Port Tampa Bay

Three terminals in a walkable downtown district, an indoor garage across the street, and one terminal that shuts its doors at 2:30pm sharp.

Facts checked against official sources on 24 September 2026

Port offices	1101 Channelside Drive, Tampa, FL 33602. Parking: 813-905-7678 or 800-741-2297.
Terminals	Terminal 2, 651 Channelside Drive · Terminal 3, 815 Channelside Drive · Terminal 6, 1333 McKay Street
Lines	The port publishes eight vessels from five lines: Carnival, Celebrity, Royal Caribbean, Norwegian and Margaritaville
Airport	Tampa International, a 15-minute drive per the port. Royal Caribbean publishes roughly 10 miles.
Airport taxi	$40 flat rate to the cruise port, published by Tampa International

Which terminal

The port does not publish a terminal map by line, so these come from the lines themselves.

Carnival	Terminal 3, 815 Channelside Drive
Norwegian	651 Channelside Drive, which is Terminal 2
Margaritaville at Sea	Terminal 6, 1333 McKay Street
Royal Caribbean	Lists both Terminal 2 and Terminal 3 and says signage will indicate the assigned terminal
Celebrity	Publishes only "three cruise terminals," with no number

Parking at the port

The port's own facility is an **indoor garage at 810 Channelside Drive**, across from Terminal 3, offering self parking, valet, and oversized parking. Valet is a **$20** upgrade, and that is the only dollar figure Port Tampa Bay publishes anywhere.

The daily self-park rate is not printed on the port's site at all. It appears only inside the port's prepay system after you select a sail date. Two cruise lines publish a figure: Royal

Book it from your phone

Sailing from Port Tampa Bay: the bookings Granny uses, one scan away.

Point your phone camera at a code. Your phone opens the booking page. No camera app? Type the web address printed under the code.

Hotels near Port Tampa Bay

Every hotel near the terminal on one map, plus Booking.com and Vrbo. Stay the night before.

HOTEL MAP

aicruisegranny.com/go/tampa-hotels

Airport to the ship

A pre-booked ride from the airport to the cruise terminal, booked before you fly.

WELCOME PICKUPS

aicruisegranny.com/go/transfer

Bag storage on the way home

Late flight after you get off the ship? Leave your bags for a few hours and see the town.

RADICAL STORAGE

aicruisegranny.com/go/luggage-storage

Travel insurance

Compare cruise travel insurance plans side by side before final payment.

SQUAREMOUTH

aicruisegranny.com/go/insurance

Check the official source

Rules, prices and hours change. Scan to open the official page and confirm before you go. These are not paid links.

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Caribbean says approximately $15 per day subject to change, payable on entry by cash or credit card; Norwegian says $14 per day with no reservations needed. We are printing both because both are official and they disagree.

Parking is available only when a ship is in port, and subject to availability.

Free parking if you qualify

Port Tampa Bay waives the fee only for vehicles that are equipped with specialised equipment such as ramps, lifts, or foot or hand controls, or that display a State of Florida disabled veteran licence plate, or a Florida Toll Exemption permit. Proof required is a Florida driving licence and Florida vehicle registration. **A standard disabled placard on its own does not qualify**, and the port says so directly: everyone else pays posted rates.

Parking off the port

Tampa is thin here. No private off-site cruise lot in Tampa publishes both its own website and its own rate; everything that surfaces is a reselling marketplace. What we can verify:

Quality Inn Airport - Cruise Port	1020 S. Dale Mabry Hwy. Park & Cruise package includes one night's stay, 14 days' parking, breakfast and terminal transport for two people. Extra passengers $8.00 each way. The rate is not published: the page says call for rates.
The Florida Aquarium	701 Channelside Drive, beside the terminals. Valet $20 up to 3 hours, $40 over 3 hours. **Valet is unavailable when a cruise ship is docked at Terminal 2.** They list three nearby self-park facilities within 0.3 miles without rates.

One genuinely useful crossover: the port publishes that the Florida Aquarium offers **free luggage storage with a discounted admission ticket**, which solves the problem of a late flight home with nowhere to put the bags. The port itself has no baggage storage.

Getting around without a car

The **TECO Line Streetcar** links downtown, the Channel District and Ybor City, with a stop at the Florida Aquarium beside the terminals. HART publishes it as free, running every 15 minutes: Monday to Thursday 7am to 11pm, Friday 7am to 2am, Saturday 9am to 2am, Sunday 8:30am to 11pm. The streetcar operator's own fares page carries notices about fares being reinstated when state grant funding expires, so treat "free" as true today and worth re-checking.

From the airport, Tampa International publishes a flat $40 taxi fare to the cruise port, metered alternatives at $3.50 for the first fifth of a mile plus $2.85 a mile, and a $5.00

service fee on Uber, Lyft and Wridz.

Arriving

The port publishes a simple three-step routine: arrive before your assigned zone departure, follow the **blue route** for passenger drop-off and valet, follow the **red route** for parking. And it states there is no baggage storage for early arrivals on or before cruise days.

> **Terminal 6 has a hard cut-off.** Margaritaville at Sea publishes that Terminal 6 opens at 9:30am and that, as of 1 July 2025, **terminal doors close promptly at 2:30pm**. Arrive after that and you are denied boarding. Arrival windows are assigned by stateroom and emailed about 21 days out.

Carnival's line-wide rules apply at Terminal 3: checked baggage only until two hours before the published departure time, porters for guests arriving before 1:30pm, and a Final Boarding time printed on your boarding pass.

Accessibility

Port Tampa Bay publishes almost nothing. There is the parking fee waiver above and the designated blue-route passenger drop-off, and that is the extent of it: no wheelchair assistance provision, no accessible transport information, no description of accessible terminal facilities on any page we could read.

Margaritaville at Sea, sailing from Terminal 6, publishes more: wheelchair assistance at embarkation and disembarkation, priority check-in for guests with disabilities, trained terminal operations managers, 30 days' advance notice recommended, mobility devices to 26 inches wide (27 inches for accessible cabin entry), crew unable to lift devices over 25 lbs, and devices over 100 lbs unable to transfer by tender.

> **Not published anywhere official:** the port's own daily parking rate, any oversized rate, garage height clearance, accepted payment methods from the port itself, terminal opening and all-aboard times for Terminals 2 and 3, and which lines are year-round rather than seasonal.

Where these facts come from

- Port Tampa Bay, cruise parking (https://www.porttb.com/cruise/cruise-parking/)
- Port Tampa Bay, terminal guide (https://www.porttb.com/cruise/terminal-guide/)
- Tampa International Airport, ground transportation (https://www.tampaairport.com/ground-transportation)
- HART, TECO Line Streetcar (https://www.gohart.org/Pages/services-teco-line.aspx)
- City of Tampa, streetcar hours (https://www.tampa.gov/mobility/transportation/streetcar)
- The Florida Aquarium, parking (https://www.flaquarium.org/visit/visitor-information/parking/)
- Royal Caribbean, Port of Tampa directions and parking (https://www.royalcaribbean.com/faq/questions/driving-directions-port-tampa-florida)
- Norwegian Cruise Line, driving directions to the piers (https://www.ncl.com/getting-to-the-pier/driving-directions)
- Carnival, cruise terminal information and parking (https://www.carnival.com/help?topicid=4834)
- Margaritaville at Sea, Port of Tampa arrival (https://www.margaritavilleatsea.com/resort-at-sea/port-of-tampa)
- Margaritaville at Sea, accessibility (https://www.margaritavilleatsea.com/policies/accessibility)

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

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