

12 Cool Things to do in Puerto Morelos

Go Snorkelling at the Reef

Puerto Morelos' most spectacular attraction is its reef filled with hundreds of varieties of fish, sea life and corals. This underwater playground is located directly in front of the village. Because this is a Marine Reserve, snorkelling must be done with a guide. At the reef you can see rays, lobster, eels, nurse sharks, turtles and more. For scuba divers there are many different dive sites featuring: a military boat with large cut-outs for divers to explore, a wooden wreck, and a garden area with coral formations plus pathways and chimneys you can swim up.

Take a Long Walk Along the Beach

Miles of white sand beach and turquoise water stretch along the Caribbean coast of Puerto Morelos. Dotted with natural sea grass, exotic sea shells and scurrying Sandpipers, a stroll along the coast line is a great way to wash away stress.

Do a Little Shopping

Puerto Morelos is a great place to pick up a few souvenirs without the hassle of "Come On... Take a Look." Several shops carry hammocks, clothing, jewelry, art and more. There's even a fresh produce market at the town square every Wednesday morning. Visit the Mayan Handicraft Centre where you can see local artists working in their shops as they create something special just for you.

Enjoy the fine Restaurants and Cafés

A Pleasant Surprise.... Puerto Morelos offers world class cuisine! In our town you will find some of the best restaurants in the Yucatan. There are excellent coffee houses, restaurants and a bakery. You can indulge your taste buds in Mexican (of course), Italian, Asian, Vegetarian, Nuevo and Seafood. And you can even find a bar to enjoy a drink or two!

Visit the Botanical Gardens

Explore the native plants and animals of the area at the 150 acre Jardin Botanico. Located 2km south of Puerto Morelos, the lush grounds take you through 3km of pathways with plants labeled in both English and Spanish for your information. Bring your mosquito repellent and watch out for the monkeys! They usually swing by in the afternoon.

Go Fishing

Puerto Morelos offers world class fishing for Marlin, Sailfish, Dorado (Mahi mahi), Bonito and Barracuda. Tours can be arranged through the local dive shops or right on the pier. Every June the town hosts the "Torneo de Pesca Deportiva" Fishing Tournament. If you'd rather let someone else do the fishing for you, stroll to the Fishing Co-operative on the square and reel in the catch of the day for a low price.

See Crococun

If you want to get close to nature, I mean really close, then Crococun is a must. Despite it's rather cheesy name it's a pretty good zoo. As part of the admission price, you are assigned a guide who will introduce you to the wildlife of Puerto Morelos, and answer all your questions.

Get to the Jungle

Every Wednesday and Sunday you have a great reason to go to the Jungle. Sundays (during the season) it's the famous Mayan Jungle Market. This is your chance to buy unique handicrafts directly from Mayan artisans, plus enjoy fine food and learn some traditional Mayan dances. Wednesday is Spa Day, leave your big city stress in the jungle with professional spa treatments for very low prices.

Take a Picture of the Lighthouse

Ravaged by a hurricane in 1967, Puerto Morelos' old light house now leans heavily in the sand in front of the new lighthouse. Since then it has survived a handful of hurricanes and became our town symbol. To take a really great photo, walk out to the end of the dock and look back.

Watch a Bird

With over 150 species of birds calling the Mangroves & jungle their home, it's a great place to see birds and wildlife you have never seen before.

Relax and Enjoy Life

Along the crowded Mayan Rivera, Puerto Morelos is a quiet departure, where life moves slowly and stress is a foreign concept. It's a great place to work on your Spanish, get a massage, take a yoga class or just hang out in a hammock.

Visit the Bookstore

What better way to relax, unwind and enjoy the sun and quiet lifestyle of Puerto Morelos than with a great book. Alma Libre Bookstore, located on the central square, has more than 20,000 new and used books to choose from including: Mayan culture, learn Spanish, travel and fish guides, and maps of the area. And we're always happy to give you any information you may need on the area.

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