

Isla Mujeres, Quintana Roo, Mexico

A laid-back island of turquoise shallows and colorful streets just 8 miles from Cancún — best explored by golf cart with the whole island in a single port day.

Tender (small ships anchor offshore)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

USD widely accepted / MXN preferred

Spanish (English widely spoken in tourist areas)

Beach destination

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Terminal Marítima (downtown). Large ships use as excursion from Cozumel/Cancún; small luxury ships anchor offshore.

Best For: Playa Norte beach, golf cart island tour, MUSA underwater museum, whale shark swims (Jun–Sep)

Walk to Center: 0 min — ferry terminal opens directly into El Centro

Don't Miss: Pescado Tikin Xic (Mayan grilled fish) at Playa Lancheros, and the Sea Walls murals in town

Getting around: Taxi \$3–\$10 USD per ride · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Playa Norte Beach Day** — Frequently ranked among the world's best beaches — crushed-coral white sand, waist-deep turquoise water for 100 yards, and a row of laid-back beach...
- Golf Cart Island Tour** — Rent a golf cart and drive the full perimeter of the island: downtown murals, the Malecón sea wall, Playa Lancheros, and dramatic Punta Sur cliffs...
- Whale Shark Swim (Seasonal)** — Between June and mid-September, boat excursions head offshore to swim alongside massive, harmless whale sharks — one of the world's top marine...
- MUSA Underwater Museum** — Over 500 life-sized sculptures installed on the seabed, designed to act as artificial reefs.
- Punta Sur & Temple of Ixchel** — The southern tip of the island — also the easternmost point of Mexico — holds cliff-edge views, a sculpture park, and ruins of a Mayan temple...

BEST WALKS

- Terminal to Playa Norte** 10 min • 0.5 mi • flat and paved — Walk north from the ferry terminal along Avenida Hidalgo (pedestrian-only cobblestone street) past shops, murals, and restaurants, then continue to Playa Norte — one of...
- El Centro to the Malecón** 15 min stroll • paved sea wall — From downtown, walk east to the Malecón — a paved seawall path along the windward side of the island with dramatic wave views and a series of colorful Sea Walls murals.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		82°	78°	5d
Jun		84°	80°	14d
Aug		85°	81°	14d
Sep		85°	80°	19d
Oct		84°	79°	20d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:27AM–7:06PM · Jun 6:05AM–7:29PM · Aug 6:25AM–7:16PM · Sep 6:34AM–6:49PM · Oct 6:42AM–6:22PM

