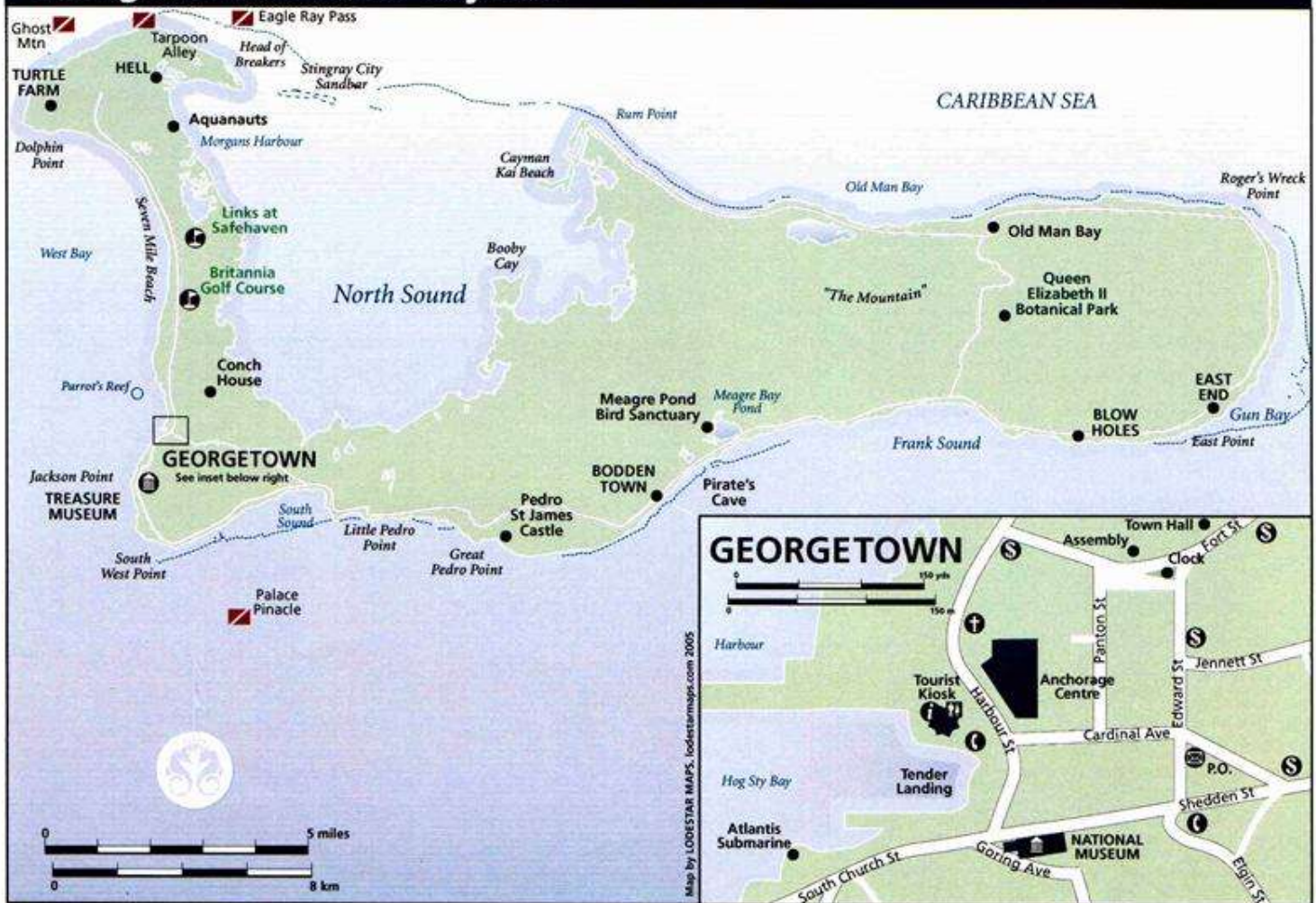


# Port Description

## Georgetown, Grand Cayman



**Docking location:**

Crystal Symphony is scheduled to anchor outside Georgetown Harbor.

