The Sisserou parrot is an endangered species, only found in Dominica. It’s the National Bird of Dominica, prominently shown on the National Flag, Coat of Arms, and Public Seal.
1) Dominica cruise docks (Roseau, Woodbridge, Cabrits), 2) Guided tours to Botanical Gardens, Morne Bruce, Trafalgar Falls, Boiling Lake, Ti Tou Gorge, Fort Shirley, Scotts Head, National Parks, and 3) spending time at the beaches. Plan ahead for transportation/tours to visit sites in the mountains.

Dominica (pronounced Doe-mi-nee-KA) is the largest of the Windward Islands (map below). It was called Waitikubuli by the Caribs in the 14th Century. Christopher Columbus named it “Domenica”.

It was a French territory from 1716, a British colony from 1763, and granted independence as Commonwealth of Dominica in 1978.

French and British influence is visible today in historic buildings, forts, etc.

“It's the Nature Island of the Caribbean - a nature lover's dream... a mountain range with several peaks approaching 5,000 ft. cloaked in tropical rainforest and lush vegetation. Dominica boasts a river for each day of the year. Waterfalls, lakes and thermal hot springs are in abundance.”

See [http://www.natureisland.com/](http://www.natureisland.com/)

Reasons to visit and vacation in Dominica:

- **Breath-taking natural beauty in its most primitive, untouched form:** Compared with Hawaii, Dominica is as lush and primitive as Kauai, as volcanic as the Big Island, and has as many waterfalls as Maui. Travel to Dominica from the US east coast is easier, faster, and lower cost than to Hawaii. See Marla Archer's comments and outstanding photos at [http://www.ssqq.com/travel/dominica2012dominica.htm](http://www.ssqq.com/travel/dominica2012dominica.htm)

- **An incredibly wide range of tourist activities:** There are many things to see from the comfort of an air conditioned van, a whale watch boat, leisurely shopping, hiking, etc. From a stroll to Trafalgar Falls or in historic Fort Shirley at Cabrits National Park, to the world-famous Boiling Lake hike, Dominica has something for everyone: Waterfalls, Hikes, Trails & Mountains, Parks, Lakes, Scenic Viewpoints, Rivers, Beaches, Events, Dive Sites, Bird watching, etc. See videos on Whale watching, Indian River, Boiling Lake, Screws sulfur, Leatherback turtles, Hiking, Snorkeling, and Wellness spa at [http://www.visit-dominica.com/multimedia.cfm#SLIDEPANO](http://www.visit-dominica.com/multimedia.cfm#SLIDEPANO)

- **One of the premier hiking capitals of the world:** Waitukubuli Hiking Trail is 115 miles in 14 sections with different difficulty, topography, flora and fauna. The Trail opens up and showcases the best of Dominica – culture/heritage, local lifestyles, and the island’s rugged terrain and wild nature – rivers, waterfalls, mountains, exotic gorges and rainforests. See [http://www.visit-dominica.com/hiking.cfm](http://www.visit-dominica.com/hiking.cfm)

- **Meet friendly people:** Tour guides, shop keepers, local craftsmen, and residents invite and welcome you to visit their villages, towns, and cities to see their beautiful country and learn about their history such as the best preserved collections of 18th century Creole architecture in Roseau.

It's a must visit island, but one visit is not enough.

Your first visit is only a taste of what there is to see and do. You'll need to return to explore and experience more of this must visit island. The official tourism website is excellent for planning your visits. See [http://www.visit-dominica.com/](http://www.visit-dominica.com/)
**Tips on Planning Your Shore Excursion for Your Priorities**

There are many things to see, but slow travel in the mountains limits the number of places you can visit:

With the exception of walking in the villages and cities along the coast, you can't just get off the ship and “walk around”. As you go inland, elevation increases rapidly as you encounter steep hills and mountains.

You'll need transportation via a private tour or the ship's excursion because you need a driver who knows the local roads and best routes to the tourist sites. PLAN AHEAD to tour with a licensed guide.

