

Huatulco, Oaxaca, Mexico

Nine emerald bays carved into a jungle-backed coastline — Huatulco is Mexico's eco-certified gem where Oaxacan food culture meets swim-ready Pacific beaches steps from your gangway.

Pier (docked)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Mexican Peso (USD accepted)

Spanish

UNESCO-recognized eco-destination

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Santa Cruz Bay cruise terminal

Walk to beach: 3–5 min to Playa Santa Cruz

Best For: Beaches, snorkeling, Oaxacan food

Don't Miss: Tlayudas and mezcal in La Crucecita

Getting around: Taxi \$3–\$6 USD · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Nine Bays Boat Tour** — Charter a panga or catamaran from the marina to cruise the bays accessible only by sea — snorkel in hidden coves, spot dolphins, and swim in...
- Beach Day at Playa Maguey** — Ten minutes by taxi, this golden-sand bay is lined with palapa restaurants.
- Snorkeling at Playa La Entrega** — A protected cove with a coral reef teeming with tropical fish.
- Copalita Archaeological Zone** — The only major Mesoamerican site on Mexico's Pacific coast — 2,500-year-old ruins with a ball court and museum set in jungle, 20 minutes from port.
- La Crucecita Market & Oaxacan Lunch** — Walk the zócalo, see the famous 65-foot Virgin of Guadalupe ceiling mural, then sit down for mole negro and mezcal at a local restaurant.

BEST WALKS

- Pier to Playa Santa Cruz & Marina** 10–15 min · Easy · Free — A flat waterfront stroll from the ship to the beach and marina.
- La Crucecita Town Walk** 30 min walk or 5-min taxi · Easy · Free — The real town of Huatulco.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		90°	71°	6d
Jun		84°	72°	27d
Aug		85°	72°	26d
Sep		83°	71°	27d
Oct		83°	70°	24d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:10AM–6:40PM · Jun 5:54AM–6:57PM · Aug 6:10AM–6:48PM · Sep 6:13AM–6:26PM · Oct 6:17AM–6:04PM

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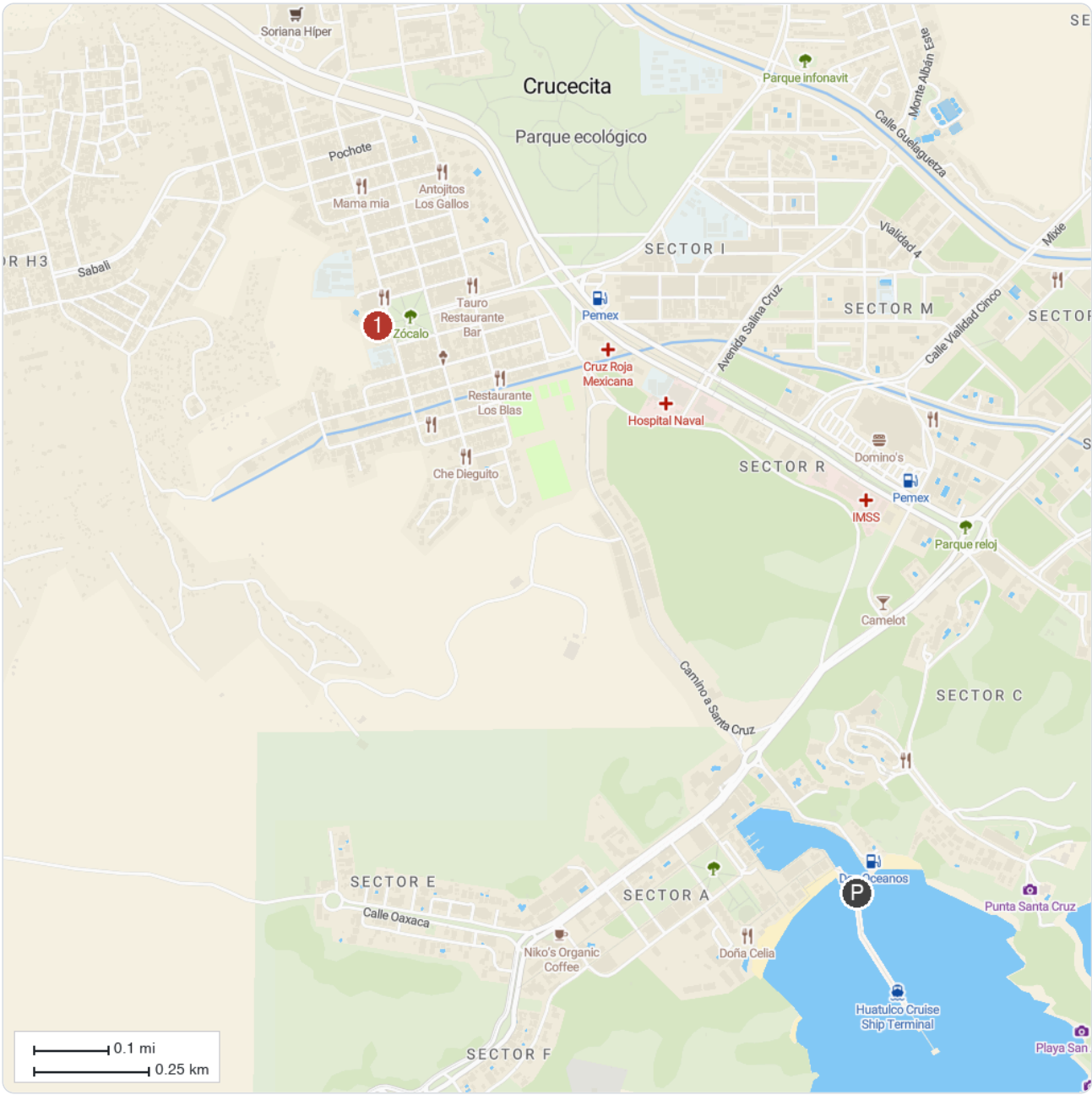
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pay in pesos. USD is accepted but you'll get a poor rate. ATMs are at the Santa Cruz plaza, 3 minutes from the gangway.
- Taxis have fixed rates. Check the green fare board at the pier exit before you leave — it lists official prices to every beach and to La Crucecita.
- Playa Chahué looks stunning but has strong undertow. Stick to Santa Cruz or Maguey for swimming; Chahué is for photos and walking.
- Use reef-safe sunscreen. The bays are part of a protected eco-reserve — biodegradable sunscreen only if you're snorkeling or swimming.
- Don't eat on the ship today. Huatulco is in Oaxaca — Mexico's culinary capital. Try mole negro, tlayudas, or fresh grilled red snapper at a palapa.
- Book the bay boat tour independently. Pangas depart right from the marina next to the pier. Negotiate a rate and departure time directly — it's cheaper than ship excursions.

Huatulco, Oaxaca, 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.



Iglesia de la Crucecita

Town church with a huge Virgin of Guadalupe ceiling mural.



Cruise port / terminal