WELCOME TO THE ISLAND OF COZUMEL

The name Cozumel originates from the Mayan words "Cuzam," meaning "sparrow," and "Lamil," meaning "land of." This island is the third largest in Mexico and the most populous. It is flat and, with no industrial base, relies entirely on tourism for its economic development.

Along Cozumel's coastline, you'll find pristine white-sand beaches and a turquoise sea of breathtaking beauty. The island is home to a vast protected natural area, the "Arrecifes de Cozumel" National Park, renowned worldwide for its coral reefs and diverse water activities such as scuba diving, snorkeling, kayaking, and more.

ETIQUETTE INSIDE THE REEFS OF COZUMEL NATIONAL PARK

Beach Etiquette

- · Avoid staying overnight or camping on the beach.
- Always dispose of trash in designated containers—never leave it on the beach.
- · Do not light fires on or near the beach.

Coral Reef Etiquette

Coral reefs are among the most biologically diverse marine ecosystems and provide critical refuge for countless species. Although well preserved, these reefs are extremely fragile and vulnerable to human activities.

To protect these ecosystems, please avoid the following:

- · Throwing any kind of trash into the sea.
- · Engaging in commercial or recreational fishing.
- Using darts, hooks, harpoons, or other tools that may harm marine life or flora.
- · Collecting or capturing marine life, whether alive or dead.
- Touching, standing on, walking over, dragging equipment across, or otherwise disturbing the seabed in coral areas.
- · Wearing gloves or using knives while exploring coral reefs.

RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT

- · Do not disturb wildlife or plants; remember, you are a guest in their habitat.
- · Avoid feeding the fish, as it can alter their natural behavior.
- Before disposing of plastic can rings, cut them to prevent animals (such as fish, turtles, or birds) from getting entangled.
- Fill in any holes created while playing in the sand. If you see trash, please pick it
 up and dispose of it responsibly.

Beyond water activities, Cozumel offers other attractions, including archaeological sites like San Gervasio, swimming with dolphins, and encounters with manta rays. These activities ensure an unforgettable experience during your visit.

Take only photographs, and leave with cherished memories.

And finally...

Enjoy your stay in Cozumel!

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COZUMEL BEACH & CORAL REEF ETIQUETTE





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Beach



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