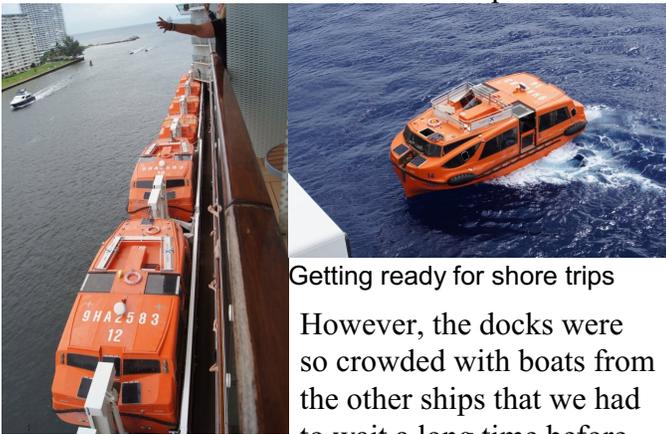
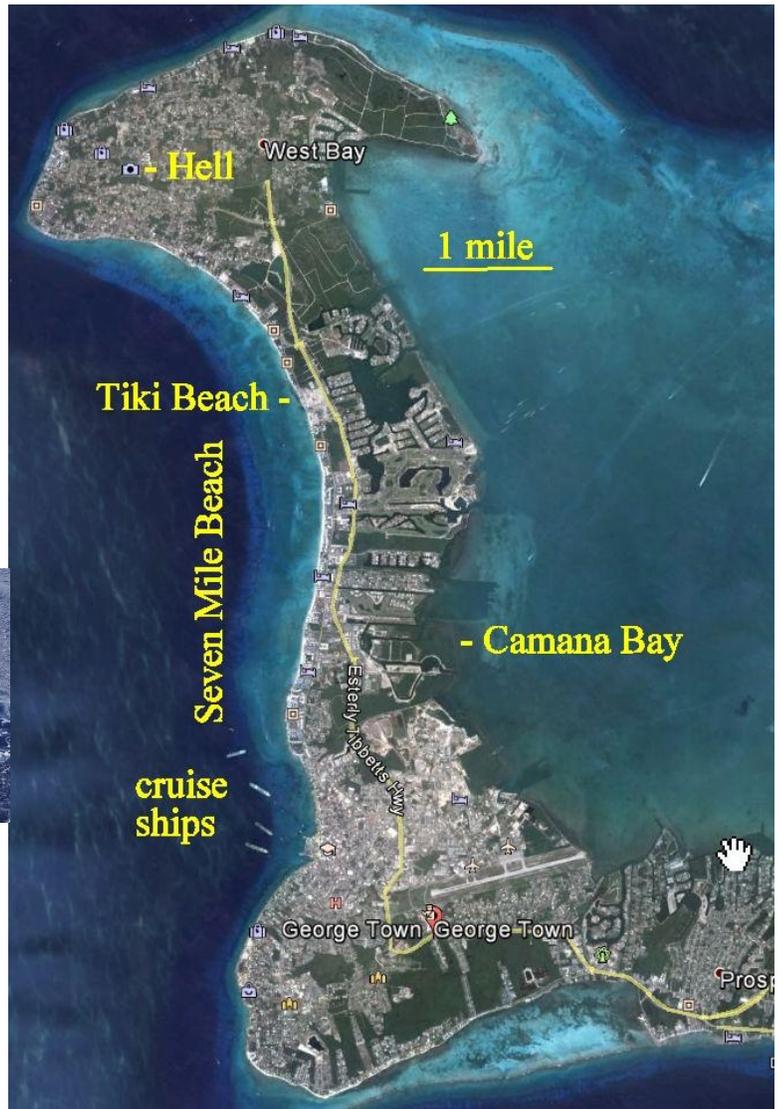


Carib-Cruise-Cayman

This is a satellite image of the west side of Grand Cayman Island in the Caribbean Sea south of Cuba. Our ship parked off shore where indicated. Our excursion went to the labeled locations. We arrived on Wednesday, 23 March. That day there was a record number of 7 (or 9?) large cruise ships. Normally small boats from shore come to the ships to ferry off the passengers. This day there were not enough local boats for the number of tourists wanting to visit the island. Our ship lowered several life boats to move our passengers. At the end of the afternoon enough other ships had left so that local boats took us back to our ship.



Getting ready for shore trips

However, the docks were so crowded with boats from the other ships that we had to wait a long time before we could get to shore.

Lifeboats as we leave Florida



About 250 people could crowd into a lifeboat



One of our lifeboats. Another waiting in the rear.

The "Hell" location was where there was a large outcrop of eroded and jagged limestone. A postoffice there will apply to postal mail a "Hell" cancellation of the stamp. There are plenty of signs and words on the buildings pointing to the better benefits from Jesus Christ.

This iguana was more than a meter (yard) long and could climb to tree tops.



Coral rock at shore





A small part of 7-mile beach



City buildings south of harbor



Gail (foreground) enjoying the water

While Gail was swimming there were 4 Brown Pelicans and 1 Royal Tern repeatedly diving into that shallow water to catch small fish. I always saw the Pelicans swallow something after each dive. They did not miss their targets.



Brown Pelicans



Royal Tern



Bananaquit



Northern Mockingbird



Greater Antillean Grackle (fluffed up)



Greater Antillean Grackle

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