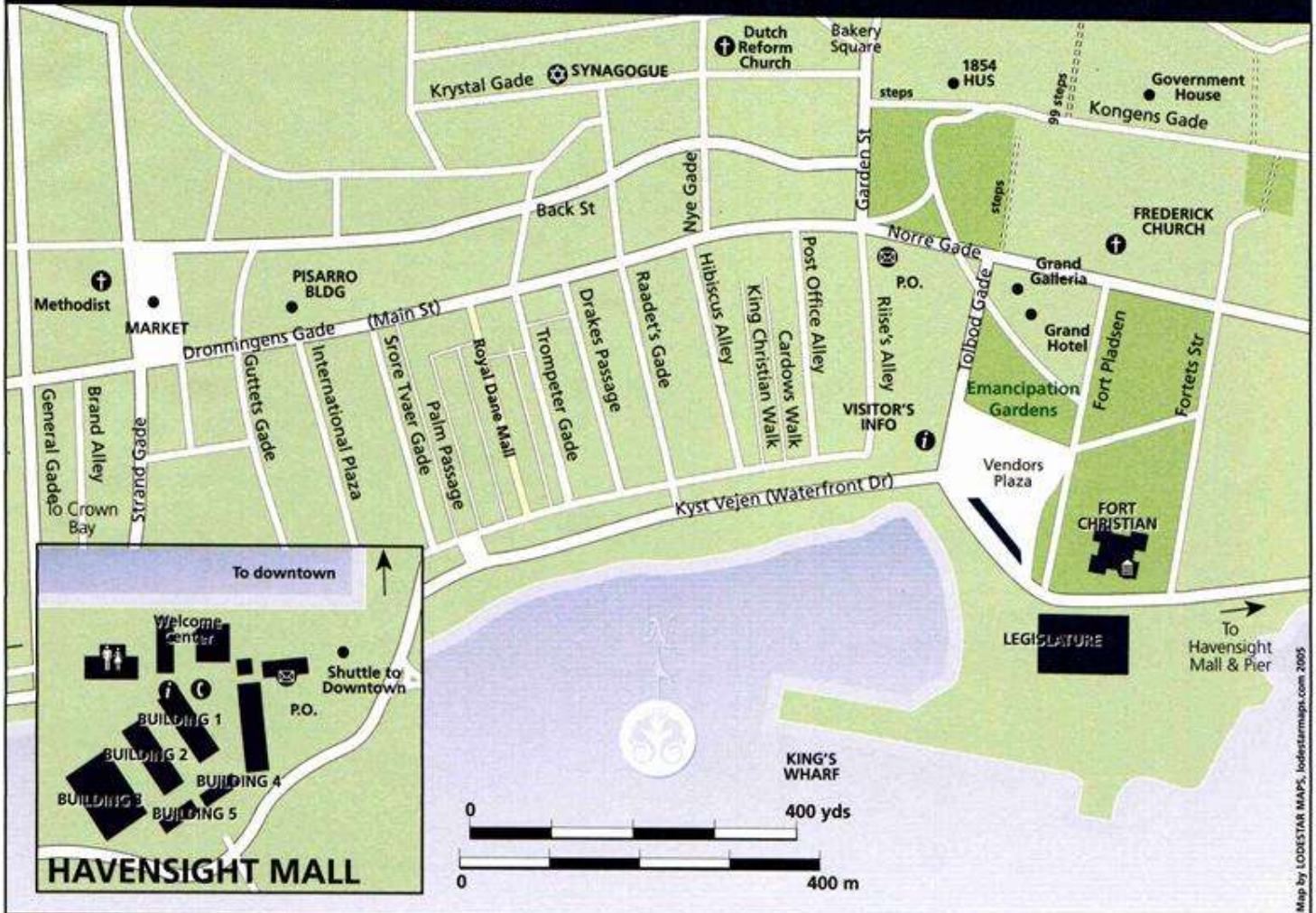


# Port Description

## Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas



**Docking location:**

Crystal Symphony will be docked in St. Thomas. For the updated docking location, please refer to your "Daily Reflection".

**Distance to town:**

Downtown is approximately a 10 minute taxi ride from our docking location.

**Local Crystal Cruises' Port Representative:**

The West Indian Company, Long Bay, Havensight, 00801 Charlotte Amalie.  
Phone: +1 (340) 774-1780, (340) 690-1140.

**Exchange Rate:**

The local currency is the US Dollar (USD).

**Shopping:**

Good shopping can be found at the Havensight mall and at Crown Bay and in the old warehouses stretched along waterfront to Dronningens gade (Main Street).

