

Willemstad, Curaçao, Kingdom of the Netherlands

Willemstad's electric-painted Dutch façades along the Handelskade waterfront make it one of the most photogenic ports in the Caribbean — and behind the Instagram backdrop lies a genuinely walkable, historic city with world-class diving and beaches a short drive away.

Docked — Mega Pier (Sint Annabaai)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

USD widely accepted (ANG local)

Papiamentu, Dutch, English

🗓️ MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Mega Pier, Sint Annabaai — a 10-min walk or free shuttle to downtown Punda

Best For: Colorful waterfront photography, Caribbean beaches, snorkeling, colonial history

Walk to center: ~10-15 min on foot to Queen Emma Bridge and Handelskade

Don't Miss: Queen Emma Bridge swinging open to let tall ships pass — it happens throughout the day

Getting around: **Taxi** ~\$15-25 USD (up to 4 passengers) · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cas Abao Beach Day** — One of the Caribbean's genuinely great beaches — white sand, calm turquoise water, and a laid-back beach bar.
 - **Willemstad City & Handelskade Walking Tour** — A guided walk through the UNESCO World Heritage city center: the iconic yellow-and-orange Handelskade façades, the...
- **Snorkeling or Diving at the Coral Reefs** — Curaçao's leeward coast has healthy coral walls starting just meters from shore.
 - **Hato Caves** — A well-preserved limestone cave system on the island's north coast, about 15 minutes from Willemstad.
 - **Curaçao Museum & Otrobanda District** — Otrobanda ('the other side' of the pontoon bridge) is a quieter residential district with colorful colonial streets and...

BEST WALKS

- **Punda Heritage Loop** 2 hrs · ~2.5 km · Easy · Flat — The classic Willemstad walk.
- **Otrobanda & Rif Fort Stroll** 1 hr · ~1.5 km · Easy — Cross to Otrobanda via the pedestrian ferry or Queen Wilhelmina Bridge, then walk west along the waterfront to the Rif Fort — a...

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

Apr 6:23AM–6:47PM · Jun 6:11AM–7:01PM · Aug 6:24AM–6:55PM · Sep 6:25AM–6:36PM · Oct 6:25AM–6:16PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- USD works everywhere. The Antillean guilder (ANG) is the official currency, but USD is universally accepted. Credit cards work at most shops and restaurants; bring small bills for...
The Emma Bridge closes... use the ferry. The Queen Emma Pontoon Bridge swings open frequently to let ships pass through Sint

Willemstad, Curaçao, Kingdom of the Netherlands — 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 Curaçao Sea Aquarium | Interactive aquarium showcasing Caribbean marine life and dolphin shows. | 2 Fort Church | Historic 18th-century church built inside Fort Amsterdam. |
| 3 MV Superior Producer - Curaçao Iconic Shipwreck | Popular deep-water shipwreck for experienced scuba divers. | 4 Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral | Grand Roman Catholic cathedral, a prominent religious landmark. |
| 5 Gallery Alma Blou | Oldest art gallery featuring local and Caribbean artists. | 6 Mongui Maduro Historic House Museum | Historic Jewish family home and library museum. |
| 7 Substation Curacao | Research facility offering deep-sea submarine tours. | 8 Montaña Bierhuis Village | Craft beer brewery and village with food and entertainment. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |