Nassau, Bahamas

You step off the ship into downtown Nassau. The rebuilt port opened in 2023 and publishes more detail than most.

Facts checked against official sources on 24 September 2026

Getting ashore	Ships dock at Prince George Wharf. The port has six berths.
Address	#1 Prince George Wharf, Nassau, The Bahamas
Wi-Fi	Free throughout the port
Medical	A first-aid centre, a pharmacy and an AED at the port
Money	Bahamian and US dollars are accepted interchangeably

At the Nassau Cruise Port (Prince George Wharf) cruise port: what’s there

Port facts checked on 30 October 2026. Shops, prices and opening hours change, so check on the day.

Confession time: in Nassau I have never left the port area. I walk the shops at the port and the ones just outside the gate, and that's my day. The rebuilt port that opened in 2023 makes that easy, with a marketplace, a Junkanoo museum, free Wi-Fi, a pharmacy and a first-aid centre all inside. Here's what you'll pass from the ship to Bay Street, and what's worth your time on the way.

See the official port map

The port side publishes its own map. We link to it rather than copy it, so you always see the current layout. Open it before you sail and save a screenshot to your phone. Map by Nassau Cruise Port Ltd..

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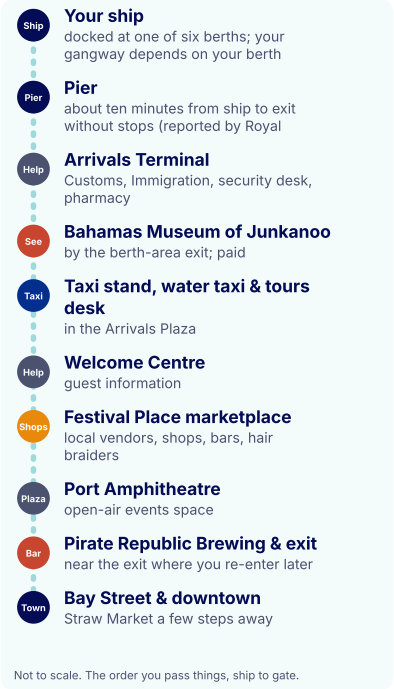
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From the ship: Nassau Cruise Port, Prince George Wharf

Six berths; the port says it can take three Oasis-class ships at once. Lines include MSC, Carnival, Princess, Royal Caribbean, Disney, Norwegian and Bahamas Paradise. The three-storey Arrivals Terminal holds Customs, Immigration and the pharmacy. The city centre is 500 m (0.3 mi) away.



Our own simple drawing, not the port’s map.

Free things to do inside the port

Free Wi-Fi Free — Free throughout the terminal on the 'Nassau Cruise Port WiFi' network. No speed or time limit published.
Terminal and port

Walking the Festival Place marketplace Free — Open-air shops, local craft vendors and wide walkways shaded by palm trees. Browsing costs nothing, and it's my favourite part of Nassau.
Between the terminal and the exit
Access: The port says it has ample shade and accessibility features.

Port Amphitheatre — A big open-air amphitheatre for concerts and events (3,000 seats per the port, 3,500 per the tourism ministry). Check the port's events page for what's on during your call.
Inside the port

Living coral exhibit — Listed by the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism at the 2023 opening.
Inside the port

Photo exhibit Free — A display of work by Bahamian photographer Theodore Turnquest II (reported by Royal Caribbean Blog, 2023).
Marketplace area

Ship-watching from the wharf Free — Up to six ships line the wharf, with the Paradise Island lighthouse marking the harbour entrance.
Along the wharf

Pools and beaches

No beach or pool inside the port — The port has no beach or pool of its own. Junkanoo Beach, the nearest free beach, is about half a mile away, 10–15 minutes flat along Bay Street from the exit.
Outside the port, turn right on Bay Street
Access: Unshaded; see the mobility notes.

Food and drink

Pirate Republic Brewing Company — Bahamian craft brewery taproom (reported by Royal Caribbean Blog, 2023).
Near the port exit

Outdoor bars in the marketplace — Several bars in Festival Place; Royal Caribbean Blog saw $8 for three shots and $15 cocktails (2023 prices).
Festival Place

Gelato shop — Gelato counter (reported by Royal Caribbean Blog, 2023).
Close to the exit

Cafés and restaurants — The port lists local and international cafés and restaurants, some air-conditioned. No names or count published.
Throughout the port

Wine bar & art gallery — Listed among the port's attractions.
Inside the port

Ship drink packages — Not valid ashore; port bars charge normally. Check with your own cruise line.

Shopping

Festival Place Port Marketplace — The port says over 60 retail spaces of luxury and handmade goods by local artisans; the tourism ministry counted about 40 at the 2023 opening. Straw baskets, jewellery and 'authentically Bahamian' items.
Between the terminal and the exit

Bahama Hand Prints and Bamboo Shack — Named by the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism among the Bahamian-owned tenants at opening (2023).
Marketplace

The Bahamas Shirt Company — Clothing shop (reported by Royal Caribbean Blog, 2023).
Near the exit

Straw Market (just outside) — The port says it is only a few steps away. Busy and pushy when several ships are in.
Just outside the port on Bay Street

Spa and pampering

Hair braiders' pavilion — A dedicated braiding plaza in the marketplace. Agree the price before they start; no official price list.
Festival Place

Worth paying for (and what it costs)

Bahamas Museum of Junkanoo — Interactive museum of Junkanoo costumes, music and craft. Open daily, holidays included, 8am–4pm, last entry 30 minutes before closing (Nassau Paradise Island tourism board). Admission reported at $15 adults and $10 children under 12 (Hayley on Hiatus, January 2026).
By the berth-area exit
Access: No accessibility details published.

Restrooms, Wi-Fi, money and help

First-Aid Center — Staffed by trained medical professionals.
On site

Pharmacy — Over-the-counter medicines and personal-care items.
Arrivals Terminal

AEDs — Defibrillators at various points around the port.
Various

Guest Information Center Free — Local staff advise on tours, excursions and getting around.
In the port

Baggage services & storage — Bags delivered to or from the terminal; storage just outside the terminal on request. Useful on embark or disembark days.
Just outside the terminal

Tax refund services — Listed among the port's guest services.
In the port

Restrooms Free — Three large restroom areas on the Festival Place directory (reported by Family Travels on a Budget, 2024).
Around the marketplace

Money — Bahamian and US dollars are used interchangeably at par. The port mentions ATMs only in commercial banks in town, not at the port. Carry some cash; not all vendors take cards.

Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Free — The port takes part in the Sunflower scheme, so you can quietly signal you may need help.
Whole port

Getting out of the port

Taxi station — In the Arrivals Plaza, for tours, airport runs and other destinations. Use licensed taxis only. Bahamian fares are set by law, with surcharges for more than two passengers, but no Nassau fare table is published by the port.
Arrivals Plaza
Access: No wheelchair-accessible taxis published.

Ferry / water taxi to Paradise Island — The port lists a ferry from its marina every 30 minutes, 9:00am–12:00pm. Use licensed operators only.
Marina / Arrivals Plaza

Scooter & ATV rental — In the ground transportation area. Traffic drives on the left.
Ground transportation area

Jitneys (local buses) $1.25–$3.50 per ride — Connect the port area with major sights; the tourism board publishes $1.25–$3.50 depending on destination, about 6:30am–7:00pm.
Downtown near the port

Walk into town Free — The Straw Market is a few steps away; the port publishes Fort Fincastle at 15 minutes on foot, Fort Charlotte and the Fish Fry at about 30 minutes on foot.
Out the exit to Bay Street

No parking at the port — Nearby paid options: The Pointe garage (W Bay St), Elizabeth Avenue public parking and Triple B Parking (East St).
Outside

A whole day without leaving the port

A port-only Nassau day is my kind of day. Walk off, take the time to read the Junkanoo costumes in the museum if you like colour and music, then stroll Festival Place slowly: the craft stalls, the braiders, a cold drink or a gelato in the shade. Use the free Wi-Fi to call home. Step out the gate and browse the shops just outside and the Straw Market, then wander back. If you want sand, Junkanoo Beach is about half a mile along Bay Street, but it's unshaded, so I'd take a taxi there if walking is hard. With several ships in, go early or late in the day; the middle of the day is when the marketplace is busiest.

At the port with a cane, walker or wheelchair

- Docked port, no tender, but the walk is long: Royal Caribbean Blog timed about ten minutes from ship to exit without stops (2023), and outer berths are further.
- Wheelchair assistance: the port says to arrange it through your shipboard team, not the port.
- The port says it has ample shaded areas and accessibility features, but publishes no accessible route, ramp or restroom details.
- Sunflower lanyard scheme for hidden disabilities.
- First-Aid Center, pharmacy and AEDs on site.
- No beach mats, beach wheelchairs or pool lifts, because the port has no beach or pool. Junkanoo Beach is about 10–15 minutes flat along an unshaded street from the exit.

More on cruising with mobility & health needs. Rules differ by cruise line, so check with yours.

Questions about the port

▼ Is there Wi-Fi at the Nassau cruise port?

Yes. The port offers free Wi-Fi throughout the terminal on the 'Nassau Cruise Port WiFi' network.

▼ What is there to do at the Nassau cruise port without leaving?

The Festival Place marketplace with Bahamian craft shops, bars and hair braiders, the Bahamas Museum of Junkanoo, the amphitheatre, and the Straw Market a few steps outside. There's no beach or pool inside the port.

▼ Is there a pharmacy at the Nassau cruise port?

Yes. There's a pharmacy in the Arrivals Terminal for over-the-counter medicines, plus a staffed first-aid centre.

Where the port facts come from: Nassau Cruise Port: FAQ (30 October 2026); Nassau Cruise Port: facilities at the port (FAQ) (30 October 2026); Nassau Cruise Port: guest services (30 October 2026); Nassau Cruise Port: port terminals and technical information (30 October 2026); Nassau Paradise Island: Bahamas Museum of Junkanoo (30 October 2026); Bahamas Ministry of Tourism (Tourism Today): revitalised cruise port, 26 May 2023 (30 October 2026); Royal Caribbean Blog: Nassau cruise port revamp (6 Jul 2023) (30 October 2026); Hayley on Hiatus: what to do at Nassau Cruise Port (18 Jan 2026) (30 October 2026); Family Travels on a

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At the port

More than sixty shops and food outlets, the Bahamas Museum of Junkanoo, a wine bar and art gallery, a 3,000-person amphitheatre, a hair braiders' pavilion, and a marina with a ferry terminal. Guest services include baggage services, an information desk and tax refund services. There is no parking at the port itself; nearby paid lots include The Pointe garage, Elizabeth Avenue public parking and Triple B Parking.

Walking times the port publishes

- Straw Market: "only a few steps away"
- Fort Fincastle: 15 minutes on foot
- Fort Charlotte: an 8-minute drive, or a 30-minute walk
- The Fish Fry: a 10-minute drive, or a 30-minute walk

Getting around

There is a taxi stand in the Arrivals Plaza, and the port asks you to use licensed operators only. Jitneys, the local buses, connect major attractions to the port; the national tourism board publishes jitney fares of $1.25 to $3.50 depending on where you are going, running roughly 6:30am to 7:00pm. The ferry to Paradise Island leaves the port every 30 minutes from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Scooter and ATV rental sits in the ground transportation area. They drive on the left.

Taxi fares across the Bahamas are metered and set by law, with surcharges usual for more than two passengers and extra luggage. Nassau-specific fares are not published.

Accessibility

Nassau Cruise Port takes part in the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program, which lets a visitor discreetly signal that they may need assistance. For a wheelchair, the port directs passengers to ask their shipboard team rather than the port.

