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## NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS

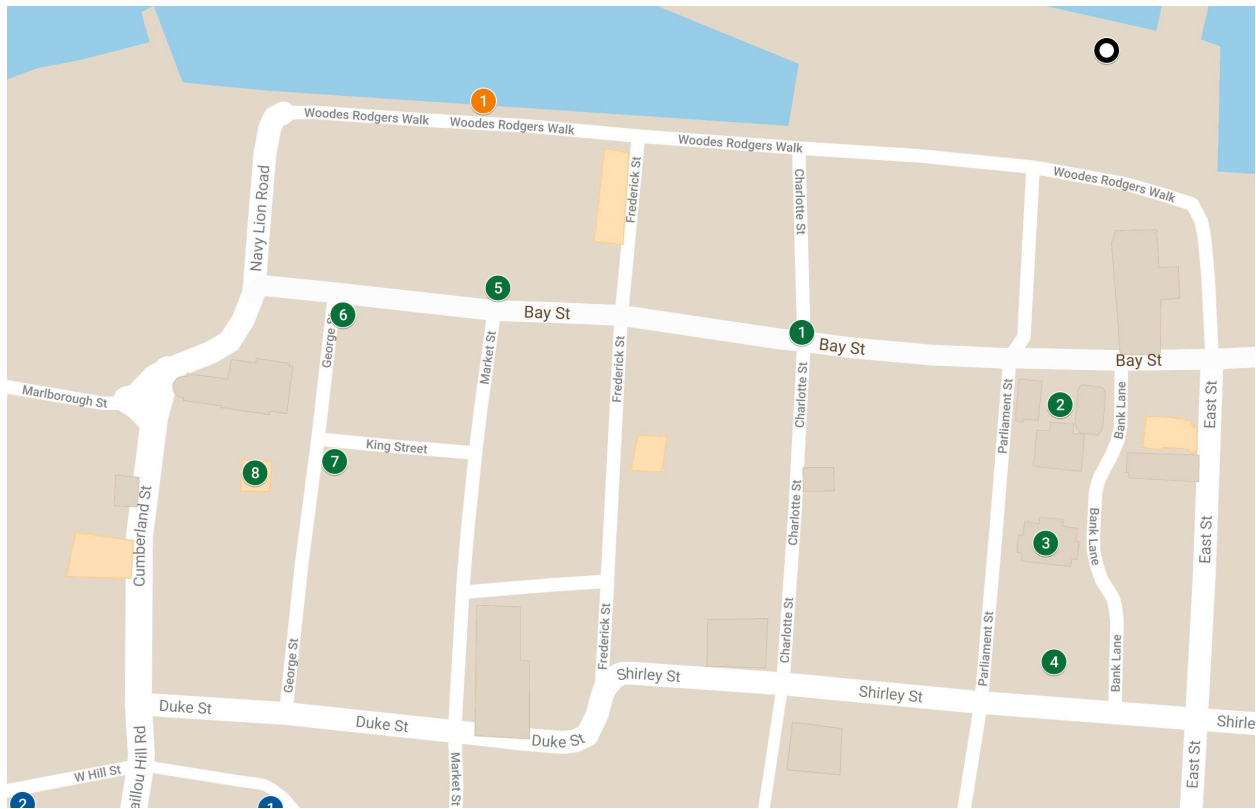
# Port Guide Map



To explore the interactive map, visit <http://bit.ly/2NPyozH>.

Nassau is the capital city of the Bahamas and is located about 180 miles from the east coast of Florida on the island of New Providence. In our [Nassau \(Bahamas\) Cruise Port Guide](#), we provide an overview of attractions we've explored while visiting Nassau on a cruise ship.