**Shuttle Bus:**

Not available due to a taxi union regulation.

**Taxis:**

Taxis are available on the pier in the form of open air safari trucks and large vans. All prices are regulated and they are not metered.



Glimmering bays, shining seas, powdery sand beaches, towering green hills and unsurpassed shopping – this is St. Thomas. The Danes originally declared St. Thomas a free port, making it the shopping paradise it remains today. You will delight in exquisite imported goods ranging from Danish silver to French porcelain and Swiss watches. While this mountainous island is one of the loveliest stretches of land in the Caribbean, its offerings are not limited to its idyllic tropical scenery. The former pirate haunts, Danish relics and picturesque old buildings are constant reminders of St. Thomas' exotic history, making this a fascinating place in which to sightsee.

#### **St. Thomas Synagogue**

It is one of the most historically interesting and best-preserved buildings to be found anywhere in St. Thomas. The Western Hemisphere's second-oldest synagogue (the oldest is on Curaçao), this temple was constructed in 1833 by Sephardic Jews. The original structure was built in 1796. Since some of the earliest Danish settlers were Jewish, the temple played an important role in the spiritual life of the colony. The synagogue celebrated its bicentennial in 1996, and in 1997 the building was appointed as national historic landmark. Take the steps down Government Hill at the end of Kongens Gade, and head north for a block to Crystal Gade.

*Open weekdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm.*

#### **Paradise Point**

This vantage point situated on Flag Hill, offers stupendous views of Charlotte Amalie and the blue waters beyond. The modern cable car transports you 700 feet above sea level, and departs every ten minutes. Once at the top, you can enjoy the panorama, hike on the nature trail or relax on the spacious deck for lunch or enjoy a frozen drink.

*The cable car operates daily from 9:00am to 5:00pm.*

#### **Coral World Marine Park**

The highlight of the marine park is the 360-degree viewing area surrounded by natural coral reef, open sea and an ever-changing parade of sea creatures.

*The park is open daily from 9:00am to 5:30pm.*

#### **Beaches**

All beaches are easily accessible. Magen's Bay is the most popular and situated 25 to 35 minutes away by taxi, this beach area has full facilities and offers snorkeling. However, there is a small admission fee. If you want a little more seclusion, then consider Sapphire beach, which is 45 minutes away. Amenities include a marina, restaurants and a beachside dive shop. Coki Beach offers some of the prettiest views on the island and is known for its excellent scuba and snorkeling sites. Bluebeard Beach is lined with swaying coconut palms and full seagrape trees. Bluebeard has sparkling white sands and aqua-hued waters and is located at the end of Bluebeard's Road, which branches off Route 30 near Red Hook.

#### **St. John**

Only a short ferry ride from Redhook on St. Thomas, St. John is considered the most pristine of the U.S. Virgin Islands. Two thirds of the island is protected and belongs to the U.S. Virgin Islands National Park, thanks largely to Laurence Rockefeller, who donated the land. The town of Cruz Bay has some small shops, but the real reason to go to St. John's is for beaches and snorkeling. The two most popular of the beaches are Trunk Bay and Cinnamon Bay. Trunk Bay, endlessly praised and photographed, offers the 200yard long snorkeling trail. Its sunken symbols and signs are clearly seen at a maximum depth of 12 feet. Cinnamon Bay is a National Park campground with a fabulous beach. Cinnamon Bay has a full range of facilities and services available to the day visitor.

#### **Shopping**

St. Thomas is home to world renowned shopping! Hundreds of duty free shops line the streets and alleys of the capital, Charlotte Amalie. Multiple buildings in Havensight and Crown Bay where most cruise ships dock, house shops and boutiques. The best buys on St. Thomas include jewelry, alcohol, china, crystal, perfumes, art, clothing, watches and cameras. If you are in the market for something in particular, primarily jewelry and cameras, it is a good idea to know what the going price is in your home town; some items are better deals than others so it pays to know what items cost at home. The principal street is Main Street. Parallel to Main Street is Back Street and Waterfront. Stores line each of these main roads, and in between the three roads are side streets and alleys where even more shops are located. In the alleys, like Royal Dane Mall, Palm Passage and Riise Alley, you will find many unique shops and boutiques. Small cozy restaurants are located among the stores, perfect for lunch or a refreshing drink.

*For opening hours, please refer to our onboard shopping guide.*

**Please be advised that do to the popularity of St. Thomas as duty free port crowding and lines can be anticipated at all major sights and in the shopping areas.**

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