**Tourist sites are difficult to find on Google maps**

Dominica is a huge virgin forest with limited roads. There are many trails in the hills and mountains. I could not find a Google or Microsoft map of Dominica Island that showed all the popular tourist sites, beaches, cruise ship docks, cities, etc., so I created maps for this guide.

My goal is to visually describe the relationship of different tourist sites to the cruise ship docks and airports to help you plan which areas you wish to visit. You can't see it all in one visit.

**GPS Coordinates**

GPS coordinates can be used with any Google or Microsoft Bing map format such as “road”, “satellite”, “birdseye”, “earth”, or “terrain” views to see details of the location at any map scale.

The coordinates in this guide are in the format of

- Degrees, Minutes, and Seconds shown as N ddd° mm' ss.ss”, W ddd° mm' ss.ss”

You can copy and paste GPS coordinates from this guide into Google or Bing maps.

You can also type the coordinates into Google maps without using the symbols for degrees, minutes, and seconds. Replace the symbols with “spaces”: type letters, numbers, comma, and decimal points into the map.

Example: Woodbridge Bay Cruise Ship Dock has GPS coordinates of 15°18'44.4"N 61°23'22.7"W

Type 15 18 44.4 N 61 23 22.7 W into a Google satellite/earth map search box to find the location. Note: you have to use satellite/earth maps to see the dock on the water because road maps only show locations on land.

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*Tom Sheridan*
Dominica measures 30 miles long by 13 miles wide. Roseau is the capital city. There are two airports: Canefield and Douglas Charles (formerly called Melville Hall). There are three cruise ship docks at Cabrits National Park, Woodbridge Bay, and Roseau. There is also a ferry boat dock at Roseau for the island ferries. The center of Dominica is virgin forest and mountain ranges. Elevation change is steep as you go inland from the coast. While you can explore some of the villages and cities along the coast on foot such as Roseau, you'll need transportation to explore the island. Your tour can take you close so that it's an easy, short walk to the viewing platform for Trafalgar Falls. Or, if hiking is your priority, go with a licensed guide and spend several hours hiking through the mountains to Ti Tou Gorge, the Valley of Desolation, and Boiling Lake. There are hundreds of miles of trails in Dominica; it's a hiking capital of the world.
Dominica has THREE National Parks

1) Cabrits National Park
The park is on a peninsula on the northwest of Dominica. It covers 1,313 acres with tropical forests, coral reefs, wetlands, and the island's largest swamp.

Fort Shirley in Cabrits National Park GPS 15°34'59.7"N 61°28'25"W
It's a large, 18th century British garrison for 600 soldiers. The Officer's Quarters have been renovated for weddings, receptions, and concerts. The annual May-June Jazz n'Creole Festival is held at the fort.

2) Morne Diablotin National Park and surrounding area
The park is 8,242 acres in the northern mountain ranges of the island. One of the reasons to establish this park was to protect habitat for the endangered Sisserou Parrot, the national bird, prominently displayed on the National Flag for the Commonwealth of Dominica.

This park is perfect for bird watching. The lush, high mountain terrain changes to tropical forest, gently sloping downward to bush and drier vegetation at the coast. This great variety of habitats provides a wide diversity of birds within a relatively short distance. From the top of Morne Diablotin, Dominica's tallest mountain (4,747 ft.), it's just a few miles for birds to fly down to the sea.

Hiking is very popular  See http://www.waitukublitrail.com/
Dominica is one of the premier hiking capitals of the world. Waitukubuli Hiking Trail is 115 miles, the full length of island in 14 sections of trails with different difficulty, topography, flora, and fauna.

Isulukati waterfall GPS 15°30'08.4"N 61°15'29.5"W
It's a small waterfall in Kalinago (Carib) Territory, near Crayfish River Village, a one hour hike.

