




Escape to COZUMEL

The island of Cozumel is what dreams are made of—turquoise waters and empty hammocks swinging lazily in the breeze above sugar-like sand. But Cozumel is more than just beaches. This idyllic island in the State of Quintana Roo embodies Mexico's history and culture, while providing ample opportunities for adventure. Travelers of all types are sure to find their little piece of heaven here.

Cozumel became a celebrated diving destination after Jacques Cousteau deemed the coral reefs as one of the world's best places for underwater exploration. Due to the geographical position of the island, the waters are protected from the open ocean and host a vibrant sea life. Above-water adventures include kayaking, windsurfing, and golfing at one of the island gems: the **Cozumel Country Club golf course**. The Jack Nicklaus-designed course also serves as an Audubon-certified bird sanctuary.

The **San Gervasio archaeological site** was once a place of pilgrimage where Mayan women paid tribute to the goddess of love and fertility, Ix Chel. Fragments of the site still stand and offer a glimpse into ancient Mayan life. A contemporary destination for romance is the picturesque **Passion Island**—a perfect spot for a beach wedding or honeymoon. The **Discover Mexico theme park** is a cultural and historical one-stop featuring replicas of famous

sites, ruins, and colonial buildings. Located in a former luxury hotel downtown **San Miguel**, the **Cozumel Museum** highlights the island's natural history and modern origins.

At the southernmost point of Cozumel, visit the 247-acre **Punta Sur Ecological Park**, where you'll find protected sea turtle nesting sites as well as a maritime museum and historic lighthouse with panoramic views of the coves that early Mayan—and notorious pirate Jean Lafitte—once navigated. The beautiful **Chankanaab National Park** was created to protect fauna and flora but also offers the unforgettable experience of swimming with dolphins!

Though Cozumel is the closest Caribbean island to many major U.S. cities, its tranquil landscape will make you feel as though you're on your own private paradise.

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BOTTOM (from left to right): The San Gervasio ruins; a wedding on Passion Island; Hawksbill Turtle and Cozumel lighthouse in Punta Sur Ecological Park
TOP: Kayaking over the calm waters of Cozumel (top left); Cozumel Country Club golf course (bottom left); Snorkeling in the protected waters of Cozumel (top right); Bicycling on the quiet roads that circle the island (bottom right)