

# Cayo Largo del Sur, Canarreos Archipelago, Cuba

A slim sliver of white sand and turquoise water in Cuba's Canarreos Archipelago, Cayo Largo del Sur is one of the Caribbean's great beach escapes — remote, uncrowded, and packed with marine life.

 Tender port (Marina Marlin)

 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

 Cuban Peso (CUP); EUR & CAD cash accepted

 Spanish

 Best for beaches & snorkeling

## MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_ All aboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Tender to Marina Marlin (Marina Internacional)

**Best For:** Beaches, diving, snorkeling, wildlife

**Walk to center:** Shuttle or taxi required — no walkable town

**Don't Miss:** Playa Sirena, sea turtle rescue center, Iguana Key

Getting around:  Taxi  \$2–10 USD ·  Rideshare  not available

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Playa Sirena Beach Day** — Boat transfer to Cayo Largo's showcase beach — over 2 km of powdery white sand, calm turquoise water, and beach facilities including sun loungers and...
- Scuba Diving the Canarreos Reefs** — The marina's dive center organises dives at more than 32 sites, from shallow coral gardens to walls and wrecks.
- Iguana Key (Cayo Iguana)** — A short boat ride delivers you to a small uninhabited island teeming with Cuban rock iguanas.
- Sea Turtle Rescue Centre** — Next to Marina Marlin in the island's pueblo, a rehabilitation centre (the former "Granja de las Tortugas") protects hawksbill and green turtles.
- Deep-Sea Fishing** — Charter boats depart Marina Marlin for marlin, sailfish, and mahi-mahi in the deep waters south of the Canarreos Archipelago.

## BEST WALKS

- Marina to Playa Los Cocos** Easy · 1–2 km · 20 min one way — From the Marina Marlin, follow the beach path west along the coast to Playa Los Cocos.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr |     | 81°  | 78° | 6d   |
| Jun |     | 84°  | 81° | 15d  |
| Aug |     | 86°  | 82° | 16d  |
| Sep |     | 85°  | 81° | 18d  |
| Oct |     | 84°  | 80° | 17d  |

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:06AM–7:45PM · Jun 6:43AM–8:09PM · Aug 7:04AM–7:56PM · Sep 7:13AM–7:28PM · Oct 7:22AM–7:00PM

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## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash in EUR or CAD. USD is not accepted in state-run facilities. Bring enough for the day — there are no reliable ATMs for tourists on the island.
- Tender timings matter. Last tender back is typically 30–60 min before departure. Confirm exact times with your ship and keep a close eye on your watch — there's no quick way back if you miss it.
- Pack serious sun protection. Cayo Largo is an open Caribbean sandbar with almost no shade. High-SPF sunscreen, a hat, and a rash guard are essential.
- BYO snorkel gear. Rental gear is available at the marina but quality varies. Bring your own mask and fins for a better reef experience.
- Bring insect repellent. Mosquitoes and sand flies can be bothersome, especially near mangroves and in the early morning or evening.
- Don't touch the turtles or iguanas. Cayo Largo is a protected area; harassing wildlife is prohibited and can result in fines.

# Cayo Largo del Sur, Canarreos Archipelago, Cuba — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

**Playa Sirena**  
A two-kilometer stretch of powder-white sand with calm, pool-like turquoise water, regarded as one of Cuba's finest beaches.
- 2

**Sea Turtle Rescue Center**  
A marine facility near Marina Marlin that incubates rescued sea turtle eggs and releases hatchlings, with visitor viewing of the rearing tanks.
- 3

**Playa Paraiso**  
A quieter beach west of Playa Sirena known for its fine sand and clear shallow water.
- P

**Cruise port / terminal**