3) Morne Trois Pitons (a mountain with three peaks) National Park and surrounding area
The park is 17,000 acres. Volcanic activity creates the Valley of Desolation, boiling mud ponds, small geysers, Boiling Lake (the second largest in the world), Titou Gorge, and Emerald Pool.

Emerald Pool GPS 15°23'43.9"N 61°18'39.3"W
An easy, half-hour hike through magnificent overhanging trees and lush vegetation. There are two gorgeous view points of the Atlantic Coast and Morne Laurent. The pool appears green in the tree-filtered sunlight. You can swim to the waterfall.

Freshwater Lake Visitor Center GPS 15°20'33.35"N 61°18'34.38"W
You can drive to the visitor center for views of the lake and surrounding mountains. Keep an eye out for birds. The visitor center has several, excellent and very descriptive panels explaining the island, topography, waterfalls, plants, types of birds, etc. There are toilets at the center.

Middleham Falls GPS 15°20'35.4"N 61°20'00.8"W
Depending on your starting point, it's a one to four hour hike to this tall fall through the rain forest. Carry plastic or some type of cover to protect your camera from the water spray.

Trafalgar Falls GPS 15°19'38.1"N 61°20'00.8"W
The visitor center is a 20-minute drive from Roseau. It's a short walk from the Visitor Center to the Trafalgar Falls Platform ~ 250 feet from the two falls called “Father” and “Mother”. It's possible to walk to the falls and swim in the water, but you'll be climbing some boulders and will need a guide escort. For details see http://tourism.gov.dm/images/brochures/TrafalgarFalls%2018Aug14.pdf
It's also possible to view the falls from ~ 2000 feet away in Trafalgar. See the map on the next page.

Ti Tou Gorge GPS 15°19'45.0"N 61°19'27.0"W
It's a small waterfall, in a water filled gorge ('Ti tou' means 'little-throat' in Creole). This is at the start of the hike through the Valley of Desolation to the Boiling Lake. See the map on the next page.
Valley of Desolation  GPS  15°18'50.1"N 61°18'03"W
A spectacular area of brightly colored hot sulfur springs, hot pools, and mini-geysers. The grays, blues, blacks, greens, yellow, browns and oranges are the result of minerals from the water that have been deposited on the stream beds. Some rocks are covered with yellow sulfur crystals. Nothing grows here. The Valley is a large area outlined in red on the map below.

Boiling Lake  GPS  15°19'05.7"N 61°17'39.0"W
Boiling Lake is at the east end of the Valley of Desolation as shown on the map below. The hike from Ti Tou Gorge to Boiling Lake is the most famous of Dominica's trails. It's a hard, 3-4 hour hike one-way. But it's well worth it, the Lake is a cauldron of bubbling greyish-blue water that is usually enveloped in a cloud of vapor. It's the second largest boiling lake in the world.

The map below shows Ti Tou Gorge, the Valley of Desolation, and Boiling Lake. It also shows Trafalgar Falls. Note there are two tours for the falls. You can take a tour to the Falls Visitor Center and walk a short distance to viewing platform which is ~ 250 feet from the falls. You can also take a tour that does not visit the falls, but you get a “view” of the falls from a road in Trafalgar Village ~ 2000 feet from the falls. For the best views and photos, take a tour to the Falls Visitor Center.

Glassy trail and pool  GPS  15°18'17.7"N 61°14'50.4"W
See the map on page 3. The trail is an easy 1.5 mile, 60-minute round trip hike from Boetica Village to the shore with some excellent view points on the way. At the base of the rocky outcropping, there are several pools that fill with sea water as the waves splash over the rocks. On a calm day, it's good for swimming, but don't turn your back to the sea, the waves can be very strong and may surprise you.

Beaches
All the beaches are scenic. Some are in remote locations requiring an hour or longer hike. Not all beaches are suitable for swimming due to rocks or rough surf. I have listed beaches as shown on the map on page 3 as they appear in clockwise order around Dominica island from the north.

