Antigua & Barbuda

St. John's, Antigua

Your arrival

Cruise visitors commonly arrive near Heritage Quay and Redcliffe Quay in St. John's. Confirm your ship's actual berth or landing before choosing the route; a different landing changes your transport needs.

Choose your main outing

DAY CHOICE	WHAT TO EXPECT / PLAN
Town & waterfront	**Heritage Quay, Redcliffe Quay and the historic centre** A flexible shopping and sightseeing outing. Use a current street map and allow for heat, crossings and uneven surfaces.
Market & cathedral	**Public market and St. John's Cathedral** Check current market activity and cathedral visitor access. Services, restoration or other restrictions may affect entry.
One beach	**Fort James Beach, Dickenson Bay or Runaway Bay** Choose one and arrange both taxi journeys. Ask about entry, facilities, rental charges and today's water conditions.
English Harbour heritage	**Nelson's Dockyard; Shirley Heights separately** Nelson's Dockyard is part of the UNESCO-listed historic landscape. Shirley Heights is a separate viewpoint: include its road journey, access and return in the plan.

A practical way to choose

Stay in St. John's for a waterfront-and-town outing, or make one prearranged beach or English Harbour outing the focus of your day. A town loop is easier to shorten if conditions change.

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Transport, conditions and your return

For a town day

Start from your actual terminal exit, explore the quay areas and choose the market or cathedral if access and energy permit. Save a stop close to your landing for the end; food and shopping time still count toward the return.

For a taxi outing

Use a licensed taxi. Agree on the complete fare, quoted currency, passenger count, destination, waiting/stopping charges and the exact return pickup place/time before leaving. Do not rely on an estimated drive time as a promise.

Antigua and Barbuda are different islands

This short guide focuses on an Antigua cruise call. A Barbuda visit requires a separate transport itinerary and a return that fits the ship's call; it is not an extension of the St. John's town walk.

Money & local arrangements

East Caribbean dollars are the local currency. US dollars are often accepted; confirm the exchange/change arrangement and keep return fare separate.

Check before leaving the terminal

Ask about attraction opening, admission, terrain, steps and accessible entry for the exact places you choose. A berth or waterfront setting does not guarantee step-free access or terminal amenities.

Plan the complete return

Record all aboard / final tender in SHIP time. Work back from that deadline through every taxi, ferry, boat, walking and waiting leg; add a generous delay margin. Choose an earlier confirmed return where services are scheduled. Follow any stricter ship instructions. Estimated travel times are not a guarantee.

Official sources & current booking checks

https://antiguacruiseport.com/port/

https://www.visitantiguabarbuda.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/ABTA-Tours-and-Attraction-Guide-2.pdf