

Puerto Chiapas, Chiapas, Mexico

Mexico's southernmost cruise port sits steps from Guatemala and centuries of Mayan history. Expect marimba bands on the pier, cacao plantations, ancient stone carvings, and some of the best fresh shrimp on the Pacific coast.

 Pier (docked)  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  MXN / USD accepted at port  Spanish

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock directly at the cruise terminal, no tender

Walk to center: Port terminal is self-contained; Tapachula city is ~35 min by taxi/shuttle

Best For: Mayan history, chocolate & coffee tours, Pacific seafood, off-the-beaten-path Mexico

Don't Miss: Izapa Archaeological Zone and a hot cup of Chiapas café de olla

 Getting around:  **Taxi** ✓ ~\$10 USD (105–120 MXN) per vehicle ·  **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, DiDi

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Izapa Archaeological Zone** — One of Mesoamerica's most significant pre-Classic sites, dating to 1500 BC.
- **Artisan Chocolate Demonstration** — Visit the town of Tuxtla Chico to watch traditional chocolate made by hand on stone metates — the same technique used for millennia in the Soconusco...
- **Coffee Finca in the Sierra Madre** — High-altitude estates like Finca Hamburgo offer guided tours through shaded coffee rows, a look at processing, and tastings of some of Mexico's...
- **Playa Linda Beach & Seafood Palapas** — Dark volcanic sand and powerful Pacific surf, lined with open-air restaurants serving fresh garlic shrimp and whole fried snapper.
- **Pozuelos Lagoon Mangrove Boat Ride** — Take a lancha through the mangrove channels near Playa Linda to spot herons, pelicans, and the occasional crocodile in their natural habitat.

BEST WALKS

- **Cruise Terminal Artisan Village Stroll** Easy · 20-30 min · Free — Wander the palapa-roofed shopping and cultural village inside the terminal.
- **Tapachula Central Plaza Walk** Easy · 45-60 min in Tapachula · Taxi required — From the taxi drop-off near Parque Miguel Hidalgo, walk to the San Agustín Cathedral, then browse the market stalls surrounding the plaza.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌦️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:51AM–6:22PM · Jun 5:34AM–6:40PM · Aug 5:51AM–6:31PM · Sep 5:55AM–6:08PM · Oct 5:59AM–5:45PM	
Apr	78°	60°	11d	 MXN / USD accepted at port	
Jun	75°	62°	25d		
Aug	75°	61°	21d		
Sep	74°	62°	27d		
Oct	72°	61°	23d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring Mexican pesos. Port shops take USD but local taxis, beach palapas, and Tapachula vendors strongly prefer MXN. Change money before you go ashore.
- Try tascalate. This pre-Hispanic cold drink made from toasted maize, cacao, achiote, and cinnamon is a local specialty you won't find anywhere else.
- Coffee finca tours run long. The drive to mountain coffee estates is 1.5-2 hrs each way on winding roads. Book only through your cruise line to guarantee the ship waits for delays.
- It is hot and humid year-round. Wear lightweight clothing, a hat, and bring insect repellent — especially for jungle ruins or mangrove boat rides.
- English is limited. Unlike Cozumel or Cabo, few locals outside the cruise terminal speak English. Download Google Translate with Spanish offline before sailing.
- Expect a warm welcome. Puerto Chiapas is famous for greeting ships with a live marimba band and traditional Chiapanecan dancers right on the pier.

Puerto Chiapas, Chiapas, 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.



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| 1 Playa Linda | Wide Pacific beach with dark volcanic sand right next to the port town of Puerto Madero. | 2 Las Escolleras | Rock jetty and seafood-stall strip at the harbor entrance, a local gathering spot at sunset. |
| 1 Puerto Madero | | P Cruise port / terminal | |
| 3 San Benito Beach | Quieter fishing-village beach a short distance from the main Puerto Madero waterfront. | | |