



# San Miguel

1500

## SPANISH CONQUEST

- 1492 - Collapse of the Maya Civilization
- 1511 - Spain Established as Catholic Nation
- 1511 - Valdivia Shipwrecked
- 1517 - Survivors take refuge with Maya
- 1517 - Beginning of the Protestant Reformation
- 1519 - Hernan Cortes lands on Cozumel

1600

## COLONIAL PERIOD

- 1570 - French Buccaneers sack the island
- 1570 - Smallpox and emmigration reduces Cozumel population to 300



- 1660 - Henry Morgan raids Spanish Ships from Cozumel

1700



1800

## INDEPENDENCE PERIOD

- 1800 - Haciendas begin developing across the Peninsula
- 1810 - Hidalgo revolts to start Mexican Revolution
- 1815 - Jean Lafitte uses Cozumel for refuge
- 1821 - Mexico gains independence from Spain
- 1841 - Yucatan Peninsula declares independence starting the Caste War
- 1846-48 - Mexican American War
- 1848 - 11 families take refuge on Cozumel
- 1854 - Santa Anna Exiled
- 1861 - Outbreak of Civil War in the United States
- 1862 - Mexican Army defeats Napoleon III at Puebla
- 1864 - Cozumel offered for sale to the United States
- 1866 - Santa Anna Introduces Chicle to US Businessman
- 1893 - Wrigleys begins selling chewing gum from chicle

1900

## MODERN PERIOD

- 1900 - Caste War Ends
- 1920's - Cozumel is Primary port for chicle distribution
- 1941 - Airbase is built to fight German U-boats in Gulf
- 1961 - Jacques Cousteau Publishes Documentary on Cozumel Reefs, beginning the age of tourism on the island



Tracks on this program are not specific to a location. Explore the town, relax by the pool, or take a drive. This program is the perfect companion for your journey.

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### Colonial Legends

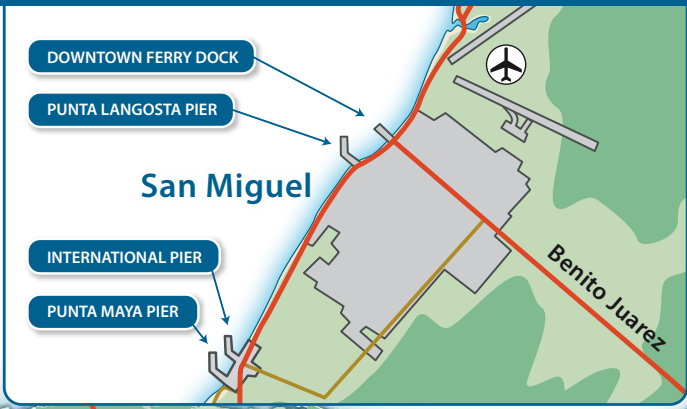
The island of Cozumel, land of the Swallows, is the first place Europeans encountered the Maya civilization. That encounter, in 1519, was the beginning of massive changes that would sweep through the Americas over the next 500 years. Nowhere would those changes be felt more than here on Cozumel. With each consecutive wave of change, the island and its people have adapted. The island has recently become a refuge for tourists, thanks to underwater enthusiast, Jacques Cousteau. But, in a way, the island has always served as a refuge - to the Maya, pirates, and for those caught up in the Caste War. The persistence of Cozumel's inhabitants is an inspiring story of the human spirit.

# Ferries to San Miguel

Ferries to Cozumel leave from Playa del Carmen every hour. The ferry takes 30 to 45 minutes and docks in downtown San Miguel.

Cruise ships dock at Punta Langosta, International, or Puerta Maya. Punta Langosta pier is in downtown San Miguel. From the other two piers, you will need to take a taxi or walk the 2.5 miles north up the coast to downtown San Miguel (about a 45 minute walk).

## San Miguel Ports



## Yucatán Peninsula

TekTrek Tour Location  
 Major City  
 Other City  
 Airport  
 Principal Highway  
 Secondary/Other Highway  
 Wetlands/National Parks

