

Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo, Guerrero, Mexico

Two worlds in one port day: Zihuatanejo is the bohemian fishing village Andy Dufresne escaped to at the end of Shawshank Redemption; Ixtapa is the polished resort zone three miles down the road. Your tender drops you right in the middle of the real thing.

Tender port (no pier)

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

USD accepted, MXN preferred

Spanish (English in tourist zones)

🚤 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in Zihuatanejo Bay; 10–15 min tender ride to Muelle Municipal

Best For: Beach days, fresh seafood, artisan shopping, snorkeling at Las Gatas

Walk to Center: 0 min — tender pier lands in downtown Zihuatanejo

Don't Miss: Tiritas de pescado (local raw-fish dish) and Playa La Ropa

Getting around: **Taxi** MXN 30–80 (~USD 2–4) · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Playa La Ropa Beach Day** — The bay's best swimming beach — a mile of palm-shaded sand with calm water, palapas, and open-air restaurants serving...
 - **Snorkeling at Playa Las Gatas** — A short water-taxi hop from the pier (\$5–8 USD round-trip) reaches a sheltered cove with a pre-Hispanic stone reef...
 - **Xihuacan Archaeological Site** — About 45 minutes south, Xihuacan holds a clay-brick pyramid, ancient ball court, and
- museum of Cuitlateca artifacts — a...

 - **Ixtapa Crocodile Sanctuary & Bike Path** — Cycle Ixtapa's 5-mile jungle path (rental bikes ~\$5), then visit the Aztlán Park sanctuary at Playa Linda where wild...
 - **Bay Catamaran Sail & Snorkel** — Catamarans depart from the Zihuatanejo pier for half-day sails around the bay with snorkeling stops at secluded coves...

BEST WALKS

- **Paseo del Pescador Waterfront Walk** 1 km · Flat · 20 min — Start at the Muelle Municipal tender pier and follow the pedestrian boardwalk past morning fish markets, beach volleyball courts, and...
- **El Centro Artisan Market Loop** 0.5 km · Flat · 30 min browsing — From the pier, duck into the Mercado de Artesanías for silver jewelry, ceramics, and woven goods, then loop through the cobblestone...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		86°	73°	0d
Jun		87°	77°	16d
Aug		87°	78°	19d
Sep		85°	77°	21d
Oct		85°	77°	19d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:29AM–7:02PM · Jun 6:11AM–7:22PM · Aug 6:29AM–7:11PM · Sep 6:34AM–6:47PM · Oct 6:39AM–6:23PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use pesos for better value. USD are accepted but you'll get better deals — and correct change — paying in MXN. ATMs are near the market and pier area.

Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo, Guerrero, 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 Picante Cruises | Offers sunset, snorkeling, and party boat cruises. | 2 Zihuatanejo | Charming fishing village with beaches, shops, and restaurants. |
| 3 Playa la Madera | A calm, family-friendly beach near Zihuatanejo town. | 4 Los Bailarines | Iconic bronze sculpture of dancing figures on the waterfront. |
| 5 Malecón Zihuatanejo | Scenic waterfront promenade for strolling, dining, and people-watching. | 6 Museo Arqueológico de la Costa Grande | Museum showcasing pre-Hispanic artifacts from the Costa Grande region. |
| 7 PARTENON ZIHUATANEJO | An infamous, unfinished mansion overlooking Zihuatanejo Bay. | 8 Bahía de Zihuatanejo | Beautiful, sheltered bay perfect for swimming and water activities. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |