

Cayo Rico, Canarreos Archipelago, Cuba

A tiny, uninhabited cay in Cuba's Canarreos Archipelago, Cayo Rico delivers an authentic deserted-island experience — white-sand beaches, crystal-green shallows, coral reefs, and a resident iguana population that greets you on arrival.

Tender port (no pier)

Typical call: 4-6 hrs

Cuban Peso (CUP) / USD accepted

Spanish

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore; small boats ferry guests ashore

Best For: Snorkeling, beach relaxation, and iguana encounters

Walk to Center: N/A — uninhabited island; all activity is on the beach

Don't Miss: Cayo Iguana boat trip — hundreds of friendly iguanas in the wild

Getting around: **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Cayo Iguana Boat Trip** — A short boat ride to the adjacent Cayo Iguana, home to hundreds of friendly iguanas completely accustomed to visitors.
 - Coral Reef Snorkeling** — The waters around Cayo Rico sit atop healthy Caribbean coral reefs.
- Beach Day with Lunch & Open Bar** — The classic Cayo Rico package: a trimaran or local vessel sails you over, you get beach time on pristine white sand, then a fresh lunch of fish...
 - Guided Nature Walk & Ecology Talk** — Cuban naturalist guides lead small groups around the cay's shoreline, explaining the unique ecosystem — endemic birds, reptiles, and the protected...

BEST WALKS

- Beach Shoreline Stroll** ~30 min · Easy · Sand/flat — Walk the length of the accessible beach from the tender landing point along the western shore.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		81°	78°	6d
Jun		84°	81°	15d
Aug		86°	82°	15d
Sep		85°	82°	18d
Oct		84°	80°	17d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:07AM–7:46PM · Jun 6:44AM–8:10PM · Aug 7:05AM–7:56PM · Sep 7:13AM–7:29PM · Oct 7:22AM–7:01PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring your own snorkel gear if you have it — rental gear on ship excursions can be limited in quality.
- No shade on the beach — bring a hat, strong sunscreen (reef-safe preferred), and a cover-up. The tropical sun is intense.
- Cash only, bring little — there are no vendors or ATMs on the island. A small amount of USD may be useful for tips to boat crew.
- Don't feed iguanas your own food — excursion guides provide appropriate leaves. Human food can harm them.
- Ship calls are short — typically 4-6 hours. Pre-book your excursion to make the most of it; there is nothing to do independently without a boat.
- Tender conditions vary — in choppy weather, tenders can be suspended. Check sea conditions before assuming you'll make it ashore.

Cayo Rico, Canarreos Archipelago, Cuba — 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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Cayo Rico Beach

An undeveloped fine white-sand beach on this small Canarreos Archipelago cay, reachable only by boat from Cayo Largo.
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