



Quintana Roo, Mexico

Insider's Guide to Isla Mujeres

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Packing List

- Isla Mujeres Map (www.cancunmap.com)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Beach Bag/Backpack
- Eco-Safe, biodegradable sunscreen
- Lip Balm (high SPF)
- Aloe Gel for sunburn
- Small First Aid kit
- Dramamine or Bonine for seasickness
- Personal Toiletries
- Nail Kit in case of breaks/repairs
- Hair accessories needed for wedding events
- Camera & underwater camera with battery & charger
- Hat/Cap/Sun Visor & sunglasses
- Comfortable walking shoes & sandals
- Handful of \$1 & \$5 US bills for tipping
- Diver Certification Card (if you have one)
- Light Jacket or sweater & pants (Nov-Feb)
- 3 prong adapter. All rooms have standard 2 prong outlets
- Prescription medication & copy of prescription if possible
- Copies of your passports in case they are lost or stolen
- Wedding items (favors, menu's, guest book, etc)
- Receipts for bulk items you are bringing (favors, runners, welcome bag items, etc)



Required Documents:

As of 2007, **EVERY** person traveling to Mexico will need a valid passport to enter the country. If you do not have one, it is best to apply as soon as possible due to long waits.

Travel Documents for Minors:

When a minor is traveling with one of the legal parents, you will need to provide one of the following:

- A **notarized** letter signed by the absent parent giving the minor permission to travel internationally with the other parent or guardian.
- If the minor is in the custody of one parent, a **notarized** custody document will need to be provided.
- If one parent is deceased, the death certificate of that parent will need to be provided.

Additional Travel Tips:

- You should always check with your airline prior to departure, regarding the luggage and weight limits.
- We recommend tying a ribbon or easily identifiable item on your luggage. All luggage looks the same when you go to the baggage claim, it is nice to have your own marking to set your bags apart from the rest.
- We recommend to bring a change of clothes in your carry-on. If your luggage is “delayed” at least you’ll have something to wear!
- Be sure all your travel documents, tickets, money, credit cards, traveler’s checks, medications, valuables, and personal items are in your carry-on. Make sure you also have a pen so that you can fill out the customs & immigrations forms. The flight attendant's will not provide pens.

What to expect when you arrive in the Cancun Airport

On the plane to Mexico, they will hand out two cards for you to fill out (bring a pen):

1. Mexican Tourist Card (FMT) - Be sure to completely fill out the tourist card and sign the back (in two places). You will present this at the immigration booth after arriving in the Cancun Airport. They will take the top half and give you the bottom half. This is your tourist visa and states how long you are allowed to stay in Mexico. Please put your tourist card in a safe place, as you will be **required** to present this document when you leave Mexico. If this document is misplaced large fines are assessed by the immigration office at the Cancun airport when you depart.

2. Customs Form – This form is to declare if you are bringing in any foreign animals, foods, plants, bugs, or large sums of money (over \$10,000 US in cash). If you are bringing regular food, i.e. snacks, canned food, etc. you do not need to declare those on this form. Your completed form will be given to the customs agent after you receive your luggage.

*Tip- it is suggested to use the restroom on the plane before it begins to decent, as the immigration and customs process could take up to an hour or more. If you plan to change into lighter clothing, please do this on the plane as well. It is also suggested to wear light clothing under your winter clothing so you can just shed the top layer without having to go to the restroom to change.

What to expect when you arrive in the Cancun Airport

After you get off the airplane you will be guided into the immigration line. Give them your passport and your Mexican tourist card. They will stamp both documents and write in how many days you are allowed to stay in Mexico (usually 30 days, although you are legally allowed to stay 6 months)

After picking up your luggage off the carousel, you must go through customs. Your luggage will get x-rayed then you can proceed to the traffic light. Hand your form to the official and push the button. If the red light goes on then you will be sent to the side to have your luggage inspected. If the green light goes on, you are free to go.