**Distance to town:**

The distance to downtown is approximately a 5 minute walk.

**Local Crystal Cruises' Port Representative:**

Bodden Shipping Agency Ltd. Citrus Grove, Fifth Floor, Goring Avenue, GT  
Phone: +1 (345) 949-6254, +1 (345) 949- 7474.

**Exchange Rate:**

The official currency is the Cayman Dollar. Please refer to your daily Reflections for the most updated rate of exchange. US Dollars and credit cards are widely accepted.

**Shopping:**

Shopping is available around the downtown area.

**Shuttle Bus:**

No transportation is necessary as the town center is within walking distance.

**Taxis:**

Taxis are available at the tender landing area. Please note that many other ships might be in town therefore this service may be limited.

Grand Cayman boasts endless beaches that are encircled by coral reefs teeming with an abundance of marine life. On shore, affluent colonial neighborhoods dominate the West Bay area, while the East End affords natural attractions such as spectacular blowholes and a fragrant botanical garden. Its quaint capital, George Town, offers British charm and tempting duty-free bargains. Shopping highlights include black coral fashioned into exquisite jewelry, imported woolens, elegant china and gleaming silverware. After shopping and sightseeing, enjoy relaxing on that magnificent crescent of sand, Seven Mile Beach.

#### **Pedro St. James Castle**

The castle is the oldest stone structure on the Cayman Island. Built in 1780 it served as a residence through the times and can now be toured. Of interest is not only the house but also the 8 acres of the surrounding gardens. When visiting the castle a must is the multi media presentation on the history of the great house.

*Open daily. Located on S. Sound Road, Savannah.*

#### **Queen Elizabeth II Botanical Garden**

Quite a highlight for many guests is to visit the rare blue iguanas which are bred in the botanical garden of the Island. Interesting are also the indigenous plants and flowers which are on display in the 65-acre nature reserve. Of special interest is the beautiful collection of local orchids.

*Open daily from 9:00am to 6:30pm. Located on Frank Sound Rd.*

#### **Turtle Farm**

The Turtle Farm, now called Boatswain Beach has new visitor center, gift shop and reception area. In addition the new birthing beach and large turtle enclosures are much expanded. The location is still one of its kind in the world with over 16,000 sea turtles, ranging in size from six ounces to six hundred pounds each. Nowhere else can you see an endangered species so successfully raised for conservation. In fact, since 1980, the farm has released 29,000 turtles back into the sea to help replenish the wild population.

*Open Monday to Saturday from 8:30 to 5:00pm. Located on West Bay Rd.*

#### **Beaches**

**Smiths Cove** as it is named is located just outside of central George Town. It is about a 5-minute drive east of George Town harbor. Smith's Cove is a public beach, with benches, restrooms and lot of shade available. Smith's Cove is a definite gem for the Cayman Islands when it comes to beaches. But there are other not to be missed beaches. The world famous **Seven Mile Beach** has graced the cover of many magazines, and has been continually voted the #1 beach spot for millions of visitors. It is located on the west coast of the island and is a dream comes true for all lovers of powdery white sand. The area is the most developed one concerning beach facilities, hotels and restaurants and all along the seven mile strip guests can find shopping opportunities as well as centers offering water sports. Finally, the **Rum Point** area which is famous in its own right: quiet, laid-back charm; the Rum Point area has many pirate coves and excellent clear snorkeling right off shore.

#### **Snorkeling & Diving**

Stingray City has been called "the world's best 12 foot dive" and certainly offers Cayman's most unique marine experience for both divers and snorkelers. Each day up to 100 large southern stingrays congregate in two specific areas of warm, clear, shallow water in the North Sound, where they have been interacting with visitors for almost fifteen years. They have no fear of divers, and swim all around you, seeking fishy hand-outs! The West Wall is where Cayman diving all began. Legendary dive sites such as Orange Canyon, Trinity Caves and the Wreck of the Doc Polson vie for attention, all just minutes from beautiful Seven Mile Beach. Being on the leeward (non-windy) side of Grand Cayman, the West Wall is usually flat calm, with wonderful visibility.

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