## **Cozumel**



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Photo: Paradise Beach Club

Cozumel is located just off the Mexican mainland, and it offers visitors some of the very best snorkeling and diving that they will ever experience. Cozumel also has many Mayan sites to explore. Various tours are offered through many operators, ranging from dune buggy rides to a ride on the Atlantis submarine. However, one thing that is synonymous with Cozumel is her beaches. You can literally discover paradise. No... really.

Paradise Beach in Cozumel is precisely what it says it is: PARADISE! Located just five miles from the cruise ship pier and easily accessible via taxi, this is the place where exhilaration AND relaxation walk hand in hand, upon one of the most beautiful beaches in all of Mexico.



Every water toy imaginable is available here. Try the water trampoline, a 14 foot iceberg climb, floating mats and kayaks, one of several slides, a water rocker, paddle boards, a space walker bungee, and use the complete snorkel gear to explore the warm, crystal waters. New this season is a giant climb station that you may leap off of into the sea or onto a giant pillow. However, where the fun really begins is when someone jumps onto the floating pillow, while their friend waits on its edge, thrown into the air when the weight of the jumper hits! This entertains not only those brave enough to particate, but everyone on the beach gets a show! And remember, you can play all day long. There is no way you could beat this price anywhere in the Caribbean!



Want something a bit more on the calm side? Then take a leisurely swim in one of the biggest pools in Cozumel. This elegant, refreshing pool area is very reminiscent of what one would experience at a five star, all inclusive resort. Bar service is also available right next to the pool, or never even leave the water by placing your drink order with a member of the super friendly wait staff, servicing the pool and beach areas, as well as everywhere in between.

Now after so much time in the water, if delicious food is what you desire, Paradise Beach

definitely delivers. With everything from sandwiches and wraps to fajitas and fresh seafood, the enticing aromas floating from the open-air restaurant are absolutely mouth-watering. The Nacho Paradise appetizer is covered in a delicious cheese that I am still dreaming about, and I have never had

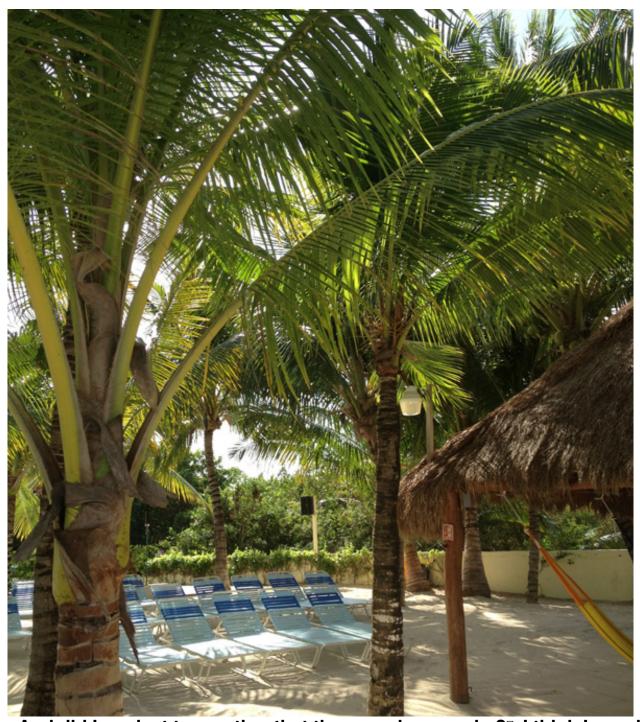
better chicken fajitas. While portions are large, don't even think about "sharing" a meal, because you will not want to give away one bite! You can check out the full menu

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. And good luck making a choice, as that everything looks and smells delicious!



Make sure you top off your dining experience with an expertly crafted cocktail from the <u>bar menu</u>. With so many tempting treats to choose from, keep in mind that you will not go wrong with the frozen margarita. However, the Melon Ball, a decadent mix of vodka, midori, and pineapple juice, is now my new favorite drink!



And did I neglect to mention that there are hammocks? I think I may have also skipped right over the fact that they offer Wifi, restrooms, showers, changing rooms, and massages right on the beach!

Paradise Beach has truly thought of everything... except they do need a bit of work on a suitable exit strategy, because I wanted to go into full-blown, four year old tantrum mode when I was warned that we only had an hour before we needed to be back on the ship. 

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Go to Paradise Beach, as soon as humanly possible. You can only completely comprehend how beautiful it is until you see it with your own

eyes!

And before you sail away, console yourself with some much deserved retail therapy, as that Cozumel offers the best shopping in the Caribbean!