Once you get past Customs, you will need to find your transportation to the ferry dock (Ultramar, Gran Puerto/Puerto Juarez). There will be a long hallway full of people trying to sell you transfers, as well as time share sales representatives and various other people. Do not be fooled by the people inside the airport who say they are your driver or tell you they can help you. If you have pre-arranged transportation to the ferry (highly recommended) then your driver will be the only person that has a sign with your name on it. You must go outside of the building to find your driver. Another option is to get a taxi at the airport. There is a booth inside the airport, just past Customs marked 'Greyline Taxi'. The rates are posted at the booth. We **highly recommend** scheduling transportation prior to your trip, as the taxi rates can be very high.

Here are some options:

www.cancuntransfer.com

www.bestday.com/Transfers/Cancun

Getting To Isla Mujeres

Once you have secured your transportation, you will be taken to Gran Puerto Cancun to catch the ferry to the island. The drive to the ferry should take about 20 minutes. Once dropped off at Gran Puerto Cancun you can buy your ferry tickets in the office to the right. Tickets are about \$7 USD one way, or \$14 USD round trip (depending on current exchange rate). The ferry runs every 30 minutes from 5:30am to 8:30pm. After 8:30pm the ferries run hourly on the half hour until 11:30pm. The last ferry to the island from Cancun is 11:20pm. Make sure that your flight arrival time is before 9pm to allow you enough time to catch the last ferry. If you are forced to stay over night in Cancun due to late arrival, or an early departure, we recommend Ibis Hotel (www.ibishotel.com) on Tulum Avenue in Cancun.



The bellmen can help you with your luggage for a trip (usually \$1 USD per bag). These men are trustworthy and they wear white bellmen outfits. They will put your luggage on the dock and make sure it gets on the ferry when it arrives. You can purchase refreshments at the convenience store OXXO (similar to a 7-11) for the wait.

It is a good idea to keep an eye on your luggage to verify that it is put on the boat. Once you and your luggage are on the boat, relax and enjoy the ride. The ferry takes about 15 minutes to reach Isla Mujeres. There are snacks and refreshments available for purchase on the ferry.

When you arrive to Isla Mujeres, just get off the ferry and wait for your luggage on the dock. After all passengers are off, the staff will remove the luggage from the boat and place it on the dock. If you need assistance, please ask one of the Ultramar staff for help & they will signal a bellman to assist you (again for a tip)



Getting To Isla Mujeres (continued)

You will probably want to take a taxi to your hotel just to get your bearings and not risk getting lost while dragging your luggage through town. You can get a taxi at the taxi stand, which is to the left when you walk out to the street. The taxi should only cost \$2-\$4 USD downtown or \$4-\$10 USD if you are staying outside of the downtown area. If you have a lot of luggage, you will want to tip another couple of dollars to the driver.



It is highly recommended to wait to exchange money until you are on the island. The exchange rates at the airport and along the way to the island are not as good as what you will get on Isla. Bring a pocket full of \$1 USD and \$5 USD for tipping and food until you get to the island. US dollars are accepted everywhere.

Getting To Isla Mujeres (continued)

There are change houses (Casa de Cambio) all around the downtown area. The HSBC bank in downtown Isla Mujeres does NOT exchange cash or traveler's checks. We recommend using the ATM's for cash/pesos, as it is a much better exchange rate. There are ATM's at the banks, 7-11, and the Xpress grocery store downtown in the square. The bank and 7-11 are directly in front of the dock for your convenience.

Once you are checked in and settled, just relax and enjoy. You are free to explore the island. There are no "bad" areas, but you should always use good judgment. The people of the island welcome tourists and want you to have a great time, but please remember to be considerate of the people who live here (using safe driving practices, being quiet in the neighborhoods at night, and not walking in the middle of traffic).

If you have any questions at all before you arrive or once you are on the island, please feel free to contact us for advice or information.

info@sunhorsetweddings.com

(998) 203-6830 cell in Mexico 888-631-4272 toll-free in the US

-from hotel front desk, dial 044 in front of the number

-from a US cell phone, try dialing 011521 in front of the number



Welcome to Isla Mujeres

Island Tips

Here are some links to other information about Isla Mujeres and things to do while you are here:

<http://www.isla-mujeres.net/thingstodo.htm>

<http://www.myislamujeres.com/planning/planning.asp>

Plus, there are very cool iPhone settings for the island at www.islaapps.com

We also highly recommend ordering the Isla Mujeres Map from www.cancunmap.com

These are great guide maps with extensive information about Isla Mujeres.

