PORT DAY REAL TALK · GRAND TURK

Walk off the ship. *The beach is right there.*

No taxi, no tour, no transfer, no cost. SunRay Beach sits steps from the pier, some of the chairs are free, and the island is flat. If one port on your itinerary is going to be a great day for a body with limits, this is usually it.

The short answer

ASHORE	Docked, step-free pier
FREE BEACH	Steps from the pier — some chairs free
HARDEST PART	Sand underfoot, and shade is scarce

Why this port *rates so well*

- **The beach is adjacent to the pier.** Nothing else in the Caribbean comes this close, and it removes every transfer that makes other ports hard.
- **Some beach chairs are free** — cruise-line provided and marked green. They're limited and they go quickly, so arriving early matters more than usual.
- **The island is flat** and the pier is short.
- **Jack's Shack**, a beach bar, is a short walk to the left out of the terminal — food and a drink with your feet in the sand.
- **No vendor gauntlet.** It's clean, calm and safe, which is not true of every port.

THE HONEST LIMITS

It's **rocky in places**, so water shoes are worth packing. The free chairs go fast, and locals rent the rest. And there is very little else on the island — if you're not a beach person, this is a short day. Walking further afield is unpleasant: no sidewalks, and intense heat.

What the day *asks of you*

- **Very little.** A short walk off the pier and you're there.
- **Sand underfoot** for the last stretch, which is still the hardest part of any beach day with a mobility aid.
- **Heat, with shade in short supply** away from the beach bars.
- **Arriving early** if a free chair matters to you.

THE LOW-EFFORT VERSION OF THIS PORT

The beach. That's the honest answer and it's a good one. Find a chair, stay put, eat at Jack's Shack, and go back aboard when you've had enough. Governor's Beach is quieter but about three miles away — a taxi or golf cart, not a walk.

Check with your cruise line

- **Ask whether you're docking** — Grand Turk usually docks, but it can tender, and that changes the day completely.
- **Ask about the surface from the pier to the sand** and whether a beach wheelchair is available.
- **Ask about wheelchair assistance** for the pier walk if distance is your limiting factor.
- **Ask what time the free chairs are usually gone** — crew who work this port regularly will know.

THIS PAGE GETS AN UPDATE IN OCTOBER

Ai-Cruise Granny's person calls at Grand Turk on the Regal Princess in October 2026, and will measure the things nobody publishes: the surface from pier to sand, how much shade

there really is, where the bathrooms are, and what time the free chairs disappear. Join the list and you'll get it when it lands.

Questions people *actually ask*

Is Grand Turk wheelchair accessible?

Is the beach at Grand Turk free?

How far is the beach from the ship at Grand Turk?

Where this comes from

- Firsthand observation on recent sailings, with the date noted above.
- How we check things — our method, and what "last checked" means.

Last checked 22 September 2026.

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