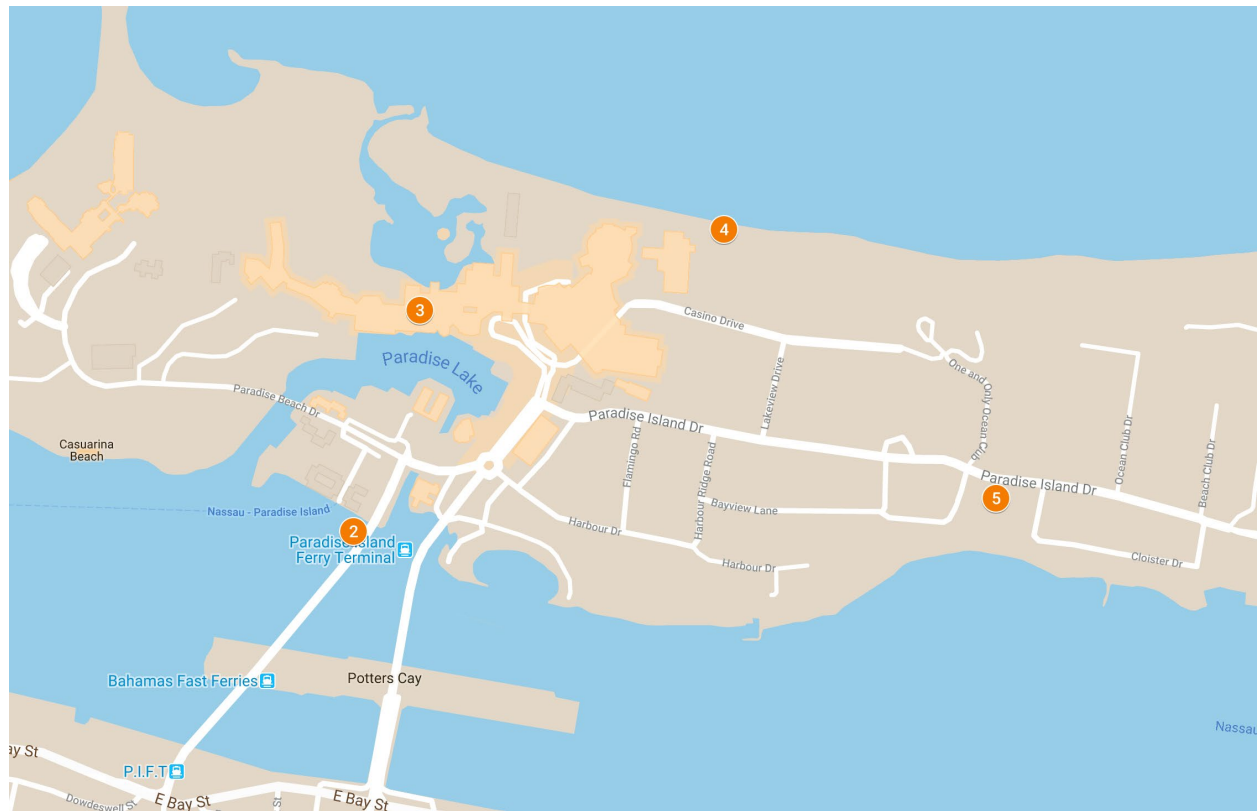
## Downtown Nassau



Just outside the cruise terminal area, you'll find Downtown Nassau.

1. Bay Street (Shopping): Nassau's main shopping area. Here, you'll find shops selling jewelry, souvenirs, rum cakes, and more.
2. Parliament Square: Home of the Parliament House Buildings and a statue of Queen Victoria.
3. Bahamas Supreme Court
4. Nassau Public Library: Once served as the Nassau jail.
5. Nassau Straw Market: Home for several vendors selling souvenirs, wood carvings, local merchandise, and straw products.
6. Jitney Bus Stop: Jitney bus number 10 will take you west towards the Fish Fry, Cable Beach, and more.
7. Christ Church Anglican Cathedral: The present day Gothic style cathedral with vaulted ceilings and hand-crafted, stained glass windows was constructed in the 1800s.
8. Pirates of Nassau: No fee for you to take fun photos in the pillory outside.