Hampstead Beach  GPS  15°35'47.0"N 61°22'13.4"W
One of Dominica's nicest beaches with golden sand, calm waters, coconut and mangrove trees for shade. You'll need a 4WD vehicle to travel the poor condition road ~ 1 mile long.

Pointe Baptiste  GPS  15°35'45.5"N 61°20'18.3"W
A picturesque white and black sand beach with views of the Red Rocks. It's a one hour hike to beach.

Pirates of Caribbean - Batibou Beach GPS  15°35'36.4"N 61°20'51.7"W
Filming location for "Pirates of the Caribbean." A rough surf, black sand beach on the Atlantic.

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Londonderry Beach  GPS  15°33'08.8"N 61°17'44.5"W
Rugged black sand beach. Great for beach combing. One hour hike.

Rosalie Bay  GPS  15°22'19.8"N 61°15'10.2"W

Scotts Head  GPS  15°12'46.8"N 61°22'12.9"W
A narrow, rocky beach in a scenic area with the Caribbean Sea on the north and the Atlantic Ocean on the south. It's a popular kayaking and snorkeling area next to restaurants and bars of Scotts Head Village. No hiking required, the beach is at the end of the main road.

Champagne Beach  GPS  15°14'50.5"N 61°22'22.1"W
A rocky beach a few meters from a healthy reef system teeming with fish and hot water springs that bring warm air bubbles to the surface. It's like swimming in a glass of warm champagne.

Mero Beach  GPS  15°25'03.4"N 61°25'42.9"W
A warm, calm, gray beach that is popular with locals and visitors. It's near bars and restaurants. It has full facilities including toilets, showers, food and drink, etc. It's best for parties, swimming, volley ball games, and more!

Salisbury  GPS  15°25'58.9"N 61°26'11.6"W
Excellent snorkeling and diving due to proximity to three reefs. East Carib Dive Center is on the beach.

Purple Turtle Beach  GPS  15°35'01.2"N 61°27'44.1"W
A popular beach for swimming and picnicking with rentals for kayaks and other equipment. Food and drink available; bands often entertain here.

Douglas Bay, Belle Hall Beach  GPS  15°35'28.32"N 61°27'56.71"W
A rocky beach, but there is good snorkeling at reefs.

NOTE: for more information, detailed descriptions, photos, and reviews of the parks and tourist sites:

• See the official Dominica Tourist website at  http://www.visit-dominica.com
  One of the menu choices on the website is “search”. Enter the tourist site to find information.

• The official tourist website also has maps for each section of the island. For example, I clicked on “Roseau Valley” as the map section on  http://www.visit-dominica.com/area.cfm
  The page displays a small map of the area with a description of the tourist sites and photos.

• There is a separate website  http://www.waitukubulitrail.com/ on 115 mile long hiking trail system.

• You can also do Google searches for specific tourist attractions. You'll find many websites that provide excellent information from enthusiastic travelers who love Dominica and want to share their experience.

• Trip Advisor  www.TripAdvisor.com is a great resource for customer reviews of specific tourist sites

• There are many excellent videos. For example, search Google for “Dominica Boiling Lake YouTube”

• There are many tour companies. Search Google for “Dominica Tour Companies”.

It's easy to find information to plan your visit to Dominica using your home computer.

Airports

The main airport is Douglas Charles (DOM). GPS  15°32'48.5"N 61°18'03.4"W
It was formerly called Melville Hall. It's located near the northeast tip of the island, a 90-minute drive from the capital city of Roseau. See  http://www.dominicaports.com/facilities/douglas-charles-airport/

Canefield Airport (DCF)  GPS  15°20'13.9"N 61°23'31.3"W
Canefield airport only accommodates very small aircraft, typically 19-seat twin propeller or smaller. The airport is on the southwest side of the island about 3 miles north of the capital city of Roseau.
Woodbridge Bay and Roseau Cruise Ship Docks are ~ one mile apart as shown on the map below.