Not published anywhere official: accessible routes or ramps inside the port, wheelchair-accessible taxis, restrooms, shade, and how far it is to Junkanoo Beach.

Where these facts come from

- Nassau Cruise Port (https://nassaucruiseport.com/)
- Nassau Cruise Port, about (https://nassaucruiseport.com/about/)
- Nassau Cruise Port, transportation (https://nassaucruiseport.com/transportation/)
- Nassau Cruise Port, FAQs (https://nassaucruiseport.com/frequently-asked-questions/)
- The Islands of The Bahamas, island FAQ (https://www.bahamas.com/plan-your-trip/island-faq)

Ports change their rules and their prices. Check the official pages above before you sail.

Mobility & access *at this port*

From Sails Anyway, the accessible-cruising section of this site. Nothing here is medical advice — it is what the port and the cruise lines publish, so you know what to ask.

The short answer

Ashore	Docked
Free beach	10–15 min flat, plus the pier walk
Hardest part	Distance twice, with no shade

Getting to *Junkanoo Beach*

- **About half a mile, 10 to 15 minutes**, flat along Bay Street. Exit the port, turn right, keep the water on your right, and follow Marlborough Street past the McDonald's and the Hilton.
- **Entry is free.** You pay only for chairs, food and drinks — chairs and an umbrella usually run about $20 to $25, and reviewers report drinks sometimes bundled in.
- **Toilets and showers are on site**, which matters more than most people plan for.
- **It's well policed**, and visitors consistently report feeling safe.

> **Add the pier walk before you judge the distance**
>
> The walk out of the terminal is long before the 10 to 15 minutes even begins, and there is no shade on the route. On a good day it's an easy stroll. On a bad day, in afternoon heat, it's a real ask — and you have to do it again in reverse.

What the day *asks of you*

- **Distance on flat ground**, twice, with nowhere much to sit along the way.
- **Heat, unshaded.** The route is fully exposed.
- **Crowds.** Junkanoo is the closest free beach and everyone knows it. With several ships in, it gets genuinely packed, and narrow sidewalks fill up.
- **Persistent vendors and tour touts** from the moment you step out of the terminal.

Work through the Port Fit Check questions on distance and crowds with a mobility aid before you commit to the walk.

Wear something on your feet

Multiple visitors report glass in the sand at Junkanoo. Water shoes are a genuine recommendation here, not fussiness — and that goes double if your balance isn't what it was.

If the walk is *out*

- **Graycliff Heritage Village** — a coloured street under hanging umbrellas, with a museum, chocolatier and winery. Close, flat, and mostly seated.
- **John Watling's Distillery** — free guided tours through the day. Tip your guide.
- **The Straw Market**, if shopping is the point.
- **Skip Atlantis** unless you specifically want it. The day pass logistics eat the whole port day.

The low-effort version of this port

A taxi to Junkanoo rather than the walk, a chair in the shade, lunch where you're sitting, and a taxi back. You get the same beach day without spending your legs on the approach.

Check with your cruise line

- **Ask which berth you're using** and how long the walk to the terminal gate is on your ship.
- **Ask whether wheelchair assistance is available at the pier** in Nassau, and how to request it in advance.
- **Ask how many ships are in port** that day — it changes the crowds more than anything else here.
- **Ask the shore excursion desk about accessible transport** if you'd rather not negotiate a taxi at the gate.

Questions people *actually ask*

▼ How far is Junkanoo Beach from the cruise port?

About half a mile, roughly 10 to 15 minutes on flat ground along Bay Street — but the walk out of the terminal comes first, and there is no shade on the route.

▼ Is Junkanoo Beach free?

Entry is free. You pay only for chairs and umbrellas, usually around $20 to $25, plus food and drinks.

▼ Is Nassau wheelchair accessible?

The ship docks and the route to Junkanoo Beach is flat, but distances are longer than they look and sidewalks fill up when several ships are in port.

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