- Most electrical outlets on Isla are standard 2 prong outlets. If you will need to plug in a 3 prong appliance, please bring an adapter and a surge protector if you are bringing expensive equipment, like a laptop.
- Tipping advice: Of course it is up to you as to what you are comfortable giving. Tips are a way of saying “thank you” for the service you receive.
 - Restaurants- the standard is 15%
 - Taxis- they only expect a tip if they help you with luggage
 - Water Sports Tour Guides/Captains- 15%
 - Spa Services- 15%
 - Ferry Helpers/Bellmen- Usually \$1-\$5 per bag
- When bargaining with island shops, a general rule of thumb is to cut the first asking price down by 30%. Please remember that the vendors are there to feed their families and try not to haggle too low.
- If you need a doctor, you can ask the front desk of your hotel to call Dr. Salas. He has a private practice on Hidalgo, across from Don Chepo’s Restaurant and he speaks English. You can also go down to the hospital by the square (Centro de Salud) or the navy hospital which is mid-island. Both hospitals are fairly cheap, but they speak very little English, if any. There are larger hospitals in Cancun if more attention is needed. Please call us if you need help with translation 998-203-6830

Island Tips (continued)

- Most prescription and non-prescription **medications** are available at the pharmacies. Many times if you are feeling ill, the pharmacist will know what to give you if you have a non-emergency. We recommend the pharmacy on Ave. Madero for their great knowledge in medication, willingness to speak English and help. If you have prescriptions, please bring a copy of them for the pharmacists if you would like to fill them here in Mexico. Otherwise, you might have to go to Dr. Salas to get another prescription. Note: Sun block, Pepto-Bismol, Imodium and Tylenol are all available on Isla, but they are expensive.
- Most street food is safe to eat. There are some fun, local carts in the town square to try. That said, if your food does not look properly prepared or smells bad, then don't eat it. If you buy fresh fruit or vegetables at the store or from the market, please remember you will need to clean it before you eat it unless it can be peeled or skinned.
- The **water** on Isla is pumped in from the Cancun Hotel Zone, so it's actually some of the cleanest water in Mexico, but it is still not safe to drink. Bottled water is available at all mini-convenience stores. We recommend brushing your teeth with bottled water if you have a sensitive stomach. All ice is purified & comes from a legitimate company, so blended drinks and iced drinks are safe to consume. Remember to stay hydrated while you are in the heat.
- Be very careful driving golf carts and/or scooters on the island. There are many accidents involving alcohol. Please try to practice safe driving habits. Also, there are many speed bumps all over the island. Please watch out for these and slow down as they are dangerous for the people in the back of the golf cart if you hit one going full speed.

Island Tips (continued)

Isla Mujeres is one of the safest places in the world, but it is best to always use good judgment. For your safety, please do not walk alone at night. Make sure to securely lock your room or your rental house when you leave and while you are sleeping; this includes locking your windows. Never keep all of your important documents in the same place. You will not need to carry around your passport once you are in Mexico (unless exchanging traveler's checks). It is recommended to only keep one credit/debit card and a small amount of cash on you. Note: Credit cards are accepted in most high end restaurants, but it is still recommended to pay cash due poor exchange rates

<http://www.journeymexico.com/blog/2015-updated-mexico-travel-warning-from-u-s-department-of-state>

- To call home from the island, Adrian's Internet Café is recommended. It is located in the square, next to the grocery store. Most cell phone provider's offer international plans, so check with your provider before you travel. We also recommend installing Skype, or Whatsapp on your phone. These will allow you to call, text, and/or video chat for free when in Wi-Fi. If you need to leave an **emergency contact** number with family at home, please feel free to have them call us (888) 631-4272 toll free
- Free Wi-Fi is available at a few establishments downtown as well as most hotels. Here are a few known Wi-Fi Hotspots:
 - Jax Bar & Grill
 - Mogagua Café
 - Rooster Cafe

Wi-Fi Zone

Island Tips (continued)

- There is currently one daycare/school facility available, as well as options for babysitters if you would like someone for the wedding day or if you would just like a night off. Please get into touch with us and we will inform you of your options (infor@sunhorseweddings.com). We are available to arrange an introduction or interview with potential babysitters so that you can meet them in person before hiring their services.
- Some hotels & condos have cribs available. Please check with the receptionist at your specific property. NautiBeach Condos & Ixchel are very family friendly, and usually have baby cribs & other baby equipment available. If you feel strongly about using a car seat, you will need to bring yours down with you. Please be aware that many taxi's do not have seat belts in the back.



- The island is handicap accessible however when traveling it ultimately depends on the comfort level of the individual. There are porters at the ferry dock that will help passengers requiring assistance. It is strongly advised that anyone requiring assistance stay at the larger hotels downtown that offer an elevator (Ixchel Beach Hotel, or Privilege Aluxes). There are some island accommodations that do not have wheelchair ramps or elevators. Most downtown restaurants will not have ramps but the wait staff will be happy to assist anyone who needs help over the curb and into the establishment. .

General Information

We highly recommend buying the Can-Do Isla Mujeres Map from www.cancunmap.com

Bank

HSBC, across from the main ferry dock. Open M-F 9am-7pm. ATM's available. At this time, they do not exchange currency.



Doctors/Hospital

Centro De Salud, on Guerrero by the town square. Non-English speaking clinic. Very inexpensive & open 24/7

Dr. Salas, across from Don Chepo's restaurant on Hidalgo. English speaking doctor. Local number 877-0021 (cell 998-845-2370)



Pharmacy

Pharmacia on Madero between Hidalgo & Juarez. English speaking. Good selection of sun blocks, over the counter items, feminine products, etc. No prescription necessary for most medications. If you feel sick, it is recommended to go to the pharmacist first before going to the doctor. They are very knowledgeable in tourist ailments and remedies.



Laundry

Tim Pho on the corner of Juarez & Abasolo. Charges by the kilo & it is ready in about 3 hours. They do not hand wash, and they dry mercilessly, so we do not recommend giving them anything delicate.

Charities

These non-profit organizations really give back to the community and are always in need of assistance. Many also have t-shirts or other merchandise for purchase if you want to give the family at home a souvenir and donate at the same time. If you have any old clothes, shoes, pet/school supplies, they are all welcome. You can contact each organization directly, or go through us and we will make sure your items get to the right place. Your donations really do make a difference to this small community.



www.peace-islamujeres.org A non-profit organization created to improve the community of Isla Mujeres, through protection and education re: Animals, Culture & the Environment. This organization helps to support all the non-profits below.

Centro de Apoyo Psicopedagogico (aka The Little Yellow School House)

www.isla-mujeres.net/school/home.ntm Mid-island, close to the Red Cross in La Gloria. This is the only school available for children with special needs. Funded by government subsidies and donations. Monetary donations and school supplies are greatly appreciated.



www.islaanimals.org Founded by seasoned Isla resident, author & potter Alison Current. This organization helps to provide local dog adoptions to tourists and is the only dog shelter on the island. Monetary donations, collars, frontline, and transport kennels are greatly appreciated.

Beaches

Playa Norte- North end of the island. Popular public beach. Most establishments charge for chair and umbrella rentals, but you can bring your own towel and lay down anywhere for free. This is a top-option beach



Zama Beach Club, on Sac Bajo. Entrance is free but each guest should purchase food and beverages. Features refreshing cascading pools, large beach, and palapa restaurant. Open daily from 10am-6pm

Garrafon Park, Punta Sur (south end of the island). All-inclusive park includes food, pool, towels, gardens, snorkeling, zip lines, and kayaks. Garrafon de Castilla is next door for beach access (not all-inclusive). They have snorkel equipment for rent or you can bring your own.



Shopping

South Point (Punta Sur), the very southern tip of the island has many cute shops where you can buy local ceramics and feed the iguanas. Bring bananas to feed the iguanas!

Flea Market, on the corner of Matamoros & Carlos Lazo near Poc-Na Hostel. Browse the stalls and find many great deals. We have found this to be the best value prices since they are not on the main shopping street.