The map shows Roseau Farmers Market, Botanical Gardens, and Morne Bruce hill that overlooks the city.
There's a large, secure area next to the cruise ship. The ONLY vehicles allowed inside this area are port vehicles and tour vehicles for the ship's shore excursions.

If you are not on a ship's excursion, you walk to the security gate/building as shown by the dashed yellow lines on the map at left. It is a short distance on level surface and is easy to walk.

You will pass an open warehouse where there are many stalls with vendors selling souvenirs.

If you're on a private tour, the meeting point is just outside the security building. Our tour guide was holding a sign with our name.

If you are walking to Roseau, take Goodwill Road south along the shore and cross a bridge over the Roseau River.

It's a 20-minute, one mile walk to the Roseau Farmers Market.

Use the GPS coordinates for the Woodbridge Dock in Google or Microsoft Bing maps to view the walking route. There is not much to see until you get close to Roseau.
It's a relatively short walk ~ 20 minutes from the Roseau Cruise Dock to the Botanical Gardens. Popular Roseau tourist sites include the Farmers Market, Old Market, Botanical Gardens, and Morne Bruce Hill. Elevation changes as you walk inland because you are going uphill. It's ~ 25 feet above sea level near the harbor rising to ~100 feet in the Botanical Gardens and up to ~400 feet above sea level on Morne Bruce Hill.

Roseau was designed by the British in 1768. As you walk the city, take note of the ornamental designs on Victorian era wood and stone buildings contrasted with the bright, and colorful Caribbean style buildings. Center city is a relatively small area so it's easy to explore on foot. You can hire a guide to walk with you to explain the history or you can buy walking tour maps for ~ $ 12.50 on the internet. Most people just walk around to explore on their own. There are many places to shop, plus restaurants, cafes, churches, parks, etc.

**Farmers Market GPS 15°17’57.4″N 61°23’23.4″W**
The market is open several days a week. Friday and Saturday morning are the best times to buy tropical fruits including bananas, berries, coconut, grapefruit, lemons, limes, mangoes, passion fruit, pineapples, etc. You can also purchase these products in grocery stores. Chocolate from Dominica is judged to be excellent. Tip: Ask permission before taking photos. (photo at left)

**Old Market Square GPS 15°17’48.1″N 61°23’14.4″W**
This is one of the most popular shopping areas in the city. Many years ago, the market was used to buy/sell slaves. Today it's a colorful market and crafts center where you can purchase locally made, woven grass baskets, place mats, dolls, etc. There's a photogenic fountain over the old well that used to serve the city. There are several restaurants, cafes, coffee shops, etc. within a few blocks of this area in the heart of the city.

**Dominica State House GPS 15°17’43.5″N 61°23’08.2″W**
It's next to the House of Assembly. (Photo at left)

**Dominica Museum GPS 15°17’47.4″N 61°23’15.2″W**
The museum is located in the old Post office building. It showcases history of the culture, geology, and archeology. There's a small entrance fee. The museum is temporarily closed in 2016.

**Fort Young Hotel GPS 15°17’44.5″N 61°23’10.4″W**
In was built as a British Fort in 1770. Today, it's a polished, oceanfront hotel. It's a 2 minute walk to the Old Market and a 14 minute walk to the Botanical Gardens.

**Public Library GPS 15°17’42.8″N 61°23’09″W**
This wood Carnegie Public Library was built in 1906.

**Churches in Roseau**
- **Saint George Anglican Church GPS 15°17’46.4″N 61°23’09″W**
- **Our Lady of Fair Haven Roman Catholic Cathedral GPS 15°17’51.1″N 61°23’07.7″W**
- **Bethesda Methodist Church GPS 15°17’50.8″N 61°23’09.6″W**

**A MUST Visit Site: Botanical Gardens GPS 15°18’04.3″N 61°22’56.2″W**
For virtual tours, photos, and details on the gardens see [http://www.da-academy.org/dagardens_virtual.html](http://www.da-academy.org/dagardens_virtual.html)

