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Top 10 Things to Do Near the Courtyard Port of Spain

At the Courtyard by Marriott Port of Spain, we offer a courteous staff and a number of amenities to enhance your stay. But if you should leave our hotel to enjoy the rest of Port of Spain and Trinidad, this Top 10 guide will help you find the activities and events that will make your stay even more memorable.



Featured Attraction

Coast to Coast Tour

With a little planning, visitors to Trinidad can drive from one end of the island to the other and back again all in one day, seeing the diversity of our geography and people. From Port of Spain, drive north east across the Northern Range to Grand Rivière. Then, drive south to Mayaro Beach before heading west across the Southern Range to the Southern Coast. Finally, drive north past the Pitch Lake to San Fernando and Port of Spain. Along the way are dozens of interesting attractions and landscapes.

La Brea Pitch Lake

The rare and fascinating Pitch Lake is the largest of four natural asphalt lakes in the world. Visitors can actually walk out onto many parts of the 95 acre lake, just as Sir Walter Raleigh did in 1595. The La Brea Pitch Lake Visitor Center conducts tours and includes a museum. [La Brea, Trinidad](#)

Fort George

Sitting 1,000 up on a ridge overlooking Port of Spain and the bay, Fort George was built in 1804 by the British to protect the city and port. Today, the Fort and its cannons may not be in use, but the structure offers amazing views in all directions and is a terrific picnic spot, particularly at sunset.

Wildfowl Trust

The Pointe-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust is a beautiful wildlife reserve and learning center set inside the Petrotrin oil complex. The park is home to a many spectacular local birds in their natural habitat, including scarlet ibis, the national bird of Trinidad and Tobago. www.petrotrin.com/wildfowlweb

Caroni Swamp and Bird Sanctuary

Where the Caroni River meets the sea, the mangrove tree forest of the Caroni Swamp provides the perfect home for a variety of wildlife, including the scarlet ibis, which uses the swamp as a nesting ground. Other creatures inhabiting the area include caiman, anteaters and boas. Many tours are available to guide you through this fascinating place.

Asa Wright Nature Centre

High in the mountains of the Northern Range, the Asa Wright Nature Centre offers visitors an amazing opportunity to explore the natural wonders of Trinidad. With nature trails, birding tours and conservation classes, along with excellent local cuisine and a high tea, the Asa Wright Centre is an experience. www.asawright.org

Gaspree Caves

Located a short boat ride away on the island of Gaspar Grande, 9 miles west of Port of Spain, the Gaspree Caves were legendarily a site for pirates to stash their treasure. Today, visitors can explore this interesting and beautiful network of caves and their tidal pools, stalactites and stalagmites. Tours of the caves are available.

Maracas Beach

After a one hour drive north of Port of Spain through the spectacular mountains of the North Range, visitors reach beautiful Maracas beach. Relax in the shade, swim in the waves, and try the local delicacy of shark and bake – a lightly battered shark filet served in fried bread, or bake.

Galera Point

Located on the northeastern tip of Trinidad, the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea meet at Galera Point. The area's rocky outcroppings as well as tranquil beaches make for a terrific day of exploring. The Toco Lighthouse, built in 1897 at Galera Point, stands to this day greeting passing ships.

Grande Rivière Turtle Watching

The northeastern area of Trinidad is also home to Grande Rivière Beach, where leatherback turtles come to lay their eggs every year in the spring and summer. Two months later, visitors can watch the young turtles hatch and make the perilous journey back to the sea.