## Paradise Island

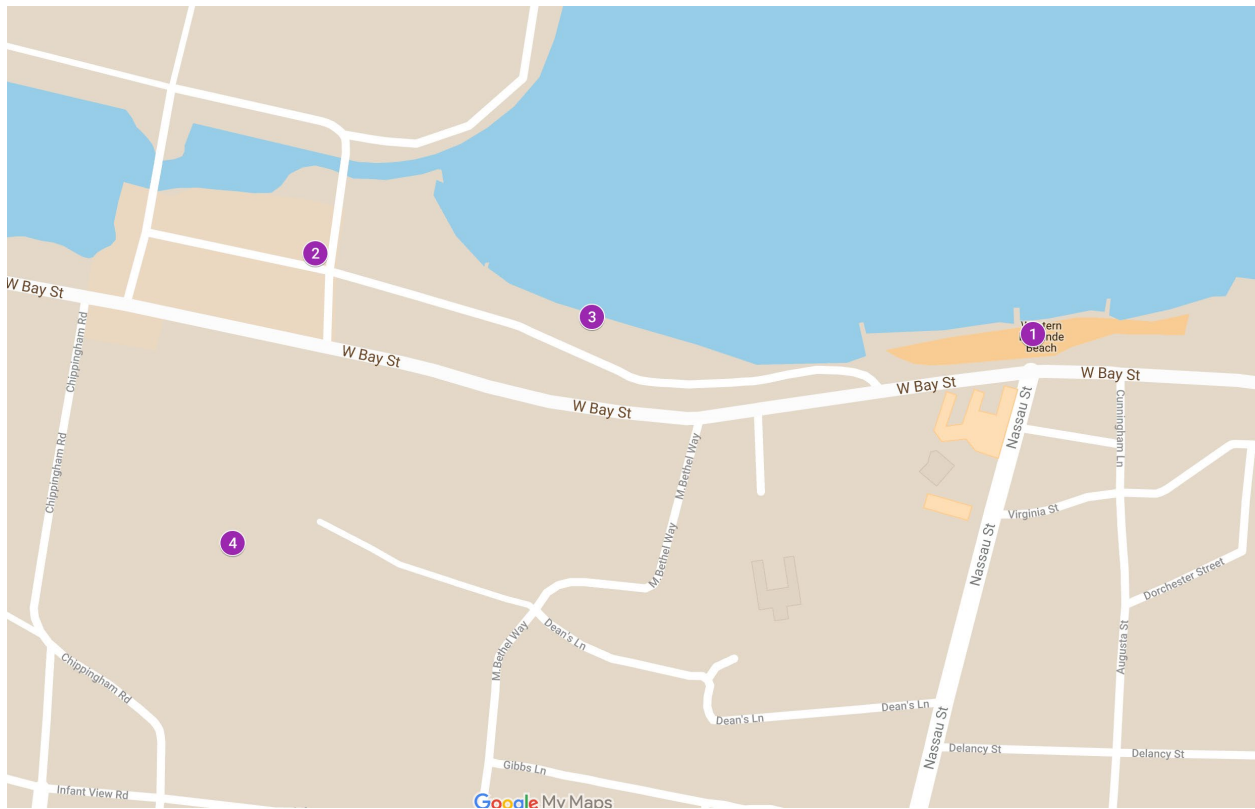


North of the cruise pier area is Paradise Island. The island is connected to Nassau by two bridges. Taxi and ferry rides to the island are available.

1. Ferry to Paradise Island (near Cruise Terminal)
2. Ferry to Nassau
3. Atlantis Resort: One of the primary destinations for cruise passengers. Features several fee-based attractions, including a water park, dolphin experiences, and an aquarium. Also has a casino.
4. Cabbage Beach: Public beach located adjacent to Atlantis. Access the beach via Casino Drive.
5. Versailles Gardens & French Cloister: The cloister was built by monks – in France – in the 12th century.



