

Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico

Gateway to the Riviera Maya, Cancun delivers ancient Mayan wonders, jade-green cenotes, and a postcard-perfect Caribbean coastline — all within reach of a single shore day.

Docked at Puerto Morelos pier Typical call: 8–10 hrs Mexican Pesos (USD widely accepted) Spanish (English common in tourist zones)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Most large ships dock at Puerto Morelos, ~36 km south of Cancun's Hotel Zone

To Hotel Zone: ~40 min by taxi or shuttle from Puerto Morelos pier

Best For: Mayan ruins, cenote swimming, Isla Mujeres, Caribbean beaches

Don't Miss: Chichen Itza pyramid, snorkeling MUSA underwater museum, Isla Mujeres ferry

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ \$25–40 USD · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, DiDi, inDrive · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Turibus

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Chichen Itza — New Wonder of the World** — UNESCO-listed and one of the most iconic Mayan sites on Earth.
- **Tulum Ruins & Riviera Maya** — Compact Mayan cliff-top ruins overlooking turquoise Caribbean water — one of the most photographed sites in Mexico.
- **Cenote Swimming & Snorkeling** — The Yucatán Peninsula is riddled with freshwater sinkholes.
- **Isla Mujeres Day Trip** — Tiny car-free island just 13 km offshore with the best snorkeling in the bay, Playa Norte (one of Mexico's finest beaches), and golf-cart street...
- **MUSA Underwater Museum** — Over 500 life-size sculptures submerged 4–9 m off Cancun's coast, forming an artificial reef.

BEST WALKS

- **Hotel Zone Beachfront Stroll** 3–4 km · Easy · Beaches & lagoon views — Walk Blvd.
- **Downtown Cancun Market Walk** 1–2 km · Easy · Local food & souvenirs — Start at Mercado 28 for bargain-priced souvenirs and traditional Mexican food stalls, then walk to Parque de Las Palapas — a leafy square with street food and often live...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:28AM–7:06PM · Jun 6:05AM–7:30PM · Aug 6:26AM–7:16PM · Sep 6:34AM–6:49PM · Oct 6:43AM–6:22PM	
Apr	84°	76°	7d	Mexican Pesos (USD widely accepted)	
Jun	85°	78°	18d		
Aug	87°	79°	19d		
Sep	86°	78°	22d		
Oct	84°	76°	21d		

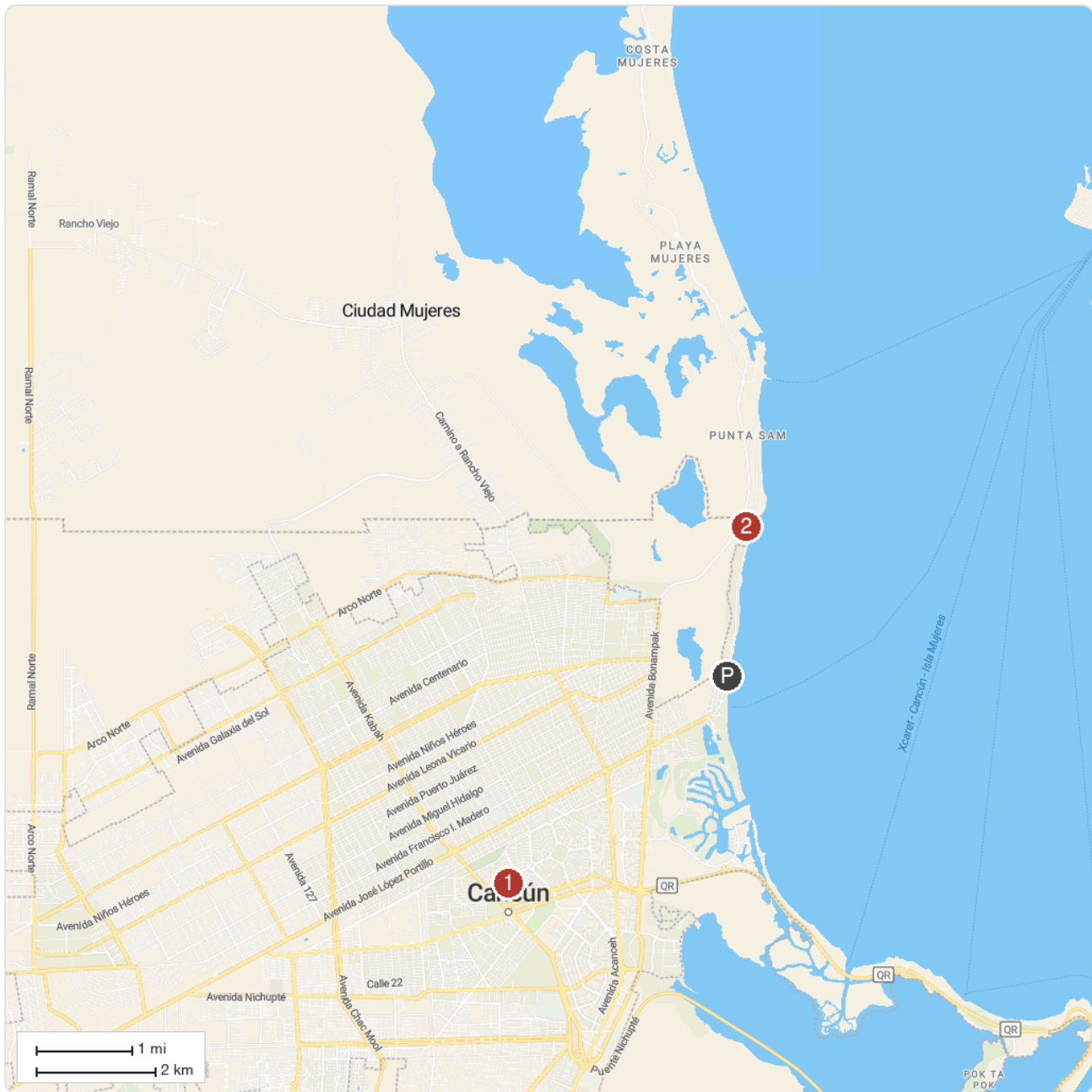
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Fixed-rate taxis from the pier: Agree on the price before you get in — meters are rare. From Puerto Morelos to the Hotel Zone expect around \$25–40 USD. Uber works in the Hotel Zone.
- Pesos beat dollars: USD is accepted everywhere in tourist areas but at a poor exchange rate. Grab pesos from an ATM at the pier or Hotel Zone for better value at markets and local restaurants.
- Beach flag system: Cancun's beaches enforce a colour-coded flag warning system. Green = safe; yellow = caution; red = dangerous; black = swimming prohibited. Respect it — the undertow here is real.
- Factor in transit time: Puerto Morelos is 40 min from the Hotel Zone and ~2.5–3 hrs from Chichen Itza. Book excursions that account for travel — independent day trips to Chichen Itza are tight on a single port call.
- Reef-safe sunscreen required: Mexico enforces a ban on chemical sunscreens (oxybenzone, octinoxate) near cenotes and reefs. Bring or buy mineral/biodegradable sunscreen — guards at cenote entrances check.
- Isla Mujeres is worth the ferry: Ferries run from multiple Hotel Zone docks (Playa Tortugas, El Embarcadero). The 20-min crossing drops you on the calmest, clearest water in the bay — a perfect half-day if you skip the ruins.

Cancun, Quintana Roo, 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 Cancun Cathedral The city's main Catholic cathedral, formally La Santa Cruz y de la Santisima Trinidad, downtown.

2 El Meco Ruins A compact Mayan site just north of Cancun centered on a well-preserved pyramid, far less crowded than sites farther south.

P Cruise port / terminal