Prior to hurricane David in 1979, the gardens were recognized as one of the best, most prized gardens in the Caribbean with fountains, ponds, impressive ironwork, 500 species of exotic and indigenous trees, as many as 100 types of palm trees, many flowers, and birds. Unfortunately, hurricane David wreaked havoc on the gardens in 1979 when 150 mph winds broke trees and ravaged the landscape.
A dramatic example of hurricane damage is the African Baobab Tree that broke and crushed an empty, school bus parked in the gardens. The tree still grows and many of the trees and plants in the Botanical Gardens have recovered. Today, this massive tree measures 21 feet in circumference! (Photo below)
The gardens are good for bird watching. See [http://www.da-academy.org/dagardens_birds.html](http://www.da-academy.org/dagardens_birds.html) web-page for information on the birds in the gardens. There's a bird house with several birds including the rare, endangered Sisserou Parrot. The parrots are caged because this area is not their native habitat. They live in Morne Diablotin National Park in the north of Dominica.

I highly recommend touring with a guide to explain the plants, flowers, and help you spot birds and little critters like lizards. The species of plants are very unusual so you'll want to know what you are looking at.

There are many large trees, flowers, and unusual growth habit such as the “cannon ball” tree at left. The park is photogenic and a great place to spend time relaxing in the shade and taking photos.
One of the many birds that call Botanical Gardens “home” (photo below)

In this panoramic photo, you can see part of the stern of the Royal Princess docked in Woodbridge (top right corner of photo). Morne Bruce hill is about 400 feet elevation giving you great views of Roseau. Most people ride in a vehicle to the top of the hill, but you can hike to the top following the signs for “Jack's Walk” from the Botanical Gardens (photo left). There are two trail heads for Jack's Walk at the Gardens.

The northern trail head is at GPS 15°18'03.6"N 61°22'46.9"W
The southern trail head is at GPS 15°17'57.9"N 61°22'55.3"W
For a slide show on Jack's Walk, see https://louisiana2dominica.wordpress.com/2013/10/19/jacks-walk/
Planning A Shore Excursion
Plan Ahead and book your shore excursion in Dominica. For a 1.5 hour tour from Woodbridge dock to Botanical Gardens, there's a tractor pulled train. Longer tours are in vans, buses, or open trucks with bench seating and a canopy. We chose a private tour in an air conditioned, roomy, and comfortable van.

Check the internet for tour companies, tour reviews on www.TripAdvisor.com, and get advice on the roll call members for your ship www.CruiseCritic.com. On our roll call, my wife met Janice Jaramillo who was familiar with Dominica and recommended LeviBaron@Bumpiingtours.com at www.Bumpiingtours.com

Four of us toured in a van. Cost was ~ $ 55 USD plus tip for a ~ 5 hour tour to Freshwater Lake, Trafalgar Village for a view of the falls, Botanical Gardens, Morne Bruce, and Scotts Head.

**It was a perfect personal tour.** Our driver, Algy, did a great job on narrow streets and steep mountain roads. Our licensed guide was Kashma Julien, a charming, very knowledgeable, young lady. She provided details on all the plants, birds, sites, and called our attention to things we might photograph. I hate bus tours because they don't stop for photos. Kashma would stop our van for us to take photos. She picked a few flowers and plants that give off interesting odors when the leaves are crushed. When we were walking, she pointed out where the birds were and even found colorful caterpillars for us to photograph. Our walking tour of the Botanical Gardens was superb. I had never seen those rare, exotic trees. Kashma provide an excellent explanation.

**Morne Trois Pitons National Park Visitor Center at Freshwater Lake**

GPS 15° 20' 33.35" N, 61° 18' 34.38" W

There's an excellent display in the Visitor Center describing the parks, geology, waterfalls, birds etc.
Rainfall in Dominica – a display at the visitor center.

