



Galveston Cruise Port Guide

"From Bucket lists to boarding passes!"

Cozumel, Mexico

Must-Do: Snorkeling at Palancar Reef or a beach day at a resort pass (like Nachi Cocom or Mr. Sanchos).

No Excursion? Take a taxi to a reputable beach club or explore the San Miguel shopping district.

Scams: Be wary of "free" tequila tasting invitations that lead to high-pressure sales tactics in jewelry shops.

Progreso, Mexico

Long Drive Warning: Excursions to Chichén Itzá or Mayan ruins require **very long drives** (2+ hours each way). Plan accordingly!

No Excursion? Enjoy the local beach, stroll the Malecon (seaside boardwalk), or visit the local craft markets.

Scams: Avoid unlicensed taxis offering "private tours"—only use authorized vendors located inside the port area.

Costa Maya, Mexico

Must-Do: Relax at a beach club in Mahahual or visit the Chacchoben Mayan ruins.

No Excursion? Walk or take a short taxi to the village of Mahahual; enjoy the beachfront cafés.

Scams: Be cautious of vendors promising "all-inclusive" beach packages for extremely low prices; verify the amenities first.

Cruising Pro-Tips

Ship Time vs. Port Time: Always verify your ship's time vs. local time to ensure you return before departure.

Booking Independently: If not booking through the cruise line, ensure your tour operator has a "guaranteed return to ship" policy.

Hydration & Sun: Carry plenty of water and high-SPF sunscreen; the Caribbean sun is significantly stronger than you expect.

Practical note: Port policies, excursion availability, and local conditions can change—verify details before your cruise.