Fruit Market, on Guerrero between Lopez Mateos & Matamoros. Great fresh squeezed juices and a good selection of fruits and vegetables. Also, beach bags, Tupperware and other items can be found here. Alexia & Giovanni restaurant in front is a great place to try inexpensive local food.

Downtown, busy street in the center of town. There are many nice stores that can be found on Ave. Hidalgo (remember our negotiating tips). We also recommend walking on the side streets as well to find better buys.

On Island Activities

Scooter/Golf Cart Rentals

Ciros on Guerrero between Lopez Mateos & Matamoros. Best quality carts and scooters.

Note: There are many rental establishments on the island. All rental places are supposed to have the same prices, but you might be able to talk them down if you will be renting for more than a day, or for a group of carts. Prices are usually around \$55-\$60 for 24 hours or \$40-\$45 a day (9am-5pm) for a golf cart, and \$25-\$35 for a scooter.

Concierge at your hotel. Many hotels have a concierge that can get you set up with golf carts and scooters at the same rate as if you walked down the street and did it yourself. Also, you do not have to deal with the hassle of leaving your ID or credit card as collateral.

Island Attractions

Town Square, in front of the main grocery store, Super Express, at the end of Hidalgo. Most nights, especially on the weekends, they have local food vendors and some craft booths. Try some very inexpensive local food and hang out in the square with local people. Many weekends they will have local entertainment in the square. There is also a Catholic Church located in the town square. Mass is at 7pm in the evenings.

Malecon, this is the sea walk (boardwalk) on the east side of the downtown area that runs from behind the Casa de Cultura to the airport strip. This is a great place to jog in the mornings, take a leisurely stroll in the evenings or just sit and enjoy the tropical breezes.



On Island Activities (continued)

Cemetery on Lopez Mateos in front of Juarez. This very colorful cemetery is the original cemetery of Isla Mujeres. You can find Pirate Mundaca's tomb here, even though he is actually buried in Merida.

Mundaca Estate, mid-island. Around 1850 the Pirate Mundaca built this estate for his love. It has gardens, ruins of the original home, a small zoo, and some interesting stone work.



Turtle Farm, on Sac Bajo. Entrance fee is around \$2 USD. The purpose of this establishment is to protect the sea turtles from extinction. Scientist harvest the beaches of Isla during egg laying season, raise the babies on the farm until they are old enough to swim and then release them into the ocean. You can gain some knowledge and see baby turtles as well as other sea life. It is not a large place, but well worth the stop.

Punta Sur/South Point, Punta Sur itself is free, however there is a sculpture garden that leads to the southern point and its Mayan Ruins. Admission to it is about \$3 USD. You can visit the shops and vendors for free; you can even climb to the top of the light house for some fantastic panoramic photos. There are lots of hungry iguanas waiting to be fed, so bring bananas or lettuce. If you are here for the sunrise, you will be the first person in Mexico to see the morning sun!.



Water Activities

Isla Mujeres is a mecca for water sports. The crystal clear waters and manchones reef make it some of the best snorkeling and diving in the world.

Snorkeling

You can easily walk to the Ultra Mar Ferry dock in the morning and hire a snorkel boat right there. The sales people will be holding a sign. These guides usually do not speak much English, but their tours are reasonably priced.

Captain Tony, on Matamoros between Juarez & Medina. 2-3 hour snorkel tours available as well as day trips to Isla Contoy. You can book when you arrive to the island or email him for an appointment. www.isla-mujeres.net/capttony/home.htm



Scuba Diving

You can take a 3 day dive class to get certified while you are on Isla Mujeres. If you are already certified, please don't forget to bring your PADI certificate with you.

Sea Hawk Dive Center, on Carlos Lazo. Ask for prices for diving. English speaking & very professional. www.isla-mujeres.net/seahawkdivers

Crystal Dive Center, www.scubadiveislamujeres.com. Email them for pricing.



Water Activities (continued)

Private Boat Charter

Rent a private boat and captain to take you around the island. Have a party on the water by north beach and sunset cocktails on the water.

Captain Jorge Mostalac,

jmostalac@hotmail.com

English speaking. You can rent his 10 person boat for a sunset cruise, go around the island, have a private snorkel or fishing trip, whatever you'd like.

