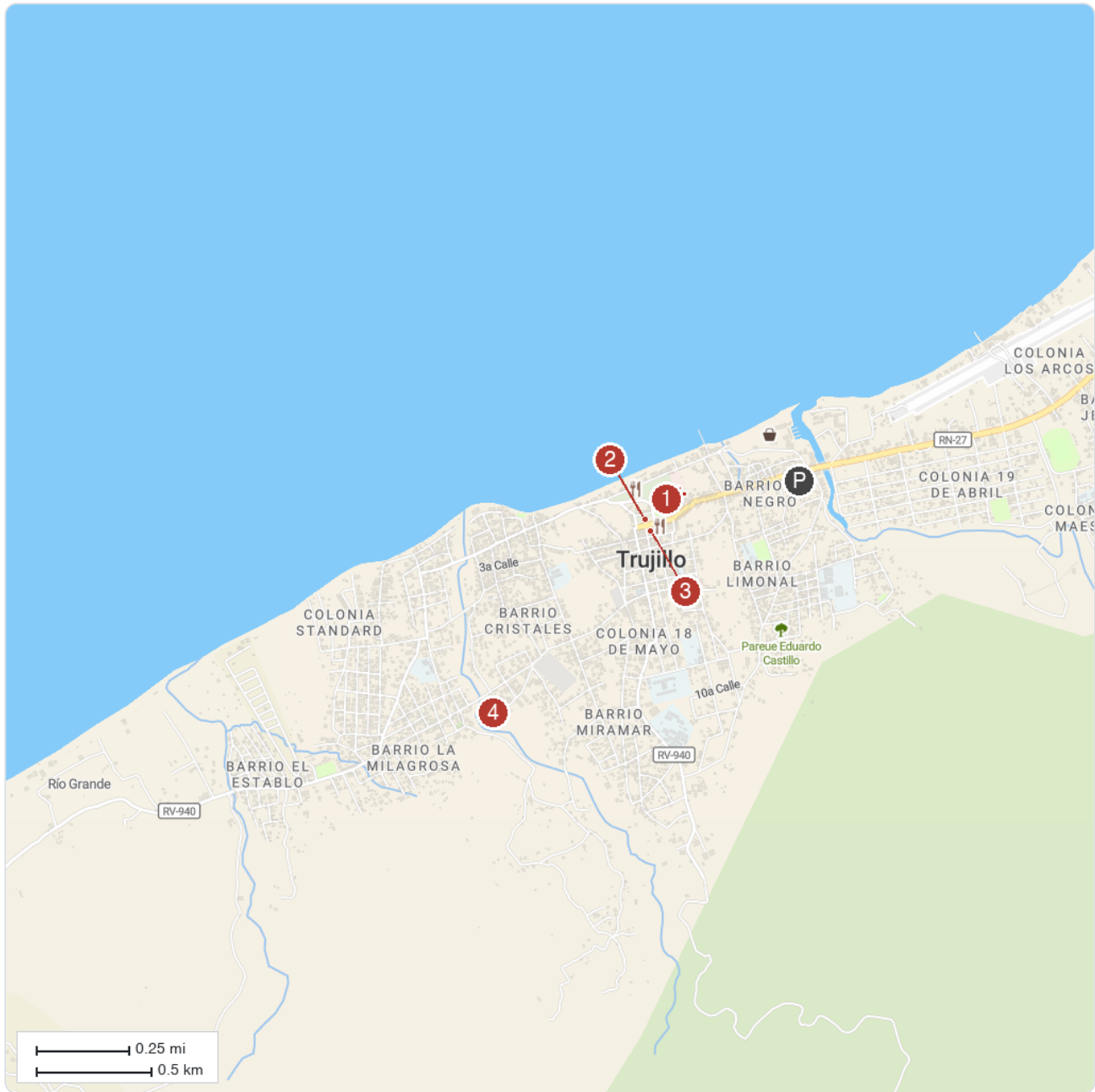
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- USD works fine. US dollars are accepted everywhere in the port area, taxis, and most restaurants. Bring small bills (\$1, \$5) — change often comes in Honduran Lempiras.
- Mototaxis beat the walk. The 2 km from terminal to town is uphill and hot. Mototaxis at the port gate charge ~\$2–3 USD per person — agree on the fare before you get in.
- Pack for heat and bugs. Trujillo is hot and humid year-round. Bring insect repellent (sandflies on the beach, mosquitoes in the jungle), sunscreen, and a refillable water bottle.
- Tender timing matters. Tender lines can form quickly when all passengers want to return before all-aboard. Head back 90 minutes before departure to be safe — especially if you're exploring town independently.
- Garifuna culture is the real prize. If you only do one thing beyond the fort, make it a Garifuna village visit or drumming performance. This UNESCO-recognized culture is genuinely unique and not something you can find at a resort island.
- Try the local food. Baleadas (bean-filled tortillas) cost \$1–2 at street stalls. In Santa Fe, Pete's Camp serves fresh fish and cold SalvaVida beer on a Garifuna beachfront — worth the short drive.

Trujillo (Banana Coast), Colón, Honduras — 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 **Fortaleza Santa Bárbara** One of the oldest Spanish military fortresses on the American mainland, now a museum of pre-Hispanic and colonial artifacts.

3 **Catedral de San Juan Bautista** The colonial-era cathedral on Trujillo's central plaza, among the town's oldest standing structures.

P **Cruise port / terminal**

2 **Parque Central de Trujillo** Trujillo's historic main square, facing the Catedral de San Juan Bautista in the old colonial center.

4 **Museo Rufino Galán** A local history museum displaying pre-Columbian artifacts, colonial weapons, and vintage household items.