

# Puerto Dos Bocas, Tabasco, Mexico

An industrial oil giant by the Gulf, yet 30 minutes inland lies brick Mayan pyramids echoing with howler monkeys and cacao trees heavy with chocolate pods — Tabasco's best-kept secret.

-  Docked (industrial pier)
-  Typical call: 8-10 hrs
-  Mexican Pesos (USD not accepted locally)
-  Spanish only
-  Hot & very humid year-round

## MY DAY IN PORT

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| Ship/Date: _____ | Arrive: _____ | All aboard: _____ |
| Excursion: _____ | Notes: _____  |                   |

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Industrial pier (Terminal de Usos Múltiples); no cruise terminal — shuttle to gate required

**Best For:** Mayan ruins (Comalcalco), chocolate haciendas, Olmec history, authentic Mexican culture

**Walk to Center:** Not walkable — security zone; 10-min shuttle/taxi to Paraíso town

**Don't Miss:** Pejelagarto (prehistoric grilled gar fish) at El Bellote lagoon

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$10–\$20 USD ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Comalcalco Mayan Ruins** — The only major Mayan city built entirely of fired clay bricks instead of stone — a direct result of the river delta's lack of limestone.
- **Chocolate Hacienda Tour** — Tabasco is the birthplace of chocolate.
- **Parque-Museo La Venta, Villahermosa** — World-class outdoor museum housing the colossal stone heads of the Olmecs — Mesoamerica's mother culture.
- **Pantanos de Centla Wetlands Boat Tour** — One of North America's largest biosphere reserves.
- **Playa Varadero Beach Day** — The nearest local beach — rustic palapas, cold beer, and fresh seafood.

## BEST WALKS

- **Paraíso Town Square Stroll** Easy | 30-60 min | Flat — Taxi to Paraíso's Parque Central, walk to the colorful Parroquia de San Marcos Evangelista, browse fruit vendors, and grab a cold pozol (cacao-corn drink) from a street...
- **El Bellote Lagoon Waterfront** Easy | 30-45 min | Flat — The lagoon dock area is lined with open-air marisquerías — ideal for a walk and a plate of pejelagarto or smoked oysters.

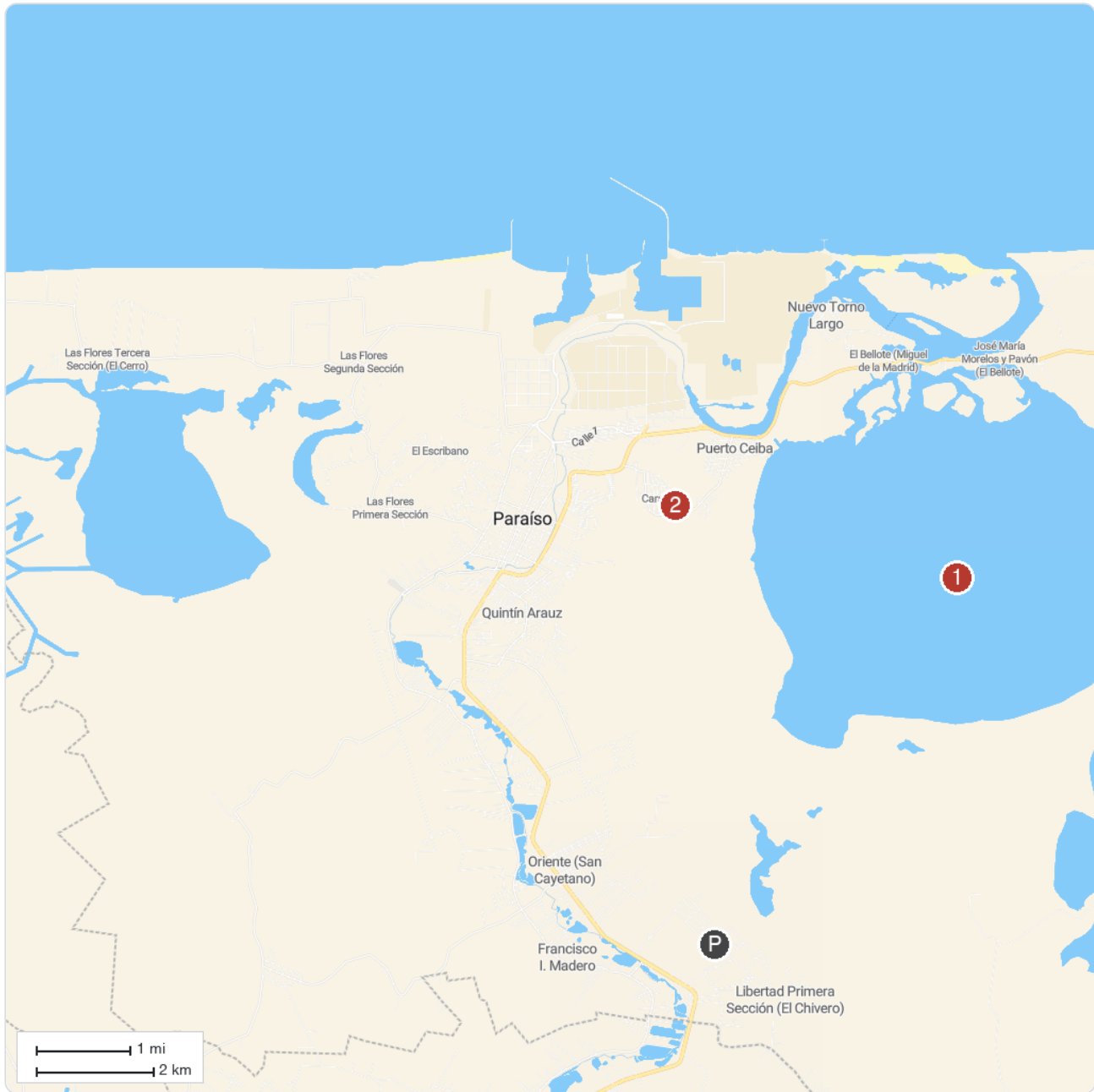
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress for brutal heat. Tabasco is one of Mexico's hottest, most humid states. Lightweight moisture-wicking clothes, a hat, sunscreen, and a small rain poncho are essential.
- Pesos only in Paraíso. Unlike Cozumel, local vendors, taxis, and street food stalls don't accept USD. Exchange on the ship or use a local ATM in Paraíso town.
- Bug spray is non-optional. Near the lagoon, mangroves, and ruins, mosquitoes are intense. Bring DEET repellent and consider long sleeves.
- Combine Comalcalco + hacienda. The ruins and a chocolate hacienda are minutes apart — almost every excursion pairs them. A full-day combination fits comfortably in most calls.
- Eat pejelagarto. This prehistoric armored gar fish is Tabasco's signature dish — grilled whole over coals. You'll find it cheapest and best at El Bellote lagoon.
- Download an offline Spanish translator. Very little English is spoken outside organized tour guides. Google Translate offline packs work well and save you.

## Puerto Dos Bocas, Tabasco, 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.



**1 Mecoacán Lagoon** Mangrove-fringed lagoon with small islands and abundant birdlife, explored by boat from Puerto Ceiba.

**2 Malecón de Chiltepec** Small waterfront promenade in the fishing village of Chiltepec, near the port.

**P** Cruise port / terminal