St. Maarten

DIY PHILIPSBURG + BEACH DAY

FLEXIBLE OPTIONS - PLAN AT YOUR PACE!

BEACHES
SHOPPING
FOOD & DRINKS
WATER TAXI / FERRY
HISTORIC TOWN
AND MORE!

1 CRUISE PORT



Ships dock at Port St. Maarten. Confirm your ship's actual berth or landing arrangements on the day. Plan your day around **SHIP time.**

2 GET TO PHILIPSBURG

FERRY / WATER TAXI (service and fares vary – confirm) OR WALK from your actual landing



Choose the local water taxi or walk from your actual landing. Confirm current service, schedule, fares and boarding access.

3 GREAT BAY BEACH



A popular beach in Philipsburg. Relax, rent a chair or enjoy the view. **Check current water quality, surf conditions and local advice before swimming.**

4 THE BOARDWALK



Lined with restaurants, bars, shops and people watching. A great place for lunch, drinks and local flavor.

5 FRONT STREET



Philipsburg's main shopping street. Find jewelry, clothing, souvenirs, watches and more!

6 COURTHOUSE & OLD STREET



Colorful buildings, the historic Courthouse and charming Old Street make for great photo stops.

7 GUAVABERRY STOP



Try a local favorite! Guavaberry drinks and liqueurs are a must while you're here.

8 FOOD & DRINKS



Enjoy fresh seafood, Caribbean cuisine, tropical drinks and waterfront dining along the Boardwalk.

OPTIONAL: EXPLORE MORE OF THE ISLAND

9 MAHO BEACH



Famous for planes flying right over the beach!

Keep away from the runway fence and jet blast; follow posted airport warnings.

10 MULLET BAY



A beautiful, more relaxed beach option.

Check current water quality, surf conditions and local advice before swimming.

GOOD TO KNOW

- This plan focuses on the Dutch-side Philipsburg.
- Ships dock at Port St. Maarten – confirm actual berth/landing with your ship.
- Choose walking or the local ferry/water taxi from your actual landing point.
- Ferry/water taxi service, schedule, fare and boarding accessibility vary – confirm current details.

FREE THINGS TO DO

- Walk the Boardwalk
- Visit Great Bay Beach (check water conditions)
- Explore Front Street
- See the Courthouse
- Stroll Old Street
- Take photos
- Browse the waterfront

TOWN CHOICE

1. **Boardwalk** – Restaurants, bars, shops
2. **Front Street** – Duty-free shopping
3. **Courthouse / Old Street** – History and photo stops
4. **Optional food & drinks** – Local cuisine and treats
5. **Early return to ship** – Allow plenty of time (see note at right).

IMPORTANT TIMING

PORT / TOWN DAY
Return to the cruise terminal at least 60 minutes before all aboard time.

TRANSPORT OUTING
(e.g., Maho or Mullet Bay)
Return to the cruise terminal at least 90 minutes before all aboard time.

Allow extra time for queues, traffic and other delays, and follow your ship's instructions.

Have a tip or recommendation that isn't here?
Feel free to share it below – and help other cruisers!

Confirm full fares, passenger basis, currency, return pickup, accessible routes, paving and transport options for your needs.