St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

Frederiksted, St. Croix

Your arrival

The Ann E. Abramson Marine Facility is in Frederiksted. Follow your ship's actual berth, landing and return instructions; record the port-agent contact and ship-time deadline.

Choose your main outing

DAY CHOICE	WHAT TO EXPECT / PLAN
Frederiksted walk	**Waterfront, historic town and Fort Frederik** Fort Frederik is the RED fort in Frederiksted. Check museum opening, admission, accessible routes and walking terrain.
Nearby beach	**Fort Frederik Beach or Rainbow Beach** Check nearby beach access and conditions. Rainbow Beach is on the WEST COAST, north of Frederiksted; agree on both transfers if using a taxi.
Cane Bay	**NORTH SHORE beach and diving area** Arrange road transport and return pickup. Ask about water conditions and services. Offshore-wall diving requires a qualified diving arrangement.
Christiansted	**NORTHEAST COAST town, harbor and fort** A separate cross-island outing. Fort Christiansvaern is the YELLOW fort here. Include both land transfers and current access/admission.
Buck Island	**Boat outing with land transfers** Use an NPS-authorized tour operator. Add transport to the boat boarding point, check-in, the activity and the full return; boat time is not total trip time.

A practical way to choose

For a flexible day, stay around Frederiksted and choose town or a nearby beach. Make Christiansted, Cane Bay or Buck Island the main excursion when its complete transport plan fits the ship's call.

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Transport, conditions and your return

Keep the two forts distinct

Fort Frederik and Fort Christiansvaern are in different towns. Ask for the town and attraction by name when booking transport; a fort photo or the word downtown is not enough.

Buck Island rules

Confirm that the operator is currently authorized by the National Park Service and that the specific activity is permitted. Do not assume every boat-tour authorization allows scuba. Follow snorkeling, reef and site rules.

Salt River timing

Bioluminescence outings commonly take place after dark and may not fit a daytime cruise departure. Confirm the actual activity, land/boat schedule and complete return before booking; do not add it casually after a daytime island tour.

Money & local arrangements

The US dollar is the currency. Traffic drives on the left. Agree on the complete taxi fare, passenger allowance, meeting point and return pickup.

Check before leaving the terminal

Check current beach conditions, shade/restrooms/services and entry terrain. For distant or boat outings, include all waiting, boarding and road time when choosing your return margin.

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

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