Buzos de Mexico,

www.buzosdemexico.com

Great crew, larger 20 person boat aptly named "Catatonic".

Isla Contoy

Isla Contoy is an island/bird sanctuary located about a 45 minute boat ride away. The trip is a full day of snorkeling, bird watching, and BBQ on Contoy Beach.

Captain Tony

www.isla-mujeres.net/capttony/home.htm



Private Group Contoy Tour

Min of 30 people

\$55 USD per person. Includes beer, soda, water, lunch, snacks, snorkel equipment, snorkel guide, admittance to Isla Contoy, a tour around the island, music and captain. Contact SunHorse

Services for more information.

alex@sunhorseservices.com

Water Activities (continued)



Dolphin Discovery

www.dolphindiscovery.com

Prices start at \$70 USD

Please check their website for more information and schedules



Swimming with Whale Sharks

jmostalac@hotmail.com

Season runs from June 17th to September 17th each year. On this trip you will swim with the largest fish in the world. It is an amazing experience. Includes all gear, a li-lingual guide, beverages, lunch and an extra snorkeling stop on the way back to Isla Mujeres. 7:30a-2pm, \$125 USD/person

Water Activities (continued)

Fishing

There are two boat options for fishing, big boat and smaller boat. The big boats are large deep sea fishing boats and are very expensive to take out (hence the higher price tag). The more affordable option is a smaller panga style boat. It is still deep sea fishing capable, but less expensive to run.



Deep Sea Fishing

Keen M.

www.islamujeressportfishing.com

Prices start at \$900/ day

**Inshore, Bottom Fishing,
Deep Sea & Spear Fishing**

Local Fishing with Captain Jorge Mostalac,

jmostalac@hotmail.com

Facebook: Sport Fishing Center Isla Mujeres

Ask for prices for fishing. English speaking & very professional. Prices start at \$59.99 /person



Spa Services on Isla Mujeres



Casa Luz Spa- located behind the Naval Base on Avenida Juarez between Calle Bravo and Allende. This quaint little spas has more to offer than you'd think at first glance. Their extensive menu of services includes facials, massages, body scrubs and wraps, plus special treatments for back, arms and legs. Their prices ranges from \$35-\$90 USD. that you are a SunHorse Weddings client. 998-734-5326 or 998-202-0081 or email casaluz280@yahoo.com.mx

Mary Ann Burns- An ex-pat who moved here to enjoy the tranquility of the island, she has a soft voice and a magical touch. Her spa dome is located across from the Shell House near the southern end of the island but services can also be scheduled at your hotel. Services include massages, body scrubs and yoga.

998-877-0798

****With each spa,** it is best to make an appointment 24 hours in advance. Most spa services can be arranged exclusively for special parties. When making your reservation, please mention that you are a SunHorse Weddings client.

Fitness on Isla Mujeres



Yoga Life

Located at the yoga center in Na Balam Hotel.

Yoga Life is a community of talented yoga instructors with a variety of styles and class times.

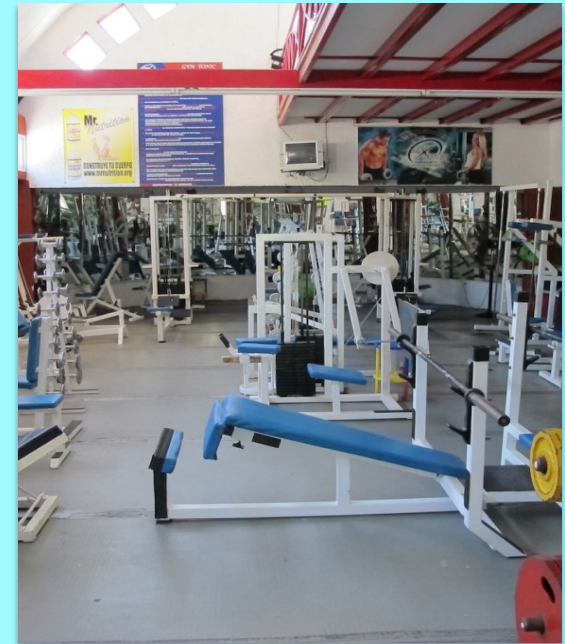
Facebook: Yoga Life & Spa Isla Mujeres



Mary Ann Burns

In addition to offering massage therapy, Mary Ann offers Hatha Yoga sessions in her spa dome located near the southern end of the island. A 1 hour session is \$7 USD per person. Classes are offered M-W-F at 8am. A private class at your hotel is \$40 per group.

