

Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico

Once a Hollywood glamour destination, Acapulco delivers drama on every front — daredevil cliff divers, a Spanish colonial fortress, and a sweeping Pacific bay that still earns its postcard.

Pier (docked)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Mexican Peso (USD widely accepted)

Spanish

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock alongside at Terminal Marítima in Old Acapulco

Best For: La Quebrada cliff divers, colonial history, bay boat tours

Walk to center: 5-10 min to Zócalo; 25-30 min (or short taxi) to La Quebrada

Don't Miss: Cliff diver show at La Quebrada (1 PM afternoon performance)

Getting around: Taxi \$3–8 USD

TOP THINGS TO DO

- La Quebrada Cliff Divers** — Watch trained clavadistas plunge roughly 40 meters (130 ft) from sheer rock into a narrow ocean inlet — timing the dive to the surge of incoming waves.
 - Fort San Diego & History Museum** — This 17th-century Spanish star fort once fended off Dutch and English pirates guarding the Manila Galleon trade.
 - Isla de la Roqueta Glass-Bottom Boat** — A short glass-bottom boat crossing to Roqueta Island gives views of a submerged bronze Virgin statue and colorful reef fish.
- Old Acapulco City Walk** — The Zócalo, Cathedral of Our Lady of Solitude, Mercado Central (complete with a witchcraft section), and the Diego Rivera mural at Casa de los...
 - Coyuca Lagoon & Beach Day** — North of the city, Coyuca Lagoon is a lush freshwater lake bordered by mangroves and used as filming location for Rambo II.

BEST WALKS

- Old Town Heritage Walk** 2-3 km · 45-60 min · Easy — From the pier, stroll the waterfront past the Costera to the Zócalo.
- La Quebrada Walk** 2 km · 25-30 min one-way · Moderate (uphill) — Head west along the waterfront boulevard from the terminal, then climb through the old neighborhood streets to the La Quebrada viewpoint.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		88°	73°	0d
Jun		87°	76°	20d
Aug		87°	77°	20d
Sep		86°	76°	23d
Oct		86°	76°	19d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:24AM–6:55PM · Jun 6:06AM–7:14PM · Aug 6:23AM–7:04PM · Sep 6:28AM–6:41PM · Oct 6:32AM–6:17PM

