

Willemstad

Distance to town:

Around a 15 minute walk

Shopping:

Renaissance Mall has both international and local brands

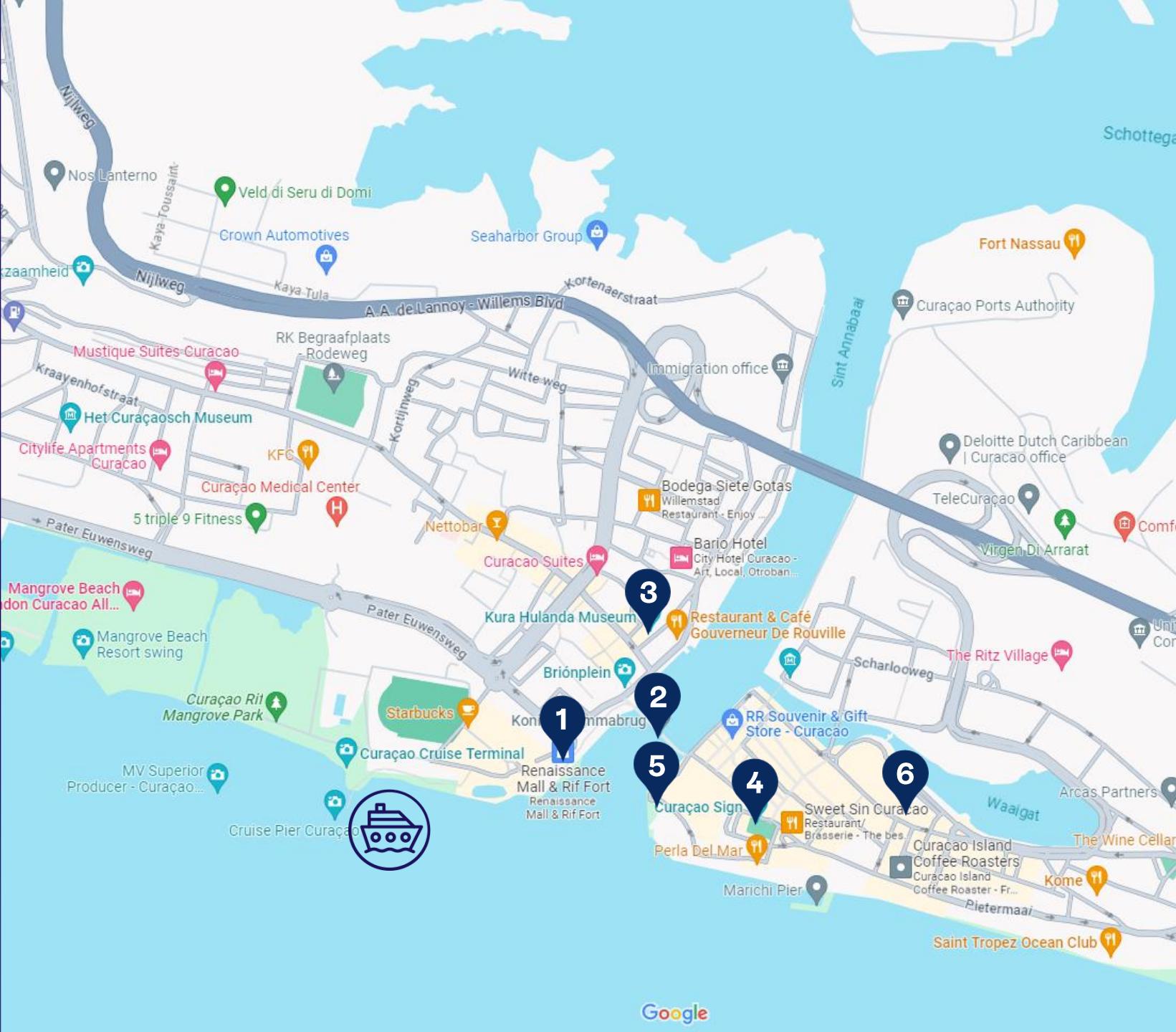


Docking Location

Top Sights:

- 1 Renaissance Mall & Rif Fort
- 2 Queen Emma Swing Bridge
- 3 Kura Hulanda Museum
- 4 Curacao Sign
- 5 Fort Amsterdam
- 6 Plaza Bieu (Old Market)

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LANGUAGE

PAPIAMENTU, DUTCH & ENGLISH



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AT A GLANCE

This little Dutch island is slowly beginning to creep onto the tourist radar, and for good reason. It offers up an unbeatable mix of footprint-free beaches and pretty colonial towns.

Docked at Mega Pier in Willemstad places you right in the heart of the Otrobanda district. Just a short walk away you can explore the vibrant Rif Fort area, with its shops, restaurants, and historical sites. Cross over the Queen Emma bridge, you can easily stroll to colourful colonial buildings, local shops, and lively markets. With the city centre only a short walk away, it's the perfect spot to explore the island's rich culture and history.

To cross the river there's a floating bridge known as the Swinging Old Lady. When the bridge is closed there is a free ferry to allow you to cross to the other side.

OUT AND ABOUT

Kura Hulanda Museum: A moving and enlightening museum following the journey through time from the history of Africa through to the harrowing details of the slave trade. It's also home to a collection of African artifacts.

Fort Amsterdam: This lemon-drop yellow building is the island's principal fortress and today serves as the seat of the government. There's a handful of plaques dotted around for a healthy dose of history.

Kura Hulanda Village: Just a short walk from the port, this quaint village is full of cobbled streets, colourful colonial buildings, little shops, and leafy courtyards. It's a charming spot to wander and soak up Curaçao's history.



BEST BEACHES

Mambo Beach is a 15 minute drive from Willemstad. It's a strip that fuses shopping, dining, entertainment and of course milk-white sands. The beach curves and spans out fairly far so you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to towel sprawling and beach bars.

SHOPPING

Head over to Renaissance Mall for open-air shopping with a historic twist. Housed within the old Rif Fort, where cannons once stood, you'll now find music and plenty of shops. If local crafts are more your style, stroll along the street from the fort to the swinging bridge, where a strip of stalls shows off a real artsy flair.

DO IT LIKE THE LOCALS

If local flavours tickle your fancy, the Old Market should be top of your list. This open-air food court feels like being invited to a friend's home for lunch and serves mouth-watering Curaçao specialties such as Funchi fries – fried cornmeal with a punchy dipping sauce.

JUST SO YOU KNOW

The Queen Emma Pontoon Bridge opens frequently for boats. If it's closed while you're walking between Punda and Otrobanda, a small ferry is available to take you across.

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