

Understanding the Port

Grenada is the Isle of Spice, and it smells like it — nutmeg, cocoa, and rum coming off the hills above one of the prettiest harbors in the Caribbean. Ships dock a few minutes' walk from that harbor, with a two-mile beach and a rainforest full of waterfalls just beyond.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The Port Area

Ships dock at the Melville Street terminal with its Esplanade Mall; on busy days extra ships anchor and tender to the Carenage. Market Square and the waterfront are a short, flat walk.

Cash & Currency

Eastern Caribbean dollar (EC\$) is official. USD accepted virtually everywhere; expect change in EC\$. Small bills help at markets and beach bars.

Getting Around

Taxis wait at the terminal with set rates — confirm the fare first. A water taxi across the harbor is the fun way to reach Grand Anse Beach.

GOOD

St. George's on Foot

Best for: Short stops, easy days, minimal logistics

- ✓ The Carenage: the Caribbean's prettiest horseshoe
- ✓ Market Square for nutmeg, cocoa, and spice
- ✓ Fort George's view over the whole harbor

Low effort, high reward.

BETTER

Grand Anse Beach Day

Best for: Couples, families, beach lovers

- ✓ Two miles of calm white sand
- ✓ Chairs, beach bars, and a craft market
- ✓ Ride the water taxi across the harbor

Arrange your return before you settle in.

BEST

The Spice Island Tour

Best for: First timers, foodies, explorers

- ✓ Annandale Falls, twenty minutes from the pier
- ✓ The crater lake and monkeys at Grand Etang
- ✓ Or snorkel the world's first underwater sculpture park

Timing management required. Plan around all aboard.

Top Experiences to Consider

GOOD

The Carenage & Fort George

Walk the horseshoe of pastel warehouses around the inner harbor, browse the spice market, then climb to Fort George for the postcard view straight down onto your ship.

BETTER

Grand Anse Beach

Two miles of soft white sand with St. George's stacked up in the distance — it landed on the World's 50 Best Beaches list in 2025. The little water taxi from the Carenage beats the road, and takes about ten minutes.

BEST

Spice, Rum & Waterfalls

Head inland for Annandale Falls and the Grand Etang crater lake, or up the coast for cocoa and a rum distillery founded in 1785 and still powered by a water wheel. Closer in, boats run out to the underwater sculpture park in about fifteen minutes.

Where Staff & Travelers Recommend

Grand Anse Beach

The consensus pick and an easy one: gorgeous, close, and reachable by water taxi in about ten minutes.

The Underwater Sculpture Park

Grenada's one-of-a-kind: the world's first underwater sculpture park, now 80-plus figures slowly becoming reef. A short boat ride from the harbor, by snorkel or glass-bottom boat.



The Carenage, St. George's, Grenada



Grand Anse Beach, Grenada

Key Considerations

St. George's is beautiful and steep. The walk from the terminal into town is easy, but the climb to Fort George and the streets above the Carenage involve real hills and steps — good shoes help, and a taxi up is money well spent on a hot day.

For the beach, take the water taxi. It runs from the Carenage across to Grand Anse in about ten minutes and turns the transfer into part of the day. Confirm the last return time before you go.

Two booking traps worth knowing. The spice and rum estates in the northeast — Belmont and River Antoine — are over an hour each way, and Belmont is closed on Saturdays. And River Antoine's famous overproof rum is too strong to fly home; buy the export-strength bottle instead.



The Underwater Sculpture Park, Molinere Bay



Annandale Falls, Grenada



Nutmeg drying on the racks

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Port Orientation

FROM THE PORT (ST. GEORGE'S)

● Esplanade Mall & Market Square	At the terminal
● The Carenage	Short walk around the harbor
● Fort George	Uphill walk or short taxi
~ 10 min by water taxi or taxi	
● Grand Anse Beach	The two-mile classic
● Underwater Sculpture Park	~ 15 min by boat
~ 15–20 min by taxi	
● Annandale Falls	Easy rainforest falls
~ 30 min by taxi or tour	
● Grand Etang National Park	Crater lake and monkeys
~ 1 hour or more	
● Belmont Estate & River Antoine	Cocoa and rum; Belmont closed Saturdays

DON'T FORGET

Confirm your all aboard time before you leave the ship.
Set a phone alarm. The ship will not wait for you.

Key Takeaway

Grenada gives you a gorgeous harbor town, a world-class beach, and a working spice island — all within a short ride.

Walk the Carenage, ride the water taxi, or chase waterfalls and rum. It is hard to get this island wrong.

ETA will help you choose the right experience based on your travel style.

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Did You Know?

A Spice on the Flag. Grenada's is the only national flag on Earth that depicts a nutmeg — the spice that built the island and named it the Isle of Spice.

One Fruit, Two Spices. The nutmeg fruit yields both nutmeg and, from the red lace around the seed, mace. Grenada remains one of the world's leading producers.

The First of Its Kind. Molinere Bay holds the world's first underwater sculpture park, opened in 2006 and now 80-plus figures slowly turning into living reef.

Rum by Water Wheel. River Antoine was founded in 1785 and still crushes its cane with a water wheel. Its overproof rum is too strong to fly home — buy the export bottle.

A Second Thanksgiving. Grenada is the only country outside the United States with its own Thanksgiving Day, held each October 25.