On reaching the west or leeward coast the air has lost most of its moisture, resulting in a dry ‘rain shadow’ coastline.

High volcanic peaks attract rain.
Altitude creates varied vegetation levels

Very heavy rain

Dominica’s central mountain range forces high-level winds upwards. Moist air and heavy clouds are formed and begin to rise over the sea and east coast. Heaviest rain falls on the highest peaks.

Water rushes down the mountains along the roads (photo left)

In some areas, there is heated water flowing from the mountains (photo right)
Freshwater Lake is 10 acres, the largest fresh water lake in Dominica.

Mountains near Freshwater Lake

Roadside stand with souvenirs  GPS  15° 19' 47.24" N, 61° 20' 52.81" W
We stopped at a roadside stand to buy souvenirs. Dominica grass baskets are very attractive.
There were a variety of souvenirs.

Trafalgar Village  GPS       15° 19' 34.10" N, 61° 20' 27.13" W

We stopped at Trafalgar Village Water Bar for a “view” of Trafalgar Falls. You can see the falls about a half-mile away. I estimate you'll need a 30x lens. See the photo on the next page. If you want great photos of the falls, take a tour that goes to the Falls Visitor Center. If you want to swim under the falls, walk with a guide from the Visitor Center through the forest and climb the boulders. That's too much of an expedition for me.

I enjoyed the stop at Trafalgar Village. There was music playing; the area was festive and colorful. There were samples of all kinds of fruit and candy made from the fruit. The samples were free but you were asked to consider giving a donation of $ 1 or more. There were people selling souvenirs along the road.
There was a display of the local fruits that were cut up and served to visitors. (Photo left)

View of Trafalgar Falls from Trafalgar Village (Photo right)

Our next stops were Roseau Botanical Gardens = a MUST visit and at Morne Bruce hill for great views of the city/harbor. See pages 10-13 of this port guide for details. Then we drove to Scotts Head Beach (map below).
Scotts Head Beach GPS  15° 12' 44.96" N, 61° 22' 9.61" W

Scotts Head is a scenic area with a “tied island.” A “tied” island is a separate island connected to the island of Dominica by a long, thin section of beach that covers with water at high tide. The map on the previous page shows the beach is bordered by the Caribbean Sea on the north and the Atlantic Ocean on the south. 

This bay is an extinct volcanic crater with vertical walls, submerged pinnacles, and other formations where pockets of air are warmed and rise to the surface as bubbles. The reefs are healthy and home to many sea creatures. Hence, the area of the bay from Champagne Beach to Scotts Head is popular for snorkeling, diving, and underwater photography. Dolphins are also seen in this area.

You can drive directly to the Scotts Beach; no hiking required. There's a cafe/bar on the beach. The cost to use the toilets is $1. It is common in many Caribbean islands to pay a dollar to use the toilets.

**Scotts Head beach is rocky.** This is the view of the Caribbean Sea with Scotts Head “tied island” on the left.

St Marks Church GPS  15° 13' 58.78" N, 61° 21' 42.88" W

Our last stop before returning to Woodbridge, was at St Mark Church in Soufriere. This stop was not on the itinerary, but our guide and driver were kind enough to go to the church so we could see it and take some photos.
User Feedback Is Welcome

Goal
My guides are designed to help you plan a great cruise vacation by providing information such as where the ship docks, location of tourist sites, public transit, walking tour maps, things to see and do, travel issues unique to the port, etc. Knowledge of ports is important when planning shore excursions because you have to make many decisions and commitments long before your ship docks. I believe the information in this guide is accurate, however you are responsible to verify accuracy of the information that you use to plan your vacation.

Information on cruise ports frequently changes such as bus routes, admission fees to sites, rental car locations, etc. Cruise Critic is the best source for up-to-date, detailed information on travel details for shore excursions, reviews of cruise ships, etc. There are many knowledgeable people on Cruise Critic who are willing to share their expertise and travel experience. I highly recommend www.CruiseCritic.com; it's free to join.

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