USD widely accepted / MXN preferred

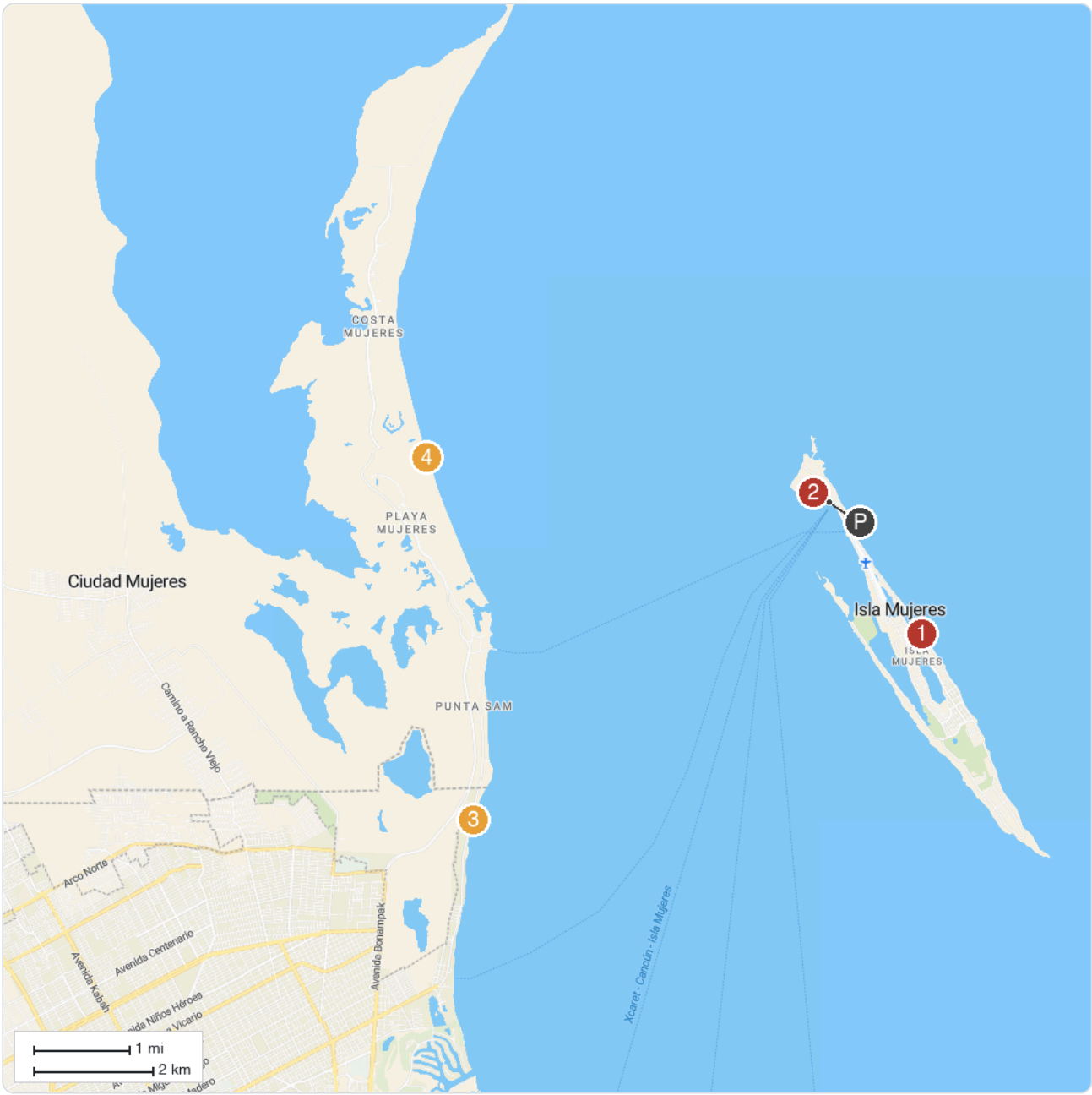
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Watch ship time vs. local time. Quintana Roo does not observe Daylight Saving Time. Confirm your ship's departure time in local time — it could be 1 hour different from what you expect.
- Book golf carts early. Rental shops near the terminal sell out fast on busy days. Bring a valid driver's license — it's required. Inspect the cart for damage before driving off.
- Pay in pesos for better value. USD is widely accepted, but you'll often get a poor exchange rate. ATMs are near the terminal; beach clubs and taxis prefer cash.
- Use reef-safe sunscreen only. Conventional sunscreens are banned in eco-parks and discouraged on Playa Norte to protect the reef ecosystem. Bring reef-safe or buy locally.
- Whale sharks are seasonal. Isla Mujeres is one of the world's best spots to swim with whale sharks — but only June through mid-September. Outside that window, focus on snorkeling and MUSA.
- Taxis use fixed zone rates.

Isla Mujeres, 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** Chapel of Guadalupe, Isla Mujeres Visit a beautiful chapel with ocean views.
- 3** Total Snorkel Cancun Go snorkeling on a guided tour.
- P** Cruise port / terminal

- 2** DC Explorer Snorkeling in Isla Mujeres and swim with Whale sharks Snorkel and swim with whale sharks on a tour.
- 4** Delphinus Playa Mujeres Interact with dolphins at this marine habitat.