

Roatan, Bay Islands, Honduras

The largest of Honduras's Bay Islands, Roatan delivers Caribbean reef diving, jungle zip lines, and powdery white-sand beaches — all served by two well-equipped cruise piers minutes from the island's best spots.

Docked (two cruise piers)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

USD & Honduran Lempira

English & Spanish

World-class reef snorkeling

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Two main piers: Isla Tropicale Cruise Center (formerly Mahogany Bay, rebranded April 2025) for Carnival/Princess/HAL; Port of Roatan at Coxen Hole for Royal Caribbean, NCL, MSC, Celebrity. Both docked — no tendering.

Best For: Reef snorkeling & diving, jungle zip lines, West Bay Beach, wildlife encounters, Garifuna culture

Walk to Center: Isla Tropicale is a self-contained beach complex — no walking to town. Coxen Hole pier is adjacent to the capital; taxis queue just outside for West Bay (~20 min) and West End (~15 min).

Don't Miss: West Bay Beach, Mesoamerican Barrier Reef snorkel, Gumbalimba Park, canopy zip line, water taxi between West End and West Bay

Getting around: **Taxi** \$25–\$30 per taxi · **Rideshare** check availability · **Hop-on hop-off** Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Mesoamerican Barrier Reef Snorkel** — The Mesoamerican Barrier Reef — the world's second largest — runs along Roatan's north shore.
- Jungle Canopy Zip Line** — Operators including South Shore Canopy and Roatan Zipline Adventures run zip-line courses high above the jungle with ocean views.
- Gumbalimba Park** — A well-established wildlife and nature park in the West Bay area where you can meet trained macaws, interact with capuchin monkeys, walk through...
- West Bay Beach** — Consistently rated among the Caribbean's best beaches, West Bay has a long stretch of white sand, calm turquoise water, and a shallow reef just...
- Garifuna Village and Culture Tour** — The Garifuna people have deep roots along Central America's Caribbean coast.

BEST WALKS

- Coxen Hole Town Walk** ~1 km · Easy · 20-30 min — From Coxen Hole pier, walk into the island capital — a working Honduran port town with colorful buildings, a local market, and street vendors selling fresh fruit and...
- West End Village Stroll** ~1.5 km · Easy · 30-40 min — West End is Roatan's laid-back dive hub — a low-key strip of dive shops, beach bars, open-air restaurants, and souvenir stalls fronting a calm bay.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		82°	79°	6d
Jun		83°	81°	10d
Aug		84°	81°	15d
Sep		84°	81°	18d
Oct		83°	80°	22d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:30AM–6:01PM · Jun 5:14AM–6:19PM · Aug 5:30AM–6:10PM · Sep 5:34AM–5:47PM · Oct 5:38AM–5:24PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Mahogany Bay is now Isla Tropicale. Rebranded in April 2025, it is the same Carnival-owned complex on the south coast — just with a new name and ongoing renovations adding a pool, peninsula, and cabanas. Ship schedules may still show the old name.
- USD accepted everywhere.
- Negotiate taxis before you get in.
- West Bay snorkeling is free from the beach.
- Take the water taxi.
- Leave West Bay early on busy ship days.

ESSENTIAL TRAVEL QUALIFICATIONS

- Ride-share availability and cruise-port pickup coverage unconfirmed; check the app at your location and confirm pickup, or arrange a licensed taxi/confirmed transfer.

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Map of Roatán, Honduras, showing the location of the study area. The map highlights the central and eastern parts of the island. Three numbered red circles (1, 2, 3) are placed along the northern coast. Circle 1 is near the airport, circle 2 is near Coxen Hole, and circle 3 is near West End. Other labeled locations include Punta Pimi, Corozal, Los Maestros, Thatch Point, Colonía Policarpo Galindo, Flowers Bay, and West Bay. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates 1 mile and 2 kilometers.

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Arch's Iguana & Marine Park

Sanctuary in French Cay founded in 1980 to protect the critically endangered black spiny-tailed iguana.
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Sandy Bay Beach

Quieter beach with a shore reef roughly 200 meters out, good for casual snorkeling away from the crowds.
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Roatán Institute for Marine Sciences

Marine research center at Anthony's Key offering dolphin encounters paired with conservation education.
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Cruise port / terminal