998-877-0798 or 998-735-4705



Gym Tonic

Is located mid island on a side street behind the jr high school. It is a bit difficult to find, so we suggest taking a taxi. The taxi directions are: Gym Tonic, Colonia Electricistas. They are open M-F 1am-10pm, Sat

Restaurants

Coffee/Breakfast

Aluxes, on Matamoros between Hidalgo & Guerrero. Good coffee, banana bread and bagels.

Café Mogagua, on Madero between Hidalgo & Juarez near the pharmacy. Good specialty coffee, tea and refreshments. Free WiFi. They also serve fresh sangria, lunch and early dinners.

Rooster Café, located on north Hidalgo. Indoor and outdoor dinning with AC in the summer time. Great specialty coffee, muffins, breakfast and lunch. Try the Rooster Muffins & Rooster Tea! Opens early at 7am.

Elements of the Island, on Juarez between Matamoros & Lopez Mateos. Great quiche, fruit smoothies, coffee and other healthy dishes. Many organic and homemade dishes.

Mango Café, located mid-island of the Caribbean side. Try the Eggs Benedict, or the Coconut French Toast!

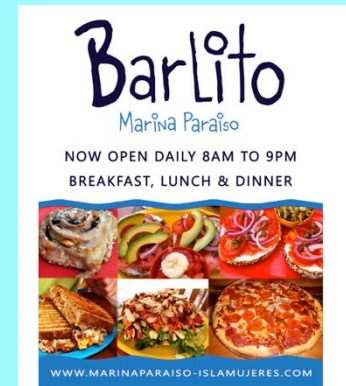
Alexia y Giovanni's, near the fresh produce market. They have very inexpensive meals and a large menu. Try the Mexican eggs, or the banana smoothie.



Restaurants (continued)

Lunch/Dinner

Barlito's- located at the Marina Paraiso. Incredible Panini sandwiches, cinnamon rolls, and fresh breads. Open 7am-3pm. Closed on Sundays



QuBano- Located downtown on Hidalgo. Amazing salads, sandwiches and homemade blue cheese dressing. Try the Elena sandwich! Open 12p-5pm. Closed on Sundays.

Brisa's Grill- located downtown on the ocean, between the ferry dock and the gas station. Great burgers, pizza and drink specials. Live music from 3-6pm



Playa Lancheros- Mid-Island on the way to the south end. Great Tix-in-Chix fish & very large portions.

Angelo's Pasta, on Hidalgo. Great pasta dishes & thin crust pizzas. Mid to high price range



Olivia's, on avenue Matamoros. This middle eastern restaurant has fantastic Greek Salads, and homemade hummus. Mid priced. Reservations recommended.



Bobo's Fish & Chips- on avenue Matamoros. Great fried fish, burgers, French fries, hot wings & Caesar salads. This is a take-out joint with character.

Restaurants (continued)

Sunset Cocktails

Bally Hoo- behind the Pemex gas station downtown on Medina. Great fish & chips, margaritas, cold beer & island music. Great atmosphere and people

Soggy Peso- located mid-island on the Cancun side, across from the airport strip. Texan owner's make this Jimmy Buffet style bar a hit with Parrot Heads. Incredible ribs on Sundays, and great food/drink specials throughout the week. Try one of Freddy's Ojo Rojo's (essentially a spicy bloody beer- best on the island).

Villa Rolandi's, on Sac Bajo. Great for a special dinner. Ask to be seated outside (the best view at sunset). Great filet mignon, Italian fare, crepe Suzette & ambience. High prices.

Limon- Upscale Mexican & International cuisine. In Colonia La Gloria, Calle Lizeta, half a block up the hill from the supermarket Super Xpress; look for a 2 story terracotta building with catci outside. There is also Wi Fi access. Open Monday - Friday from 4pm until 11pm. Reservations are recommended, but you can also walk in to get a table