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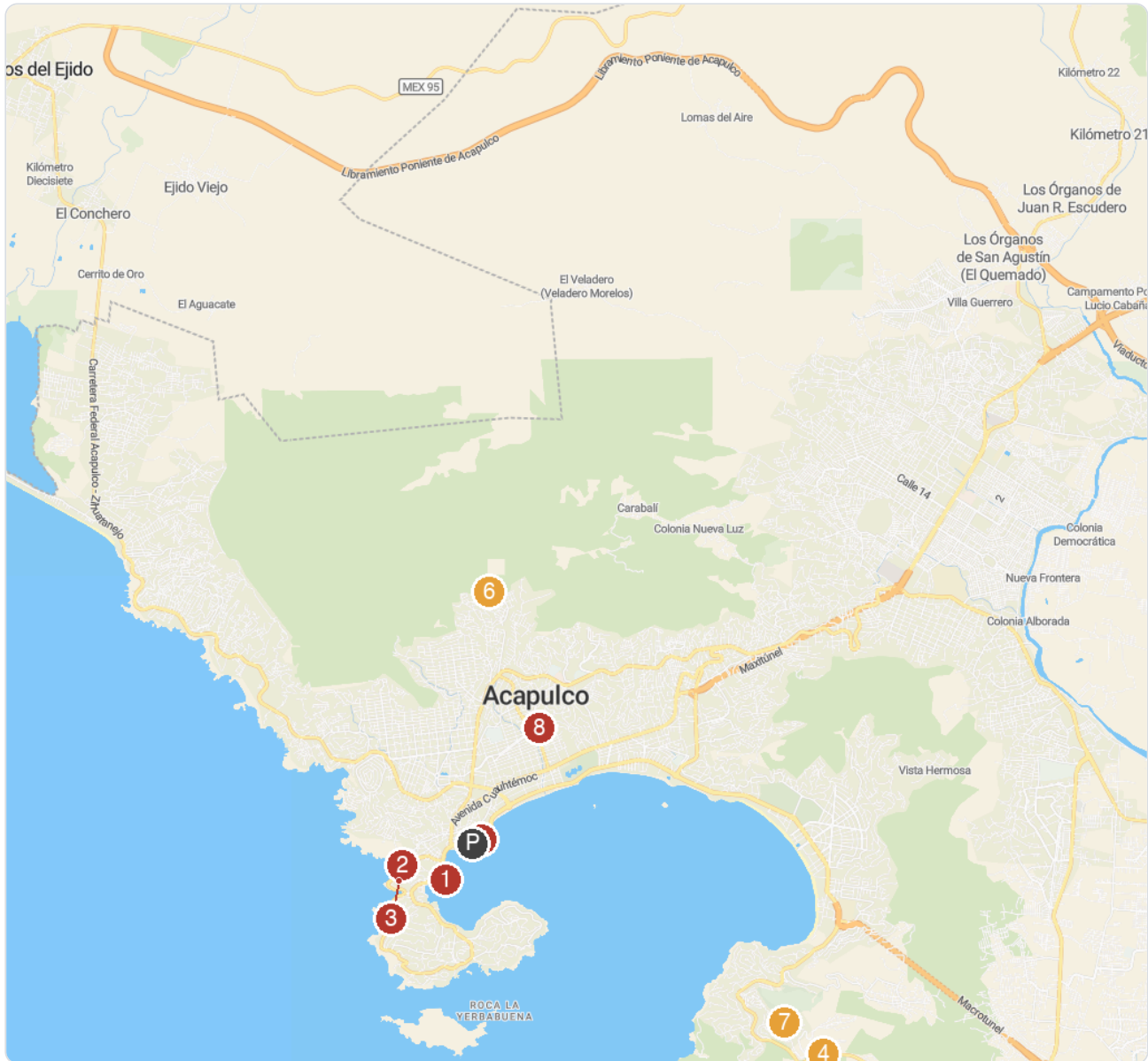
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Travel advisory: The U.S. State Dept. rates Guerrero state as Level 4 (Do Not Travel). Cruise passengers are generally safe in the immediate tourist zone and on ship excursions — but stay aware, use authorized taxis, and don't wander into unfamiliar neighborhoods.
- Cash is king: Carry Mexican pesos for taxis, market stalls, and small restaurants. USD accepted in most tourist spots but at poor rates. ATMs in the port area offer better exchange than ship currency counters.
- Taxis: always fix the fare first. Taxis outside the terminal are plentiful but unmetered — agree on a price before you get in. Expect 50-100 MXN for short hops, more for Condesa beach or Coyuca.
- Cliff divers: go early. The 1 PM show at La Quebrada fits most cruise schedules. Evening shows (around 7 and 9 PM) are more atmospheric but typically after departure. You can watch for free from the public viewpoint, or pay for a table at La Perla restaurant above.
- Cruise season weather: November–April is dry and warm (25–32°C). Avoid the September–October rainy season if possible — that's also hurricane season. Hurricane Otis hit in October 2023 and recovery is ongoing.
- Fort San Diego is closed Mondays. If your call falls on a Monday, plan around it — the Zócalo, market, and cliff divers are open daily.

Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Fiesta & Bonanza yachts | Dinner and party cruise yachts for bay tours. | 2 La Quebrada | Iconic cliff divers plunge into the ocean from high rocks. |
| 3 Centro Cultural La Casa de los Vientos | Diego Rivera's former home, now a vibrant cultural center. | 4 Mirador Puerto Marqués | Scenic viewpoint offering stunning panoramic views of Puerto Marqués. |
| 5 Acapulco Historical Museum of Fort San Diego | Historic star-shaped fort housing Acapulco's regional history museum. | 6 Zona Arqueológica de Palma Sola | Ancient rock carvings (petroglyphs) from Acapulco's pre-Hispanic past. |
| 7 Capilla de la Paz | Hilltop chapel with a giant cross and panoramic bay views. | 8 Progreso Park | Lush city park with green spaces and recreational areas. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |