

Cabo Rojo, Pedernales, Dominican Republic

A brand-new pier on the Dominican Republic's wild southwestern coast puts you steps from one of the Caribbean's most pristine beaches and some of its richest wildlife habitat — with Jaragua National Park right outside the port gates.

Docked (modern pier, no tender)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Dominican Peso (USD widely accepted)

Spanish

Eco-tourism destination

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock directly at Cabo Rojo pier — no tender required. Port opened Jan 2024.

Best For: Pristine beaches, birdwatching, snorkeling, eco-adventures, larimar shopping.

Distance to Pedernales: ~15 miles (24 km) from the port; 20–30 min by road.

Don't Miss: Bahía de las Águilas — 8 km of untouched white sand, one of the Caribbean's most beautiful beaches.

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$15–\$30 USD · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Bahía de las Águilas (Eagles Bay)** — Frequently ranked among the Caribbean's most beautiful beaches, this 8 km stretch of untouched white sand sits inside Jaragua National Park.
- **Laguna de Oviedo Flamingo Tour** — This large saltwater lagoon inside Jaragua National Park hosts Caribbean flamingos, rhinoceros iguanas, and dozens of bird species.
- **ATV & Buggy Bauxite Adventure** — Ride ATVs or dune buggies through the dramatic rust-red bauxite mining landscape around Cabo Rojo, finishing at a beach club.
- **Hoyo de Pelempito Panorama** — A 700-meter-deep geological depression in the Sierra de Bahoruco mountains, visible from a clifftop observatory.
- **Pedernales Town & Larimar Shopping** — Larimar — a rare blue variety of the mineral pectolite — is found only in the Dominican Republic, mined in the nearby Bahoruco mountains (Barahona...

BEST WALKS

- **Port Complex Beach & Coastal Walk** 1-2 km • Easy • 30-60 min — Walk the port's own shoreline from the terminal along Cabo Rojo Beach, known for white sand, clear water, and bauxite-red cliffs.
- **Faro de Cabo Rojo (Lighthouse Walk)** ~1 km • Easy • 20-30 min — A short walk or quick drive from the port brings you to the Cabo Rojo lighthouse on its clifftop perch.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		87°	73°	9d
Jun		92°	76°	4d
Aug		91°	77°	9d
Sep		90°	77°	11d
Oct		88°	76°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:30AM–7:03PM · Jun 6:11AM–7:23PM · Aug 6:29AM–7:13PM · Sep 6:35AM–6:48PM · Oct 6:40AM–6:24PM

Dominican Peso (USD widely accepted)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pre-book excursions. The port is remote — Bahía de las Águilas, Laguna de Oviedo, and ATV tours require pre-arranged transport. Walk-up options at the pier are limited and often overpriced.
- Buy larimar near the source. Larimar is found only in the Dominican Republic (mined in the Bahoruco mountains). Prices at local market stalls here in the southwest are a fraction of what you'll pay in Punta Cana or cruise ship shops.
- Bring USD cash. The port complex accepts USD. Pedernales town prefers Dominican pesos, but USD is accepted widely. ATMs are scarce — don't count on them.
- Pack sunscreen and water. The southwest coast is hot, dry, and sunny year-round. Bahía de las Águilas has no shade structures — bring your own supplies for a full beach day.
- Use bug repellent for the lagoon. Laguna de Oviedo and mangrove areas have mosquitoes and sandflies. Bring DEET spray, especially for morning or late-afternoon boat tours.
- The port complex is a destination itself. If you skip shore excursions, the port's pools, lazy river, Ferris wheel, and beach are free on arrival — though food and rentals cost extra. A relaxed beach day without leaving the terminal is a legitimate option.

Cabo Rojo, Pedernales, Dominican Republic — 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 Bahía de las Águilas

An 8-kilometer stretch of remote, undeveloped white sand within Jaragua National Park, reached by boat.

3 Jaragua National Park

The largest protected area in the Caribbean, spanning mangroves, dry forest, and coastal lagoons.

2 Faro de Cabo Rojo

A 19th-century lighthouse on a dramatic cliff overlooking the Caribbean Sea.

P Cruise port / terminal