

Oh no, the Port is Closed

Inclement weather is inevitable in a tropical climate – wind, rain, lightning and thunder. But don't worry! We have a list of 28 fantastic ways to spend a day in Cozumel when the port is closed and you can't go diving.

1. Escape the crowds and take a drive around the undeveloped east side of the island
 - Rent a car or hire a driver for the day
 - Take a picnic lunch and park yourself on a beach (St. Martin's is always nice)
 - Sit in the warm tide pools at Chen Rio Beach
 - Stop at Miami Beach bar for a delicious Mojito with an amazing seaside view
 - Treat yourself to a great lunch, drinks and view at Sr. Iguana's (some of the best margaritas on the island). Pick up a souvenir of their locally designed shirt or hat.
2. Volunteer with the Turtle Rescue Program. From August to November, you can help with baby turtle rescue on the east side of the island. There is a fee which supports the program. To make a reservation, you must contact the Ecology Department (+529878725795, between 10-2 weekdays) or visit the Ecology Interpretive Center at [Avenida 65 and Calle 31](#)
3. Go to [Punta Sur Eco Park](#) - amazing beach and snorkeling, climb the lighthouse, visit the little museum, go on the boat tour around the lagoon. We always go to the last beach club on the road.
4. Visit the renovated [Cozumel Museum](#) to gain an understanding of the history and culture of the island.
5. Treat yourself to lunch at one of the many restaurants downtown. One that is often recommended is [La Cucina Italian Restaurant](#). Afterward, do some shopping around the plaza. Don't miss [Sergio's Silver from Taxco](#). One of the best jewelry stores on the island.
6. Walk around downtown past the tourist zone. Check out some of the businesses there. Look for a new place for takeout lunch. Take your camera and take photos of all of the wall paintings and beautiful foliage.

right when the park opens to avoid the cruise ship crowds. Wear a long sleeve shirt for sun protection and take water with you.

8. Go on a backroad [Razor Adventure tour](#) up the north east side of the island
9. Pick a tour to go on: Food, Barhopping. Jeep tour, the Pearl Farm, Passion Island...there are hundreds of them. There are lots of operators. One we recommend is [Flip Tours & Excursions](#)
10. Visit the public market (Mercado Municipal de Cozumel) during the morning hours to see the colorful displays of fresh fruit, vegetable, fish and meat. Stroll through the aisles of traditional clothing and household goods.
11. Take a walk to the different churches in the downtown area: [Corpus Christi Church](#), [San Miguel Church](#) (Iglesia de San Miguel) and [Capilla de la Santa Cruz Cuzamil](#)
12. Visit the [Mayan Bee Sanctuary](#) to learn about the Mayan stingless bees and the important part they have played in the Mayan civilization. And you can buy some local honey!
13. Make your own Mayan chocolate from scratch at the [Chocolates Kaokao Factory](#). Discover the Bean to Bar chocolate making process and taste a lot of great chocolate.
14. Rent a bike and ride the bike path down the western side of the island. The old road that skirts the water is half bike/walking path (2-way on the left-hand side of the road as you go south). The other half is a 1-way driving route that only goes north to south. Cars are not allowed in the bike/walking lane)
15. Learn about Mayan history, culture and traditions at [Pueblo del Maiz](#). This immersive experience combines theater, dance, music history and food.
16. Get creative and paint a souvenir to take home with [Art Cozumel](#). You can choose a hat, baseball cap, visor, canvas bag or other items.
17. Paint and sip at a [Buccano's Wine and Paint](#) event
18. Sip a drink, eat some nachos and listen to local music at one of the local bars like Woody's, Wet Wendy's, Thirsty Cougar, Money Bar, Sunset Beach Cozumel Restaurant and Beach Club, or Tikila Bar.

19. Visit some of the local grocery stores. Roam the aisles to see what is the same and what is different from your hometown stores. Check out Mega Soriana, Chedraui, Bodega Aurrera
20. Take a nice walk or bike ride around one of Cozumel's newest parks, the [Parque Urbano Corazon](#). This is a one-kilometer loop where you can experience the natural foliage and birds of the area in a peaceful atmosphere. And just a few blocks away (15-minute walk) is another [Ecology Park](#) that explores and provides interpretation of a natural cenote.
21. Foodie or love to cook? Take a cooking class to learn how to shop for and prepare incredible local food and drinks. Here are a few to check out (or google for more options): [Traditional Family Kitchen in Cozumel](#), [CozumelChef](#), [Buccano's Cooking Experience](#), [Cook Like a Mexican](#)
22. Visit a local beach club with a good book and a desire to nothing but eat, drink and relax. A few suggestions on days when the port is closed (including to snorkeling): [Buccano's Beach Club](#), [Playa Azul](#), [Cabana Beach](#). (Note: Almost all beach clubs in Cozumel have an entrance fee that is then applied to food and drink.)
23. The ultimate luxury, a massage! Many providers will come to you for a small fee. Find each of these recommended massage therapists on Facebook: Graciela Campo Aguilar, Karen Guzmán Terapeuta, [Sally at Barefoot in Cozumel](#), Angy Martin at Sunset Beach Restaurant (beachside is a bonus)
24. For the VERY adventurous: Explore the isolated beaches of the north east part of the island. For a truly unique experience, drive to the end of the transversal road, park near Sr. Iguana's restaurant and start walking up the sandy road to the north. Strong warning: Start early in the day and take a long sleeve shirt for sun protection and water!! You will come across some of the most beautiful and isolated parts of the island where few tourists ever go. There is a [small set of ruins](#) about 4.25 miles up the road, but this is a tough hike with the sand, rocks, heat and lack of shade. Please don't undertake this without taking adequate water. When you're back to your car, treat yourself to an ice-cold beverage and lunch at Sr. Iguana's.
25. Venture back into the neighborhoods to try out a truly local restaurant. Here are a few suggestions:
 - [La Casita de Indio 333](#) (11 am – 9 pm)
 - [Pescaderia San Carlos](#) (10 am – 11 pm)
 - [CheYucas Empanadas](#) (4 – 10 pm)
 - [Guajillos Cocina Mexicana](#) (8 am – 5 pm)
 - [El Rincon de Addy](#) (known for breakfasts, 7:30 am – 10 pm)
 - [Restaurante Doña Chary](#) (7 am – 1:30 pm)
26. For a truly gastronomical delight, reserve your spot for the [10 Experiences Tour of Cozumel](#). This is a food and entertainment tour through 10 regions of Mexico, enjoying some of the most representative dishes in a ten-course dinner. Each dish has been carefully paired with a cocktail wine or beer, to match with its particular flavors. They also have a 7 course meal focused on Mexico's favorite food, the taco.
27. Enjoy a first run movie in one of the two local movie theaters – [Cinepolis](#) or [Cinemex](#). Both theaters offer many shows in English (with Spanish subtitles). The movie listing will indicate the language the movie is in.
28. Visit the magical Chankanaab Park. For only \$26 per person, you will be able to have a dream day. You will walk through replicas of Mayan ruins, wander through the plants of the Mexican Caribbean and spend the day relaxing on a beautiful beach with an incomparable view. If the port is not closed, you can snorkel or dive in the beautiful crystal clear water of Cozumel.