



Things to Do in Cozumel, Mexico With Kids

Although the expansive white beaches and aqua waters near your hotel can occupy your kids for hours, everybody needs a break from the water sometimes. Kid-friendly attractions throughout Cozumel will teach kids about the culture and natural environment of the island while providing them with engaging, interactive experiences and will allow kids too young to snorkel or dive to see some of the island's underwater marvels.

Visit Chankanaab Park

Kids can frolic with colorful fish in the shallow, protected surf of the children's pool at Chankanaab Park (cozumelparks.org.mx). In addition to the pool and a large playground, your admittance fee to the park includes a dolphin presentation, a manatee exhibition, a sea lion show and an archaeological tour. The park also offers plenty of child-friendly amenities, such as snack bars, restaurants and changing rooms with showers and lockers.



Go Beneath the Sea on the Atlantis Submarine



Explore underwater Cozumel -- without ever getting wet -- on the Cozumel Atlantis Submarine (atlantisadventures.com). After a 12-minute ferry cruise to the Atlantis dive site, your family will board the Atlantis submarine for a 40-minute trip along the ocean floor. Through the submarine's portals, kids can see large coral reefs filled with a variety of aquatic life, such as groupers and parrotfish.

See the Island Wildlife at Punta Sur Ecological Reserve

Punta Sur Ecological Reserve & Lighthouse (cozumelparks.org.mx), located at the southern tip of the island, provides kids with an opportunity to see some of Cozumel's wilder habitats. In addition to the Celarain lighthouse, which kids can climb for bird's-eye views of the island, the park has a large lagoon surrounded by mangrove swamps and jungle. The lagoon shelters a variety of wildlife, including crocodiles, wild birds, fish and iguanas. Because there is no public transportation to the reserve, families will need to either drive or take a taxi.



Explore Cozumel's History and Culture



Visit Cozumel's largest town, San Miguel, to learn about the history and culture of the island. Stop at the small waterfront museum Museo De La Isla De Cozumel (cozumelparks.org.mx) to see what a typical Mayan home looks like and view exhibits on the history and ecology of the island. Kids can see a wide array of Mexican fruits and vegetables at the downtown market at Avenida 25 and Salas, open daily from 6 a.m. to noon. On Sunday nights, take the kids to the downtown Plaza to listen to live music and mingle with Cozumel natives.

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