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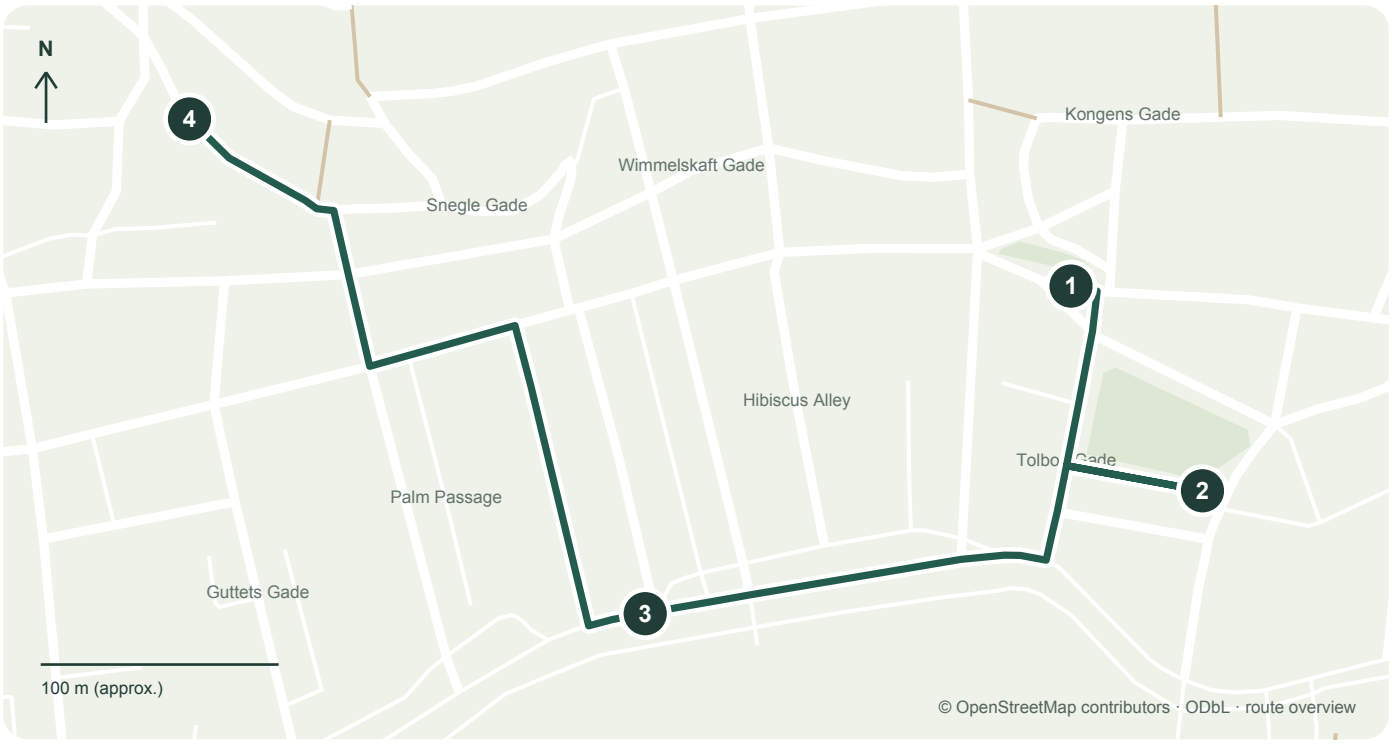
Charlotte Amalie: garden, fort and harbour

Explore the lower part of Charlotte Amalie on St Thomas through a memorial garden, the fort exterior, the waterfront and the market area. The route stays below the hillside stairways.

0.77 km / 4 stops / 40-65 min with pauses / one way



1. Emancipation Garden

2. Fort Christian exterior

3. Veterans Drive waterfront

4. Market Square

Start & finish

Begin at Emancipation Garden in central Charlotte Amalie. Finish near Market Square. Arrange transport to the centre separately and allow enough time for your own return connection.

Make it shorter

Visit the garden and Fort Christian exterior only, then return to your starting area. Add the waterfront when heat, weather and traffic conditions suit you.

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Look closer at each stop

01 Emancipation Garden

Begin in the garden commemorating emancipation in the former Danish West Indies. Read any available interpretation before discussing the space; its significance goes beyond a shaded rest stop.

Next: 142 m to stop 2. Route includes Norre Gade, VI 308, Tolbod Gade.

02 Fort Christian exterior

Look at the red fort from the public approach. Its solid walls and clock tower give you shapes to compare with the commercial streets nearby.

Next: 268 m to stop 3. Route includes Tolbod Pladsen West, Tolbod Gade, VI 30.

03 Veterans Drive waterfront

Use a marked crossing to reach the pedestrian waterfront where available. Look at the harbour from the path and notice the hills surrounding the town.

Next: 358 m to stop 4. Route includes VI 30, Veterans Drive, Dronningens Gade West.

04 Market Square

Finish in the market area and look at the street pattern and surrounding buildings. Activity varies; keep clear of vendors, deliveries and traffic.

Underfoot & access

Hot, exposed stretches, uneven pavements and busy road crossings. Stay on pedestrian areas beside the waterfront. This route is not a walk from every cruise berth and does not include the 99 Steps.

Before you go

Check local conditions and fort opening separately. This guide covers public exterior views; it does not promise museum access or a cruise-terminal walking connection. Carry water and choose a cooler part of the day.

Sources & route review

US Virgin Islands tourism: Fort Christian

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Map: OpenStreetMap / Valhalla pedestrian routing. Distances follow the mapped line; suggested visit times include pauses and are editorial estimates, not a timed on-site walk.