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Roseau and beyond, Dominica

Your arrival

Roseau Bayfront can suit a walk into town. Woodbridge Bay and Cabrits/Portsmouth are separate arrival points: confirm your actual berth or landing and arrange the right transfers.

Choose your main outing

DAY CHOICE	WHAT TO EXPECT / PLAN
Roseau town	**Old Market, Dominica Museum, local market and Botanical Gardens** Select a manageable town loop. Check museum opening/admission. Morne Bruce involves uphill terrain or extra transport planning.
Trafalgar Falls	**Road transfer and viewpoint trail** Allow for a stepped, uneven trail beyond the vehicle drop-off. Confirm current site access, passes/fees and whether a guide is appropriate.
Emerald Pool	**Rainforest site and stepped trail** Arrange road transport and allow time at the site. Swimming is optional and depends on current permission, access and water conditions.
Champagne Reef	**Shore or boat snorkeling** Both shore and boat access may be used. Shore entry is rocky; seek qualified operator/site advice and follow reef rules. Confirm conditions and the actual entry plan.
Mero Beach	**Road outing from the cruise landing** Choose a beach outing with return pickup. Check current access, water conditions and available services before leaving town.

A practical way to choose

Choose a Roseau town outing OR one manageable nature/beach excursion. Add another stop only if the provider has checked the complete route against your ship's call; a collection of short drive estimates is not a reliable schedule.

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Transport, conditions and your return

Make the landing explicit

Give the driver/operator the actual cruise landing and return gate, rather than just saying Roseau or the port. A Portsmouth/Cabrits arrival needs a different plan from Roseau Bayfront.

Match the activity to the group

Falls and rainforest sites can involve steps, slippery or uneven surfaces, humidity and changes in water conditions. Confirm the actual trail, effort, footwear, access and assistance before paying.

Compare shore and boat snorkeling

For Champagne Reef, ask which access method is being sold, where the group meets, equipment and guide arrangements, weather cancellation terms, and the complete journey back to the ship.

Money & local arrangements

Agree on the fare currency and total before using a taxi or tour. Include entrance/site passes, guide charges, equipment and both transfers in the comparison.

Check before leaving the terminal

Check weather, site opening, current trail/access notices and the operator's latest advice. Do not assume a viewpoint visit includes swimming or that all group members can use the same route.

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://legacy.discoverdominica.com/en/places/68/trafalgar-falls
https://legacy.discoverdominica.com/en/places/72/emerald-pool
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https://www.princess.com/shore-excursions/dominica/emerald-pool-titou-gorge-champagne-reef-snorkel