

Cabo Pulmo, Baja California Sur, Mexico

One of North America's last living coral reefs, tucked into a sleepy fishing village on Baja's wild East Cape. Expedition ships anchor offshore; what waits below the surface is worth every minute.

Tender / beach landing

Typical call: 5–7 hrs

Mexican Peso (USD widely accepted)

Spanish

UNESCO World Heritage Site

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender or Zodiac beach landing — no pier

Best For: Snorkeling, scuba diving, kayaking, wildlife

Walk to village: Beachfront — small fishing village within steps of landing

Don't Miss: Guided snorkel over the living reef; massive schools of jacks and groupers

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Guided Reef Snorkel** — Snorkel over a 20,000-year-old living coral reef with a certified guide.
 - Scuba Diving the Marine Park** — Nearly 20 dive sites within the park, from shallow reefs at 15 m to the El Vencedor shipwreck (a sunken tuna trawler).
- Sea Kayak & SUP Along the Coast** — Paddle the calm inshore waters of the Sea of Cortez.
 - Tide Pool & Beach Walk** — Walk north or south from the landing beach to explore tide pools, watch frigatebirds and ospreys, and take in the stark desert-meets-sea landscape.

BEST WALKS

- Beach Stroll Along Playa Los Arbolitos** ~1–2 km | Easy | Flat sand & rocky coves — Walk south along the shore from the main beach toward the coves below Cabo Pulmo, passing tide pools and quiet inlets.
- Village Loop** ~1 km | Easy | 20 min — A short loop through the tiny fishing village to see local dive shops, a handful of restaurants serving fish tacos, and the laid-back East Cape vibe.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		86°	68°	0d
Jun		93°	78°	1d
Aug		92°	81°	13d
Sep		89°	79°	12d
Oct		89°	76°	5d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:56AM–6:38PM · Jun 5:31AM–7:05PM · Aug 5:54AM–6:49PM · Sep 6:04AM–6:20PM · Oct 6:15AM–5:51PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear water shoes. The beach landing from the Zodiac means stepping through shallow surf. Flip-flops work but closed-toe water shoes are more practical.
- Reef-safe sunscreen only. The national park strictly enforces this — rangers can turn you away if you arrive with chemical sunscreen.
- Bring small USD bills. The village has no ATM. Local operators, beach vendors, and taco stands accept dollars; change may be in pesos.
- Summer heat is real. June–October brings 90°F+ temperatures. Stay hydrated, wear a hat, and limit midday sun exposure outside the water.
- Bull and hammerhead sharks are normal here. They're not a threat to snorkelers on the reef, but do not touch or chase marine life — it's a protected reserve.
- Only expedition ships call here. If you're on a large ship and see Cabo Pulmo on your itinerary, you're likely on an expedition vessel — tender call; plan accordingly.

Cabo Pulmo, Baja California Sur, 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.



1 Cabo Pulmo National Park A UNESCO-listed marine reserve protecting one of North America's oldest living coral reefs.

3 Playa Los Arbolitos A tender beach landing near the village, a common entry point for snorkeling excursions.

2 Cabo Pulmo Reef A roughly 20,000-year-old hard coral reef, the only one of its kind in the Sea of Cortez.

P Cruise port / terminal