

Costa Maya (Mahahual), Quintana Roo, Mexico

Two worlds in one port day: a slick waterpark-and-beach-club complex right off the gangway, and a genuine Mexican fishing village 3 km up the malecón — plus the Yucatán's most accessible Mayan ruins just 45 minutes inland.

Docked (purpose-built pier)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

USD & Mexican Peso widely accepted

Spanish (English at pier & Mahahual)

Perfect Day Mexico: opening date unconfirmed

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Purpose-built pier; all ships dock (no tendering). Free tram runs the length of the long pier to the terminal complex. Capacity for up to 4 ships simultaneously.

Best For: Chacchoben Mayan ruins, Bacalar 'Lake of Seven Colors', reef snorkeling, beach clubs, and the Lost Mayan Kingdom water park

Walk to Center: ~45-min walk or taxi (current fare unverified) to Mahahual village (3 km). The pier complex itself has pools, restaurants, and beach clubs on-site.

Don't Miss: Chacchoben ruins at sunrise, a boat tour on Bacalar Lagoon, fresh ceviche on the Mahahual malecón

Getting around: **Taxi** Current fare unknown — confirm shared/private basis

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Chacchoben Mayan Ruins** — The closest major Mayan archaeological site to the port, Chacchoben features well-preserved temple pyramids rising from dense jungle, dating to...
- Bacalar — Lake of Seven Colors** — About 75 minutes from the pier, Bacalar is one of Mexico's most extraordinary natural sites: a 42 km freshwater lagoon that shifts through seven...
- Snorkel the Mesoamerican Reef** — The Mesoamerican Barrier Reef — second-largest in the world — runs right along the Costa Maya coastline.
- Chinchorro Atoll Dive & Snorkel** — Banco Chinchorro, 30 km offshore, is the largest coral atoll in the Northern Hemisphere and a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.
- Kohunlich & Dzibanche Mayan Sites** — For those who want to go deeper into Mayan history, Kohunlich and nearby Dzibanche are larger, more remote sites about 2 hours from the pier.

BEST WALKS

- Pier to Mahahual Malecón** ~3 km one way · Easy (flat) · Taxi recommended midday · 45 min if walking — Take a taxi from the pier gate to Mahahual; current fare unknown—confirm total, currency and shared/private basis.
- Terminal Beach Club Loop** ~1 km · Easy · No taxi needed · 1-2 hrs — Stay inside the Puerto Costa Maya complex and explore on foot: the pool area, beach club strip, Aviarius aviary, and the Lost Mayan Kingdom entrance.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		85°	78°	10d
Jun		85°	79°	22d
Aug		87°	80°	23d
Sep		87°	79°	24d
Oct		85°	77°	22d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:33AM–7:07PM · Jun 6:14AM–7:28PM · Aug 6:32AM–7:17PM · Sep 6:38AM–6:52PM · Oct 6:45AM–6:27PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Yellow Exit taxis: Current fare unknown; confirm total, currency and shared/private basis before boarding.
- USD works everywhere.
- Bacalar and Kohunlich require a full day.
- Reef snorkeling is right here.
- Heat and sun are serious.

ESSENTIAL TRAVEL QUALIFICATIONS

- Perfect Day: original environmental procedure ended after withdrawal on 19 May 2026; beach-club application dismissed and pier modification not authorized (checked 3 October 2026). Revised approval/opening unconfirmed; not a claim of permanent cancellation. Taxi fare unknown: confirm total, currency and shared per-person versus private basis.

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1 Mahahual Malecón Beachfront boardwalk lined with palapa bars in the small fishing town beside the cruise terminal.

P Cruise port / terminal