

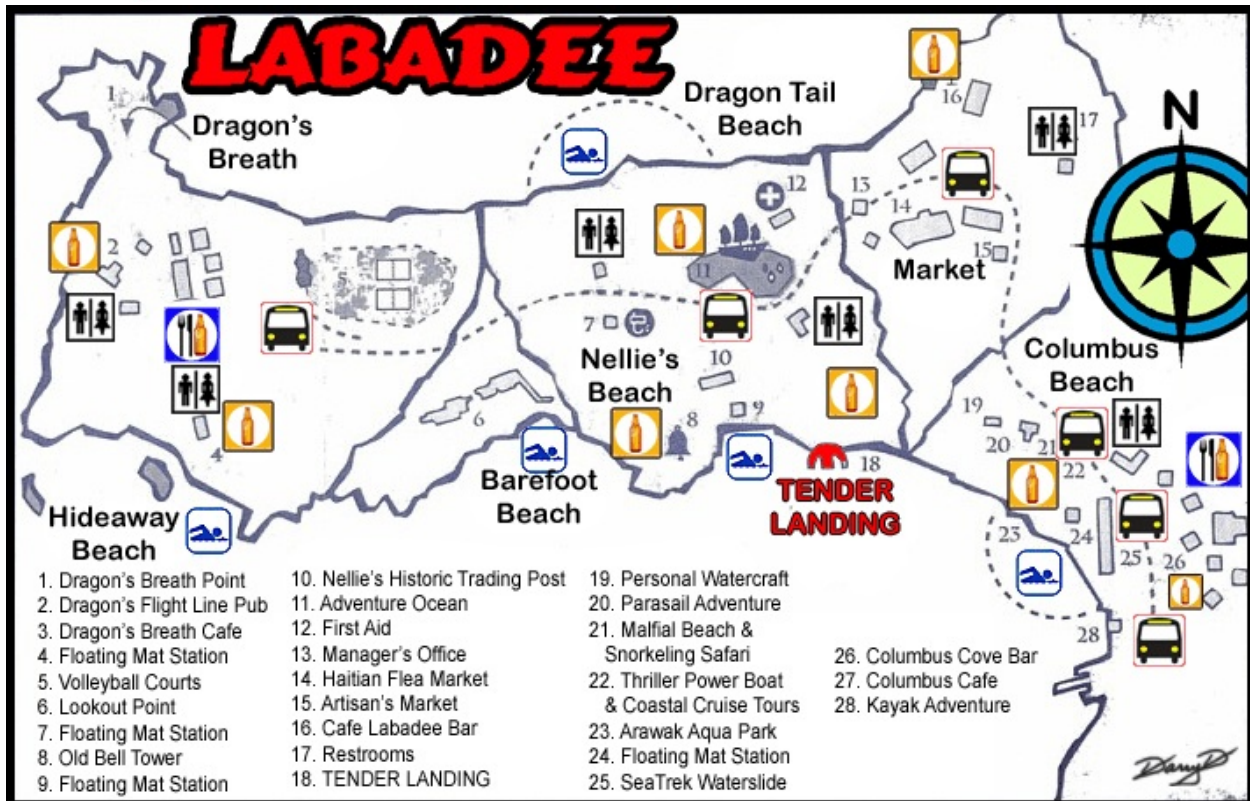


LABADEE, HAITI

Comments are by CruiseCritic.com members & friends collected by 'DarryDFL' & 'PegEggFL'.

Names in single quotes are alias.

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➤ 'drb1009', Aug/7/09: I was sad to find that once you visit Haiti, you must wait a **FULL YEAR** before donating blood again.

➤ 'DarryDFL', Nov/02/09: Our slideshows are at <http://darryd.com/CC>.

➤ 'DarryDFL', Nov/ 9/09: Whatever else you forget — and, hopefully, a swimsuit is not one of them — bring your camera. It's a photographer's dream.

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➤ 'DarryDFL', Nov/ 9/09: **WARNING:** Be sure you wear Aqua Shoes or some sort of foot protection. Once you enter the water, the bottom is jagged coral — not soft sand. While it might not cut, it will cause much discomfort to your feet. You will witness others doing the 'quick step' to get to deeper water because of this discomfort.



➤ 'Radio', Aug/4/09: (Cruise Day 3, Tuesday), we arrived at 7:30 AM. We tied up at 8 AM. The first tenders left at 8:30 AM. The Tenders, in Labadee, are the "Nina," "Pinta" and "Santa Maria." I plan to head over at about 10:30. The last tender is at 4:15 PM. I want to find out also about the Labadee Bobsled opening date. Crew members have suggested that the Pier will be ready in time for the Oasis Inaugural in December.

➤ 'Radio', Aug/4/09: I went over to the beach that I normally do all the way on the east end of Labadee. It is usually very quiet there, and the water is very calm. That spot is now the location of the Dragon's Tail Bobsled. I talked to several of the workers there, and found out that the Bobsled track is finished, and they just need to complete a couple of the buildings where you get on and get off. They were very proud to say that they hope to finish by the end of this month. The Bobsled ride is much longer than the one in Jamaica, and the price may be the same as the Zip Line here is Labadee (\$80). Maybe there will be a combo price for Dragon's Point ZipLine, and Dragon's Tail Bobsled?

There are many new vendor booths that are being constructed along many of the paths throughout Labadee. These will house local vendors (and some RCI vendors) for hats, drinks, local crafts, etc. Much of the same souvenir type merchandise that is found in other areas of Labadee.

There are many new Cabanas throughout Labadee as well. Some are even over the water. Most of the Cabanas have been built, but some still need to have the paths completed that take you to the Cabanas. There is currently no charge for passengers to use these, but when there will be a charge for these private Cabanas when finished.

The Welcome center is still not completed, but the Pier should be ready for the Oasis in December. (The sign on the project shows Oct. 2009.)

The pier's pilings are completed. The deck portions should be going up quickly, and the concrete decking should be done in 2 months. It appears that

everything that you see when you get off of the tender in Labadee, will be duplicated (to a much higher degree and quality) over at the new Pier Area at Dragon's Point.

➤ 'Dopey1956', Sep/10/09: I have been to Labadee with Royal Caribbean. It is a beautiful place. We just walked around and explored the island. We relaxed on a hammock if you can find it and we just went in the water. It's so relaxing. We were on *Voyager of the Seas* and it was not crowded. Lunch was served by Royal Caribbean cruise. They take the food onto the island and serve it picnic style. It was very good — just enough to hold you over for your big dinner back onboard. The most crowds you'll see is while getting off and onto the tenders and eating. We can't wait to get back to this beautiful Island.

For a slideshow of the wonders of this enchanted place, visit <http://darryd.com/Photos>.