## West of Downtown (Nassau)

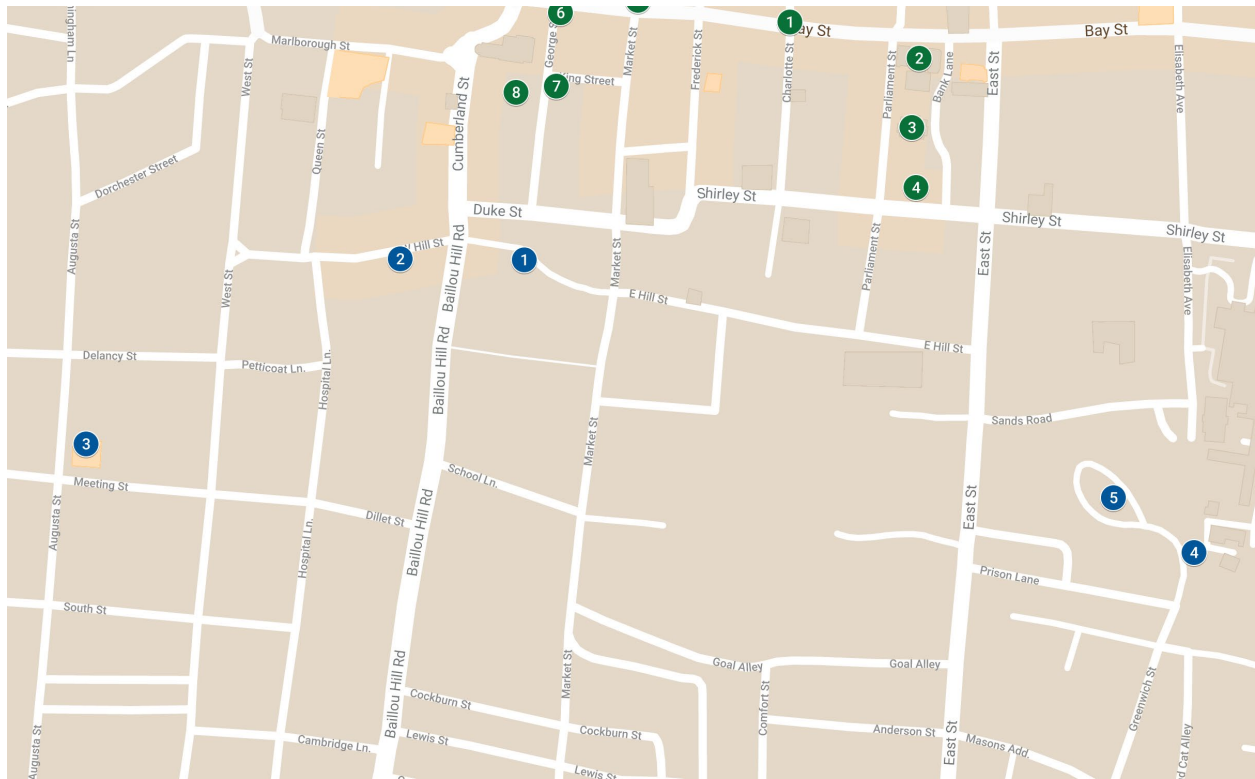


West of Downtown Nassau, there are several things to do that are within walking distance – or a quick jitney bus ride – of the cruise terminal.

1. Junkanoo Beach: Free public beach that is a 15-minute walk from the cruise terminal. Restaurants, bars, and restrooms are available.
2. Fish Fry Area: Collection of restaurants and bars serving up local cuisine and adult beverages.
3. Quiet Beach (Long Wharf Beach)
4. Fort Charlotte, Fort D’Arcy, & Fort Stanley: Construction on the fortress began in the late 1700s, but it was never used in battle. There is a nominal fee to enter the fortress, but the fee includes a tour guide who will speak to the history of the fortress and answer any questions you have. Restrooms are available.



## South of Downtown (Nassau)



South of Downtown Nassau, there are several points of interest that are within walking distance of the cruise terminal.

1. **Government House:** Built in the early 1800s, it is the official residence of the Queen's representative to the Bahamas, the Governor-General.
2. **Graycliff Hotel Area:** Features a small chocolate shop – with free samples – and a cigar factory.
3. **John Watling's Distillery:** Complimentary tours of the estate and rum production facility are available throughout the day.
4. **Queen's Staircase:** Named for Queen Victoria and also known as the 66 Steps. Cut out of solid limestone by slaves in the late 1700s to provide a direct route between Nassau City and Fort Fincastle.
5. **Fort Fincastle:** Construction on the fort started the same year as the Queen's Staircase using the limestone cut from the staircase. Never saw battle.