

Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, Mexico

Where the jungle meets the Caribbean — Playa del Carmen blends European café culture with Mayan heritage, cenote swims, and one of the most vibrant pedestrian streets in the Americas.

Mostly via Cozumel ferry or Calica pier

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Mexican Pesos (USD widely accepted)

Spanish

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Most ships dock in Cozumel; passengers take a 45-min ferry to PDC. Some ships dock at Calica pier 8 mi south.

Best For: Beach clubs, cenote swimming, Tulum day trips, street food, shopping

Walk to center: Ferry pier drops you at Parque Fundadores — Quinta Avenida is 2 min on foot. Calica requires taxi (~\$15 USD).

Don't Miss: Voladores de Papantla ritual at Parque Fundadores and tacos al pastor at El Fogón

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$10–\$15 USD per cab · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, DiDi, InDrive

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cenote Swimming (Azul, Cristalino & Eden)** — Three stunning freshwater sinkholes clustered 20 minutes south of PDC via Colectivo or taxi.
- **Tulum Ruins Day Trip** — Perched on a cliff overlooking the turquoise Caribbean, Tulum is the most dramatically sited Mayan ruin in Mexico.
- **Xcaret or Xplor Eco-Park** — Xcaret blends Mayan cultural shows, wildlife, and underground river snorkeling.
- **Rio Secreto Underground Cave** — A semi-submerged cave system of stalactites and stalagmites just 15 minutes from PDC.
- **Mamitas or Lido Beach Club** — Pay a cover (usually redeemable against food/drinks) and claim a lounge on the Caribbean.

BEST WALKS

- **Parque Fundadores to Mamitas Beach** 1.5 miles • ~30 min • Easy — Start at the Portal Maya sculpture in Parque Fundadores, turn right onto Quinta Avenida, and walk north past cafés, boutiques, street...
- **Ferry Pier to Playacar Beach** 0.3 miles • ~5 min • Easy — Walk south from the ferry pier along the beach path past Señor Frog's into the Playacar residential zone.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	84°	76°	7d
Jun	85°	78°	19d
Aug	87°	79°	20d
Sep	86°	78°	23d
Oct	84°	77°	21d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:29AM–7:07PM · Jun 6:07AM–7:30PM · Aug 6:27AM–7:17PM · Sep 6:35AM–6:50PM · Oct 6:43AM–6:23PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Ferry timing is everything. If your ship is based in Cozumel, build in a 2-hour buffer before all-aboard — ferries run hourly and lines get long. Missing the last ferry means...
Buy one-way ferry tickets. Round-trip lock you into one company. With a one-way ticket you can board whichever Ultramar or

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



- 1** Xcaret Park Eco-archaeological park with underground rivers, shows, and wildlife.
- 3** Xplor Park Adventure park: zip lines, amphibious vehicles, and underground rivers.
- 5** Skydive Playa Tandem skydiving experience over the Caribbean Sea.
- 7** 3D Museum of Wonders Interactive museum featuring optical illusions and 3D art.
- P** Cruise port / terminal

- 2** Río Secreto Explore an underground river with ancient stalactites and stalagmites.
- 4** Gran Coyote Golf Championship 18-hole golf course designed by Nick Price.
- 6** Grand Riviera Casino Casino offering slot machines, table games, and entertainment.
- 8** Museo Frida Kahlo Playa Del Carmen Museum dedicated to artist Frida Kahlo's life and work.